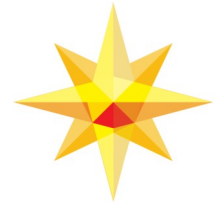


NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH December 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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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.]

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

Holly Pate

THE GREATEST PERSON and THE GREATEST POSSESSION December 20, 2006

"For GOD (the greatest Person) **so loved** (the greatest Degree) **the world** (the greatest Company) **that HE gave** (the greatest Act) **HIS only begotten SON** (the greatest GIFT) **that whosoever** (the greatest Opportunity) **believeth in HIM** (the greatest Simplicity) **should** (the greatest Attraction) **not perish** (the greatest Promise) **but have** (the greatest Difference) **everlasting** (the greatest Certainty) **LIFE** (the greatest Possession)."

This was printed on a Dayspring Christmas Card that I receive from my Mother a few years ago. Every time I read it, I get a greater appreciation for the GREATEST PERSON and the GREATEST POSSOSSION ever known to humankind. I also get a greater understanding of the true meaning of Christmas and how I might better celebrate this Holy Season. I trust your reading it, at least one time, will do the same. For without a doubt, GOD'S LOVE, shown through Jesus, is the greatest GIFT we could ever receive.

Therefore, as Annie and myself have received this same GIFT through each one of you, we hope and pray that you will be as blessed and even more so, if possible, with GOD'S LOVE, this Christmas and always! And we also want to thank all our Church Family at Aldersgate for the many beautiful ways in which you have enriched our lives and strengthen our faith throughout the year and the entire time we have been your pastoral family. Truly, we are blessed, and it's all because of the GREATEST PERSON who is our GREATEST POSSESSION!!! Merry Christmas!!!

With LOVE from JESUS,

Pastor David

**Merry
Christmas**
from the Church Staff

David, Marcus, Lynn, Jon,
Pam, Denise, Mark, Tricia,
Shpendi, Neola, Holly



DECEMBER LAY READERS

- December 2 Lynn Wallace
- December 9 Krista Jennings
- December 16 Jan Levy
- December 23 Pam King
- December 30 Lesa Shuping

DECEMBER WORSHIP GREETERS

- December 2 Tym Brace, Mark Cox
- December 9 Cathy McFaddin, Lynn Hendrix
- December 16 Tammy & Scott Mickey, Frank & Vicky Edwards
- December 23 Judy Shuping, Pat Boozer
- December 30 Lundy Stein, David & Shawn White

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- December 2 Back Door - Wilma Crayton
Office Door - Jan Levy
Wesley Wing - Roberta Vannoy
- December 9 Back Door - Sandi Davis
Office Door - Mark Sari
Wesley Wing - Joe & Susie Roberts
- December 16 Back Door - Lynn Boan
Office Door - Gene & Geri Seiveno
Wesley Wing - Amy Graves
- December 23 Back Door - Gloria Pounds
Office Door - Jim Brown
Wesley Wing - Judy Shuping
- December 30 Back Door - Larry Nettles
Office Door - Jim Brown

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- December 2 Pam King
- December 9 Lesa Shuping
- December 16 Jerry and Suzy Allred
- December 23 Pam King
- December 30 Cathy McFaddin

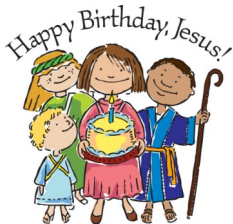
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| 1 Brooklyn Moore | 16 Dewey Jones |
| 2 Tracy Pender | Allie Boan |
| 3 Joan Fay Cook | Maggie Johnston |
| 4 Dick Davis | 17 Amy Heckle |
| 6 Ron Spivey | Ruby O'Neal |
| Brett Bishop | Bobbie Land |
| Haylee Brown | 18 Melissa LaBarte |
| 7 Bill Johnson | 19 Lynn Boan |
| 8 Natalie Hopson | Anna Moore |
| Brooks Rauschenbach | 21 Marcell Merolli |
| 9 Anna Polston | Nancy Hodge |
| Lori Horton | Lloyd Hardee |
| Caleb Brady | 23 Harley Corvin |
| 10 Judy Shuping | 24 Betty Taylor |
| 11 Chris Heckle | 26 Nancy Bishop |
| Jon Heckle | 27 Jill Bennett |
| Ashley Riddick | Jordan Todus |
| 13 Thelma Smith | 28 Amy Graves |
| 14 Isabella Fehle | 30 Frank Edwards |
| 15 Joe Davis | Christine Worrell |
| Richard Edwards | |
| Kelly Hinson | |
| Joel Myers | |



Robin Webster, Gloria Wilkinson, Norm Taylor, Sonny Andrews, Laura Anglin, Miriam Simpson, Betty Hodges, Jo White, Harry Stitzel, Sunny Snyder (mother of Angela Keller), Nell Swartz, Marcell Merolli, Faye Hampton, Roy Bryan, Roger Williams, Wyman & Ann Taylor, Nancy Baak, Sara Jernigan, Jane Collins, Dora DuRant

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.



All children are invited to Jesus' Birthday Party! Sunday, December 16th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a canned good as a gift to Jesus (we will donate

them to Christian Charities).

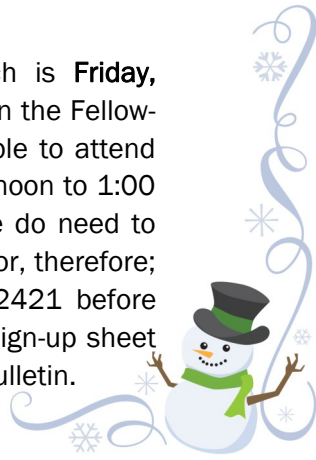
COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



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

Senior Lunch

The Christmas Senior Lunch is **Friday, December 14th** at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is able to attend during the lunch hour of 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. is invited to come. We do need to know how many to prepare for, therefore; call Terry Crawford at 469-2421 before December 10th or use the sign-up sheet that will be in your Sunday bulletin.



This month, we will be finishing our BIG Wednesday "Doctrine" series, going through the gospels in Sunday School, and taking part in a lot of fun and meaningful activities! We will not be meeting for Sunday Night Group on the evenings of the 23rd and 30th. Also, mark your calendars for the Revolution Conference in Columbia from January 25-27th! Here are some important dates below:

- Dec. 1st –Serving at Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte
- Dec. 2nd – Christmas Parade
- Dec. 9th – Riverbanks Zoo Lights Before Christmas
- Dec. 16th – Caroling to Shut-Ins
- Dec. 19th – Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 21st – Living Nativity
- Dec. 22nd – Optimist Club Bike Mission
- Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve Lock-In

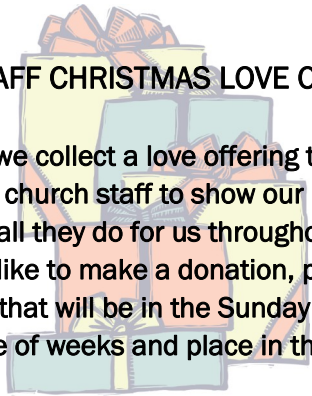


Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us as we light the Christmas Tree on the front lawn on Sunday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the tree lighting.

STAFF CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

Each year we collect a love offering to be divided among the church staff to show our love and appreciation for all they do for us throughout the year. If you would like to make a donation, please use the envelopes that will be in the Sunday bulletin for the next couple of weeks and place in the offering plate.



POINSETTIAS



We will adorn the church again this Christmas season with wreaths and poinsettias. As usual, you will have an opportunity to purchase one in memory or in honor of someone. The order forms will be in the December 2nd and 9th bulletins. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary December 16-24 and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.



**UMW CHRISTMAS
COVERED
DISH DINNER**



**Tuesday, December 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

*All women of the church
are invited to attend.*



*Living
Nativity*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

Light refreshments will be served.



**AUMC CHOIR
presents
*God with Us***

**Sunday, December 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.**



DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Sunday Worship Schedule 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p> </div>			<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p><u>B.I.G. Wednesday Night Schedule</u> 5:45 pm B.I.G Wed. Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study Youth</p> </div>			<p>1</p> <p>Youth to Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Charlotte</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>3:30pm Grief Supp. 4:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Christmas Tree Lighting</p> 	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9</p>  <p>Christmas Cantata</p> <p>3:30pm Grief Supp. 5:00pm Youth</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>16</p> <p>3:00pm Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Children 3:30pm Grief Supp. 4:00pm Girl Scouts 5:00pm Youth</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>3:30pm Grief Supp.</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>6:00pm Christmas Eve Service and Communion Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>7:15am UMM Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Knitters</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>3:30pm Grief Supp.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Youth New Year's Eve Lock-in</p>					