



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Greetings Aldersgate,

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9 ESV)

In this scripture God instructs Joshua to be strong and courageous. God gives Joshua a bit of encouragement for him to serve. In life I believe that we all need to read this verse and allow it to guide our service. We **all have unique talents and gifts that are for God's glory.** In the next upcoming weeks we will have a unique opportunity to be strong and courageous.

On June 4, we will be hosting WinShape Camp here on our campus. We have the opportunity to serve 150+ kids. There are so many ways that our partnership has been a blessing to the life of Aldersgate. I am reminded of the many opportunities we have been given for intentional new relationships. We continue to hear stories about the impact of WinShape as we prepare.

You have the great opportunity to serve the camp by volunteering. There are many ways to serve and space for everyone. Regardless of your age or ability, WinShape has a role for you. Please contact Katie Blair for more information at Katie@aldersgateumc.org or call the church office.

On June 10 our service will continue with welcoming families with Family Promise. A ministry that works with people who find themselves without homes. During the Global Impact Celebration we were able to hear about the work of Family Promise. I was so amazed to learn that we play such a great role in the life of that ministry. If you would like to serve in Family Promise, please email me at Richard@aldersgateumc.org.

I would like to encourage you to be strong and join me in serving with WinShape and Family Promise. Be courageous and try a new ministry. As a church we have a great gift from God which is YOU.

Thank You for your support of the ministry.

Worship Arts Ministry



Senior Saints Spring Schedule

Thursday, May 31 3:30 Sing at Cara Vita
(Note change in date)

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. Email Steve Badskey steve@aldersgateumc.org or contact him at 272-6152 if you're interested.

Family Promise

Hello All, It is Family Promise time again! Our week will be June 10-17 and as always, we will need two dinner hosts and two overnight hosts for each night.

Here is the normal information: Dinner Hosts each evening - 5:30-8:30 PM - No cooking involved. Set out food and drinks. Pray before the meal time, asking if there are any special things that can be prayed for. Eat with the families around 6 PM. Help clean up. After dinner there are games, videos, etc. to use as the families want. This is often our best chance to offer hospitality in a personal way and get to know those who call Aldersgate home for the week.

Overnight Hosts each evening - 8:30 PM - 7:30 AM - Bring your own pillow. Cot and bed linens are provided. In the morning swap sheets on the bed w/ the clean linens provided, placing the used ones in the designated bin in the host room. Encourage guests who pack lunches to do so at night. In the mornings, be sure guests are up in time to leave by 7 AM. Guest will be told where breakfast items are to be found.

Please let me know if you are able to help and on which night. I think this is a great ministry that we have and I am so thankful for all of you who care to participate. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to forward this email to a friend. Just call me at 334-356-3698 Rev. Richard Williams

New Bible Study!

A new Bible study will be coming soon! *The Gospel of John* is a daily-weekly study for 12 weeks prepared by Ben Witherington, Ph.D. Amos professor of New Testament for doctoral studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and author of numerous books and publications. This will be a focused and substantive study to learn Scripture through a steady method. Study materials are a DVD and a 182 page study guide for students, plus one for the leader. Tom Babington will be leading this interesting new study. You can visit onebook.seedbed.com for information. If you need more information, please contact Richard at 272-6152 or richard@aldersgateumc.org.

Options for Giving

There are four primary funds to which you can give and support the mission of God through Aldersgate.

General Fund - This crucial fund handles the day-to-day operations of the church. Through this fund, worship supplies are bought, youth activities are paid for, the light bill is paid, and staff salaries are supported. When you make a stewardship pledge, this is the fund to which you are pledging.

Faith Promise - With your Faith Promise giving, we are able to support the mission of God throughout the world with strategic partnerships. Faith Promise partnerships (local, national, and international) and determined by our Global Outreach Lead Team. This fund is the focus of our Global Impact Celebration.

Building Fund - Because of the nature of capital expenses, it is not possible to cover all maintenance needs from the General Fund. The Building Fund, then, becomes especially important to cover large expenses, such as roof replacement, elevator repair, and parking lot paving (all of which we have done within the last 4 years).

Permanent Endowment Fund - The goal of the PEF is to provide ongoing income for the sustained ministry of Aldersgate. Your gifts to the PEF will be pooled with others and create a principal from which the earned interest will support ministry to future generations.

Door Greeters Needed!

Our Worship Arts Team is in need of additional Sunday morning Welcome Team "Door Greeters." Please contact either Rev. Steve Badskey (steve@aldersgateumc.org) or Dorris Cox (dorriscox55@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving in this important ministry. Training is short, and your time as a greeter will be as little as one or two 20 minute periods every other month. We'll have Welcome Team Greeter Training at 11:35 on Sunday, June 10 in the Choir Room. We encourage your support of our church's hospitality efforts. GREETERS make a difference EVERY Sunday!

SEED Planting



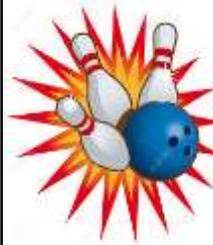
SIFAT (Servants in Faith and Technology), one of our ministry partners, is a nonprofit Christian organization that provides training in community development in hard places in our world. SIFAT raises awareness of needs and global issues, providing opportunities for people to get involved personally, both to learn from and to serve alongside those with scarce resources. Since its founding in 1979, SIFAT has trained church and community leaders from more than 80 countries.

They have helped thousands of North Americans leave their comfort zone, cross into other cultures and social strata, and become one in Christ by providing ways for North American churches and organizations to become personally involved with international projects. Short-term teams serve at the invitation of a SIFAT graduate to work alongside those involved in the project. They call this short-term teams for long-term development. SIFAT offers international mission trips to Ecuador, Bolivia and Uganda and will host a joint team from Aldersgate and First UMC Tallassee June 16-23.

Children's Ministry

Children are an important part of our family here at Aldersgate and are always welcome to worship with their families. Children ages Kindergarten-5th grade are also invited to attend 3D Kids Worship, an engaging worship experience designed especially for kids to Dig in, Discover, and Develop their faith. Those attending should be signed in by an adult at the Family Welcome Station located outside of the chapel beginning at 10:20 and signed out of 3D Kids at the conclusion of the 10:30 worship services. 3D Kids Worship meets in the chapel on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Bowling League



If you are interested in joining a bowling league for the summer, contact Ronnie Watkins at 272 2212 or via text at 334 320 5020. **Youth are welcome to join as well.**

Youth Announcements



- June 4-8 WinShape Camp
- June 13 Wednesday Night
- June 17 Sunday Worship Night
- June 28 Lock-in
- July 15 Sunday Worship Night
- July 16-20 Mission Week

Biscuits Baseball!



Aldersgate will be going to see the Biscuits play on June 23 at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Call the Church Office if you are interested in going. For more information, contact Richard at

272-6152 or richard@aldersgateumc.org

Tuesdays @Two

Where Kids Learn, Serve, and Grow



- ~ June 5—WinShape Camp
- ~ June 12—Meet up at Nancy's Italian Ice
- ~ June 19—Messy games (Church pavilion)
- ~ June 26—Movie with a mission afternoon (Bag rice and beans for our Food Pantry)
- ~ July 3—Meet up at the Montgomery Splash Pad
- ~ July 10—Preschool Palooza (EXACT Date and time TBD)
- ~ July 17—Bingo with Grand friends
- ~ July 24—Meet up at the planetarium, snack picnic to follow in the park
- ~ July 31—Back to School Bash Ice Cream Party (Church Pavilion)

All Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us in the Christian Activity Center!

Aldersgate Food Pantry

May Food Pantry



Rice and Dried Beans
(1 lb. bag each)

Please place all donations in the containers throughout the church. All monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate—mark "food pantry" on your check.

From a client: "I would like to thank each and every one of the staff members for providing with such good hearts in the time of need for the food items. And also, Aldersgate Church—may God Bless each and every one in Jesus name. Amen."

Stay Connected During the Summer

As you are traveling this summer, here are a few ways to stay connected.

1. Read our weekly Scripture from wherever you are. Each week, the Scripture for Sunday is published in the newsletter. While you are at the beach or Disney or Ecuador, read along with us!
2. Join Prayer & Praise. You can pray wherever you are. So, email aumcprayerandpraise@gmail.com to find ways to pray for current requests from the church and community.
3. Set up online giving. By going to AldersgateUMC.org, you can set up an account to give online. You can even schedule giving for the future.
4. Worship where you are. The gospel has spread throughout the world. Wherever you will be, the church is. So, find a local church and meet some new family members.

Midweek Gathering

Wednesday Night Supper is taking a break for the summer, but we will be back in the fall!

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion
Dr. Brian Miller
10:30 Contemporary— Rev. Brian Miller
10:30 Traditional—Rev. Richard Williams
Romans 8:31-39
“Aldersgate Matters 1738”

Our gifts to God!

May 20, 2018
Morning Worship—280 Sunday School—188

April 30, 2018	
Budget for 2018	\$1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	424,423
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	410,849
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	406,077
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 4/30/18	6,650

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
May 20-26, 2018

SUNDAY, MAY 27		6:00 p.m.	Scout Den Meetings Rooms 15-29, CAC
8:15 a.m.	Chapel Service with Weekly Communion		
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children	WEDNESDAY, MAY 30	
10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary	2:00 p.m.	Knitting & Crocheting Group Room 25
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service CAC	6:30 p.m.	Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
MONDAY, MAY 28		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Church Office Closed for Memorial Day		THURSDAY, MAY 31	
		6:30 a.m.	Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting/Parlor
		10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Waiting Room Room 29
TUESDAY, MAY 29		10:00 a.m.	Open Time of Prayer Room 28
10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Waiting Room Room 29	3:30 p.m.	Senior Saints Sing At Cara Vita