



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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July 29, 2018

A Summer Filled with Ministry

The final mission team of the summer leaves for the Baja peninsula of Mexico on Sunday, August 29. Vince Stevenson will be the group which will go to build a home for a family connected with YUGO Ministries through one of our homegrown partners, Adam and Melissa Williford. This is just another example of a summer filled with ministry.

In all, since May, we will have sent three mission teams to two international locations and two locations within the United States. In all, you have sent 50 short-term missionaries during this summer. They swung hammers, served the elderly, taught the Bible, shared the gospel in word and deed, worked in schools, connected with missionary partners, built relationships, and acted as ambassadors of Christ.

It's been a busy summer at home, too. We have welcomed new members, cared for the sick, and walked with those who have lost loved ones. Relationship is the basis and the core of all Christian ministry. This summer has provided opportunity for building of relationships.

Out of our understanding of generosity and need, our food pantry continued to serve those in need. Through benevolence giving, we assisted those who found themselves behind. Through Family Promise, we hosted two families who find themselves in a housing transition.

One of my favorite parts of the summer was our participation in the city's Independence Day celebration. What a great night! We handed out thousands of bottles of water to a thirsty and appreciative crowd of neighbors. We showed our care for our community and our neighbors. That's what we do. We offer water to the thirsty.

We've engaged families in ways that build faith, too. We hosted WinShape Camps where over 170 children had fun, learned skills, and heard the message of Jesus. During that week, 12 became followers of Christ. We've had lock-ins and movie nights for youth. We've gathered children on Tuesdays at 2 and for our Preschool Palooza.

Our Sunday School classes have continued to be strong. We even added a college and career class. Plus, people gathered at other times to study The Lord's Prayer, The Gospel of John, and a book about worship.

As a great summer begins to wind down, I'm grateful for our leaders who pray, support, plan, and execute ministry. What a gift you are!

Peace,

Worship Arts Ministry

TOP TEN REASONS FOR JOYFULLY SINGING IN THE CHURCH CHOIR

1. Singing in the church choir provides an opportunity to express your love for the Lord.
2. Singing in the church choir is more than a hobby or an activity. It is a calling.
3. Singing in the church choir allows for a type of expression of praise to the Lord that could not be accomplished in any other way.
4. Singing in the church choir allows you to participate in the overall ministry of leading in worship, which is a joy and a privilege.
5. Singing in the church choir provides many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ
6. Singing in the church choir can implant incredibly profound messages within your heart and soul through the lyrics of the songs that you will sing.
7. Singing in the church choir provides you to get to know so many wonderful people who love the Lord and have a heart of service.
8. Singing in the church choir allows you to participate in something that is so much bigger than yourself.
9. Singing praise to God is the closest thing to Heaven that can be experienced on this earth.
10. Singing in the church choir is wonderful because of the incredible songs that God has inspired men and women to write, which then become part of your own spiritual journey.



Acolyte Recognition

We will have a special recognition for all of our Acolytes during our upcoming August 26, 10:30 worship service in the Sanctuary. Immediately after our service we will have an Acolyte training session at 11:40 in the Sanctuary for all of our children and youth, eat lunch together and then enjoy an afternoon pool party.



Teeny Tykes and Tunes will be offered at Aldersgate on Wednesday nights beginning **August 22** from **5:45 to 6:15** for ten weeks. Did you know that much of your child's development occurs before Kindergarten? *Teeny Tykes & Tunes* is research based, educationally sound and has been proven to be a vital and exciting program through which parents can help their children grow and develop.

You can sign up on our website at www.aldersgateumc.org, with our Weekday Children's Ministry Music Director, Rebekah Bye, or by email to Rev. Steve Badskey, steve@aldersgateumc.org.

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

Outward Sight † Inward Vision

Aldersgate has a wonderful support group for the visually impaired who meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:15 in room 23. The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 9.**

The mission of this group is:

- To assist those experiencing vision loss to maintain their independence by providing access to valuable information and spiritual support.
- To provide a place to share their challenges and triumphs.

If you or someone you know of could benefit from this very helpful support group, please call the church office at 334.272-6152.

SEED Planting



This Sunday, July 29, Vince Stevenson will lead a team of 13 to Ensenada, Mexico, where they will work with our missionary partners Adam and Melissa Williford to build a house in four days for a local family. They will stay at the YUGO ministry campus and work daily in nearby Jesus Carrillo. The family is the Santiago Ruiz family (mother Emilia, Jesus Lopez - 17, Fabian - 14, Sofia - 8, and Mario - 3) who will be on-site helping the team throughout construction. Their new home will be dedicated in a service on Thursday evening.

Please pray for the team, their bus-drivers, and this needy family, for safe travel, good weather, and a blessed experience for all. Team members are Raymond Evans, James Lancaster, Ricky Lancaster, Sarah Lancaster, Anthony Morgan, Janice Samford, Julia Stevenson, Maria Stevenson, Vince Stevenson, Angela Wheat, Bart Wilke, Benjamin Wilke, and Rev. Richard Williams. This will be Aldersgate's second mission team to go to Mexico; they will return late on Saturday, August 4.

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 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).

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., rm 22 beginning in September. Questions? Call Dolores Nix at 244-1640.

\$5 on the 5th

Mary Ellen's Hearth offers hope, help and healing to homeless women and children throughout the River Region. They are privately funded and rely almost completely on the generosity of churches, businesses and individuals in this area. When we have a fifth Sunday in a month, you will have the opportunity to give a \$5.00 donation (or more) for this very good cause. Our next fifth Sunday is July 29. Checks should be made out to Mary Ellen's Hearth, with a notation in the memo line.



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*

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY

Macaroni and Cheese

Matthew 22:39

Love your neighbor as yourself.

23% of the Aldersgate Food Pantry Clients live in zip code 36116.

They ARE our neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry Ministry! Please place all donations in the containers throughout the church.

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Join us for worship this Sunday!

Our gifts to God!

July 29, 2018
“Them: He Did Not
Jonah 3

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

July 22, 2018
Morning Worship—259 Sunday School—152

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 29-August 4, 2018

SUNDAY, JULY 29

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 Kids Worship/Chapel
3:30 p.m. Sing! Bible Study/Choir Room

TUESDAY, JULY 31

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

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
5:30 p.m. PEF Committee Mtg/Room 119
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg/Rm 26

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30AM WCM Teacher Inservice/Room 22

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

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