

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH March 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.*



March 11, 2018

### 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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### 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

## Through the Eyes of Faith

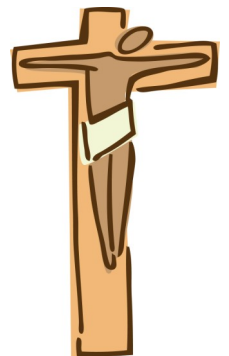
The following is a poem written by Annie Johnson Flint. It's entitled "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

*Some of us stay at the cross, some of us wait at the tomb,  
Quickened and raised with Christ, yet lingering still in the gloom.  
Some of us 'bide at the Passover feast with Pentecost all unknown,  
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place that our Lord has made His own.  
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross, His work had been incomplete.  
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb, He had only known defeat,  
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross and the way of the tomb leads on  
To victorious grace in the heavenly place where the risen Lord has gone.*

To be sure Annie Johnson Flint was a very insightful woman, who understood the human nature quiet well. For as her poem so eloquently teaches, it is true that many people's faith won't allow them to go beyond the cross and the grave. They can believe that another human being would suffer, and even die, for an honorable cause. But to accept the fact that that same person came back to life three days later, well, to them, that's a bit ludicrous. Ludicrous? I don't think so!!! In fact, I know that I know that I know that my Redeemer lives!!! He lives within my heart and for 30 years I have served a Risen Savior!!! Oh yes, I have had many a doubt since Jesus came into my heart, but never such that I questioned the reality of the Resurrection. He's Alive!!! Alive forevermore!!!

Just because Easter comes and goes every year doesn't mean that the truth of God's grace and glory revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Savior, disappears. No, "the way of the cross never stops at the cross, and the way of the tomb never stops at the tomb but leads us upward and onward to victory over sin and all the powers of evil!! And it does so not for time alone, but for all eternity!!!

Therefore, through the eyes of faith, may our celebration of Easter be perpetual as we remember the words of Jesus in the gospel of John, "*A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" (John 20:26-28 NIV)*



With Love from JESUS,  
Pastor David

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP GREETERS

<b>March 04</b>	Janet Ackerman, Tym Brace
<b>March 11</b>	Ann Gerace, Jo White
<b>March 18</b>	Jim & Krista Jennings, Jane Collins
<b>March 25</b>	Sue DuBose, Jan Levy

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

<b>March 04</b>	Back Door - Wilma Crayton
	Office Door - Jan Levy
	Wesley Wing - Joe & Susi Roberts
<b>March 11</b>	Back Door - Sandi Davis
	Office Door - Mark Sari
	Wesley Wing - Gloria Pounds
<b>March 18</b>	Back Door - Lynn Boan
	Office Door - Gene & Geri Seiveno
	Wesley Wing - Amy Graves
<b>March 25</b>	Back Door - Roberta Vannoy
	Office Door - Jim Brown
	Wesley Wing - Judy Shuping

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

<b>March 04</b>	No Children's Church— Communion
<b>March 11</b>	Lesia Shuping
<b>March 18</b>	Jerry and Suzy Allred
<b>March 25</b>	Pam King

## SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Pat Player and family on the death of her husband, David Player ... to Charlie Bells and family on the death of his wife, Debra Bells... to Lundy Stein on the death of her brother...to Phil & Betty Watry on the death of his sister, Loreen Klass...to Betty & Bill Elliott on the death of her sister, Gerry Hoggard...and to Steve and Mary Jane Schultz on the death of his mother, Helen Schultz.



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, Ray Day, Robert Hayes, Doug Becker, Jason Melton, Jennie Merolli, Al Newman, Glenda Bloomfield, Mary Goodman



1	Denise Campbell	15	Janet Brown
2	Courtney King		Jake Watt
3	Norm Nichol		Corey Johnston
4	Lisa McClun	16	Patsy Chandler
	Wayne Taylor	18	Hannah Corvin
	Jason Harding	19	Ray Moore
	Matthew Thomas	20	Carey Player
	Emma Grace Tilghman		Jan Levy
5	Bret Webster		Tilly Edwards
	Nataleigh Jones	22	Shawn White
	Jace Harding		Kim Rauschenbach
7	Samuel Thomas	23	Tammy Mickey
8	Lance Towery		Jeffrey Owens
9	Perry Holloway	24	Betty Vannoy
	Coleman Leopard		Kimberly Roupe
10	Gene Seiveno	25	Garland Nettles
11	Rudy Miller		Ronny Stukes
	Alan Moore	28	Ruth Johnson
	Brenda Koenig		Michael Towery
	Meredith Joye	29	Ed Hudson
	McKenzie Brown		Zeke Lynam
12	Angela Merchant		Matthew Levy
	Amber Ferguson	30	Beverly Beardsley
13	Joe Roberts		Ann Burnett
14	Leila Shuping		Doug Griffin
15	Charlie Bells		William Lane
	Charlotte Rowell	31	Peggy Patrick
	Thomas Krueger		Marcus Johnston
	Greg Corvin		Lee Anna Harding
	Bryan Snow		

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.



## SENIOR LUNCH

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

The Health and Welfare Committee will sponsor the Senior Lunch on Tuesday, March 27 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 sign-up sheet found in your Sunday bulletin or call Terry Crawford at 469-2421 before March 20th.

## UMW NEWS



March is food drive time for Christian Charities. On March 4th we ask that you bring Peanut Butter, on March 11th bring Canned Meat, on March 18th Canned Fruit, and on March 25th Complete Pancake Mix boxes.

### Meeting Schedule

#### Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Meetings

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

Circle 2: 7:00 p.m. - Jan Levy's Home

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

### Discount Cards and Car Wash Coupons

Discount Cards are \$5 each.

Tidal Wave Car Wash Coupon for \$10

**Get your tickets before they run out!**

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### **FAMILY DINNER AND BASKET & DESSERT AUCTION WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018 5:45 PM**

On Wednesday, April 11th we will have a Family Dinner followed by a Basket & Dessert Auction. The proceeds from the auction will go to help pay for a Spring Fling Bash for the children at Willow Drive Elementary, the Backpack Program at Willow Drive, and summer programs for our Aldersgate children.

We are asking the congregation to donate desserts and baskets for the auction. Any type of yummy dessert that you donate as well as any type of basket that you assemble will be greatly appreciated. Baskets should be dropped off in Lynn's office by Tuesday, April 10th and desserts should be dropped off in Lynn's office (or the kitchen if they need to go in the fridge) by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 11th. Please put your name on your donations.

Be sure to make your dinner reservations on the sign up sheet that will be located in your bulletin on the two Sundays prior to the Auction. Hope to see you there for this evening of food, fellowship, and fun with our church family!

Greetings! Another great month is up ahead of us. Youth have a ski trip planned March 2-4<sup>th</sup> so we will not be meeting that Sunday night. The following weekend, we have our local "One Weekend" conference on Friday and Saturday and will not be meeting the night of March 11<sup>th</sup> either. We should be getting Butter Braid deliveries in mid-March for those who have supported and ordered from our youth fundraiser. On March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our Confirmation Retreat at Tracy's Camp. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have Sunday Night Group, and we will begin extending our time from 5pm-7:30pm on Sunday evenings. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Winter Jam concert in Columbia (more details to come soon). Finally, on March 30<sup>th</sup>, the YMCA will be hosting "Friday Night Out," a party for middle schoolers from 7-11pm. Additionally, youth are welcome to have breakfast together at Chick-Fil-A on Broad St. every Monday morning at 6:45am.

*-Jon*

### *Youth Fundraiser*

The youth will be participating in a fundraiser selling frozen Butter Braid pastries until March 3rd to help raise funds to go toward their ski trip and One Weekend conference in March. Find a youth member or Jon if you are interested or if you have questions. Support our youth and get some sweet treats in return!



### **Community Lenten Services**

The community is invited each Sunday evening through Palm Sunday, March 25, to attend Lenten Worship Services and a light dinner at Trinity UMC. The meals begin at 5:45 p.m. and the service begins at 6:30 p.m. Each week a different pastor will speak and a different choir will sing.

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### **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.



**Church Care Taker for the month of  
March is Wilson Hepler.**

## COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Carol Fleury is working a Kairos weekend at the Women's Prison in Columbia March 8-11. As part of the weekend cookies are handed out to the prisoners each evening with a message of Christ's love for them. Carol would like for us to help supply homemade cookies. There are no restrictions on the ingredients but they would like for the cookies to be packed in a box with wax paper between the layers and please write what kind of cookies you made on top of the box. All cookies need to be turned in to the church no later than Wednesday, March 7th. **Remember to prayer for the ladies as you bake.**



## MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 21st for a very special presentation by Chosen People Ministries called *Messiah in the Passover*. Supper will be served at 5:45 pm prior to the program and the demonstration will begin at 6:30 pm. Watch your bulletins for the supper menu and sign up sheets. A nursery will be provided during the presentation.



If anyone would like to volunteer to host Jessica Sword for one night is asked to call the church office. Also, a love offering will be taken for Jessica.

## ALDRERSGATE UMC FLEA MARKET

**Saturday, April 7**

**7 AM - 12 NOON**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**

We are having a Flea Market and this year's proceeds will go to our general operating budget. Your help is needed in the following areas.

1. As you clean out those closets, please donate your unwanted stuff to our sale. We will take anything (except shoes). Due to lack of storage space, we would prefer that you bring your donated items in the week prior to the sale (April 2nd -6th). If you need to bring items in before that, please contact Lynn Boan at the church office (775-1602, ext. 103) so that storage space can be arranged.
2. Work the week prior to the event to get things ready and/or work on the day of the sale. Please check & sign below with your response to help in any of the following areas:

\_\_\_ **Pricing & Set Up Crew** (help set up & price the donated items prior to the sale on the following days.)

\_\_\_ Monday, April 2nd

\_\_\_ Tuesday, April 3rd

\_\_\_ Wednesday, April 4th

\_\_\_ Thursday, April 5th

\_\_\_ Friday, April 6th

\_\_\_ **Truck Crew** (Be available during the week prior to the sale to pick up donated items and bring them to the church.)

\_\_\_ **Sale Day Crew** (Work on the day of the sale. People will be needed to work the check-out stations & to help in the Fellowship Hall during the sale.)

\_\_\_ **Clean Up Crew** (Box up unsold items & clean up immediately after the sale.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

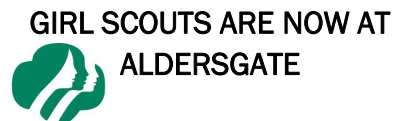


**Supporting our congregation  
and community with  
household repairs, chauffeuring and much more.**

**If a need arises don't hesitate to contact either:**

**Norm Nichol - 494-8681**

**Mark Sari - 775-3100**



On February 25th AUMC began sponsoring a Girl Scout Troop that will meet every other Sunday at 4:00 p.m.



# March 2018




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <b>Worship Schedule</b>            9:30am Sunday School            10:15am Fellowship            10:30am Worship         </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <b>B.I.G. Wednesday Night Schedule</b>            5:45 pm B.I.G Wed. Meal            6:30 pm Bible Study, Youth Kids Club         </div>		1  7:00pm Evening UMM	2  Youth Ski Retreat—March 2-4 Bus Reserved	3
4  3:30pm Grief Supp. 4:00pm Handbells 5:45pm Lenten Meal - Trinity 6:30pm Lenten Worship - Trinity	5	6 9:30am Circle #3 10:00am Circle #1 11:00am Ladies B.S. 7:00pm Circle #2 - Jan Levy	7 7:15am UMM  B.I.G. Wed. schedule  7:30pm Choir	8 10:00am Knitters 5:30pm Trustees 6:30pm SPRC 7:00pm Evening UMM	9  Youth attending the One Weekend Conference  ← Bus Reserved for Youth →	10
11 3:30pm Grief S. 3:45pm Confirmation Class 4:00pm Handbells 4:00pm Girl Scouts 5:45pm Lenten Meal - Trinity 6:30pm Lenten Worship - Trinity	12  6:30pm Finance Committee	13  11:00am Ladies Bible Study  6:30pm Church-wide Dinner sponsored by UMM	14  7:15am UMM  B.I.G. Wed. schedule  7:30pm Choir	15  7:00pm Evening UMM	16  Confirmation Retreat - Bus reserved	17  9:30am UMW Prayer & Self Denial Breakfast - Fellowship Hall (Kitchen reserved)
18 3:30pm Grief S 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm Youth 5:45pm Lenten Meal - Trinity 6:30pm Lenten Worship - Trinity	19  6:30pm Church Council	20  11:00am Ladies Bible Study  6:30pm UMW Board Meeting	21  7:15am UMM 5:45 B.I.G. Wed. Meal 6:30pm "Messiah in the Passover" 7:30pm Choir	22  10:00am Knitters  7:00pm Evening UMM	23  Youth to Winter Jam Concert in Columbia  Kitchen reserved →	24
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