



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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MIDWEEK GATHERING Dinner, Conversation & Community

Wednesdays @ 5:30

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A Place for Community

Midweek Gathering kicks off on Wednesday, January 10. Our hope is to create an environment where individuals and families can enjoy table fellowship in a relaxed setting. A family's max payment will be \$25. You can't beat that.

Following dinner, children and youth will have opportunities for discipleship. The children will engage in hands-on growing as a disciple through the Heartworks Lab. Youth will gather in the youth area for worship. Meanwhile, adults will have an opportunity for conversation and deepening of relationships. During the next few months, we'll meet mission partners, welcome new friends, and share about what God is doing among us.

I hope that you and your family will join us for kickoff night on January 10. Our conversation will focus on Grace and our meal, as always, will be delicious. Go to the website or email office@aldersgateumc.org to let us know you'll be there for dinner.

Peace,



Worship Arts Ministry



Teeny Tykes and Tunes will be kicking back off at Aldersgate on Wednesday nights for 10 weeks beginning January 10 from 5:45 – 6:15. Research based and educationally sound, Teeny Tykes and Tunes is an exciting program through which parents can help their children grow and develop. Two classes will be offered: Babies through Toddlers and Preschoolers through age 5. All participating families will receive a CD of the curriculum songs to sing along at home and in the car. Our babies/toddlers class is designed for parents/grandparents to have intentional interaction and bonding time each week with their babies and toddlers.

Begin the New Year with a song in your heart. Join us for a choir rehearsal soon. Our **Adult Ensemble** and **Chancel Choir** will resume rehearsals at 7:00 on Wednesday nights on January 3, our **Youth Choir** and **Joyful Bells** will resume rehearsal on January 7.

Music Opportunities at Aldersgate

Below is just a glimpse of some of the musical opportunities offered here at Aldersgate:

(Sunday Schedule)

Youth Choir (grades 7-12) - 3:30 p.m.

Joyful Bells (adult) - 4:00 p.m.

(Wednesday Schedule)

Chancel Choir (adult) - 7:00 p.m.

Teeny Tykes and Tunes (babies & ages 3-5) - 5:45 p.m.

Senior Saints (sr. adult) - TBA Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Aldersgate Orchestra (adults and youth) -
Wednesdays and Sundays as needed TBA

Plus all of our ensembles for voices and instruments.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our rehearsals.
Come join us!!



5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25

Youth Talent Show and Dinner by Youth Choir and other special guests. All proceeds from our Banquet will go towards Youth Missions.

Dinner is \$15.00 per person for adults
\$5.00 for child plate

Giving in 2018

Share in supporting the mission of God through Aldersgate by planning to give financially! If you have not turned in your estimate of giving card for 2018, you can find them in the Atrium as well as the CAC. Prayerfully fill out the card and place them in the boxes for submission. Thank you for your support!

Calendar Items for 2018

Please be sure to contact Linda in the church office (272-6152 or office@aldersgateumc.org) if you need to schedule rooms for meetings or events in 2018. Please note: meetings to not carry over from year to year, they need to be rescheduled at the beginning of each year unless you have already made arrangements to put 2018 meetings on the calendar when you listed your 2017 meetings.

River Region Readers

Join the book club at **6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 14**, in room 119 as we discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance.. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book.



John David Bass

December 18, 2017

SEED Planting



The Food Pantry Ministry distributed 100 Christmas food bags on December 18. These went to Food Pantry clients, families in the Backpack Ministry, and workers at our Weekday Children's Ministry. The recipients were very appreciative; their response blessed our volunteers. One client let us know that she had not been able to work for a few months due to surgery and an infection, but she was finally going back to work; she said the Lord had blessed her through the Aldersgate Food Pantry. It really does make one's heart feel good when someone sincerely thanks you and tells you what a blessing it is to their family to receive this food!

The Food Pantry leadership would like to thank the Aldersgate family for contributing to the Food Drive this year. A big shout-out goes to our Youth for packing the bags and to all the volunteers who helped sort, organize and distribute the bags: Nancy Bull, Judy Cantey, Patsy Eiland, Keith Krawczynski, Jean Lawrence, Judy Letford, Dianne Lindsey, Carla Pugh, Jean Tribble, and Steve Wheat.

Children's Ministry

Thank you to our marvelous team of carpenters, builders, actors, and all who worked together to bring our Journey to Bethlehem to life. Thank you for helping us have a meaningful worship experience this Christmas!

Our elementary Sunday School has moved to room 15. All children should be signed in and out by an adult at our family entrance located next to the chapel.

If you have not updated your family information for 2018, please get a form at the family entrance this Sunday. It is important that we have updated and accurate information regarding contact information, as well as any important health information such as allergies, etc. Thank you for helping us provide safe and loving care for all of our children.

Youth Announcements



Coming Up...

- Sunday, January 7th - Sunday School 9:15am, Worship 10:30am, Worship Arts 4pm, Youth Fun Night 5pm
- Wednesday, January 10th - Dinner, Community, Conversation 5:30pm, Youth Bible Study 6pm

Make sure, if you haven't already, go to <http://aldersgateumc.org/winter-retreat> - to sign your name for the Winter Retreat, January 26-28. Cost \$75/person and \$120/for families with multiple youth. We are going to Shocco Springs near Talladega. It's going to a great weekend getaway for fun and worship. Don't miss it!

Director of Youth Discipleship Change

Paul Horton, our Director of Youth Discipleship, has recently taken the position of Morning Show Host and Program Director at Mix 103.3. Paul will continue with the youth of Aldersgate through Winter Retreat. The Personnel Committee will begin the process of a nation-wide search for a new Director of Youth Discipleship as soon as possible.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Breakfast

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Breakfast will resume on January 9! Our leader for January will be Rev. Derek Frost. We still start at 6:30 with breakfast, followed by a time of prayer and the study of God's Word. We wrap up around 7:30. For 2018 we will have no price increase for yet another year! As we say, breakfast is free, but the study will cost a donation of \$2.00. Hope to see you there!

Designating a Legacy Gift

Have you thought about a way you could play a role in Aldersgate's future? Designating a Legacy Gift to our church's Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) by way of your Will or Life Insurance Policy is a means of doing that. For more information, go to the church's website and click on Permanent Endowment Program, or contact the church office. The staff will have a PEF committee member contact you.



Women's Conference

At Eastern Hills
Baptist Church

January 26-27, 2018

With Liz Curtis Higgs

Friday

6:30-8:00 pm

Saturday

8:30 am—noon (includes brunch)

Tickets are \$30

Please contact Betty Cates for tickets or more information.

Aldersgate Food Pantry

January Food of the Month



Soup
& Crackers



The best way to feel warm on a cold winter's night!! We will need close to 2,400 cans of Soup this year! Please donate Soup and crackers this month and place in the Food Pantry Containers.

Midweek Gathering

January 10, 2018, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Serving & Clean-up:
Ambassadors Class

Adults & Children:
Poppyseed Chicken, White Rice,
Green Beans, Rolls, Lemon Cake

Kids Option: Chicken Nuggets

Or:
Entrée Salad

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

To register, please sign up on the sheet provided in the attendance pads, call the church office by Monday noon www.aldersgateumc.org - "Events"

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

 8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion
 Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Contemporary—Rev. Richard Williams

10:30 Traditional—Dr. Brian Miller

Philippians 1:27-30, Proverbs 4:23

“Decision Time: Commitment to Self”

Our gifts to God!
December 31, 2017

Morning Worship—232 Sunday School—178

November 30, 2017

Budget for 2017	\$1,287,351
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,184,363
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,163,548
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,127,086
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received through 11/30/17	1,372,199
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	75,935
Total Received through 11/30/17	38,313

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

January 7-13, 2018

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Decoration Take Down Luncheon/CAC
- 3:00 p.m. Ecuador Team Meeting/Room 25
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Worship Arts (grades 6-12) Choir Room
- 4:00 p.m. Joyful Bells/Room 29
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting Group/Rooms 22, 26
- 1:30 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 28
- 6:55 p.m. BSF/Chapel, Parlor, All Rooms, including 114, excluding 22, 25

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study/Room 22
- 6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings/Rooms 15-29, CAC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible Study/Room 26

- 4:00 p.m. Grief Support Group/Room 25
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Family Gathering/CAC
- 5:45 p.m. Teeny Tykes & Tunes—Toddlers/Room 112
- 5:45 p.m. Teeny Tykes & Tunes—Infants/Room 27
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Group
- 5:45 p.m. Kids: Heart Works Lab (Elementary Students)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. WCM—The Kasey Program: The Fire & Life Safety Dog/CAC
- 10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer/Room 28
- 1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23
- 5:30 p.m. Ezekiel Academy Girls Basketball/CAC
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Covered Dish/Room 25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

- 5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25
- 9:00 a.m. Reality & Truth Dinner Preparation CAC Kitchen