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July 1, 2018



In 1995, *Forrest Gump* cleaned up at the Oscars, *Apollo 13* wowed audiences, and *Toy Story* was released. It was a good year for Tom Hanks. Stamps, which were actually used, cost 32 cents. Michael Jordan returned to the NBA. The Grateful Dead gave their last concert.

In the life of Aldersgate, another significant milestone occurred. Linda Anderson was joined the staff as the Executive Assistant. Rev. Jim Dannelly, who was the Senior Minister when Linda was hired, called it the best decision he made as Aldersgate's pastor.

Over the past 23 years, Linda has served under seven senior ministers, has prepared hundreds of pages of directories and Charge Conference reports, and has recorded important and eternal events. In those 23 years, more than 450 persons processed faith in Christ through the ministries of Aldersgate. Linda has recorded every single one.

June 30 is Linda's last official day as Executive Assistant. We are grateful for 23 years of good work. We are equally as grateful for the grace with which she has done that work. Dr. Larry Bryars said of his time as Senior Minister, "I never knew of at time that Linda was angry, though I'm sure there were times. I never knew of a time when she did not treat others generously."

We wish Linda Godspeed and great joy as she enjoys retirement, getting closer to her family.



The Personnel Committee has chosen to move Allison Frost, who has served capably as the Program Secretary in a nearly full-time capacity, to the position of Executive Assistant. She has been a great asset to the church. Her experience at Aldersgate and her great relationship with Linda will be helpful in the transition. We welcome Allison to this full-time staff position.

Also, the Personnel Committee will be looking to fill two part-time positions. We will be looking to hire a morning receptionist who will provide a consistent, generous, welcoming presence at the Welcome Center in the Atrium as well as perform essential clerical duties. We will also hire a Communications Specialist on contract. This person will create all images and communication (newsletter, social media, website, etc.) for the church.

Peace,

Worship Arts Ministry



Choir Cookout

All singers are invited to come join us at our Choir Cookout on Sunday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. at Steve & Mary Badskey's home in Stoneybrooke Plantation.

Sing!

How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church.
Beginning Sunday, July 15 at 3:30

Rediscover what it means to lift up your voice in praise. Join us for Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church. A 5 week bible study on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 in our Choir Room beginning on Sunday, July 15. In *Sing!*, modern hymn writers Keith and Kristyn Getty explore why we sing and what that means for individual worshipers and churches. With attention to the Bible's witness on worship, this book will help us better understand and more deeply appreciate praising God with music and in song. We sing to proclaim the gospel together in obedience to God and to celebrate the gift of faith. Books are \$5 each – contact Rev. Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgateumc.org to sign up.

DINING IN THE DARK

A JOURNEY OF TASTES, SOUNDS, AND TOUCH

Outward Sight, Inward Vision
Presents the Sixth Annual
Dining In The Dark
In the Christian Activity Center
July 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Katherine Donnithorne, MD
Montgomery Eye Physicians

Special Music - *Piano by Pete Maddock*

\$25 per ticket- All proceeds go to support activities for vision impaired persons. \$15.00 of ticket is a tax deduction

Ministers On Call

In order to provide care for the entire church, our pastoral staff is available in emergency situations. If you have an emergency and are in need of care overnight, during the weekend, or on holidays, please call 334-544-0168.

Did You Know?

Most people are willing to receive information about church in conversation with a friend, neighbor, or family member. The numbers regarding personal conversation are much higher than outdoor signs or magazine advertising. To help you invite your newest neighbors, find the "Welcome" cards in the Atrium and CAC. These give you a format to (1) offer help to your newest neighbors and (2) invite them to join you for worship at Aldersgate! Personal invitation is the heartbeat of a church excited about its future. Let's share our love for Aldersgate!

Summer Hospitality!

EVERY member of Aldersgate has a unique opportunity to show INTENTIONAL HOSPITALITY to our visitors. Many of us are creatures of habit who sit in the same pew/chair areas every Sunday, however, we ALL should be on the lookout for new faces in our worship services. We need to be ready to welcome new folks anytime an opportunity presents itself. Specifically, we need to introduce ourselves, ask for their names, and when possible, accompany these visitors to our "Welcome Center." Also, if possible, make every effort to introduce them to one of our Ministers or staff members. YOU may be the very WELCOME our visitors need to feel at home at Aldersgate.

SEED Planting



From Patsy Eiland, member of our recent Ecuador Mission Team: Early this past Sunday morning we arrived home bleary-eyed from an amazing week in Ecuador. Each trip makes it more and more evident that there is so much more that we can do to share the love of Christ in this world! Each time we leave a part of ourselves behind there and bring home a new love for the people there.

To see the completed projects from past trips, to see the joy on the faces of the children, teens, and adults at our new site, and to once again experience the love, grace, and hard work of team members as we worked three Bible schools a day, carried many hundreds of buckets of dirt and cement, played with kids, visited families who truly struggle to survive, and shared with each other was a mountain-top experience where we saw God at work each day! Your prayers and God's presence were felt every hour of every day. Thank you to all who helped make this mission trip the blessing that it was to so many.

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.

Youth Announcements



- June 28 Lock-in
- July 15 Sunday Worship Night
- July 16-20 Mission Week

Tuesdays @Two

Where Kids Learn, Serve, and Grow



- ~ 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!

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.

Thank You!

The family of Lois Snider would like to thank the ministers, the Pathfinder Class, and all of the Aldersgate family for their help, prayers and support during the time of her death. ~Beverly Griffith

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.

River Region Readers

Join the book club at **6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 15**, in room 119 as we discuss *The Whole Town's Talking*, by Fanny Flagg. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book.

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.**



Aldersgate Food Pantry

JUNE FOOD PANTRY



Peanut Butter and Jelly

Average number of children served on a monthly basis is 87...this is a 25% increase from previous year. Please continue to support the Aldersgate Food Pantry Ministry. 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 you. You are so kind. Thank you for the food. May God Bless you all."

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Our gifts to God!
July 1, 2018

“Set Free: Free To Live” | Galatians 5:1, 15-18
 8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion, Dr. Brian Miller
 10:30 Contemporary, Rev. Richard Williams
 10:30 Traditional, Dr. Brian Miller

July 8, 2018

“Set Free: Free To Serve” | Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 22:24-27
 8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion, Dr. Brian Miller
 10:30 Contemporary, Rev. Richard Williams
 10:30 Traditional, Dr. Brian Miller

June 24, 2018

Morning Worship—225 Sunday School—128

May 31, 2018

Budget for 2018	\$1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	531,485
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	505,242
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	509,131
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 4/30/18	10,249

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events

July 1—14, 2018

SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly/Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
 5:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night

TUESDAY, JULY 3

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/Room 26
 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
 12:00 p.m. Communities for Transformation/CAC Kitchen
 5:00 p.m. City of Montgomery Event/Parking Lot

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, JULY 5

6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion
 Group/Meeting/Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting/Room 29
 10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer/Room 28
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry/Room 26

SATURDAY, JULY 7

10:00 a.m. Gospel of John Bible Study/Room 26

SUNDAY, JULY 8

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly/Communion

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
 10:30 a.m. 3D Kid’s Worship/Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

MONDAY, JULY 9

1:30 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 28

TUESDAY, JULY 10

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
 7:00 P.M. Scouts/Room 22, CAC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 12

6:30 a.m. Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group/Meeting/Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting/Room 29
 10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer/Room 28
 6:00 p.m. Dining in the Dark/CAC

FRIDAY, JULY 13

9:00 a.m. Reality and Truth Dinner Prep/CAC Kitchen

SATURDAY, JULY 14

9:00 a.m. Scouts/Pavilion, Baseball Field
 10:00 a.m. Gospel of John Bible Study/Room 26