

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### January 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.  
211 Alice Drive  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803)775-1602  
(803)773-6380(fax)  
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#### **STAFF**

##### **Senior Pastor:**

Rev. David Day (ext 101)  
cell-(803)587-1682  
[Please contact Pastor Day on his cell  
phone before calling the church.]

##### **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

## “10,000 times 10,000”

January, 2018

As I sit down at my computer (which is not one of my favorite pastimes) and contemplate the fact that we are nearing the end of another Year and on the threshold of a new one, I am reminded of a sermon that I have preached that emphasizes the truth that “*Thanksgiving*” is more than just a holiday. For the invitation, I challenged all to make it their practice to do what the Word of God instructs us to do in 2 Thessalonians 5:18, which is: “*In everything give thanks for this is the will of God.*”

“*In everything?*” I ask. To be sure this is a tall order to fill, but be that as it may, since arriving at Aldersgate a year and a half ago, I have been, and continue to be, overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation. Without a doubt there are countless reasons for my thankfulness, but the main one is the fact that all of you have embraced Annie and me with your love and compassion in ways we could never have imagined.

This began long before we ever arrived at the parsonage. It started with our introductory visit with the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the numerous letters that many of you sent prior to our official moving day. (*By the way, I still have those letters.*) Such love has continued to flow through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

We witnessed and experienced this most recently during the Christmas Season, as each of you showered us with various expressions of your compassionate care, especially throughout Annie’s recovery from surgery. To be sure your cards, calls, texts, emails, meals, etc. helped make our celebration of Jesus’ birthday much more meaningful and memorable. And for that we are eternally thankful!

No doubt, we feel a lot like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, must have felt when she was told she was “*highly favored*”. For we feel joyful! We feel peaceful! We feel hopeful! We feel loved!!!!!!!!!!!!!! So, again we say, “**Thank you AUMC, 10,000 times 10,000, for the past, present and future blessings you have given our beloved family!**”

In His Name and For His Glory,

Pastor David & Annie

## UMW NEWS



### Tuesday, January 2, 2018 Meetings

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

Circle 2: 6:30 p.m. - Jan Levy's home (soup/  
sandwich supper)

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

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### JANUARY WORSHIP GREETERS

**January 07** Connie Snow, Connie Lane  
**January 14** Brian & Tracy Leopard, Joe & Susie  
Roberts  
**January 21** Bill Johnson, David & Shawn White  
**January 28** Tym Brace, Pat Boozer

### JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**January 07** Back Door - Janet Ackerman  
Office Door - Ann Gerace  
Wesley Wing - Connie Wallace  
**January 14** Back Door - Norm & Barbara Nichol  
Office Door - Jo White  
Wesley Wing - Anna Polston  
**January 21** Back Door - Gene Hunter  
Office Door - Beth Morris  
Wesley Wing - Blair Holloway  
**January 28** Back Door - Cathy McFaddin  
Office Door - Wilson & Jackie Hepler  
Wesley Wing - Kevin Vannoy

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**January 07** No Children's Church - Communion  
**January 14** Lesa Shuping  
**January 21** Jerry and Suzy Allred  
**January 28** Pam King



Church Care Taker for the month of  
January is Dennis Bolen.

1	Dr. Michael Towery	14	Sharlene Hardee
2	Frankie Abbott		Brian Berry
3	Diane LaBarte		Taylor McFaddin
	Nellie Nettles	17	William Elliott
	Madison Cantley		Carlo Gerace
4	Gwyn Ellis-Todd	20	Donald Smith
	Mariah McKellar	21	Will Moore
	Zak Brady	22	Tudy Newsom
	William Curtis Lane	24	Don Elliott
5	Vivian Kelley		Cash Holloway
6	Randolph Hardee	25	Jayne Maloney
	Monty Morse	26	Dr. Allan Bruner
8	Steve Cruse		Christian Dew
11	Pauline Lane		Kari Cruse
	Ann Gerace	28	Connie Snow
12	Courtney Bentler		Brett Lynam
14	John Johnson	29	Mavis Britton
	Betty Heacker		Jo White
		31	Stephen Heriot

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.

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Jean Evans, Robin Webster, Gloria Wilkinson, Norm Taylor, Sonny Andrews, Laura Anglin, Stella Goodson, Miriam Simpson, Jan Croft, Thelma Peterson, Debbie Bramlett, Glenn Fisher, Joan Moon, Rita Davis, Wayne Sears, Guy Penland, Lois Moore, Alex Fogassy and others deployed from Shaw AFB, Carol Cleesattle, Lisa Allbritton, Bruce Peggs, Lydia Hammond

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### GRIEF SUPPORT SUNDAYS - 3:30 PM

The GriefShare 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 GriefShare Program. You may call Gloria Pounds at 775-9697 or the church office (775-1602) for more information.

## B.I.G. Wednesday Bible Study

January 10-February 7

Our next session of B.I.G. Bible Study will begin on January 10, 2018. We will be studying *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado. In this study of Philippians 4:4-8 we will explore God's treatment plan for anxiety. Together we will learn that while anxiety is a part of our lives, it does not have to dominate our lives. The Study Guides for this class are \$7.00 each and there is an optional reading book available for an additional \$13.00. Everyone is invited to join us for Bible Study at 6:30 pm and for our B.I.G. Wednesday Supper in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:20 pm. Please use the sign up sheet located in your bulletin to register for this class. See Lynn Boan for more info.



We are excited to see what the new year will bring! In the last few months of 2017, we had about 30 different youth attend events at Aldersgate, thanks to our regular attenders bringing along their friends. We hope to keep growing in size and keep growing closer as a gospel-centered community of youth. Keep bringing friends and keep spreading the good news of the gospel! This month, we will be starting some new studies at Sunday Night Group, B.I.G. Wednesday, and Sunday School that you won't want to miss! We are also looking into doing a confirmation class very soon. Stay tuned for details!

*-Jon*

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### Attention: College Students

Our church enjoys keep up with and recognizing the college students. Please help us by updating the information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the church office with this information at 803-775-1602 or [aldersgate@ftc-i.net](mailto:aldersgate@ftc-i.net)

# January

## 2018

### Worship Schedule

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Fellowship  
10:30am Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:15am UMM 7:30pm Choir	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Missions Committee Meeting  7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b>  3:30pm Grief Support 5:00pm Youth	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Forward Focus Team Mtg.	<b>10</b> 7:15am UMM B.I.G. Wednesdays Resumes (see schedule below) 7:30pm Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00am Knitters 5:30pm Trustees 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
← Winter Restore, January 8-12 →						
<b>14</b> 3:30pm Grief Support 5:00pm Youth	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study  6:30pm UMW Board	<b>17</b> 7:15am UMM  B.I.G. Wednesdays (see schedule below) 7:30pm Choir	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 3:30pm Grief Support 5:00pm Youth	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	<b>24</b> 7:15am UMM  B.I.G. Wednesdays Resumes (see schedule below) 7:30pm Choir	<b>25</b> 10:00am Knitters 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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