

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 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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Lynn Boan (ext 103)

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Pam King (ext 102)

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Director of Music:

Denise Lynch

Organist:

Mark Hodges

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Patricia McCormick (ext 100)

Custodian:

Shpendi Dani

Custodian Assistance:

Neola Mickens

Nursery Attendants

Amy Graves, Holly Pate

Trading Our Fears for Faith

June, 2018

You've probably heard the old joke about the fellow who was told, "Cheer up. Things could be worse." So he said, "I did as I was told. I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse." That is the message in a nutshell that the apostle Paul, writing from a prison cell in Rome, shares with his young protégé Timothy. He says, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power." (II Timothy 3:1-4, NIV)

Quoting Paul, the Rev. Enoch S. Finklea, Jr. spoke some of these same words before going to be with the Lord on April 19, 1995. He was watching the news as it reported the Oklahoma City Bombing. His dying comment was "We're living in perilous times." Needless to say, Rev. Finklea's words, and those of Paul, are truer now than they were then, for indeed, the times in which we are living are much more dangerous. Terrorism is at an all-time high. Drive-by shootings are more common than ever. Violence of every imaginable kind appears to be a daily occurrence. So, what are we to do? How can we overcome such evil forces? Who can we run to for help?

The Devil would have us to believe that there is no solution or source of help. But the truth of the matter is this: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm 91:1 NIV) For as the Psalmist had discovered, we, too, have a place, or rather a person, whom we can find refuge or a safe haven. His name is Jesus!

Yes, we're living in perilous times, but that doesn't change the fact that God is still God, and that He makes Himself available for our safety and security. Since this is so, don't give into the fear of the uncertainties of today or tomorrow. God's not dead. He is alive! And to be sure, we have His divine protection to take advantage of always and everywhere, provided we trade our fears for faith. (I recommend you read Psalm 91 and meditate on its truths and take comfort in its contents.)

With Love from Jesus,
Pastor David

JUNE LAY READERS

June 3	Lesla Shuping
June 10	Krista Jennings
June 17	Jim Brown
June 24	Doug Griffin

JUNE WORSHIP GREETERS

June 3	Anna Polston, Lesla & Jeffrey Shuping
June 10	Jane Collins, Sue Towery
June 17	Ann Gerace, Susie & Joe Roberts
June 24	Judy Shuping, Carey & Monty Player

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

June 3	Back Door - Sandi Davis
	Office Door - Mark Sari
	Wesley Wing - Gloria Pounds
June 10	Back Door - Lynn Boan
	Office Door - Gene & Geri Seiveno
	Wesley Wing - Amy Graves
June 17	Back Door - Cathy McFaddin
	Office Door - Jim Brown
	Wesley Wing - Judy Shuping
June 24	Back Door - Lynn Boan
	Office Door - Gene Hunter
	Wesley Wing - Tym Brace

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

June 3	No Children's Church— Communion
June 10	Lesla Shuping
June 17	Jerry and Suzy Allred
June 24	Pam King

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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, Sam Crawford, Claudia Robinson, Betty Coleman, Danita Goodson, Carolyn Todd, Ruby O'Neal, Jo White, Ed Dallery, Nell Nettles, Harry Stitzel, Donna Shipman, Mary Cusumano



Church Care Taker for the month of June is Charlie Bells.



2	Sandra Chandler	18	Clark Newsom
3	Barbara Nichol		Amy Morse
	Tucker Nettles		Luke Harding
	Heather McCoy	20	Thomas Meadows
4	Robert Braun		Macie Morse
	Wade Jones	21	Chandler Heriot
6	Bill Lynam	22	Gene Mabry
	Rick Morse		Jim Wilkinson
7	Charles Griffin	24	Tracy Leopard
8	Jack McKellar	25	Mary Dallery
10	Dot Morgan		Dale Lawrence
	Bonnie Brown	26	Bob Gibson
	Leslie Mitchum	27	Ellie White
11	Logan Cruse	28	George Jacoby
12	Whitney Merchant	29	Liam Vannoy
13	Gary Talbott	30	Cheryl Floyd
15	Jackie Davis		
	Madison Cox		

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.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Wilson & Jackie Hepler on the recent death of his sister, Eunice Lowder, of North Carolina.



SENIOR LUNCH THE NO SENIOR LUNCH THE MONTH OF JUINE.

Be sure to check the newsletter and bulletins for information of other summer activities.



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

ALDERSGATE SUMMER MISSION

Sumter United Ministries Gear up for Learning

June – August 12th we will be collecting school supplies for students in need in the Sumter School District.

Our goal:

- 50 pocket folders (with or without clasps)
- 150 packages of loose leaf notebook paper (wide or college rule)
- Blue or black ink pens
- Backpacks



Thank you for considering supporting our students in need.

-Missions Committee

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

June 11: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 18 & 19: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
June 25-29: VBS 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
July 2 & 3: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
July 9 & 10: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
July 23 & 24: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
July 30: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
August 7: Pool Party at Mrs. Pam's house
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Terrific Tuesdays for ages 3-5th grade. You know the activities will be fun, so mark your calendar now for the above dates and times. More details soon.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 25-29, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



June 17, 2018



Summer has arrived, but the youth will still continue to meet on most Sundays and Wednesdays for the next 3 months, besides mission weeks and holidays. Please pay special attention to our calendar, as it will vary week to week!

June 3rd – 9:30-10:10am - Senior celebration breakfast in conference room (no Sunday school)

10:30am – Senior recognition during worship service

5-7:30pm – Sunday Night Group

June 6th – 6:30-7:30pm – Wed Night Group

June 10th – No Sunday Night Group

June 10th-15th – Summer Restore Week 1

June 17th – No Sunday Night Group (Father's Day)

June 20th – 6:30-7:30pm – Wed Night Group

June 24th – No Sunday Night Group

June 25th-29th – Vacation Bible School / Summer Restore Week 2

CONGRATULATIONS





TO OUR GRADUATES

- * Kelly Hope Brady is graduating from Wilson Hall and plans to attend Clemson University.
- * Carson Hendrix is graduating from Thomas Sumter Academy and plans to attend USC-Beaufort.
- * Grace Triplett Towery is graduating from Wilson Hall and plans to attend USC-Columbia.
- * David Christopher White graduated Cum Laude from Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Business Administration.
- * Ellie Grayson White is graduating from Thomas Sumter and plans to attend Charleston Southern University.

June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Worship Schedule 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship </div>						Lynn on vacation
3  9:30am Graduate Breakfast 10:30am Graduate Recognition 3:30pm Grief Sup. 5:00pm Youth	4 <u>Annual Conference June 3-6</u> Lynn on vacation →	5	6 7:15am UMM 6:30pm Summer Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	7 6:30pm Missions Committee 3:00pm Organ is being tuned.	8	9 8:30am Forward Focus Team Meeting - F.H. 4:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
10 3:30pm Grief Sup. Fellowship Hall Reserved ←	11	12	13 7:15am UMM 7:30pm Choir	14 10:00am Knitters	15	16
← Summer Restore—June 10-15—Bus Reserved →						
17  3:30pm Grief Sup.	18 6:30pm UMM Bowling at Gamecock Lanes 3:00pm - 9:00pm FH and Kitchen (feeding Sumter Salkehatchie Campers)	19	20 7:15am UMM 6:30pm Summer Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	21	22	23
24 3:30pm Grief Sup.	25	26	27 7:15am UMM 6:30pm Summer Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	28 10:00am Knitters	29	30
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