

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH February 2019 Newsletter



Aldersgate's Mission Statement:

GATHER in Community—GROW through Discipleship—GO into 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.
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Youth Director:
Jonathan Brooks (ext. 104)
Director of Music:
Denise Lynch
Organist:
Mark Hodges
Administrative Assistance:
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Shpendi Dani
Custodian Assistance:
Neola Mickens
Nursery Attendants
Holly Pate

Looking Back and Planning Ahead!!!

There is an old saying that goes something like this, "*The hurrier I go the behinder I get.*" To be sure there is a certain amount of truth in this statement, and as I wrestle with this predicament, I can't help but ask, "*Whatever happened to the prediction made by the 'experts' back in 1967, who conjectured that by the turn of the century technology would have taken over so much of our labor that the average American work week would be 22 hours long and we would only have to be on the job 27 weeks a year?*" Supposedly, according to their prediction, one of the biggest problems we would face would be deciding what to do with all our leisure time. Well, I don't know about you, but that ain't happening in my world! In fact, I seem to be even busier. So, what are we humans to do?

I wonder what the Lord must think of our dilemma. I doubt seriously that He ever intended for us to try to cram two days into one. In fact, I know He didn't! A particular scripture passage that comes to mind that assures me of this truth is "*Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:9-11, NIV)*" (Ouch, that hurts!) Surely, if the Lord needed to rest, then who am I (we) not to follow suit?

There's a story of a man who challenged another to an all-day wood chopping contest. The challenger worked very hard, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other man had a leisurely lunch and took several breaks during the day. At the end of the day, the challenger was *surprised and annoyed* to find that the other fellow had chopped substantially more wood than he had. "*I don't get it,*" he said. "*Every time I checked, you were taking a rest, yet you chopped more wood than I did.*" "*But you didn't notice,*" said the winning woodsman, "*that I was sharpening my ax when I sat down to rest.*"

As we stand at the threshold of the New Year and contemplate making our resolutions, I challenge us to resolve to do a better job of honoring the Sabbath. I also encourage us to strive to spend less time with our jobs, etc. and more time with our family friends, and our fellow believers, heeding God's advice found in **Ephesians 5:15-17** (NIV), "*Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*" In the meantime, take a deep breath and live the abundant life, as it is meant to be, at much slower pace, and pray for me, so that I may "practice what I preach".

Happy New Year!
Pastor David



FEBRUARY LAY READERS

February 3 Jan Levy
 February 10 Pam King
 February 17 Lesa Shuping
 February 24 Mark Cox

FEBRUARY WORSHIP GREETERS

February 3 Marvin & Betty Vannoy, Mark Cox
 February 10 Philip & Betty Watry, Wilma Crayton
 February 17 Kevin & Roberta Vannoy,
 Blaire Holloway
 February 24 Pat Player, Liz Wild

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

February 3 Back Door - Norma Heriot
 Office Door - Fran Wheat
 Wesley Wing - Mark Sari
 February 10 Back Door - Carol Fleury
 Office Door - Jim & Krista Jennings
 Wesley Wing - Kevin Vannoy
 February 17 Back Door - Mike Boan
 Office Door - Lynn Boan
 Wesley Wing - Jeffrey Shuping
 February 24 Back Door - Angela Keller
 Office Door - Kathy Hunter
 Wesley Wing - Sue Towery


CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

February 3 Pam King
 February 10 Lesa Shuping
 February 17 Jerry and Suzy Allred
 February 24 Pam King

1 Hunter Watt	19 Marla Krueger
4 Midge Hickman	21 Christopher White
Susie Roberts	22 Mary Dale Griffin
5 Homer Hunt	Preston McClun
Patti Hendrix	23 Vicky Edwards
8 Parking Harding	25 Laura Anglin
10 VeVe Allred	Alison Davis
14 Peggy Coward	Hannah Pauley
Samuel Wyatt	26 Lynn Wallace
15 Jim Smith	27 Ruth Hoyt
Frankie Moore	Malissia Heriot
Jamie Campbell	Spencer Smith
16 Dan Meehan	28 Elizabeth Wild
18 Jerry Jackson	
Gregory Bouillon	



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, Faye Hampton, Roy Bryan, Roger Williams, Wyman & Ann Taylor, Nancy Baak, Sara Jernigan, Jane Collins, Nancy Hodge, Larry Nettles, Mary Cusumano, Ruth Hoyt, Ruth Johnson



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

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO JOIN US!

Who are we? We are the Knurturing Knitters. We are a group of women from Aldersgate United Methodist Church who meet regularly to pray together as we knit prayer/healing shawls. These shawls are knit for those who are experiencing a life transition or to commemorate the gift of love, friendship, and caring.



If you do not knit we will teach you, and we will provide needles and yarn for your first shawl. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Seekers Room here at Aldersgate.

Come and join us for an hour of fun and fellowship as we knit.

Aldersgate @ 5

Begins February 17, 2019

- Aldersgate @ 5 is an additional Christ-centered service that will be offered every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
- What do we need? Your support by attending our inaugural service.
- Invite friends. It's that simple!
- Aldersgate @ 5 is a great opportunity for those who can't make a morning service.

A nursery will be available.



The Jesus Club (children's group) will meet on Sundays—January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is for children ages 3-11.

On Saturday, February 23rd we'll have Super Saturday! The children will meet at the church from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. to make cookies for the Fire Department then we'll walk over to the Fire Department and present them with the cookies. We need kids to attend and adults to help so please let Pam know if you are coming. For children ages 3-11.

Also:

- ◆ We are in search of a co-chair for the Easter Egg Hunt. See Pam if you are interested.
- ◆ We are in need of people to help with Sunday activities with the kids so we can rotate the help. The time frame is from 5:00-6:30 p.m. See Pam if you are interested.
- ◆ A nursery will be available for Aldersgate @ 5 services when it begins February 17th.



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 or Mark Sari, 803-775-3100.



This month, we have a lot of exciting things going on in our student ministry! In Sunday school, we will be continuing through the book of Luke. On February 6th, we will wrap up our "Social Media and the Gospel" series and on February 13th, we will begin a new Wednesday night series on identity called "Who Am I?"

Additionally, our Butterbraid fundraiser will be arriving mid-February, so our youth will be in contact with you about delivering/ picking up your orders. We appreciate all your support!

Starting February 17th, our Sunday Night Group will take on a slightly different format with our new evening worship service starting. Following the service, the youth will eat dinner at 6pm, and then from 6:30-8pm we will have devotional/discussion time and games.

Please note our other following special events:

February 3rd - Super Bowl Watch Party

February 8th-10th - Ski Trip (No SNG February 10th)

February 22nd - 23rd - One Weekend Conference (No SNG February 24th)



On February 3, in partnership with the Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth will be taking up a love offering for Emanuel Soup Kitchen. Your financial support will help feed individuals and families here in Sumter in need of a meal.

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.



**2019 SUPPER CLUB
KICK OFF MEETING
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
6:00 PM**

We will hold our annual Supper Club Kick-Off meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and dessert and everyone will find out which Supper Club group they will be in for 2019.

Please note it is very important that you be present for this meeting if you plan to be in a Supper Club because the group that you are in meets each other for the first time at this meeting and plans are made for your first meal as a group. In the past groups that have had many members absent at this Kick Off Meeting have experienced trouble with getting their Supper Clubs to meet on a regular basis.

Everyone that would like to be in a Supper Club for this year needs to sign up below to be placed in a group for 2019. A Supper Club is a group of 8-10 members of our congregation that meet on a monthly basis to share a meal and a time of fellowship together. Joining a Supper Club gives you the opportunity to get to know members of our church family, enjoy a good meal, and have fun all at the same time! Supper Clubs rotate on a yearly basis so that everyone has the chance to continue to get to know more and more members of our congregation on a more personal level. To join a Supper Club, all you need to do is sign up below, place this in the offering plate and come to the meeting on **February 26 th** to find out which Supper Club you will be in for 2019!

NAME _____



The UMM are sponsoring a *Valentine's Day Supper* on Thursday, February 14th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend. Anyone who would like a ride should contact any member of UMM.

The meal is free but we do need to know if you plan to come. You can call the church office or wait till Sunday and use the sign-up sheet that will be in the bulletin.

Menu

- Roasted Pork Tenderloin
- Shrimp Pasta
- Baked Asparagus
- Mashed Cauliflower loaded with bacon bits and cheese
- Garden Salad
- Dessert
- Tea

PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.

ALWAYS REFUGE LOVE PEACE CHRIST JESUS STRENGTH PERFECT

God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20


And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philipians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answers: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, perfect



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  3:30pm Grief Sup. 4:00pm Girl Scouts 5:00pm Youth 5:00pm Kids Souper Bowl of Caring	4 F.Hall reserved 6:15pm	5 9:30am Circle #3 10:00am Circle #1 11:00am Ladies B.S. 7:00pm Circle #2	6 7:15am UMM 5:45pm BIG Wed. Meal 6:30pm Bible Study Youth 7:30pm Choir	7 6:30pm Outreach Committee - Conf. Room	8	9 Youth Ski Trip, Feb. 8-10 - Bus Reserved
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