

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### April 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)  
email:aldersgate@ftc-i.net  
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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

#### **"Are You Over the Top?"**

**Food for Thought:** What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these Questions.

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z is represented as:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 1 9 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K ( $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$ )

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E ( $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5=96\%$ )

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E ( $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5=100\%$ )

Then look how far the love of God will take you

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D ( $12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4=101\%$ )

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top! ***I John 3:17-18*** *If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

With Love from Jesus,  
Pastor David

## APRIL WORSHIP GREETERS

April 01	Tym Brace, Sue DuBose
April 08	Mike & Nancy Hodge, Gloria Pounds
April 15	Kathy Hunter, Pat Chandler
April 22	Marvin & Betty Vannoy, Lynn Hendrix
April 29	Fran Wheat, Suzanne Gibson



## APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

April 01	Back Door - Janet Ackerman
	Office Door - Ann Gerace
	Wesley Wing - Connie Wallace
April 08	Back Door - Roberta Vannoy
	Office Door - Jan Levy
	Wesley Wing - Anna Polston
April 15	Back Door - Gene Hunter
	Office Door - Beth Morris
	Wesley Wing - Blaire Holloway
April 22	Back Door - Norm & Barbara Nichol
	Office Door - Wilson & Jackie Hepler
	Wesley Wing - Kevin Vannoy
April 29	Back Door - Norma Heriot
	Office Door - Fran Wheat
	Wesley Wing - Mark Sari

3	Amanda Chandler	17	Isabel Melton
5	Connie Wallace		Jackie Hepler
	Andrew Griffin	20	Britton Leopard
	Brandon Griffin	21	Suzanne Gibson
8	Sharon Merolli		Marty Hendrix
11	Connie Pender	22	Bob Abbott
	Jacob Rodgers		Robin Williams
12	Pat Player		Courtney Roupe
	Blaire Holloway	24	Dupree Cantley
13	Catherine Bowman	25	Marvin Vannoy
	Margaret Bowman	27	Ross Campbell
14	Sam Crawford	29	Lin Hendrix
15	Mark Sari		Cole Mickey
		30	Don Blanding

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

April 01	No Children's Church— Communion
April 08	Lesa Shuping
April 15	Jerry and Suzy Allred
April 22	Pam King
April 29	Cathy McFaddin

## SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Jack Rickman on the recent death of his wife, Joyce Huffman Rickman...to Frank Johnson on the recent death of his father, Johnny Johnson...and to the family of Walter (Bud) Hatcher on his recent death.



Jean Evans, Robin Webster, Gloria Wilkinson, Norm Taylor, Sonny Andrews, Laura Anglin, Miriam Simpson, Ray Day, Robert Hayes, Doug Becker, Jason Melton, Glenda Bloomfield, Mary Goodman, Betty Hodges, Master Sergeant John Paul Post, Bill Dority

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.

## B.I.G. Wednesday Bible Study News

Our next session of B.I.G. Wednesday Bible Study will begin on April 18th and run through May 16th. We will be studying **WAR ROOM** based on the movie. "In this 5-week study, believers will be called to evaluate their spiritual life and growth, to uncover their true character, to trust in the God of grace, declare victory over their true Enemy, and discover that prayer really is a powerful weapon." We are very excited to announce that this study will be led by members of our United Methodist Men's Group! The cost of the book is \$8.00

Our B.I.G. Wednesday Bible Study begins each Wednesday at 6:30 pm immediately following the B.I.G. Wednesday Supper which is held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:20 pm. Reservations are required for the meal and it is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 3-10, and children 2 & under are free, there is a \$15.00 family max.

To sign up for the study and/meal see the insert in your weekly bulletin or call Lynn Boan at 803-775-1602 ext. 103.



**NO SENIOR LUNCH IN APRIL.**  
The next one will be on  
**Friday, May 4, 2018.**

## UMW NEWS



### Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Meetings

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

Circle 2: 7:00 p.m. - Sandi Davis' 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!

**MENU:** Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Hash Brown Casserole, Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Tea



Church Care Taker for the month of April is Marty Hendrix.

First off, I just want to thank everyone again for supporting our youth with our Butterbraid Fund-raiser in March.

This month, the youth will be hosting a community outreach, "Field Day," on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-2pm. We will have games out on our field by the church and the UMM will be grilling food for the event. Please help us get the word out to our community - all ages are welcome to attend!

We will not have Sunday Night Group on Easter, but each following Sunday, we will meet from 5-7:30pm for extended Spring and Summer hours. We will also be starting a new B.I.G. Wednesday youth series on April 18.

Lastly, if you plan on attending Salkehatchie this summer from July 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, please register online to reserve your spot. See Jon for more details.

Congratulations to the 2018 Confirmation Class!  
They will be confirmed on Easter Sunday.



Annave Elizabeth Allred  
Harley Marie Corvin  
Ryan Dani  
Colton Smoak Holloway

Corey Sullivan Johnston  
Nataleigh Grace Jones  
Macie Claire Morse  
Leila Adaire Shuping



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
VBS June 25-29, 2018  
9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### COMING THIS SUMMER

Terrific Tuesdays for ages 3-5th grade. Stay tuned for times and activities.

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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 Seekers Classroom. 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.



## SPRING SALAD LUNCH FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

Our annual Spring Salad Lunch will be held on Friday, April 27th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Salad Lunches will be available for delivery, take-out, and eat-in. We are selling tickets in advance and we are asking members of Aldersgate to help us sell the tickets. Tickets are \$8.00 each and we are hoping to sell them to both individuals and area businesses. Tickets will be available for sale beginning Sunday, April 8th. If you are able to help by selling some of the tickets at your place of work or know of a place that you think would be willing to purchase some of the tickets, please contact Lynn Boan after worship services on Sundays or call her at 803-775-1602 ext. 103(church) or 803- 983-6500 (cell) or 803-481-2628 (home). The money from this event will go to sponsor our programs at Willow Drive Elementary School.

We will also need help in the kitchen on the day of the event. If you are willing to help, please let us know by using the sign-up sheet in your Sunday bulletin.

### ALDERSGATE 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### WILLOW DRIVE SPRING FLING



The Willow Drive Spring Fling (formerly Back to School Bash) will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 9:00-1:00 am at Willow Drive Elementary. We need people to help set things up before the event, operate the booths during the event, and help clean up after the event. We also need plenty of baked goodies for the Cake Walk Booth. All Cake Walk donations should be dropped off at the church by 1:00 pm on Friday, May 4th. Please contact Lynn Boan if you are willing to help us make this event special for the children of Willow Drive.



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

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

Norm Nichol: 803-494-8681  
Mark Sari: 803-775-3100



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Confirmands Confirmed 	<b>2</b> Office Closed  Fellowship Hall and Kitchen reserved	<b>3</b> 9:30am Circle 3 10:00am Circle 1 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Circle 2 -Sandi Davis Fellowship Hall and Kitchen reserved	<b>4</b> 7:15am UMM  NO B.I.G. WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES  David on Vacation	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Missions Committee Mtg. 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> FLEA MARKET AND YARD SALE
<b>8</b> Guest Speaker: Selina Smith 11:30am Cong. Meeting: Church Security 3:30pm Grief Supp 4:00pm Handbells Girl Scouts 5:00pm Youth	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study  Kitchen Reserved	<b>11</b> 7:15am UMM 5:45pm Family Dinner & Basket Auction  7:30pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10:00am Knitters 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3:30pm Grief Supp 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm Youth	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm UMW Board Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:15am UMM 5:45pm B.I.G. Wednesday Night schedule 7:30pm Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Field Day 10:00am-2:00pm
<b>22</b> 3:30pm Grief Supp 4:00pm Handbells Girl Scouts 5:00pm Youth	<b>23</b>  Kitchen Reserved	<b>24</b> 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:15am UMM 5:45pm B.I.G. Wednesday Night schedule 7:30pm Choir	<b>26</b> 10:00am Knitters 7:00pm Evening UMM	<b>27</b> Salad Lunch	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 3:30pm Grief Supp 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm Youth	<b>30</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>Worship Schedule</b>            9:30am Sunday School            10:15am Fellowship            10:30am Worship         </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid pink; 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>			