



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

# Good News

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## September 2, 2018 What I Learned Last Week

When one of the buildings of Booker T. Washington Magnet High School burned down on August 18, a community sprang into action. In a few hours time, I found myself coordinating volunteers to help the entire school move into a school building that has been vacant for several years. Over the week, dozens of emails were sent to over 500 volunteers who gave over 1,500 hours over work. Here are a few things that I learned last week.

- Frequent and specific communication in times of acute adversity is difficult, but it is extremely important.
- Montgomery can rally for what's in the best interest of children. It has for BTW. It can for all schools.
- Divisions become less important in times of disaster.
- Our students are capable of walking through difficulties and being a part of the solution. In addition to the over 500 adult volunteers, over 200 BTW students gave time during their week off.
- When volunteers generously give time, it is most helpful when they approach the recipients of their work with an attitude that reflects 2 Corinthians 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver."
- Steady leadership in a specific direction is invaluable.
- Volunteers are only as valuable as you train them and allow them the freedom to be.
- This move was complex and required partnerships that didn't previously exist. Other complex issues will require the same kinds of partnerships.
- Motivated humans can accomplish amazing things.
- The people of Aldersgate continue to show their generosity. You all contributed financially, volunteered to work, and provided leadership for student gatherings.

Peace,

## September 2 Labor Day Weekend Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**8:15 a.m. Sunday, September 2**

*Worship Service in the Chapel*

**10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 2**

*One combined Worship Service in the Christian Activity Center*

## Worship Arts Ministry

### 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](mailto:steve@aldersgateumc.org) if you're interested.



All potential saints are welcome as we fellowship together and learn a music program to sing in our community throughout this next year. Call Mamie at 279-9313 to make a reservation.

#### ***Fall Rehearsal Schedule***

Wednesday, September 26 | 11:00 Rehearsal  
Wednesday, October 10 | 11:00 Rehearsal  
Wednesday, October 24 | 11:00 Rehearsal

### Newsletter

The Good Newsletter continues to be our primary communication tool to share how we are living into our mission. In order for the Good Newsletter to continue to be important, we will soon transition to a weekly digital delivery for all. In addition, we will publish a more in depth Good Newsletter on a monthly basis.



### *A Night of Prayer for our MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

For our Schools, Teachers, Administrators, Support Staff and Board Members

**Sunday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. | Chapel**

We at Aldersgate believe that prayer is crucial in our Christian life, both individual prayer and corporate prayer. We are seeking to incorporate prayer into every aspect of our community life. We invite everyone to join us for our upcoming Prayer Service in our Chapel at 6:00 on Sunday, September 9 as we spend some time praying for our Schools, Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff. Message by Carla Pugh. Led by Dr. Brian Miller, Rev. Richard Williams, Rev. Paul Turner, Harold Adair, Sheila Elmore and Katie Blair.

### *River Region Readers*

Next Meeting: September 9  
"Rules of Civility" by Armor Towles

### *Covenant Bible Study*

The Covenant Bible Study begins meeting Wednesday, September 5 from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. in Room 26. We look forward to seeing our faithful members from the past and the new members who will participate for this year. For the fall, we will study the book of Mark. Mitzi Whittington will give us an overview of Mark on September 5. You will receive your book at that time. Janet Hite needs to have a number count of our participation before books are ordered. Please call Janet Hite at 514-9810 or email her at [nanahite@yahoo.com](mailto:nanahite@yahoo.com). Please join us for an inspirational Wednesday morning Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

### *Grief Group*

If there is interest, we would like to offer a 4-6 week grief group after Labor Day. Please contact Nita Ausbon, 334-277-0163 or [nausbon@yahoo.com](mailto:nausbon@yahoo.com), leave your name, best phone number and communication preference (text, email or phone).

### *Aldersgate*

#### *United Methodist Men*

Save the date! The 2018 edition of the Men's BBQ will be Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. As always, plenty of opportunities to pitch in with cooking, plating, and selling. Stay tuned for more!

### *SEED Planting*



We thank those of you who made it possible through your prayers and donations for Aldersgate to send out 50 people this year on four different mission trips, as follows:

Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY – 7 adults

Quito, Ecuador – 2 youth and 12 adults (including 5 from Tallassee First UMC)

Panama City, FL – 13 youth and 3 adults

Ensenada, Mexico – 6 youth/college & 7 adults.

On Wednesday night, September 5, team members will share their experiences at our Midweek Gathering. Mission team members go out with the intent to help the less fortunate, the "least of these" from Matthew 25:31-46. They go as the hands and feet of Jesus, but they find that Jesus is already there, and they end up being blessed richly as they serve. Please join us to hear some of their stories.

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### White Cane Day | September 29, 2018

Aldersgate's Outward Vision + Inward Vision Support Group will be participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual White Cane Safety Day, a nationally recognized observance.

This is a time ...

- To spotlight the accomplishments and abilities of our blind citizens.
- To bring awareness to the importance of the white cane
- To reflect on the blind's abilities to live a full independent, successful life.

The day will begin with an opening ceremony on the steps of the State Capital followed by a symbolic walk from the Capital to the Montgomery Riverwalk; there, we will find exhibitors and vendors. Our Support Group will be one of the exhibitors. There will be food and fun activities; such as, learning to write your name in braille, games for children (soccer beeper ball played blindfolded). All this and no cost!! Mark your calendar now. For more info contact Betty Cates.

### Thank You

To Aldersgate UMC, We want to thank all of you for your kindness, love and support during the loss of our mother. We appreciated everything you did. May God bless each and everyone of you is our prayer. *Thank you, The Howards*

### Young in Heart | September 4th @ 11:30 a.m.

Young in Heart is Back! Mark your calendar and join us on September 4th. Come early and fellowship with Christian friends. Lunch is served at 11:30am (\$6). This month we will be playing BINGO. Who knows, you might win a prize or two! Reservations needed by Sunday, September 3rd. Contact Margaret Watkins, 272-2212



### Ministry Highlight:

#### Knitting & Crocheting Ministry

Our group makes blankets, prayer shawls & lap throws and shawls for patients at the Montgomery Cancer Center and for our Aldersgate congregational care ministry to church members and friends. All are invited to join us Wednesdays @ 2pm in Room 22. We're in need of yarn for our projects – you can leave your donations in a drop off bin outside the program office.

### The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers!

1. Work the Food Pantry once a month (or more) – we are open on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Volunteers work 9:30-12:00. Set up host room, set up intake table, check collection boxes. Two people are always at the Food Pantry together. One will make bags, the other works the intake table helping clients. On the job training. Not sure – come in one day and see what it is all about.
2. Unload Food Bank items – once a month, day varies. Must be able to lift 25+ lb. cases. Takes less than an hour.

Contact Marcia Wheat for more information. [morewheat@aol.com](mailto:morewheat@aol.com), or 334-213-0853.

## Midweek Gathering

September 5, 2018, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Serving & Clean-up:**  
The Bereans

**Adults & Children:**  
Poppyseed Chicken, Rice,  
Steamed Broccoli, Rolls and Lemon Cake

**Kid's Option:** Chicken Sandwich

**Or:**  
Entrée Salad

(Cost is Adults/\$6.00, Youth/\$5.00,  
College/free, Children/\$3.00,  
Family/\$25.00 maximum)

To register, please sign up on the  
sheet provided in the attendance pads,  
call the church office by  
Monday noon [www.aldersgateumc.org](http://www.aldersgateumc.org) -  
"Events" or 272-6152



Aldersgate  
Food Pantry

### SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY



Canned Meats and Baked Beans  
(tuna, chicken)

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.

Ministers On Call

334-544-0168.

**Join us for worship this Sunday!**

**Our gifts to God!**

**September 2, 2018**  
**8:15 a.m.**  
Chapel Service with Holy Communion  
“Why Jesus? The Supernatural Superglue”  
Colossians 1:15-23

**10:30 a.m.**  
*One combined Worship Service in the Christian Activity Center*

**August 26, 2018**  
Morning Worship—270    Sunday School—183

**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 7/31/18	19,413

*Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events*  
September 2—September 8 2018

<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</b></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.     Worship Service/CAC</p> <p>5:00 p.m.      Youth Worship Night</p> <p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b> <i>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</i></p> <p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.      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>12:00 p.m.     Cooking for Communities for Transformation/CAC Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 p.m.      Scouts/Rooms 15-29, CAC</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.      Covenant Bible Study Group/ Room 26</p> <p>11:00 a.m.     Senior Saints Covered Dish Lunch and Rehearsal/Room 22 and Choir Room</p> <p>2:00 p.m.      Knitting and Crocheting Group/Room 25</p>	<p>5:30 p.m.      Midweek Gathering Dinner/CAC</p> <p>6:00 p.m.      Bible Basics with Brian/Room 119</p> <p>Coffee House/Room 113</p> <p>Letter to Hebrews/Room 26</p> <p>The Call/Room 24</p> <p>Heartworks Lab/Room 114</p> <p>Teeny Tykes and Tunes/Room 111 and 112</p> <p>6:30 p.m.      Adult Ensemble/Choir Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m.      Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b></p> <p>6:30 a.m.      Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group/Meeting/Parlor</p> <p>10:00 a.m.     Food Pantry Waiting/Room 29</p> <p>10:00 a.m.     Open Time of Prayer/Room 28</p> <p>6:30 p.m.      Stephen Ministry/Room 26</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7</b></p> <p>5:15 a.m.      BSF Leaders Meeting/Room 25</p> <p>5:30 p.m.      Parent’s Night Out/Children’s Area and CAC</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m.     Gospel of John Bible Study/Room 26</p>
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