



The Warm Heart



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST

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

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FROM THE DESK OF LINDSAY....

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8. I remember being asked to read this passage over and over when Chip and I were doing premarital counseling. The verses are pretty easy to memorize; however, living out the words is a whole different story.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 says:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails.

How would you describe your love for others? Are you a patient soul, or do you drum your fingers and tap your toes while you stew and sigh? Is it hard to make you angry, or does flying off the handle come naturally? Do you keep score with those who have wronged you, ready to dredge up the past to make your point? Do you brag? Do you get green with envy? Ever been rude to someone?

How will we ever learn to love the way 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 urges us to love? Here is an idea. Write out the words for 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; however, where the word 'love' or 'it' is used, leave a blank. Over the next week or so try to be able to write your name in the blanks when you have a chance to exhibit the quality in real life.

Were you patient at the restaurant when your food took longer than it should to arrive? Write your name on the "_____ was patient" line. Did you and another family member get into a heated discussion and you held your tongue instead of bringing up past mistakes? Bravo! Write your name on the "_____ keeps no record of wrongs" line.

I can promise if you take this challenge, God will give you lots of opportunity to practice the type of love found in

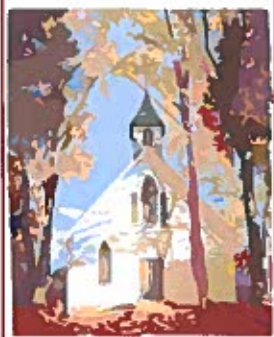
1 Corinthians 13: 4-8.

Blessings,

Lindsay

*Pieces taken from *Pressing Pause*

**We Give
Because God
Gave
First**



FINANCES

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AND STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS	MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE		
BY OUR GIFTS AS OF:	12/31/18		12/31/18		
	66,392.41		621,386.45		
Budget	54,436.96		653,243.52		
Over (Under) Budget	11,955.45		-31,857.07		
Bldg. Fund Balance: 76,806.80					
Bldg. Receipts: 6,857.34	Disbursements 1,269.66		Bldg. Loan Balance: 319,667		
BY OUR PRESENCE	12/02	12/09	12/16	12/23	12/30
Sunday School					98
8:30 A.M. Worship	230	CANCELLED	350	90	78
11:00 A.M. Worship	one service		one service	116	119
Offering	12,479		13,207	15,461	12,964

2020 VISION OF THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

FEBRUARY: A Christian Steward is CONTENT.

Christian Stewards acknowledge that their strength comes from God, through whom they can do all things regardless of how many or how few material possessions they have.

Philippians 4:11 *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."*

Many of us are trying to fill a void of some kind in our lives, and unfortunately, we try to fill that void with things that will NEVER satisfy us. Oh, we may find temporary satisfaction, but it's of the world and NOT of God. All the "stuff" we try to fill our lives with aren't necessarily bad things, but when they cloud our vision and become our end goals, we end up being discontent because those things were never meant to fulfill us!

The ONLY PLACE that we can find true fulfillment and contentment is in Christ. True contentment isn't something that we find in things, people or circumstances, it can only be discovered in our convictions.

Grace and Peace,
Altman Anderson
Stewardship Chair



2018 FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

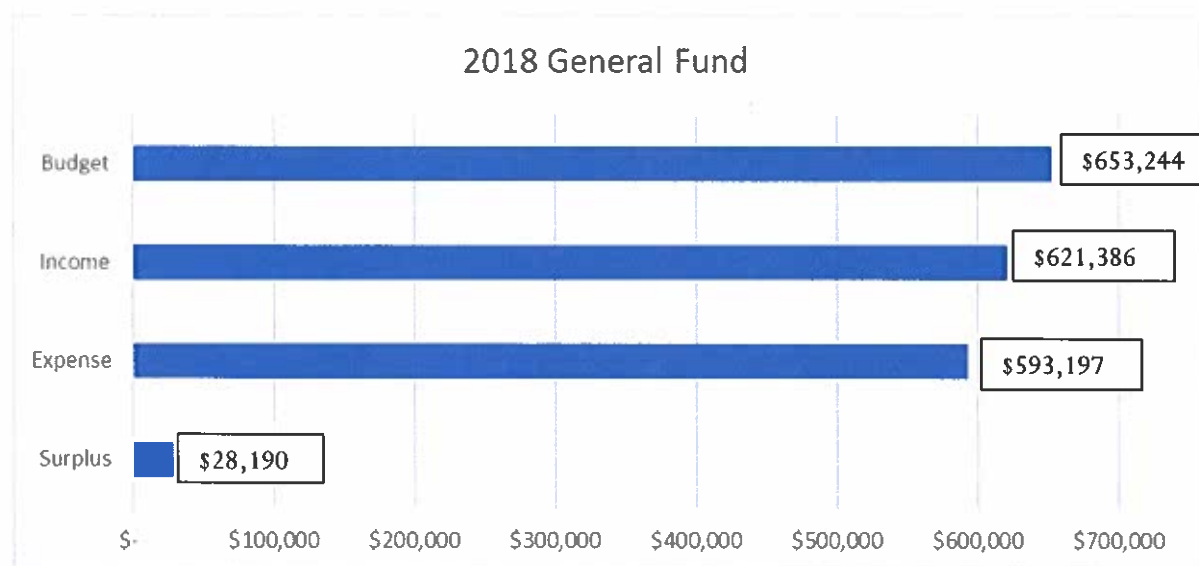
Dear Church Family,

Thank you!! Because of your faithful giving to our church over the past year, you have helped to meet the needs of our church. The chart below shows we collected 95% of our budget for the General Fund and our expenses have been under control. **However, we can do better.** When our income is less than our budget, that normally means less money is available for Ministries and Programs. That is what happened in 2018. Most of the Ministries did not spend the amount budgeted. So, the fact that we have a Surplus is a little misleading.

In the coming year, we will need to begin repayment of the loan for the improvements you see happening around the church. That loan will be around \$500,000. We would like to see the Ministries have all the money budgeted for them. We also continue to have staffing needs (such as a full time Youth Director, a Technology person, and more). Our church cannot do this without your help and your commitment. Please prayerfully consider how you might help.

The Finance Committee will commit to keeping you more up to date on where we stand during 2019. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

Finance Committee
Randy Simmons - Chairperson



The Month of February

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

Youth takes place 4:15 P.M. on Sundays unless otherwise noted

****PLEASE NOTE THE COMPLETE CALENDAR CAN BE VIEWED VIA THE AUMC WEBSITE****

Saturday, February 2

6:00 P.M. Cub Scout Pack 107-Gym

Sunday, February 3

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Monday, February 4

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

6:00 P.M. Disciple 1 Bible Study-Fellowship

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

6:30 P.M. Church Council Meeting-Hunter Class

Tuesday, February 5

5:30 P.M. Exercise Class with JoAn-Hunter Class

6:00 P.M. Cleveland Cty Choral Society-Music Room

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 6

10:00 A.M. Playschool Chapel Time-Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Communion & Healing Service-Sanctuary

5:45 P.M. Children's Choir/Bible Study-Cherub Choir Room/Purple Door Room

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

Monday, February 11

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

6:00 P.M. Disciple 1 Bible Study-Fellowship Class

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Tuesday, February 12

4:00 P.M. Crest Banquet-Kitchen/SDR

5:30 P.M. Exercise Class with JoAn-Hunter Class

6:00 P.M. Cleveland Cty Choral Society-Music Room

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 13

10:00 A.M. Playschool Chapel Time-Sanctuary

12:00 P.M. UMW Circle of Hope-SDR

5:30 P.M. Communion & Healing Service-Sanctuary

5:45 P.M. Children's Choir/Bible Study-Cherub Choir

Thursday, February 14

2:00 P.M. Methodist Men Cooking

5:30 P.M. Methodist Men Meeting

7:00 P.M. Book Club-Fellowship Class

Saturday, February 16

8:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast

8:30 A.M. Seekers—Epworth Basement

6:00 P.M. Cotillion

Monday, February 18

4:00 P.M. UMW Board Meeting-Fellowship

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

6:00 P.M. Disciple 1 Bible Study-Fellowship Class

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Tuesday, February 19

5:30 P.M. Exercise Class with JoAn-Hunter Class

6:00 P.M. Cleveland Cty Choral Society-Music Room

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 20

10:00 A.M. Playschool Chapel Time-Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Communion & Healing Service-Sanctuary

5:45 P.M. Children's Choir/Bible Study-Cherub Choir Room/Purple Door Room

6:00 P.M. Family Fellowship Meal

6:45 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:45 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

Friday, February 22

1:00 A.M. UMW Prayer Bkfst Prep-Kitchen/SDR

Saturday, February 23

8:00 A.M. UMW Prayer Breakfast-Kitchen/SDR

Monday, February 25

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

6:00 P.M. Disciple 1 Bible Study-Fellowship

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Tuesday, February 26

2:00 P.M. Kairos Cookies-SDR/Kitchen

5:30 P.M. Exercise Class with JoAn-Hunter Class

6:00 P.M. Cleveland Cty Choral Society-Music Room

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 27

10:00 A.M. Playschool Chapel Time-Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Communion & Healing Service-Sanctuary

5:45 P.M. Children's Choir/Bible Study-Cherub Choir Room/Purple Door Room

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

****See our complete Aldersgate calendar online!****

FELLOWSHIP MEALS 2019

Fellowship suppers are back and there's no better way to stay connected to your church family!

February 20— Baked Spaghetti

March 21—Chili Cook Off

April 18—No Meal

May 16— Hot dogs/tator tots/fruit salad/
and ice cream sandwich delight

MEN'S CAKE BAKE CONTEST

Aldersgate's 1st Annual Men's Cake Bake had 23 cakes entered. Our esteemed judges, Bob Harris, Jeanette Sun, and Stan Anthony chose Andrew McNichol's Heart Attack Cake for the Golden Spatula and \$50. The Silver Spatula and \$30 went to Chris Young for his Apple Bacon Maple Coffee Cake. The Bronze Spatula and \$20 was awarded to George Shipley for his Hummingbird Cake. Randy Simmons received golf balls and the title of Worst Cake for Granny's Pound Cake.

A trophy honoring the 1st place winner will be placed in Epworth. Special thanks to the UMM for the cash prizes.



APPLE BUTTER SHOUT OUT!

From Our State
Magazine



BUTTERS

FRUIT BUTTER IS MADE by cooking whole fruit — stem to seeds — and pureeing the mixture until it's satiny-smooth. The fruit gets one more slow cook with sugar and spices before it's ready to glide across bread.

SUCCESS SECRETS Nobody knows apple butter better than members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby, which hosts an Apple Butter Festival every October. For butters with just the right sweetness, congregants recommend Honeycrisp apples. "They're juicy, firm, and they're very meaty," says Joan Fogle, festival chair. Last year, the church sold more than 2,000 fabric-capped jars, with proceeds going to local charities.

BEST SERVED Great on breakfast breads, but also a marvelous dinner companion: Try spiced peach butter on a baked sweet potato, or fig butter on roasted pork.

OD JELLY TREMBLE GHTLY POKED.



Hummingbird Cake

Homeless Shelter Meals for 2019

Aldersgate will provide meals for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission (Men's on Buffalo St.), Heart to Heart (Women & Children on N. Washington St.), and APC Shelter (on Wendover Heights) on the second Sunday of each month. Please note the scheduled dates and procedures below.

Meals should be packaged separately for the men's and women's shelters and delivered by 6:00P.M. To get a count for these two shelters call 704-481-1889 toward the end of the week. To get a count for the APC Shelter call 704-481-0043. Remember to include juice or milk for the children. Any purchases made to prepare these meals up to \$100.00 will be reimbursed by the bookkeeper with appropriate receipts.

Thank you for participating in this ministry. For questions, call Garnette Walls 704-487-0413.

January 13— Seekers Class

February 10— Bayless Class

March 10— Youth

April 14— Foundations

May 12— Bible Class

June 9— Hunter Class

July 14— Journey Class

August 11— Sanctuary Choir

September 8— Chancel Choir

October 13th— Fellowship Class

November 10— Methodist Women

December 8— Mission Committee

UMW NEWS

UMW NEWS: We are approaching the 150th Anniversary of UMW on Saturday, March 23, 2019 (March 23, 1869 – March 23, 2019). "150 years in service of God's mission on behalf of women, children, and youth!" Our Catawba Valley District Newsletter is full of news about our 150th Anniversary this quarter. You can go online for more information. We started out with 8 women and grew to an organization of almost a million.

Our own Aldersgate UMW is still without officers this year. Won't you "step up" and answer this calling to be a part of a wonderful organization within this church?

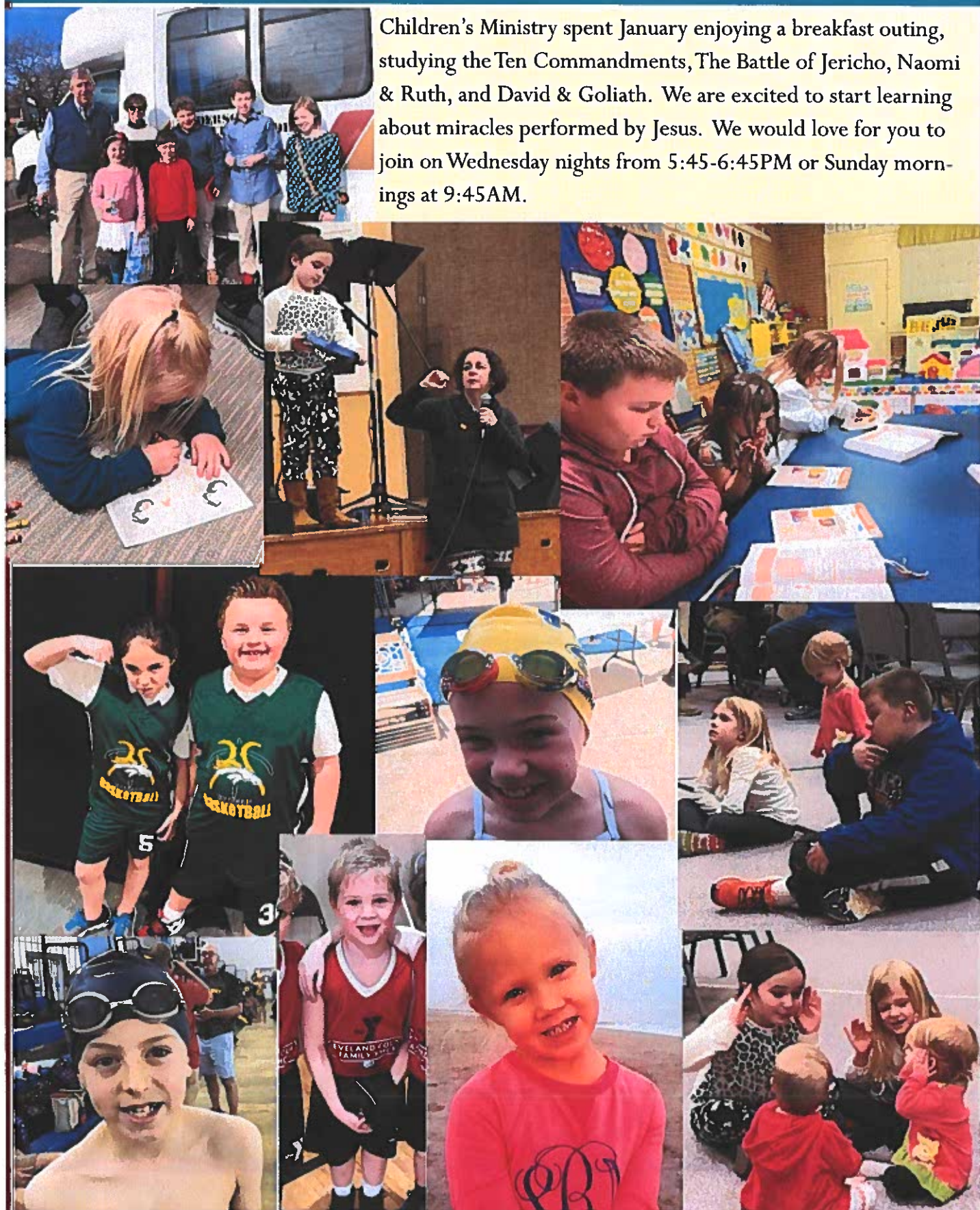
Our Aldersgate UMW calendar of events is ready for 2019 beginning with our Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019, in the Epworth Building at 9AM. We have a wonderful speaker planned for this event. Please plan to attend and bring a friend! We will be sending out more information.

Thank you,

Cindy Carlisle

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry spent January enjoying a breakfast outing, studying the Ten Commandments, The Battle of Jericho, Naomi & Ruth, and David & Goliath. We are excited to start learning about miracles performed by Jesus. We would love for you to join on Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:45PM or Sunday mornings at 9:45AM.



YOUTH MINISTRY**A Message from Lou Anne Davis - Youth Ministry Director**

The youth meet at Hannah's Coffee House on Wednesday nights for Bible Study from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Super Bowl Party at the Peeler's house starting at 6:30 p.m. on February 3rd. Please bring a snack food to share with the group and contact LouAnne with any questions at ldavis@aldersgateshelby.com.

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY IN ACTION**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST

Patrick Potts
 Edwin Ford
 Alex and Jim Anderson
 Norm Bartrug
 Horace Blanton
 Hayes Bishop
 Jean Butler
 Virginia Byers
 Sam Cooper
 Jeff Cox
 Marcella Cox
 Patricia Culbertson
 Samantha Dauphinais
 Ashley Evans
 Graham School
 JoAn Hanna
 Joann Harrill
 Katherine Harry
 Keith and Freida Hawkins
 Wilhelmina Howell
 Jodi Jenkins
 Lisa Jestes
 Helen Jolly
 Mary Kachner
 John Kendrick
 Jennifer McSwain Martin
 Morgan Martin
 Rob Munoz
 Patricia Noggle
 Catherine Porter
 Janice Poston
 Jack and Raye Powell
 Mark Prevatt
 Bud, Bill, and Dean Rambo
 Linda Elliott Rudasill
 Art Stevenson
 Lib Still
 Jo Strickland

PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST

Roy and Ruth Swofford
 Sandra Wilson
 Harold Watson
 Guy Welles
 Mayo Younts

SYMPATHY



RECENT REQUESTS

Family of Patrick Potts
 Bill Neal
 Maggie Hutchinson
 Jim Woodard
 Russ Long
 Brian Jones
 Rick Wright
 Todd Padgett
 Jim Anderson
 Alex Anderson
 Joe Henry
 Rob Jackson
 Rebecca Watson
 Lib Still
 Owen Ledbetter
 Billy Gathins
 Sylvia Berry
 Julie Stickler
 Heather Jones
 Ann Young
 Gina Moody
 Jane Rambo
 Family of Richard Lynn
 Betty & Bill Morrison
 Dan Houston
 Tom Cannon
 Lanny Lancaster
 Raines Family
 Richard Hord Family
 Vera Lanier
 Cindy Drake
 Chris Lee
 Ray Rice

Those Serving Our Country



Aaron Allen
Charles Barefoot
Brandon Edwards
Troy Goss
Justus Henkel
Julia Jablonski
Max Blankenship
Zephaniah Meares

Colby Kiser
Sadie Lovelace
John Lewis
Rom Meares
Scott Richard
Rebecca Witter

***Special Note: Rob Jones has been removed from this list due to fulfillment of his 8 years of duty to the military. The Jones family thanks you for your thoughts & prayers. Rob, AUMC thanks you for your service!*

Happy Birthday!

1st

Skip Wise

3rd

Linda Sharp
Cassie Tarpley

4th

Kenneth Sauve
Joyce Woodard

6th

Libbie Shipley

7th

Jay Arey
Madison Walker

8th

Emma Blankenship
Robin Burton
Mike McGrady

9th

Zane Crow

10th

Davis Blanton
Boyce Hanna

13th

Sheri Browning
Gay Jolley
Beth Lari
Chris Young

14th

Nick Crosby
Emma Mosteller

16th

Shelby Myers
Nancy Tillman
Phil Turner
Chris Herring

17th

Carrie Drake
David Edwards
Cody Stevenson

18th

Doug Carlisle

19th

Dean Floyd
Robert Lutz

20th

Ben Goforth

21st

Alex Hawkins
Judy Mauney

22nd

Jennifer Mackaman
Bryan Walker

23rd

Tim Ellis
Matt Walker
Myrtle Pruitt

24th

Jean Lail
Michael Norman
Susan Rippy

25th

Kenny Ledford
Boyte Lutz
Chris Medlin
Abby Peeler

26th

Gina Blanton
Katherine Brooks
Penelope Garlock
Inez Presson

27th

Paige Barnette
Rick Wright

28th

***SPECIAL NOTE: If your birthday is not included on a particular month and you would like to be added to the list, or if you see an error,*

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

A Message from United Methodist Men

To our Aldersgate Church: Did you realize the contributions to the church and community that the Aldersgate Methodist Men made in 2018? The UMM contributed over \$13,700 to our church and community. How? We contributed \$2,700 to the church sign, \$1,000 to the pastor's discretionary fund, purchased a new freezer for the kitchen, we tithed on our earnings for the Apple Butter Festival, contributed \$2,283 for Graham School, plus another \$1,000 for the Graham Christmas store. Many other contributions were made including water heaters, decks and other contributions. We thank our membership for their hard work and invite others who may wish to contribute their time and talents to Aldersgate and the community. -Glenn Fogle

Memorials & Honorariums

Linda Goforth in Honor of the Circle of Hope

Katherine Harry in Memory of Edwin Ford

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ramsey in Memory of Edwin Ford

Joan Peeler in Memory of Hayes Bishop

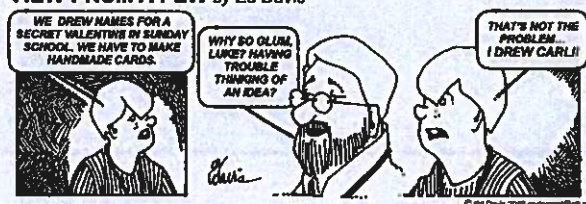


From the Pastor.....

The Way of the Cross--This powerful testimony to God's love for us was well received last year, and we plan to offer it again this year. **Artists**--Anyone interested in offering their artistic expression is invited to one (no need to attend both) of the following meetings (February 6 at 10:00 a.m. or February 6 at 6:30 p.m.) Both meetings will take place in the conference room in the back office of the Asbury building (office building). Contact Libbie Shipley at eshipley@carolina.rr.com or Ford McDonald at fordcmcdonald@gmail.com.

Bible Study--Pastor Randy will lead a Bible study on Tuesday evenings at Newgrass beginning February 19. If interested, you must sign up by calling or emailing the office at 704-487-8491 (lmcgrath@aldersgateshelby.com).

VIEW FROM A PEW by Ed Davis



PLAYSCHOOL

We have enjoyed science experiments during the month of January; making snow, slime and learning how animals stay warm. We are blessed with so much growth, we have been able to open a new classroom for two-year olds. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Playschool a success. We kindly still need donations of baby wipes, latex-free gloves, and snacks. If you have some items that you would like to contribute, please see Mrs. Lindsay in the church office!



LINDA's REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars; the deadline for the March "Warm Heart" will be **Thursday, February 21**. Please submit anything you would like to include in the next newsletter to the church office or by email to lmcgrath@aldersgateshelby.com. Slots for *Warm Heart* are first come, first served and space permitting! **Be sure to submit on time as the newsletter fills up quickly!**

Weekly Email Blast Deadlines are Mondays no later than 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bulletin Announcement/Insert Deadlines are Thursdays no later than 9:00 a.m.



The Newsletter of Aldersgate

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP, OFFICE STAFF, AND OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Randy Blanton
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Kelly Young
Lay Leader

Tommy Greene
Organist

Lindsay Carter
Director of Children's Ministry

Lou Anne Davis
Youth Ministry Director

Linda McGrath
Secretary

Anne Goss
Music Director

Terrie Toms
Playschool Director

Amelia Bumgarner
Bookkeeper

Burney Drake/Matt McNeary
Building Superintendents

Melissa Medlin

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.