



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Greetings,

This week I began with a reflection over the past 30 days of ministry. I have seen God at work in so many areas of my life. My greatest joy has been knowing that I am apart of God's plan for Aldersgate and Montgomery, AL. There have been so many moments where we were the hands and feet of Jesus. I have seen that God is doing great things in so many of our lives. To be honest, my heart is grateful that God would place us in community together.

My challenge for us this week is that you would try something different this week. There is a Bible story of a man who had been ill for 37 years. This man was close to a healing source but just chose not to get up. Jesus later tells the man "Get up, take your mat, and walk". When the man got up, his life was changed but most importantly his perspective was different.

Our perspective of life is something that we can work to make an impact in for a brighter tomorrow. Jesus calls each of us to the work of SEED. We must continue to SEEK out unmet needs in our community. While we ENGAGE with people to introduce them to God. I feel that we can EQUIP our neighbor to be disciple for a life of service. Then I believe we will be empowered to be DEPLOYed to help people discover their calling.

- Do something different by offering a neighbor a smile or even a listening ear.
- Do something different by starting a conversation with the person in grocery store line.
- Do something different and sit in a different seat this Sunday.
- Do something different in your personal life that will benefit your spiritual life.

To be honest with you, when we pray we ask God to do something different by blessing us in a new way. Will you do something different to know Jesus and to make Jesus known?

Blessings to you,

Music Ministry



*Singers
Wanted*

Come join us in the Chancel Choir as we sing many of our favorite anthems this summer. We rehearse every Sunday at 10:15 in the choir room prior to our Sanctuary Worship service.

Name Tag Summer at Aldersgate

We're asking that all members wear their name tags during the Summer. Our greeters will have temporary name tags available at the entrances to our church in case you forget or have lost your name tag. New permanent name tags can be created for you by contacting Linda in the church office at office@aldersgateumc.org or 272-6152. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to get to know each other better.

New Office Hours for Aldersgate

Effective immediately, Aldersgate's new office hours will be 8:00-4:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8:00-12:00 noon on Fridays.

Door Greeters Needed!

The Worship Committee is in need of additional Sunday morning "Door Greeters." Please contact either Rev. Steve Badskey or Dorris Cox 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 minutes periods every other month. We encourage your support of our church's hospitality efforts. GREETERS make a difference EVERY Sunday!

\$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 30. Checks should be made out to Mary Ellen's Hearth.

Young In Heart is Back!

Join us in the CAC on Tuesday, August 1, for fellowship, lunch at 11:30 a.m. (\$6.00), and a special program presented by our own Aldersgate youth. Come, bring a friend and support our youth. See you there!

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.

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.

Missions

Through our Faith Promise giving, Aldersgate was able to help our missionary partner Kristin Fisher start transformation groups in Myanmar earlier this year. These groups give women the opportunity to better themselves and their families by learning a vocational skill and forming a savings pool out of which members can apply for, receive and repay loans. When an emergency happens, women will have a safe place to get a loan.

We have seen the concept of savings and loan groups used successfully by some of our other missionary partners. In Tanzania these are called pamoja groups. Davis Rhodes shared with us at our last Global Impact Celebration that he is working to help each Methodist church in the Mwanza, Mara, and Geita regions (22 in all) to have at least one pamoja group. Some churches already have more than one and are seeing great success as members utilize the loans to expand business opportunities or to make their homes safer.

Children's Ministry



Congratulations to the WCM for being named runner-up in the Montgomery Advertiser's Best of the Best Awards in the childcare category. We are grateful to the families, teachers, faculty and staff for the work that they do to provide families throughout our area with quality childcare in a faith based setting. The WCM is very thankful for the numerous ways that our Aldersgate family partners with and supports the work of the WCM.

Youth Announcements



Coming Up...

- Wednesday, August 2—Begins our regular Wednesday Night Bible Youth Discipleship @ 6:00 pm
- Sunday, August 6—Back to School Party at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, August 26—En Fuego in Verbena—Meet at church at 12:00 pm—free

Come and Volunteer at

Family Promise

WHEN: Sun. 08/27/17 - Sun. 08/03/17

(Sign Up as soon as possible)

Dinner Host 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Overnight Host 8:30pm - 7:30am

WHERE: Aldersgate UMC - Montgomery

Be sure to sign up online or via church office

goo.gl/VXuGxG

For questions and concerns contact:

Richard 334-559-2630

Minister to Discipleship

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. Contact Steve Badskey at 272-6152 or email steve@aldersgateumc.org if you're interested.

Aldersgate Methodist Men Host 33rd Annual Barbecue

Fall is almost on us and that means it is time for some slow cooked BBQ at the Aldersgate United Methodist Men's 33rd Annual Barbecue on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

For only \$8 per box, folks can taste the finest barbecued pork and chicken that Montgomery has to offer on the SAME PLATE, as well as generous sides of baked beans, slaw and bread. The sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, located at 6610 Vaughn Road. Drive thru pick up service is provided at the front of the church by Boy Scout Troop 306.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, or boxes can be bought on the day of the sale. Proceeds from the barbecue will benefit the Aldersgate Methodist Men's mission and service projects for the upcoming year. Projects include Boy Scouts, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and other disaster relief organizations, hunger relief (such as the Society of Saint Andrew), short term mission trips, and assistance for the elderly. For more information, call the church office at 272-6152 or send e-mail to aldersgateumm@gmail.com.



Aldersgate
Food Pantry



August
Food of the Month



PB&J

Everyone's favorite!! Remember the 70+ children we help every month when you go to the store.

Join us for worship this Sunday!

Our gifts to God!

8:15 Chapel Service with Holy Communion
—Rev. Richard Williams

10:30 Contemporary—Dr. Brian Miller

10:30 Traditional—Rev. Richard Williams

Acts 26:24-29
“ReACTivate: Sober Truth”

July 23, 2017	
Morning Worship—269	Sunday School—172
June 30, 2017	
Budget for 2017	\$1,287,351
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	643,671
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	663,476
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	613,981
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received through 6/30/17	1,371,024

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
July 30– August 5, 2017

<p>SUNDAY, JULY 30</p> <p>8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service CAC</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Every Member a Leader Class Room 26</p> <p>MONDAY, JULY 31</p> <p>5:00 p.m. WCM Open House/CAC</p> <p>TUESDAY, AUGUST 1</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Men’s Gathering/Room 22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. All Staff Meeting/Room 26</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room Room 29</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Young In Heart/CAC</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings Rooms 15-29, CAC</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>THURSDAY, AUGUST 3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room Room 29</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Open Time of Prayer Room 28</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting Room 119</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dining in the Dark/CAC</p> <p>FRIDAY, AUGUST 4</p> <p>8:00 a.m. WCM In-Service/CAC</p> <p>SATURDAY, AUGUST 5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Alabama Arise/Room 22</p>
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