



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Stewards of Creation

With some of his first words to humans, the crowning achievement of his creation, the Creator God tells them that they are in relationship with the whole of creation which he called "good." Throughout Scripture, there are images of creation bearing witness to the Creator through life and vitality. **"Let all creation rejoice before the Lord," says Psalm 96:13. In Revelation,** John sees visions of a New Earth, of crystal waters, and of lush trees that point to God's promise and blessing.

Our participation on this Earth should be participation that leads to life for all of creation, stewarding the natural resources that God has provided. Let me tell you about one of the ways we are doing that at Aldersgate.

You may have noticed some changes in lighting throughout the campus, including the sanctuary. We have nearly completed a total exchange of lighting systems, replacing every light bulb on campus with LED lighting. With the new LED lighting, we will use at least 60 percent less power for lighting. On top of the direct savings, the LED lighting does not emit any heat, which will lead to savings on air conditioning as well. Along with power efficiency, the extended life of LED bulbs means less packaging (less plastic for the landfill) and less shipping (fewer Carbon dioxide emissions from transport).

I'm thankful for the work of the Board of Trustees who have been forward thinking and found ways to execute this huge undertaking. Under Pete Moore's leadership, the Trustees have found a way to make this change without any expected increase in cost. We are doing our best to steward all of our resources. Bill Haigler, Church Administrator, and Rev. Steve Badskey have also been instrumental in this process.

You may notice our hallways, classrooms, offices, and the Christian Activity Center are already brighter. You may have also noticed the new stage lighting in the sanctuary. In the coming weeks, you will see more new lights. All of the can lights in the sanctuary will be replaced with LED lighting. Plus, new stage lighting will be added in the CAC.

Let's continue to strive to be a people who steward what God has given to us well, so that we might be found faithful and fruitful!

Peace,

Music Ministry

September is Music Participation month! Now is the time to become a part of any one of our many choirs, orchestra or ensembles. Our Music Ministry is made up of people like you and I who are serving as choir/ensemble members, orchestra members, youth and children's choir directors, banner makers, dancers, handbell ringers, soloists, actors, pianists, painters, clerical helpers and the list goes on and on. Whether your talent is great or small, whether your age is young or old, we have a place for you in our Aldersgate Music Ministry. We hope that you'll prayerfully consider joining us. "Come, serve the Lord with gladness"(Psalm 100:2)

Senior Saint Fall Schedule

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| Wed., Sept. 23 | 11:00 | Rehearsal |
| Wed., Oct. 14 | 11:00 | Rehearsal |
| Thurs., Oct. 28 | 11:00 | Rehearsal |

31st Annual UMM BBQ October 16th and 17th

Our 31st annual UMM BBQ will be Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th. We will be selling plates on Saturday the 17th, but work starts the morning of the 16th. Come on out and have some fun while we do what men do best – cook over fire! Oh, and we will also raise funds for missions and ministry while we are at it!

Ticket Sales

We need lots of help selling tickets to family, friends, and co-workers. If you run a business (or know someone that does) that would like to treat its workers to lunch on Saturday, we'll even deliver large orders. Tickets are available now at a low cost of \$8.00 a piece. You will need to see Jim Snyder to get tickets to sell (at the greeter station in the Christian Activity Center for the early service, call 272-3548 or e-mail jos@charter.net). We also need some men to volunteer to sit at tables before and after both worship services as well as Wednesday night suppers for a couple of weeks before the BBQ.

Volunteer to Work

We will begin around 8 am on Friday morning and cooking will continue around the clock until Saturday morning. Pork pulling and assembling plates begins early Saturday and continues until we are done in the afternoon. We need plenty of volunteers to work all shifts Friday and Saturday. To volunteer to work any shift, call Robert Thompson (396-1174; 850-2794) or aldersgateumm@gmail.com to sign up.



In Memoriam

Jack Honaker
September 10, 2015

Forum on Mass Incarceration And Prison Reform

The AWF Conference Board of Church and Society is sponsoring a Forum on Mass Incarceration and Prison Reform on Thursday evening, September 24, in the CAC at Aldersgate. The speakers include: Former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Sue Bell Cobb; Charlotte Morrison, Senior Attorney at Equal Justice Initiative; Anthony Ray Hinton, whose name you may recognize as the man who was recently released from prison after serving thirty years on death row for a crime he did not commit. There will be an opportunity for Q&A and discussion after the presentations. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. for those who register by September 22 (call 334-300-4835 or email threecubed73@gmail.com). The program will be from 6:00 until 8:00. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about what is at stake regarding prison reform in our State and what we can do to be part of the solution.

UMW Sewing and Quilting Group

The United Methodist Women's Sewing and Quilting Group will have their first meeting of the fall on October 17 from 9:00 to 12:00. Anyone interested in sewing for mission projects is invited to attend. For more information, contact Olive Parsons at 514-6949.

"Back to Basics" CD

"Back to Basics" CD, by Rev. Roy Gamblin will be available in the Atrium and Christian Activity Center on September 20 and 27. It contains "A Study in the Gospel of John", plus two exposition pieces dealing with how we can know we "KNOW" Him and how we can know we are "IN" Him. In addition, there is a section about the beginnings of Methodism in America, "The Spirit of the Circuit Rider". It concludes with testimonies by both Roy and Ann Gamblin and one of Ann's songs. Contributions appreciated. This is not a DVD. It is not a musical. It is primarily some written articles designed to be read on a computer.

Missions

Our missionary partner Cam Gongwer writes, "Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ! We thank God for the successful outreach in Ghana last month. Two new churches were established and medical clinics treated people suffering from eye problems, malaria, and other physical ailments. Many people were also ministered to by the Holy Spirit and chose to follow Christ during the evangelism services."

Cam related the story of Isaaku, a confessed alcoholic and wife beater, who after responding enthusiastically to the invitation in one of the evening services, ran home to get his idols, the gods he worshipped and kept hidden from others, that had taken over his life and led him away from the one true God. He brought them to be burned, was baptized and became a completely new man. What are your idols? They may not be carved in wood like Isaaku's, but they keep us from fully following Christ just like his did.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

Our Mission:

*To know Jesus and to make Him known
in each child's HEART!*

All elementary students are invited to join us for Wonderful Wednesday's from 6:00-7:00 pm in room 114. Our theme this semester is Board Games. Just like there are rules for playing games, God has given us specific rules for life. We will explore and play a different game each week as we talk about living our life to please God. Pre-school children are invited to go to Angel Choir in room 112 from 6-6:30 pm. After choir, they will be escorted to the nursery by a volunteer. Join us this Wednesday!

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Christina Mingleddorff upon the birth of her daughter, Joanna Leigh, on Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Backpack Ministry

Reminder—The HOPE Circle has signed up for the weeks of September 14 through October 2 to serve in the Backpack Ministry.



Youth Announcements

Fall is underway; with football, cool mornings, and small groups. I am excited for this time of the year! Our youth programs are underway with so many activities going on.

HUB—Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 we will gather for hangout, have worship, prayer, and scripture. Join us this fall as we dive into the word and learn how we are to live as scriptural people. If you would like to join for Wednesday night fellowship dinner, bring \$6 and your appetite. HUB will always wrap up around 7 (I apologize in advance for running late)

Sunday Nights—From 3:30-4 there will be youth handbells, from 4-5 there will be youth band and choir practice. At 5:00 we will gather every Sunday at the church for prayer, announcements, and fellowship and then at 5:30 split into our small groups. Sr. High will be going to homes and Jr. High will be staying at the church; small groups will wrap up around 7 with pick up at the small group sights. If Sr. High needs a ride back to the church for pick up, just let us know. I still need some various volunteers to host Sr, High guys, so let me know if you can do this.

Sunday Mornings are moving right along with the new schedule. Come and join us at 9:15 for fellowship and Jesus.

Brittney Liebke, Director of Youth Ministries

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Dr. Brian Miller will be our study leader through the month of September. Join us at 6:30 a.m. in room 22. We'll have breakfast and coffee ready. We are done by 7:30 a.m., but if you need to leave a little early to beat traffic, that is okay! Join us for fellowship, prayer, time in the Word, and a great breakfast!

Prayer Room

During our Breakthrough sermon series on prayer, an experiential prayer room has been set up in room 20. It will be available during church hours to allow us to journey in prayer together. Feel free to utilize this room over the next several weeks as part of your personal prayer life for purposeful time and space to meet with God.

Our Sound Tech Multi-Media Team Needs You!

We're seeking new members to fill out our roster. Training is fast and commitment can be as little as one Sunday a month. Contact Steve Badskey at 272-6152 or email steve@aldersgaeumc.org if you're interested.

Aldersgate Food Pantry

**September is Stock
a Bathroom Cabinet Month**

TOILET PAPER &
SMALL SIZE TOILETRIES



Please place in collection baskets located in the Atrium, Christian Activity Center and outside the Program Staff Offices.

Aldersgate Café

September 23, 2015, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up:
Bereans Class**

Adults & Children:
Chicken/Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Collard Greens, Cornbread, Dessert

Or:
Entrée Salad

(Cost is Adults/\$6.00,
Youth & College/\$5.00,
Children/\$3.00,
Family/\$25.00 maximum)

To register, please sign up on the sheet provided in the attendance pads or call the church office by Monday noon (272-6152).

Join us for worship this Sunday!

8:15 Chapel Service with
 Holy Communion—Dr. Brian Miller
 10:30 Contemporary—Dr. Brian Miller
 2 Peter 2:5-11
“Reverb: A Life That Echoes”
 10:30 Traditional—Dr. Cory Smith
 Matthew 13:1-9
“So... What Do You Make Of This?”

Our gifts to God!

September 13, 2015
 Morning Worship—326 Sunday School—237

August, 2015

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| Budget for 2015 | \$1,200,181 |
| Operating Budget Requirement to Date | 800,521 |
| Operating Budget Income Received to Date | 793,951 |
| Operating Budget Expenses to Date | 775,550 |
| Total Pledges to Capital Campaign | 1,419,823 |
| Total Received to Date | 1,358,704 |

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

September 20-27, 2015

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/Room 29
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
 4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
 4:00 p.m. Jr. Bells/Room 29
 4:30 p.m. Carol Choir (grades 1-6)/Room 25
 4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (grades 7-12)/Choir Room
 6:15 p.m. Church Council Meeting/Room 22

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:00 a.m. Women’s Study/Room 28
 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative
 Office Conference Room
 6:15 p.m. Career Christian Circle/Room 22
 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms including 114,
 excluding 22, 25
 7:00 p.m. Praise Singers’ Rehearsal/Choir Room
 7:15 p.m. Men’s Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
 9:00 a.m. History Committee/Room 119
 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26
 9:30 a.m. Discipleship Team Meeting
 Administrative Office Conference Room
 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29

6:00 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC
 6:00 p.m. DeColores Emmaus Cluster Meeting/CAC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Room 26
 1:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 25
 3:00 p.m. Knitting & Crocheting Group/Room 28
 4:00 p.m. Bible Study—Hebrews: The Book of Better Things
 5:15 p.m. Aldersgate Café/CAC
 5:30 p.m. HUB (Youth)/CAC Upstairs
 6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays (Elementary Children)
 Room 114
 6:00 p.m. Angel Choir (ages 3-5)
 6:00 p.m. Small Group—Scream-Free Parenting
 6:00 p.m. Women’s Small Group
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study—OneBook: The Gospel of Mark
 6:00 p.m. Small Group—“What Is Going On At Aldersgate?”
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor
 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 24
 5:00 p.m. Set-up for Berean Class/Room 22
 6:00 p.m. Berean Class/Room 22
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/Room 28
 7:15 p.m. Worship Team/CAC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:15 p.m. BSF Leaders/Room 25