



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Blessed Are the Discomfort Makers

Have you ever known someone who just had to tell you the bad consequences of whatever you were enjoying doing? You'd like to just live your life, do what you want to do, enjoy what you enjoy. Yet, he or she is compelled to tell you how chickens are treated by the poultry industry or how the coffee you drink supports the exploitation of poor farmers or how the movie you saw last night contributes to the negative self-image of young women. If this sounds like one of your friends, he or she just might have the gift to be prophet.

I love digging into the story of Jonah. It is full of truth and beauty and grace. It's found in a section of the Old Testament known as the Prophets. These books tell the stories of people who received messages from God and, at great risk, shared the message with the world. Nobody, it seems, liked hearing from prophets. They said things that disrupted the powerful and called into question the most basic practices of individuals and communities.

The trunk of the messages of the Old Testament prophets was one of holiness. From that trunk, two branches would spring. One branch of prophetic material was righteousness. These messages of righteousness would call the community back to God, chastising and castigating Israel for turning away from covenant relationship with the Lord God. The other branch of prophetic material was justice. When speaking of justice, the prophets would emphasize practices that took advantage of the powerless. These messages would highlight the connectedness of humans and point to our responsibility for one another.

No matter from which branch of holiness the prophets preached, the message often contained strong statements about the future. On the one hand, these statements about the future were warnings. If the people did not turn from their ways, then some calamity would befall them. On the other hand these statements about the future could bring hope. Some prophets painted pictures of when all would be set right by God. This, of course, was good news for some but not so great news for others.

Because of their message, prophets were jeered and treated with vitriol. They were chased and run out of town. They were banished out of Israel by kings who were the audience of some of the messages.

Every age and every group of people needs prophets. We all need those who can see deeper effects of actions and the true conditions of our hearts. I want to listen well to those who have uncomfortable messages for me. I hope you will do the same. It's not always a great feeling, but we probably need to hear it. Plus, that person may just be sent by God.

Peace,

****If you want to dive into reading some of the prophets of the Bible, check out Hosea, Joel, and Amos.****

Worship Arts Ministry

The Aldersgate Worship Arts Team would like to remind all church members and classes that they can honor the life or memory of someone special by donating flowers on the altar in the sanctuary. If you want to designate a Sunday when you or your class would like to purchase the flowers, all you need to do is contact Allison Frost in the church office at 272-6152 or allison@aldersgateumc.org. The weekly cost for the flowers is \$50.00. We encourage you to remember this opportunity throughout the year and select a date that you would like to reserve.

Thank You, *Aldersgate Worship Arts Team*

Coming Up!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as Linda Precht shares special music with us on Sunday, July 29 and Kerry Cochran shares special music with us on Sunday, August 12.

Having Trouble Reading This?

It may be because you have lost your reading glasses! Well we have good news for you. We have an established Lost and Found. It is located in the Program Staff office. If you have lost anything recently (including reading glasses!), please be sure to see if you can find it our Lost and Found. All items will be donated periodically so check it out this Sunday!

The Upper Room

The newest issues of *The Upper Room* devotional guides may be located in the wall display rack outside the Program Staff office area. The cost is .75 cents.

Calendar Reservations

Contact Allison Frost (Allison@aldersgateumc.org) for items needing to be placed on the church calendar.

Coming Up! Lifeline Screening

Saturday, August 18th, 2018
Call 1-888-653-6450

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.

SEED Planting



Adam and Melissa Williford, our missionary partners in Mexico, write, "It is hard to believe that June marked five years since we arrived in Mexico to serve. When God first called us, we were originally committed to two years, but ultimately surrendered to what God's will is for our family here. This surrender took us from Ensenada to Rosarito and back again, and all of this has made it even clearer than ever that there is no way to imagine God's plans.

"We, along with the other missionary families here, have been asked countless times how long we plan to stay here, and our answer has stayed the same, until God calls us somewhere else. There is definitely no other place we want to be than in God's will and walking out the plans He has for us. We thank God for your partnership with us to help make His work here possible. Your love, prayers, and sacrifices continue to encourage and strengthen us."

Adam is the son of Aldersgate members Jim and Elizabeth Williford. He and Melissa will serve as hosts for Aldersgate's Mexico Mission Team July 29 – August 4 as they build a house for a needy family.

THEM

New Worship Series!

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

Our gifts to God!

July 22, 2018
“Them: Deliverance Belongs to the Lord”
Jonah 2

8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion
10:30 Contemporary Worship
10:30 Traditional Service

July 8, 2018
Morning Worship—241 Sunday School—148

June 30, 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 6/30/18	12,953

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
July 22-21, 2018

SUNDAY, JULY 22		9:00 a.m.	History Group/Room 119
8:15 a.m.	Chapel Service with Weekly/Communion	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children	7:00 p.m.	Scouts/ Room 22, CAC
10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary	WEDNESDAY, JULY 25	
10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service/CAC	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	3D Kids Worship/Chapel	THURSDAY, JULY 26	
11:35 a.m.	Worship Arts Team/Room 26	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Emmaus Reunion
3:30 p.m.	Sing! Bible Study/Choir Room		Group/Meeting/Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Youth Worship Night	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Waiting/Room 29
MONDAY, JULY 23		10:00 a.m.	Open Time of Prayer/Room 28
4:45 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg/Parlor	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Mtg/Room 119
TUESDAY, JULY 24		SATURDAY, JULY 28	
9:00 a.m.	Backpack Ministry, Room 22	10:00 a.m.	Gospel of John Bible Study/Room 26

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.

Tuesdays @Two

Where Kids Learn, Serve, and Grow

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

- ~ 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)

Emailed Newsletter

Did you know that Americans use more than 50 million tons of paper each year, consuming more than 850 million trees? What can YOU do? Have this newsletter emailed! You can sign up to receive your weekly newsletter by email by contacting Allison Frost in the church office, (272.6152 or allison@aldersgateumc.org).

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.**

River Region Readers

Plan to join us for our next meeting as we discuss "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult on August 12th!

Knitting/Crocheting Group!

The Knitting and Crochet group makes blankets, prayer shawls, and lap throws and shawls for patients at the Cancer Center. Come join us Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m., room 22 beginning in September. If you have any questions, call Dolores Nix at 244-1640



What Is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Aldersgate UMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. To learn more about the Stephen Ministry at Aldersgate, contact the church office or visit our website, <http://aldersgateumc.org/stephen-ministry>.



What is Communities of Transformation?

Communities of Transformation (COT) is an initiative of reconciliation, restoration, and healing.

COT partners community volunteers with adults who want to make the journey out of poverty. Volunteers and participants come together to encourage, guide, and support each other. Time and time again, a new-found hope is born in the participants.

Employment is a primary goal of Communities of Transformation. Surprisingly, fewer than 2% of churches across the country focus on jobs as a way to help families in poverty, yet jobs are the *only* way to move families toward financial self-sufficiency.

To learn more about COT contact Jennifer Lancaster or visit www.communitiesoftransformation.org/about.

Ministers On Call: 334.544.0168



Aldersgate Food Pantry

JULY 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."