



THE WARM HEART



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Aldersgate Church is a caring and affirming Christ-centered fellowship, lay-led and community focused.

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DARING TO DREAM

Some of you may have heard or even been a part of a study by Pastor Mike Slaughter called, "Dare to Dream." The study is in part about God finding us even when we are not necessarily looking for him. Slaughter reminds us that many times in our daily living we are so busy that we don't take time for God. We are constantly teaching that we have to be intentional in our worship, in our prayers, and in our relationship with God. God will come to us when we are quiet and still; however, the only time that usually happens is when we are asleep.

A transition in the church is certainly another time that we dare to dream. While we say thank you to one pastor for sharing the leadership, gifts and talents God has given them, we also have the opportunity to welcome a new pastor with different gifts and talents. We have the opportunity to dream, not just some fantasy, but I challenge you to dream "God Dreams". We have the opportunity to be bold, to be brave, and to be bigger and stronger and more Christ-like than ever before. As Aldersgate turns the page to a new chapter in its history, let us come together united as a light in this community displaying acts of mercy and justice, loving everyone through all their faults and failures and above all walking humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

On a lighter note; here are some things that a pastor dreams of hearing in their church.

1. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!
2. I was so fascinated; I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
3. Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
4. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School Class.
5. Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
6. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
7. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!
8. I had to park across the street because I couldn't find space to park out front.

Pastors can dream too. Will you dream with me?

In Christ, Jamie



CONGRATULATIONS LINDSAY!

Lindsay Carter was presented her certifications in Children's Ministry and in Christian Education by Pastor Sylvia and Pastor Jamie on Sunday, June 12th. We are so proud of you and all the hard work it took to complete the process! Way to go!

MAY FINANCES

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AND STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS	MONTHLY			YEAR-TO-DATE	
BY OUR GIFTS AS OF:	05/31/16			05/31/16	
Offering Received	54,295			232,691	
Budget	51,761			258,805	
Over (Under) Budget	2,534			-26,114	
Bldg. Fund Balance: 2,367	Bldg. Receipts: 4,063			Bldg. Loan Balance: -0-	
By Our Presence	05/01	05/08	05/15	05/22	05/29
Sunday School	151	N/A	155	133	N/A
8:30 A.M. Worship	101	222	127	103	100
11:00 A.M. Worship	130	N/A	102	114	108

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

For a long time I have wanted to write notes to my dear church family, but my hands won't allow me to do what my heart and mind want them to do. Thank you so much for the many cards, calls, visits, and other kindnesses that have shown loving concern and kept me connected with my church family. The most recent "90's Birthday Party" and the Celebration of Women were special blessings for me!

Thank you, church family for being the hands and feet of Jesus to me!

Love in Jesus, Virginia Byers

Recently, I was lucky enough to receive a Self Scholarship to assist me in paying for my second year in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at East Carolina University, and wanted to extend my thanks to all of you. Thanks not just for the financial support, but for what you as a church have meant to me throughout my life.

Over the years many of you have helped my parents raise me, be it teaching me in Sunday School, encouraging me in choir, befriending me in youth or visiting with me on Sunday mornings before and after the service. Through all of your interactions with me I have learned compassion, humility and the love of Christ, which I now spread through my interactions with others.

I think of myself as extremely blessed to have a church family as caring and nurturing as all of you. I hope that you all know what a big impact you have had on my character, and what an impact you have had on all of the other children raised at Aldersgate.

Thank you for all you do, as people and as a church family. I will always count myself lucky to be called a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Love, CJ Blanton

Dear Aldersgate Family,

Thank you so much for a great day on Sunday and all your kind words. I appreciate the gift to Abuse Prevention Council in my honor. It holds a special place in my heart, and it was a privilege to serve on their Board of Directors. Thank you also for the monetary gift and the beautiful pottery—every time I use it I will be reminded of you all.

Although I will no longer be your pastor and unable to perform pastoral duties for you, you will always be my friends and a cherished part of my life.

Grace & peace to you all. —Sylvia

THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

Sunday Worship Schedule Unless Noted Otherwise:

8:30 A.M. Informal Worship - Sanctuary

9:45 A.M. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, July 4th CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 5th

5:00 P.M. Stephen Ministers - Fellowship Classroom

6:00 P.M. 3F Basketball - Gym

7:00 P.M. Scouts - Scout Room

Wednesday, July 6th

5:30 P.M. Service of Communion & Healing

Saturday, July 9th

7:00 A.M. Country Breakfast - Epworth

Tuesday, July 12th

6:00 P.M. 3F Basketball - Gym

7:00 P.M. Scouts - Scout Room

Wednesday, July 13th

10:00 A.M. Children Hiking at South Mountain

5:30 P.M. Service of Communion & Healing

Thursday, July 14th

5:30 P.M. UMM - Small Dining Room of Epworth

6:30 P.M. Emmaus Board - Middle High Classroom

Saturday, July 16th

12:00 P.M. UMM Golf Tournament - Cleveland Country Club

Monday, July 18th

1:00 P.M. Children baking goodies for Community Helpers

7:00 P.M. Trustees - Bible Class

Tuesday, July 19th

5:00 P.M. Stephen Ministers - Fellowship Classroom

6:00 P.M. 3F Basketball - Gym

7:00 P.M. Scouts - Scout Room

Wednesday, July 20th

5:30 P.M. Service of Communion & Healing

Thursday, July 21st SET UP FOR VBS IN EPWORTH

Monday, July 25th VBS Begins - Epworth

Tuesday, July 26th VBS

6:00 P.M. NO 3F BASKETBALL

7:00 P.M. Scouts - Scout Room

Wednesday, July 27th VBS

5:30 P.M. Service of Communion & Healing

Thursday, July 28th VBS Ends

Sunday, July 31st

9:45 A.M. Fifth Sunday Brunch - Epworth

MISCELLANEOUS



ENNIS JOHNSON has a new phone number. It is now 704.419.2621. Please make a note of this.

YOUNG AT HEART Email notifications regarding upcoming excursions are now being sent to those of you who use email. Please check your email on the second or third week of each month and let Mary Ann Davis know if you plan to join them or not. (704.482.2319) Feel free to leave a message. You can also reply to the email. This will eliminate a lot of phone calling.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY A friendly reminder to those of you who gifted in this area; please continue to make prayer shawls, as we are running low. Feel free to drop them by the church office so they can be prayed over at the Wednesday evening service of Communion and Healing.

THE HUNTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is in charge of the Homeless Shelter Meal on July 10th.

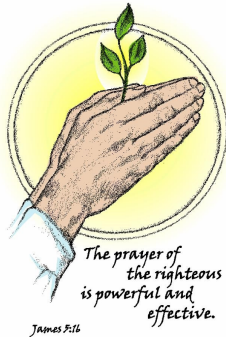
UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Thursday, July 14th, at 5:30 P.M. in the small dining room of Epworth. If you are a man and a member of Aldersgate you are invited to attend. Also, their annual golf tournament takes place Saturday, July 16th, at Cleveland Country Club. Lunch is served at noon followed by the tournament. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, the narthex, and in the church office. Completed forms are due by July 12th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is taking place July 25th, through July 28th, from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. each day. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you would like to help in any way, you are asked to contact Lindsay Carter.

A FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH will take place during the Sunday school hour on July 31st. Prepare your favorite breakfast/brunch item to share with others.

A BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled at Aldersgate on Monday, August 29th, from 1:30 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST

Robert Addington, Jr.
 Walter Benton
 Dale Converse
 Jeff Cox
 Ashley & Samantha Dauphinais
 James Davis
 Connie DiLeo
 David Dycus
 Edwin Ford
 Faith Sharers
 Graham School
 The Griffin Family
 Keith & Freida Hawkins
 Abigail Haynes
 Randy Hutchinson
 Mary Kachner
 Carl Lynn
 Belinda Martin
 Polly Matthews
 Cortney Pierce
 Janice Poston
 Thomas Prevatt
 Kat Reynolds
 Stark Family
 Roy & Ruth Swofford
 Harold Watson
 Linda Watson
 Rebecca Watson

RECENT REQUESTS

If you wish to add or remove a name from our list, contact the church office, otherwise names will remain on the list for a month.

Barry Anthony, *friend of Gary & Shirley Murray*
 Tammy Beaver
 Misty Chapman, *friend of Louise Neal*
 Garrett & Hayden Corley
 Jeremy Cox
 Tommy Edwards, *father-in-law of Deborah Brackett Edwards*
 Betty Hardin, *friend of Boyte & Jean Lutz*
 Debbie Hendrick & Family, *friends of John Kendrick*
 Jim Irons
 Dolly Kennerly, *friend of Gary & Shirley Murray*
 Horace Lanning
 Alyssa Mackaman
 Larry McMillan
 Patty Mitchell
 Linda Elliott Rudasill
 The White Family, *friends of Kassie Patterson*
 Bill Young, (*Ruth's Bill*)

SYMPATHY



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Betty Barnes, mother of Charles Eslinger, Joseph J. Harand, father of Susan Young, and Bette Kendrick, mother of John Kendrick. May they know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Memorial for Robert Bayliss, Sr.: Anne Bayliss

Memorials for Joseph Harand: Gay Bowen

Memorials for Bette Kendrick: Les Farfour

Memorials for Nita Mauney: Norma Cabaniss

Memorials for Billie Watson: Thomas Watson, Mr. & Mrs. William Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip McMurry, Katherine Rankin, Shelby Optimist Club, Gay Bowen, Dorothy Polk, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ivey, Joan Sheppard, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Murray, Mr. & Mrs. John Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Dorsey, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Henry

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the love and prayers shown to us since the death of our beloved Mother and Mother-in-law. She was one of a kind and was the epitome of a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We will miss her terribly, but your loving thoughts and actions help to ease the ache in our hearts. She leaves a hole in our lives that no one else can fill. God bless you all.

Charles and Judy Eslinger

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Aaron Allen | James Lovelace |
| Charles Barefoot | Sadie Lovelace |
| Brandon Edwards | John Lewis |
| Troy Goss | Rom Meares |
| Justus Henkel | Dillon Peeler |
| Julia Jablonski | Scott Richard |
| Rob Jones | Rebecca Witter |
| Colby Kiser | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| <u>1st</u>
Zach Dear | <u>10th</u>
Carolyn Chapman |
| <u>2nd</u>
Bill Neal
Carie Nelson
Jack Robinson | <u>11th</u>
Courtney Osteen |
| <u>3rd</u>
Blake Blackman
Brody Blackman
Cecile Browning
Randy McDonald
Johnny Whisnant | <u>14th</u>
Joanne Fisher
Carol Pack |
| <u>4th</u>
Vera Gettys | <u>16th</u>
Charlotte Jackson |
| <u>5th</u>
Matthew McCarter | <u>17th</u>
Sharon Barnette
Gabrielle Miller
Jeanne Patterson
Cortney Walker |
| <u>6th</u>
Kerri Byrd | <u>18th</u>
Burney Drake
Art Stevenson
Sandra Yarbro |
| <u>7th</u>
Miles Gragg
Helen Jeffords
Regina Lutz
Lisa McNichol | <u>21st</u>
Polly Matthews |
| <u>8th</u>
Hayes Bishop
Mark Gibson
Everette Hoyle, Jr. | <u>22nd</u>
Faye Gentry
Amanda McCaw |
| <u>9th</u>
Butch Bowen
Jake Chambers
Ron Spiker | <u>23rd</u>
Rodney Barrett
JoAn Dear |
| | <u>24th</u>
Randall Bowen
Kat Reynolds |



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| <u>25th</u>
Lois Smith |
| <u>26th</u>
Paula Vardeman |
| <u>27th</u>
Freida Hawkins
Robin Hawkins |
| <u>28th</u>
Mike Barringer |
| <u>29th</u>
Marcy Berry
Banks Myers |
| <u>30th</u>
Bob Wine |
| <u>31st</u>
Louise Livingston
Norma Meyers
Catherine Tillman |



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CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY!



THE FLAG

Michelle Selby

Red for the blood shed in the name of Freedom,
for which we fought,
united
Blue for the oceans of time we have crossed,

remaining the land of the free
White for the peace we wish to share,
all men created equal
Stars to remember those who fought throughout the night,
bravely for our land
Stripes to remind us of the lashings taken by the Prisoners of War
With a seal, in God we trust
We each are one of many, in which we stand united in Brotherhood
A symbol of Pride
A salute to those who died in the fight
A blanket to cover us in times of need
Waving high to show we are still here, undefeated
With honor you are presented to the world

