

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH July 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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STAFF

Senior Pastor:

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Marcus Johnston (ext. 110)

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

ALDRERSGATE U. M. C. IS COUNTING ON YOU!

Some years ago, I attended a District Clergy Meeting, where Rev. Andy Langford was our guest speaker. Rev. Langford is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and is co-author of a study series entitled *Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith*, which is designed to help those who are seeking answers to the Christian life. It is a twelve-session program that seeks to enable participants to explore the fundamental questions we all want answered that have to do with who we are, who God is and how our lives intersect with God's. Rev. Langford was invited to introduce this new study series.

During his sales pitch, Rev. Langford made some startling comments about United Methodists that should concern us all as members of our beloved church. In his presentation, he quoted Dr. George Hunter, Professor of Evangelism at Asbury Seminary, as saying that 90% of the new members taken in last year by United Methodist Churches were transfers from other United Methodist Churches. He went on to say that Dr. Hunter argues that the reason for this dismal statistic is because 80% of the United Methodist Churches have little, if any, concern for the secular world. By this he means that the focus of that same 80% is on themselves, rather than on those of the unchurched.

The comment about the "90%" called to mind Dr. Terry Teykl's analysis of the U. M. Church. Dr. Teykl said in his book, *Pray the Price*, "As a Methodist pastor for twenty-eight years, I am convinced that our denomination and our people are desperate for a fresh outpouring of God's power." Dr. Teykl also said, "Any other solution that excludes a renewed commitment to passionate prayer is like shifting the chairs around on the deck of the *Titanic*. We may change the appearance, but the ship is still going down."

I must admit that when I heard the statistic on new members my heart sank in despair, even though I have long discovered that the focus of most churches seems to be inward instead of outward. (No wonder we are losing ground and our total membership has fallen below 8 million.) The point I'm trying to make is that I couldn't help coming away from our clergy meeting wondering where we as a local church stood regarding these statistics.

To be sure Aldersgate is making significant progress in our attempt to reach the unchurched, as we focus less on ourselves and more on the those who we've been called to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But be this as it may, *I'm convinced that we could all stand a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit and power. Therefore, I make a compassionate appeal to you to join me in praying for REVIVAL. As we do, may we be faithful to our hearts and God's will, as it pertains to this great need within the United Methodist Church, knowing that ALDRERSGATE IS COUNTING ON YOU!*

With Love from and For Jesus,
Pastor David

JULY LAY READERS

July 1	Angela Keller
July 8	Jim Brown
July 15	Lynn Wallace
July 22	Krista Jennings
July 29	Jan Levy

JULY WORSHIP GREETERS

July 1	Tym Brace, Mark Cox
July 8	Janet Ackerman, Wilma Crayton
July 15	Lynn Quinlan, Joe & Jeanne Orvin
July 22	Mike & Nancy Hodge, Ann Hubbard
July 29	Betty Davis, Sue DuBose

JULY SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

July 1	Back Door - Janet Ackerman
	Office Door - Ann Gerace
	Wesley Wing - Connie Wallace
July 8	Back Door - Norm & Barbara Nichol
	Office Door - Lynn Quinlan
	Wesley Wing - Tym Brace
July 15	Back Door - Gene Hunter
	Office Door - Beth Morris
	Wesley Wing - Blaire Holloway
July 22	Back Door - Cathy McFaddin
	Office Door - Lynn Boan
	Wesley Wing - Anna Polston
July 29	Back Door - Norma Heriot
	Office Door - Fran Wheat
	Wesley Wing - Mark Sari

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

July 1	No Children's Church— Communion
July 8	Lesa Shuping
July 15	Jerry and Suzy Allred
July 22	Pam King
July 29	Cathy McFaddin



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



1	Linda Braun	13	Gloria Pounds
	Lane Vannoy	14	Nell McDaniel
3	Allyson King	20	Helen Bruner
5	Ray Thompson		Wade Hurst
	Joe Moore	22	Jeanne Orvin
6	Joe Orvin		Mark Cox
	Kevin Heckle	23	Lynn Bolen
7	Larry Nettles		Sammy Way
8	David Schwartz		Sara Jernigan
10	Katie Wheat		Lisa Edwards
11	Cathy McFaddin		Meagan Hardee
	Janet Lynam	29	Rachel Johnston
	Carson Hendrix	31	Helen Thomas
12	Scott Mickey		
	Jacqueline Wallace		
	Lori Hurst		

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.

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, Mark Goldstein, Haylee Corvin, Nell Swartz, Elaine Howie, Kay Leitner



Church Care Taker for the month of July is Wilson Hepler.

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



MARVELOUS MONDAYS AND TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Come join us each Monday and Tuesday this summer for some fun in the Son. A current permission form must be on file with the church office before you can attend any of the Summer activities. For ages 4 yrs. thru 5th Grade. There is no cost for any of the activities.

- July 2: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Moving with Jesus (AUMC)
July 3: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Highwire (meet at church)
July 9: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Worship w/Water (AUMC)
July 10: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Whirlin' Waters (meet at church)
July 23: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Rockin' w/Jesus (AUMC)
July 24: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Van Gogh w/God (meet at church)
July 30: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bible Ninja Warrior Training (AUMC)
August 7: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pool Party at Mrs. Pam's House (30 Miller Road). Bring sunscreen, goggles and a towel. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.



Our youth room has been freshly painted and we are in the process of getting a new TV! Check out other exciting things coming up this month below:

- July 1st – 5-9pm – Pool Party at the Conner's
July 4th – No Wed Night Group – Enjoy Your Holiday!
July 7-14th – Salkehatchie Bamberg
July 8th / 11th – No Sunday Night or Wednesday Night Group
July 15th – 5-7:30pm – Sunday Night Group
July 16th – Time TBA – Carowinds Trip
July 18th – 6:30-7:30pm - Wednesday Night Group
July 21st – 28th – Shaw/Dalzell Salkehatchie
July 22nd / 25th - No Sunday Night or Wednesday Night Group
July 29th – 5-7:30pm - Sunday Night Group

-Jon



There are open dates on the flower calendar to place flowers in the sanctuary. They are as follows: July 29 - August 5, 26 - September 2, 16, 23, 30 - October 14 - November 18, 25 - December 2, 30.

The calendar is outside the church office on the bulletin board. Write your name by the date you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary.



NO SENIOR LUNCH THE MONTH OF JULY



We welcome Marcus Johnston as our newly appointed Associate Pastor. We also welcome his wife, Rachel, and children, Corey and Maggie. If you don't already know them, please take the time to introduce yourself so that he can begin learning who we are.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3:30pm Grief Supp. 5:00pm Youth (Pool Party at Conner's)	2 9:00am-12:00pm Marvelous Mondays - AUMC	3 9:00am-2:00pm Terrific Tuesdays (Highwire) 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	4  Office Closed	5	6	7
8 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3:30pm Grief Supp.	9 9:00am-12:00pm Marvelous Mondays - AUMC 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg.	10 9:00am-4:00pm Terrific Tuesdays (Whirlin' Waters) 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	11 7:15am UMM No Bible Study	12 10:00am Knitters 5:30pm Trustees 6:30pm SPRC	13	14
← BAMBERG SALKEHATCHIE - JULY 7-14 - BUS RESERVED →						
15 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3:30pm Grief Supp. 5:00pm Youth	16 Youth to Carowinds 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.	17 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	18 7:15am UMM 6:30pm Summer Bible Study and Youth Bible Study	19	20	21
22 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Feeding Dalzell Salk. Camp 3:30pm Grief Supp.	23 9:00am-12:00pm Marvelous Mondays - AUMC	24 9:00am-12:00pm Terrific Tuesdays (Van Gogh w/ God) 11:00am Ladies Bible Study	25 7:15am UMM 6:30pm Summer Bible Study	26 10:00am Knitters	27	28
← SHAW/DALZELL SALKEHATCHIE - JULY 21-28 - BUS RESERVED →						
29 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3:30pm Grief Supp. 5:00pm Youth	30 9:00am-12:00pm Marvelous Mondays - AUMC	31 11:00am Ladies Bible Study				