



Good News

Aldersgate Mission: "To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

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**"How very good and pleasant it is when
kindred live together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1**

Join us for the Night of Gratitude on Wednesday, October 14! We will gather in the CAC for dinner at 5:30pm. Then, we will celebrate the ministry we share through Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The celebration will include testimonies, special music, and a look forward. Following the celebration, Dr. Jeff Wilson, former Aldersgate Co-Senior Pastor and current District Superintendent, will lead our annual Charge Conference. The dinner is free. Nursery will be provided, beginning at 5:45pm. Sign up by going to the website or by emailing allison@aldersgateumc.org. It will be a wonderful time of joy, celebrating the goodness of God through the body of Christ.

I'll see you at the place of gratitude!

Peace,

About Good News Newsletter

Good News Newsletter is the primary communication tool to share how Aldersgate United Methodist Church is living into its mission: To know Jesus and to make Him known. Soon Good News Newsletter will transition to a weekly digital newsletter and a more in depth monthly mailout.



UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) and the Alabama West Florida Conference have been hard at work in the Florida panhandle following Hurricane Michael; Aldersgate has been doing our part. On Monday afternoon, October 29, our United Methodist Women gathered to sort and organize donations for flood buckets and hygiene kits. That evening others in our church family came together to assemble the buckets and kits. Sixty-seven filled buckets and 1107 hygiene kits were delivered to Woodlawn UMC the following day for delivery to the coast on October 31.

Aldersgate received donations of \$2570 for UMCOR and \$985 for Operation Relief Support; donations were also made directly to UMCOR and the AWF Conference. In the coming weeks and months, we will be sending recovery teams to the area, and our Stephen Ministers will be assisting in providing spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by this devastating storm. It's not too late to make a donation.

Events

Book Club: River Region Readers

Nov. 11 | 6 p.m. | Rm. 119

Join the Book Club: River Region Readers in reading November's book Madison Park: A Place of Hope by Eric L. Motley, suggested by Nancy Dennis. *For more info, contact Nancy Dennis at ndennis@alabamaretail.org, 334-868-2195 or visit aldersgateumc.org/river-region-readers.*

CaraVita Village Senior Adult Ministry Luncheon

Nov. 13 | 12 - 2 p.m. | CaraVita Village 4000 Fieldcrest Dr.

Come have lunch at CaraVita Village and learn more about senior living opportunities! Please RSVP by Nov. 10 by calling 334-284-0370. For more info, you can visit cravitavillage.com.

Night of Gratitude

Nov. 14 | 5:30 p.m. | CAC

Join us in celebrating the works of our ministries in 2018, giving thanks to God for his work among us. The entire church is invited! The program highlights include testimonies, videos, and presentations!

UMW Craft and Bake Sale

Nov. 17 | 9 a.m. - Noon | CAC

This coming Saturday will be the annual Craft and Bake Sale. This is a major fund raiser for UMW so please come out, shop, and pick up your casseroles. There will be whole cakes, breads and pies. Craft items will include quilts of different sizes (even dolly size), table runners, scarves and more! Come and bring a friend!

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Nov. 18 | 5 p.m. | Chapel

Join us for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing with special music by our Chancel Choir and Adult Ensemble. Our congregation will have the opportunity to pick their favorite hymns from our Cokesbury and United Methodist Hymnals! *Contact Rev. Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgateumc.org or 356-1575 to get on the bus pickup list for this service.*

Family Picnic in the Park

Nov. 18 | 10:50 a.m. | Ida Bell Young Park

After 10:30 a.m. worship service, bring a picnic for your family, chairs, and a blanket as we enjoy a time of fellowship together with families and friends of all ages. All are welcome!

Christmas Tree Trimming Luncheon

Nov. 25 | 11:35 a.m. | CAC

Join us for our annual Tree Trimming luncheon as we decorate our Sanctuary, Atrium, Chapel, CAC and outside

of our church for Advent and Christmas. *Please let us know if you will be coming to eat lunch with us by emailing Rev. Steve Badskey at steve@aldersgateumc.org.*

Family ADVENTure Night

Dec. 2 | 4 - 6 p.m. | Rm. 22, Chapel, CAC, Courtyard

Families of all ages are invited to come and participate in our Family ADVENTure Night journeying through the Christmas story in an evening designed especially for children, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. We will experience Christmas from the past to the present, with special music, crafts, and a chili supper. *There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Monday, November 26. You may register online at aldersgateumc.org, contact the church at 334-272-6152 or contact Katie Blair at Katie@aldersgateumc.org.*

Parents Night Out

Dec. 7 | 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Aldersgate UMC

Parents! Drop your children off and enjoy a nice evening of parents night out! Children 6 weeks of age through 5th grade will enjoy special Christmas themed activities including: pizza for dinner, snacks, crafts, games, and a movie. Cost of attendance is \$15/child. *Please register online at aldersgateumc.org.* There is limited space so register early for a fun night without the kids!

The Christmas Song and Live Nativity

Dec. 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

The Christmas Song, featuring the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Drama Team, will be a combined 10:30 Worship Service. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served in the Atrium, and a Live Nativity with the Actors and Animals will be on the front lawn of the church after the worship service.

Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 23 | 5 p.m. | CAC

Contemporary Christmas expressions through Music, Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 24 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

Communion, Carols and Candlelight

5th Sunday Fun-Sunday

Dec. 30 | Sunday School Classes | Aldersgate

Wear your craziest Christmas sweater and join us in Sunday School for Christmas Carol karaoke.

Not So Late New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31 | 10:30 a.m. - Noon | CAC

All children K3-Fifth grade are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve with a countdown to noon instead of

midnight! We will sing, work on a mission project, play games and eat lunch. There is no cost, but registration is required. *Please register online at aldersgateumc.org.*

Youth Winter Retreat

Jan. 25- 27, 2019 | Shocco Springs

Youth! Kickoff 2019 with Winter Retreat! This will be a high energy and reflective weekend spending time in scripture, worship, outdoor activities, small groups, and games. We will start our new year in a place of the Bible full of new beginnings: Genesis. Come grow closer to God and closer to one another while being immersed in Creation at Shocco Springs. *For more info. contact Miles Barnhardt at miles@aldersgateumc.org.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Nov. 18 | By Noon | Aldersgate

Donate a shoebox filled with gifts, personal care items, or clothing for boys and girls in need around the world. Return it to the church by noon on the 18th. For more suggestions on what to put inside of the box visit samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

Knitting and Crochet Ministry: Hurricane Relief

Join the United Methodist Women Knitting and Crochet Ministry in sewing easy quilt blocks to provide for children and youth affected by Hurricane Michael. Have a sewing machine? Sew from home! Fabric and instructions are provided. *Please call Olive Parsons at 334-514-6949 for more information.*

Midweek Gathering

Nov. 14 | No Midweek Gathering this Wednesday.

Iron Bowl Food Pantry Food Drive

Oct. 28 - Nov. 18

Donations Needed: box of stuffing, canned green beans, canned yams/sweet potatoes, turkey gravy (packed/canned/jarred), box of brownie mix, box of instant potatoes, canned corn, canned chicken broth, jiffy corn muffin mix, canned cranberry sauce.

Please help the Aldersgate Food Pantry provide Christmas bags this year by shopping for the items listed above and placing them in the container for your favorite team: Auburn or Alabama. Containers are in the Atrium, CAC and outside staff offices. Thank you for your continued support!

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Join us for worship this Sun. Nov. 11

8:15 a.m. | Chapel Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. | Contemporary Worship
10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service

Attendance | Sun., Nov. 4, 2018

Morning Worship—266 Sunday School—152

Our gifts to God | Oct. 31, 2018

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	955,909
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	894,306
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	914,092
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 9/30/18	27,481
Building Fund Drive Goal	110,000 by <u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>
Pledges	80
Commitment to giving	68,195
Total Received	64,370.25

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Nov. 11 — Sat., Nov. 17, 2018

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:15 a.m. Chapel Service with Weekly Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth, Children
10:30 a.m. 3D Kid's Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays) | *Chapel*
Contemporary Worship Service | *CAC*
Traditional Worship Service | *Sanctuary*
4:30 p.m. Joyful Bells | *Rm. 29*
Youth Worship Arts | *Youth Area*
5:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups | *Youth Area*
6:00 p.m. River Region Readers | *Rm. 119*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
9:00 a.m. WCM | *CAC, Stage*
11:00 a.m. Women's Small Group | *Rm. 26*
1:30 p.m. Mission Prayer Team | *Rm. 28*
6:45 p.m. BSF | *Chapel, Parlor, All rooms including 111-114, excluding 22, 25*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
9:00 a.m. WCM | *CAC, Stage*
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
11:30 a.m. Hope Circle Dutch Treat Lunch Gathering | *TBD*
4:00 p.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meetings | *Rm.s 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
9:00 a.m. WCM | *CAC, Stage*
9:30 a.m. The Covenant Bible study | *Rm. 26*
2:00 p.m. Knitting and Crochet Ministry | *Rm. 25*
3:30 p.m. Night of Gratitude and Charge Conference Set-Up | *CAC*
5:30 p.m. Night of Gratitude and Charge Conference | *CAC*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg. | *Parlor*
7:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
9:00 a.m. WCM | *CAC, Stage*
9:30 a.m. All Staff Worship | *Chapel*
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Waiting Room | *Rm. 29*
Open Time of Prayer | *Rm. 28*
10:30 a.m. Pathfinders Sunday School Class Fellowship | *Rm. 22*
6:30 p.m. BTW PTSA | *Chapel*
Embroidery Guild of America | *Rm. 26*
7:00 p.m. Sierra Club - Montgomery | *Rm. 25*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:15 a.m. BSF Leaders Meeting | *Rm. 25*
7:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Cooking | *CAC kitchen*
3:00 p.m. Set up for WCM Thanksgiving Program | *CAC, Stage*
4:00 p.m. WCM Thanksgiving Program | *CAC, Stage*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 a.m. UMW Casserole Sale Pick-Up and Bake Sale | *CAC*