



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

Good News

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Entertaining Angels Unawares

In his sermon this past Sunday, Brian reminded us of God's expectations to show radical hospitality to "the other". He told us that if we welcome the outsider, it may very well be that they will bring with them blessings we would otherwise never experience. It reminded me of what the writer of Hebrews says in chapter 13 verse 2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Showing hospitality is not only a command that God gives us, but it is an opportunity for us to give and receive His gracious blessings.

Beginning this Sunday, August 9th, we will be hosting 2 or 3 families through the ministry of Family Promise. It is a ministry that partners many different religious congregations together to provide a place for homeless families to sleep and to receive meals for one week at a time. The program is designed to help support the families as they work to reestablish their lives. It is our responsibility to show these "strangers" how great and welcoming our God is through the radical hospitality that we show them while they are with us.

I understand that usually more than half of the guests are children, and most of them are under the age of 5. I cannot help but wonder if there is any greater blessing than to see the face of a child brilliant with the light of a smile? And perhaps like me, you have heard someone ask the question, "Doesn't that baby have the face of an angel?" Entertaining angels unawares? Yes... I think so.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Michael Cobb
Minister of Discipleship



Music Ministry

*Come Join Us for Our
Aldersgate Chancel Choir's
"GuestFest 2015"*

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 26

Our "GuestFest" will take place on Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. We'll begin with a quick choir practice to introduce everyone to our Fall lineup of music and get a sneak peak at our Christmas music, followed by a light montage of some of our Favorite Finger Food cuisine. Our evening will be concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Carol Choir Kick-Off Skating Party

Children—Grade 1 to Grade 6

Saturday, August 22

10:00—1:00

We'll meet at 10:00 at the Ice Palace at Eastdale Mall for our skating and lunch party. Everyone will get a Chick-Fil-A kids meal for lunch. You don't have to be a member of the choir or acolyte to join us for this fun trip. All children in grades 1 through 6 are welcome to participate in this free trip!

Backpack Ministry Kickoff Meeting

The Backpack Ministry is getting set to begin the delivery of food bags to needy children at Chisholm Elementary School. We have scheduled a meeting for those that are already signed up to serve and for anyone else who is interested in participating during the 2015-16 school year. At least one or two members from each group should attend. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2015 in room 119.

The following Sunday school classes/circles have signed up for the weeks indicated for this Fall semester:

- Maranatha Class—8/31-9/4
- HOPE Circle—9/7-9/11
- HOPE Circle—9/14-9/18
- HOPE Circle—9/21-9/25
- HOPE Circle—9/28-10/2
- Ambassadors Class—10/05-10/09
- Ambassadors Class—10/12-10/16
- Ambassadors Class—10/19-10/23
- Ambassadors Class—10/26-10/30
- Maranatha Class—11/02-11/06
- Berean Class—11/09-11/13
- Pathfinders Class—11/16 - 11/20
- Pathfinders Class—11/30 - 12/04
- Pathfinders Class—12/07 - 12/12
- Pathfinders Class—12/14 - 12/18

We will be working on adding the Spring semester to Sign Up Genius soon. Please let us know if you or your group is interested in signing up for this very worthwhile and rewarding ministry and we will send you an invitation to join us.

Ted Davis and Mary Badskey, Backpack Ministry Coordinators
tndretired@gmail.com or 334-260-3771

New Sunday Schedule Kick-off August 16!

8:15 a.m.—Chapel Service with Weekly Communion

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship (CAC)

10:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**11:30 a.m.—Covered Dish Celebration Luncheon
(activities for Children and Youth)
(Drinks and Meat provided)**

We will be changing our Sunday morning worship schedule and adding an additional worship service time on Sunday, August 16. The new schedule will include concurrent worship services with a Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship Service in the Christian Activity Center at 10:30 a.m. The new 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service will provide an early option for those who appreciate liturgy and will feature weekly communion. For more information, visit our website at www.aldersgateumc.org.

Acolyte Recognition

We will be recognizing all of our Acolytes during our upcoming August 23 worship services. We will have a special training session at 12:10 in the Sanctuary for all of our children and youth. We will have a party for all of our Acolytes and Carol Choir children at the Eastdale Ice Palace Skating Rink from 10:00-1:00 the day before our recognition on Saturday, August 22.

Missions

Annually we have two opportunities to come together to learn about and celebrate some of what Aldersgate is doing to carry out our mission *to know Jesus and to make Him known* locally, regionally and internationally.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY AND SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FIFTH ANNUAL MISSIONS POTLUCK DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 5:30. Our former missionary partner Lauren Sievers will share from her experiences over the past two years in China where she and her husband Chase served as cross-cultural witnesses for Christ. We will also hear from our Red Bird Mission team and from our youth who served in Nashville, Huntsville and Montgomery this summer. Plus, we will get a preview of planned mission trips to Colombia and Ecuador next summer. Hope to see you there!

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY AND SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION...April 15-17, 2016. This will be an opportunity to get up close and personal with many of the missionaries we support. We'll have outstanding speakers, wonderful music and great times of fellowship. Don't miss this exciting and meaningful weekend, or you will miss a rich blessing.

Children's Ministry



Children's Corner

*Our Mission:
To know Jesus and to make Him known
in each child's HEART!*

What a wonderful summer we have had! Thank you to all who participated in Wonderful Wednesdays! We are excited about Sunday, August 16 as we start our new schedule and celebrate the start of a new school year. Make plans to join us as we live life in 3D: Dig, Discover, Develop!



*You are Invited
to a Baby Shower!*

You are invited to a church-wide baby shower for Sara and Rev. Michael Cobb's baby:

Sunday, August 9, 2015

1:00-2:30 pm

Aldersgate Parlor

Youth Announcements

Hey Folks!

I am sad to say that the summer has come to an end; it has been a great few months of building relationships, serving together, hanging out together, and just sharing the love of Christ with those around us. We are gearing up for the fall which is now upon us so here are a few dates to be mindful of.

- Promotion Sunday will be August 16th, which means our confirmands will move into their Sunday school for the year.
- HUB starts back August 19th.
- Small Groups start on September 6th (I need volunteers for food and homes if you are willing and able).
- Church wide Missions Pot Luck is August 9th
- September 13th we will have an interest meeting for our Summer 2016 international mission trip to Colombia. There will be a deposit due soon after this meeting and so it would be very beneficial for those that are interested in going on this trip to join us as we begin conversation with what that will look like.

Brittney Gilliland
Director of Youth Ministries

August is Camp Meeting Month!

Our dress will be casual and our music spirited and uplifting as we will once again celebrate our Methodist heritage with our annual "*Camp Meeting*" month during our Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary.

Aldersgate Food Pantry

August Food of the Month

It's back to school time!!
The food pantry serves an average of
87 children per month.

FEED A CHILD



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Please place in collection baskets located in the Atrium, Christian Activity Center and outside the Program Staff Offices.

Family Promise

Aldersgate will be hosting the Family Promise families August 9 through 16. If you or your group (Bible Study, Sunday School class) would like to participate, you can do so by contacting: Rev. Michael Cobb for dinner hosting or overnight duty (michael@aldersgateumc.org or 272-6152) and Jimmy Dennis for evening meal preparation (dennisfamily@charter.net or 462.6743).



River Region Readers

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, in Room 119, the book club will discuss *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Field* by Wendy Lower. All are welcome! Come even if you haven't finished the book. Lighter reading next month as we plan to discuss the *The Rosie Project* by Don Tillman.



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Join us for worship this Sunday!

8:45 Contemporary

11:00 Traditional

John 19:38-42

Undertow—A Secret Disciple

Rev. Michael Cobb

Our gifts to God!

August 2, 2015

Morning Worship—305 Sunday School—209

June, 2015

Budget for 2015	\$1,200,181
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	600,091
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	591,550
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	580,013
Total Pledges to Capital Campaign	1,419,823
Total Received to Date	1,356,379

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events
August 9-15, 2015

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9—SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Family Promise/Rooms 23, 24, 27, 28, 29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 8:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/CAC
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service/CAC
- 9:30 a.m. Epicenter/Parlor
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Discipleship Process Team/Room 27
- 1:00 p.m. Baby Shower/Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. River Region Readers/Room 119

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 1:00 p.m. Mission Prayer Team/Room 19
- 1:00 p.m. Clergy Team Meeting/Administrative Office
Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Group/Room 25
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC
- 6:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee Meeting/Room 26
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Rec. Basketball/CAC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Gathering/Room 22
- 9:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting/Room 26

- 9:30 a.m. Discipleship Team Meeting/Administrative
Office Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 6:00 p.m. WCM Open House/CAC
- 6:30 p.m. GO Lead Team/Room 119

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 2:00 p.m. Art Class/Room 25
- 6:00 p.m. Backpack Ministry/Room 119
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group/Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Newsletter/Bulletin Preparation/Room 26
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room/Room 29
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group/Room 24
- 1:00 p.m. Vision Impaired Group/Room 23
- 5:30 p.m. Jazzercise/CAC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 12:00 p.m. Reality & Truth Ministry/CAC Kitchen
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- 3:00 p.m. Wedding/Sanctuary