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Join us for worship this Sun. Dec. 23

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. 16, 2018

Morning Worship—320 Sunday School—214

Our gifts to God | Nov. 30, 2018

Budget for 2018	1,274,545
Operating Budget Requirement to Date	1,168,758
Operating Budget Income Received to Date	1,068,143.58
Operating Budget Expenses to Date	1,122,465.03
Total Pledges to Faith Promise	90,335
Total Received through 11/30/2018	41,541
Building Fund Drive Goal	110,000 by <i>Dec. 31, 2018</i>
Pledges	81
Commitment to giving	69,195
Total Received	77,685.25

Aldersgate Weekly Calendar of Events Sun., Dec. 23 — Sat., Dec. 29, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

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. Youth Worship Arts | *Youth Area*
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Eve Service | *CAC*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICES CLOSED
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!
4:30 p.m. Scout Den Meetings | *Rooms 15-29, CAC*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | *Choir Room*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Mtg. | *Parlor*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

None

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

None

Christmas Eve Eve Service
Sun., Dec. 23 | 5 p.m.
Christian Activity Center

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE
Mon., Dec. 24 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

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.



As you celebrate Christmas this year, please remember the missionaries Aldersgate supports (listed below). Some will be celebrating in a foreign land this year because of their service for the Lord. Others will be celebrating here in the states, half a world away from their beloved ministry. Your prayers for them personally as well as for their families, their ministries, and those they serve will be appreciated.

Through Faith Promise we support Ed & Linda Baker (Atlanta/Worldwide), Joyce Chellis (Michigan/India/Kazakhstan), Kristin Fisher (South Carolina/Myanmar), Cameron & Anne Gongwer (Indiana/Ghana), Neal & Shirley Hicks (Tennessee/Japan), Szabolcs Kerekes (Hungary), Davis Rhodes (Tanzania), Adam & Melissa Williford (Mexico), Mark Wittig (Colombia), Mary Woods (Costa Rica), and church planters in Central Asia (unnamed here for their security). Through the AWF Conference we also support Jay & Grace Choi (Philippines), Sara Flores (Ecuador), German Gomez (Clanton, AL), Eric & Liz Soard (Tanzania), and Rhett Thompson (Panama).

Announcements

1. Gentle Reminder from the Finance Committee: Pledges are running behind approximately \$30,000 year to date for 2018. We know life is busy with family, work, football, and the upcoming holidays, so it is easy to get sidetracked. The Finance Committee would be very appreciative if you would 'catch up' by December 30. Thanks!

2. 2018 Contributions

All contributions to be credited to 2018 must be received in the office by noon on Monday, December 31, 2018. If you are sending a contribution by U.S. Mail, it must be postmarked no later than Monday, December 31, 2018 and online contributions must be completed by December 31, 2018. Anything received after that time will be credited to 2019. The office will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2018 but Dory Hector will be in the office to receive any last minute contributions. If you have any questions, please call Dory Hector or email her at dory@aldersgateumc.org.

3. Aldersgate Initiative: A Place at the Table

While celebrating Christmas this season, we invite the people of Aldersgate to practice hospitality by inviting at least one person to join them for a meal, a coffee, a get-together, etc. Our goal is that more than 50 people would be welcomed to a table and shown the love of Christ through the invitation and fellowship. Look for the "A Place at the Table" bulletin board (at the T) and pin your 'chair' to the table. Instructions will be displayed.

4. Annual Poinsettia Sale/Mission Project

Each Christmas the Aldersgate family decorates the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias given in honor or memory of loved ones. This year these will be displayed on Dec. 23 and 24 for the Christmas Eve services. Those donating poinsettias may pick them up after the services or have them sent to one of our sick or shut-in members. This year you may also remember loved ones through a gift of any amount to help build a house in Ensenada, Mexico, for a needy family. The cost for the house will be \$5,725. Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. Checks can be made payable to Aldersgate UMC with "Poinsettias" or "House" in the memo line. Please place the bulletin insert order form together with your payment in the offering plate or turn in to the church office by Sun., Dec. 16.

5. Family Promise

We would like to thank everyone who supported Family Promise over this past year. Family Promise is a ministry that offers hope and shelter to those in need. We pray that you would consider serving in 2019 as a dinner host or overnight host. Family Promise is also looking for a local leader. Is it YOU? This role is supported by Minister of discipleship and local mission team. You will have the opportunity to sign up individuals to serve. We will serve families during the following dates in 2019: January 20-26, March 31-6, July 21-27, October 13-19. If you have any question on how you can serve please contact Richard at Richard@aldersgateumc.org.

6. White Christmas

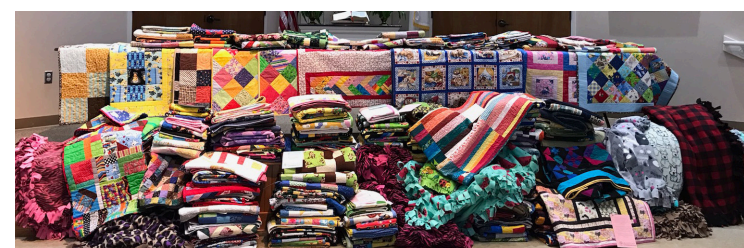
Aldersgate thanks you for your support of the United Methodist Children's Home. We raised \$9,156 last year and our goal is \$10,000 this year!

7. Offices Closed:

December 24 and December 31.

8. United Methodist Women's Quilting Ministry.

We celebrate the work of our United Methodist Women's quilting ministry. Over 180 quilts plus blankets and throws (363 total) were delivered to Lynn Haven United Methodist Church on December 13 for Hurricane Relief.



Events

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 23 | 5 p.m. | CAC

Modern Christmas music with experiences to heighten the meaning of the season.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, Dec. 24 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

A Traditional Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight.

5th Sunday Fun-Sunday

Dec. 30 | Sunday School Classes | Aldersgate

Wear your craziest Christmas sweater and join us in children's Sunday School for Christmas Carol karaoke. Contact Katie Blair at katie@aldersgateumc.org for more information.

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.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays Beginning January 2 | 7 p.m.

Youth Worship Arts Choir

Sundays beginning January 6 | 4 p.m.

Young In Heart

January 8 | 11:30 a.m.

Ring in the new year with Young in Heart! We will have lunch and play bingo! Lunch is \$6/person. Please make reservations by January 6 by contacting Margaret Watkins at 334-272-2212.

Children's Heartworks Lab

Wednesdays Beginning January 9th | 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Heartworks Lab opens! This is for Elementary children grades Kindergarten - 5th grade. Children will participate in STEM activities that follow along with a scripture memory verse and a Bible lesson.

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.

Night of Praise

Sunday, February 3 | CAC

Save the date!

Parents' Night Out

February 8 | 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Parents, enjoy a nice evening out by yourselves! Children ages infant through 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of fun! The cost is \$15 per child with a \$40 max per family. Registration is required. Register online at aldersgateumc.org beginning on January 21st.

Father/Daughter Dance

February 15 | 6 - 8 p.m. | CAC

Dads, take your daughters out to dance the evening away to some of your favorite tunes! All ages are invited to attend. Be sure to wear your Sunday best! Refreshments will be offered. No cost to attend, but a donation basket will be available. For more info. contact Katie Blair at katie@aldersgateumc.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Knitting and Crocheting Ministry

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Knitting and Crochet ministry. We have donated 237 shawls/lap throws for the patients to the cancer center; a baby blanket to babies born into the Aldersgate Church family; and prayer shawls for those in distress. Numerous prayer shawls were taken by our members to the people in Ecuador. We are knitting and crocheting throws and shawls with a goal of 75- for the hurricane victims in Florida. Come join us. We met every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room 25.

Mid Week Gathering

Wednesdays, Beginning back on January 9th
Dinner served from 5:15 - 6 p.m.

Family- \$25

Adults- \$6

Youth- \$5

Children- \$3

College Students- Free

Food Pantry

Month of December

Donations Needed: canned fruit and vegetables

The Food Pantry Ministry could not continue to serve others without the wonderful help and support from the members of Aldersgate. You are the hands of feet of Christ! Thank you!

Please place all donations in the containers throughout the church. All monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate, mark "food pantry" on your check.

