

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH February 2018 Newsletter



*Aldersgate's mission is to be a church family that loves God, welcomes all,
and equips disciples to be Jesus to the world.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

5:45- Meal
6:30- Bible Study
6:30-Youth
6:30- Kids Club

OFFICE DETAILS:

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday- 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
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Sumter, SC 29150
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STAFF

Senior Pastor:

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cell-(803)587-1682
[Please contact Pastor Day on his cell
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Program Director:

Lynn Boan (ext 103)

Director of Children:

Pam King (ext 102)

Youth Director:

Jonathan Brooks (ext 104)

Director of Music:

Denise Lynch

Organist:

Mark Hodges

Administrative Assistance:

Patricia McCormick (ext 100)

Custodian:

Shpendi Dani

Custodian Assistance:

Neola Mickens

Nursery Attendants

Amy Graves, Holly Pate

**This email was sent to me recently and made me stop and think.
I hope it does you as well.**

Cell Phone vs. Bible (Author Unknown)

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cellphone.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several time a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. And no dropped calls!

Why don't you make a covenant with the Lord, or renew your covenant this Lenten Season to treat God's Word like you treat your cell phone or other prized possessions and join me in reading and studying the Bible these next forty days? Who knows, it just might become a habit.

In His Name and For His Glory,

Pastor David



FEBRUARY WORSHIP GREETERS

- February 04** Kathy Hunter, Bobbi Land
February 11 Jerry & Jean Jackson, Tym Brace
February 18 Connie Snow, Lin Hendrix
February 25 Judy Shuping, Connie Wallace

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- February 04** Back Door - Norma Heriot
Office Door - Fran Wheat
Wesley Wing - Mark Sari
February 11 Back Door - Carol Fleury
Office Door - Tym Brace
Wesley Wing - Jim & Krista Jennings
February 18 Back Door - Mike Boan
Office Door - Larry Nettles
Wesley Wing - Jeffrey Shuping
February 25 Back Door - Angela Keller
Office Door - Kathy Hunter
Wesley Wing - Sue Towery



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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Hunter Watt | 18 | Jerry Jackson |
| 4 | Midge Hickman | 19 | Marla Krueger |
| | Susie Roberts | | Pat Davis |
| | Kathy Krauss | 21 | Christopher White |
| | David Martin | 22 | Dale Griffin |
| 5 | Patti Hendrix | | Preston McClun |
| 10 | VeVe Allred | 23 | Vicky Edwards |
| 12 | Jennifer Phillips | 25 | Laura Anglin |
| 14 | Peggy Coward | | Hannah Pauley |
| | Edward Sheffield | 26 | Lynn Wallace |
| | Samuel Wyatt | 27 | Ruth Hoyt |
| 15 | Jim Smith | | Malissia Heriot |
| | Frankie Moore | | Spencer Smith |
| | Jamie Campbell | | Mary Fites |
| | | 28 | Liz Wild |

My apologies if we left out any birthdays. If we missed yours please contact the church office so we'll have it for next time.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- February 04** Pam King
February 11 Lesa Shuping
February 18 Jerry and Suzy Allred
February 25 Pam King

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Phillip Watry and family on the recent death of his brother, Charles, from Wisconsin.



Jean Evans, Robin Webster, Gloria Wilkinson, Norm Taylor, Sonny Andrews, Laura Anglin, Miriam Simpson, Jan Croft, Thelma Peterson, Debbie Bramlett, Glenn Fisher, Joan Moon, Rita Davis, Lois Moore, Carol Clee-sattle, Lisa Allbritton, Bruce Peggs, Lydia Hammond, Horace Day, Ray Day, Robert Hayes

SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, February 9, 2018

The Health and Welfare Committee will sponsor the Senior Lunch on Friday, February 9th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is able to attend during the lunch hour of 12 noon to 1:00 PM is invited to come. We do need to know how many to prepare for, therefore; please sign up using the enclosed sheet and place in the offering plate or call Terry Crawford at 469-2421 before February 5th.

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.



UMW NEWS



What is United Methodist Women? (Faith, Hope, and Love in action)

UMW is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. UMW is celebrated as the women's ministry of the United Methodist Church. As members of UMW we take advantage of many opportunities, including the following:

- * Prayer, Bible studies and spiritual retreats.
- * Hands-on mission in our local community
- * Mission education experiences
- * Leadership development and training opportunities
- * Supporting work with women, children and youth
- * Partnership with women in mission in the country and around the world
- * Advocacy for social justice issues, including those pertaining to the environment, domestic violence, immigration and the many other concerns that impact the lives of women, children, and youth.
- * Engagement in racial justice issues.

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Meetings

Circle 1: 10:00 a.m. - Conference Room

Circle 2: 7:00 p.m. - Jan Levy
(805 Oakbrook Blvd.)

Circle 3: 9:30 a.m. - Seekers Classroom

Discount Cards

The UMW still has Discount Cards for sale and the price has been dropped to \$5. If you would like to purchase a card see any UMW member to purchase one.



Church Care Taker for the month of February is Geri Seiveno.

We've got a lot of great things going on with youth! On Feb. 4th, we will be beginning our 6-week confirmation class. That same day, we will be having a Super Bowl Party at the Huettmann's at 6pm. Please bring a side dish or snack to share. On Feb 11th, we will be having our next parent/volunteer meeting (youth council) at 7:30pm in the Bible Scouts room. Registration and \$50 check paid to "One Weekend" due by Feb. 14th for One Weekend conference in March (Jon will be distributing more information). This is a youth conference held in Sumter where many churches come together for times of worship, teaching, and mission work. On Feb. 23rd and Feb. 24th we will be participating in a 30 Hour Famine event in partnership with a few other United Methodist churches, so we will not meet for Sunday Night Group the following day. More information to follow! Also, for those going on our youth ski trip in March, be on the lookout for payment information and release forms.

Calendar Dates:

Feb 4th - 3:45pm - Confirmation classes begin
Feb 4th - 6pm - Superbowl Party at 2680 Turning Leaf Ln. Dalzell, 29040

Feb 11th - 7:30pm - Youth Council Meeting

Feb 14th - One Weekend money due

Feb 23rd-24th - 30 Hour Famine

Feb 25 - No Sunday Night Group

February 4, 2018



Youth will be at the exits following the worship service to receive the Souper Bowl love offering that will be given to Christian Charities.

GRIEF SUPPORT SUNDAYS - 3:30 PM

The Grief Share Support Group meets each Sunday afternoon from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. Please join us and invite anyone you know who needs information about the Grief Share Program. You may call Gloria Pounds at 775-9697 or the church office (775-1602) for more information.

FORWARD FOCUS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND COVERED DISH LUNCH



On Sunday, **February 4th**, following the worship service the next Forward Focus Congregational meeting will take place but first we'll enjoy a covered dish lunch. The church is providing chicken and tea and you are responsible for bringing your favorite covered dish.

Call the church office if you plan to attend.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

5:45 p.m. B.I.G. Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Lenten Service

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Sponsored by United Methodist Men

February 13, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall



Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Pastries/coffee cake, OJ, Tea, Coffee, & Water

To Make reservations please use the sign up sheet in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office, 803-775-1602.

2018 SUPPER CLUB KICK OFF MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:00 PM

We will hold our annual Supper Club Kick-Off meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and dessert and everyone will find out which Supper Club group they will be in for 2018. **Please note it is very important that you be present for this meeting if you plan to be in a Supper Club because the group that you are in meets each other for the first time at this meeting and plans are made for your first meal as a group. In the past groups that have had many members absent at this Kick Off Meeting have experienced trouble with getting their Supper Clubs to meet on a regular basis.** Everyone that would like to be in a Supper Club for this year needs to sign up below to be placed in a group for 2018.

A Supper Club is a group of 8-10 members of our congregation that meet on a monthly basis to share a meal and a time of fellowship together. Joining a Supper Club gives you the opportunity to get to know members of our church family, enjoy a good meal, and have fun all at the same time! Supper Clubs rotate on a yearly basis so that everyone has the chance to continue to get to know more and more members of our congregation on a more personal level. To join a Supper Club, all you need to do is sign up below, place this in the offering plate and come to the meeting on **February 20th** to find out which Supper Club you will be in for 2018!

NAME _____

February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm Missions Comm.—B.S. 7:00pm Evening UMM	2	3
Worship Schedule 9:30am Sunday School 10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Worship		B.I.G. Wednesday Night Schedule 5:45 pm B.I.G Wed. Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study, Youth Kids Club				
4 No Communion 11:30am Forward Focus Cong. Mtg. & Covered Dish Lunch 3:30pm Grief Supp. 3:45-4:45pm Con- firmation Class 6:00pm Youth	5 6:30pm Worship Committee	6 9:30am Circle #3 - Seekers 10:00am Circle #1 - Conf. Room 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Circle #2 at Jan Levy's home	7 7:15am UMM BIG Wed. Meal and Bible Study (see times above) 7:30pm Choir	8 10:00am Knitters 7:00pm Evening UMM	9 12:00pm Senior Lunch	10
				← Kitchen Reserved →		
11 3:30pm Grief Supp. 3:45-4:45pm Con- firmation Class 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm Youth 7:30pm Youth Council Mtg.	12	13 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Fat Tues- day Pancake Supper - F.H. 	14  7:15am UMM 5:45pm BIG Wed. Meal (No Bible Studies) 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice  7:30pm Choir	15 7:00pm Evening UMM	16	17
18 3:30pm Grief Supp. 3:45-4:45pm Con- firmation Class 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm Youth	19	20 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:00pm Supper Club Meeting 6:30pm UMW Board Meeting	21 7:15am UMM BIG Wed. Meal and Bible Study (see schedule above) 7:30pm Choir	22 10:00am Knitters 7:00pm Evening UMM	23	24
					Youth: 30 Hours of Famine Event	
25 3:30pm Grief Supp. 3:45-4:45pm Con- firmation Class 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm No Youth	26	27 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	28 7:15am UMM BIG Wed. Meal and Bible Study (see schedule above) 7:30pm Choir			