



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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FROM THE DESK OF RANDY...

As we begin a new year the words from Brian Wren's hymn, *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*, keeps coming to mind.

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Since we have begun a new year, this makes perfect sense. We remember the past, but as hopeful followers of Christ, we are always looking to the future. Then we hear these words:

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

I think it is safe to say that we as individuals, and as a congregation, experienced our fair share of disappointment and grieving in 2018. Many of us, for a myriad of reasons, continue the grieving process. Yet we know we serve a God of hope. God's final word is always one of hope. Good Friday became Easter Sunday. Tomb of death became empty tomb. Lifeless body became resurrected body. Thus, we live into the final stanza of Wren's words:

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

As we enter 2019, I pray that we, as individuals and as a congregation, move forward with hope and confidence knowing that God is always making things new. I leave you with these words from the prophet Isaiah who spoke a word of hope into Israel's desperate situation:

**Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.**

Isaiah 43:18-19

Blessings and peace,

Randy



GIVING
Changes Everything

FINANCES

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AND STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS	MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
BY OUR GIFTS AS OF:	11/30/18		11/30/18	
Offering Received	73,147.18		554,994.04	
Budget	54,436.96		489,932.64	
Over (Under) Budget	18,710.22		-43,812.52	
Bldg. Fund Balance: 77,416.12				
Bldg. Receipts: 7,295.93	Disbursements: 1,328.22	Bldg. Loan Balance: 319,666.98		
BY OUR PRESENCE	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25
Sunday School	126	135	125	133
8:30 A.M. Worship	127	133	133	104
11:00 A.M. Worship	156	102	102	114
Offering	18,498	10,509	7,525	33,825

FELLOWSHIP MEALS 2019

Fellowship suppers are back and there's no better way to stay connected to your church family! Sitting around the table breaking bread and sharing God's love is a wonderful way to glorify His name. Even breakfast will be served. So mark your calendars, come join the fun, food, and fellowship!! Please see page 10 in the miscellaneous announcements section for a complete list of Fellowship Meal Helpers! Below is a preview of the meals planned for each month:

January 16

Breakfast
Grits
Hot fruit
Sweet roll

February 20

Baked spaghetti
Salad w/dressing
French bread
Cherry Delight

March 21

Chili Cook Off (details to follow)

April 18

NO MEAL

May 16

Hot dogs/hamburgers w/ trimmings
Tator tots
Fresh fruit salad
Ice cream sandwich delight



FELLOWSHIP

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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****

Tuesday, January 1st

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

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

Thursday, January 3rd

6:00 P.M. Youth Council-Sanctuary

Monday, January 7th

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

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

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Tuesday, January 8th

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, January 9th

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

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

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

Thursday, January 10th

2:00 P.M. Methodist Men Cooking-Epworth

5:30 P.M. Methodist Men Meeting-SDR

7:00 P.M. Open Conversation Book-Fellowship

Saturday, January 12th

7:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast-Epworth

Monday, January 14th

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

Wednesday, January 16

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

6:00 P.M. Family Fellowship Meal-SDR

Monday, January 21st

Church Office Closed-MLK Day

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Wednesday, January 23rd

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

6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice-Music Room

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Practice-Music Room

Sunday, January 27th

6:30 P.M. Men's Cake Bake Contest-Epworth

Monday, January 28th

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

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

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

Wednesday, January 30th

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

Tuesday, January 29th

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

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

CAKE BAKE



Men's Cake Bake Contest

After judging, we'll have cake & ice cream

\$\$ Prices for Winners

Rules: scratch cake (no cake mixes)

NO WOMEN IN THE KITCHEN

NO bought cakes

Register cakes by 5:00 p.m. in Epworth Building, Aldersgate UMC by 5:00 p.m., January 27, 2019

Contest to begin at 6:00 Aldersgate UMC

To participate Sign up by January 20, 2019 by calling 704-487-5216

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 Washington St.), and APC Shelter (on Washington St.) 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– Seeker Class

February 10—Bayess Class

March 10—Youth

April 14— Foundations

May 12—Bible Class

June 9—Huner 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-ONE STARRY NIGHT



THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make One Starry Night a success. We had between 80-100 people come through and I could have never pulled it off without everyone's help. Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus with our children and our community!

-Lindsay

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for
Roman Empire

YOUTH MINISTRY

A Message from Lou Anne Davis - Youth Ministry Director



I am excited to be the new Youth Ministries Director here at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

I moved to Shelby with my Puckett family in 1973, and we quickly joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Many of my childhood memories revolve around Aldersgate. I regularly attended Sunday School, Youth, Choir, and Handbells. I was one of the original members of the Hunter Sunday School Class. Jamey Davis and I were married here, and both of our daughters attended Sunday School, Youth, and Choir here at Aldersgate.

I have been an English teacher for over 30 years and continue to teach at Shelby High. I enjoy running, gardening, refinishing furniture, and taking care of my family.

I began volunteering with the youth program a few years back and have enjoyed every moment. I look forward to working more with the youth and giving back to the community of people who have provided a spiritual home for my family.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY-IN ACTION



Children's Ministry spent the month participating in worship, studying the story of Jesus' birth, learning our Bibles and enjoying each other.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST

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

PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST SYMPATHY

Bud, Bill, and Dean Rambo
 Linda Elliott Rudasill
 Art Stevenson
 Lib Still
 Jo Strickland
 Roy and Ruth Swofford
 Sandra Wilson
 Harold Watson
 Guy Welles
 Mayo Younts



RECENT REQUESTS

Maggie Hutchinson
 Jim Woodard
 Russ Long
 Brian Jones
 Rick Wright
 Catherine Porter
 Patrick Potts
 Todd Padgett
 Jim Anderson
 Alex Anderson
 Joe Henry
 Rob Jackson
 Bud Rambo
 Rebecca Watson
 Freida Hawkins
 Keith Hawkins
 Lib Still
 Jodi Jenkins
 Owen Ledbetter
 Billy Gathins
 Sylvia Berry
 Julie Stickler
 Heather Jones
 Ann Young
 Family of Edwin Ford
 Family of Bea Justus

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!

January

1st
 Paula King
 Tom Mauney
 Jan Neisler
 James Nelson
2nd
 Zach Walker
3rd
 Martha Winn
5th
 Mike Vaughn
7th
 Will Blankenship
 Sydney Brown
8th
 David Alexander
 Emily Arey
 Elsa Edwards
 Stephanie Seybold
10th
 Randy Allen
 C.J. Blanton
11th
 Donna Trimble

13th
 Cory Stevenson
14th
 Barbara Irons
15th
 Tiffany Cantrell
 Joanne Cox
 Herb Hutchinson
17th
 Meredith Burton
18th
 Reed Burton
 Lou Anne Davis
 Phillip McMurry
19th
 James Davis
20th
 Joan Hanna
22nd
 Cameron Finch
 Abby Garlock
 Wanda McMurry
 Matt McNeary
 Crystal Robinson

23rd
 Judy Eslinger
 Sophia Hutchens
25th
 Maggie Hutchinson
26th
 Steve Morris
28th
 Marta Jones
29th
 Jamey Davis
30th
 Jennifer Laughlin
 Cabiness
 Kali Shuford
 Jim Woodard
31st
 Martha Kelly

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, please contact the church office by email or phone.



MISC. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW CAN THE Christmas Store share God's love?

Thank you to Aldersgate for supporting the Christmas Store in its 16th year. This year we served 275 children who had gifts on Christmas morning thanks to Aldersgate. This is only made possible with the support of our members. People gave money, shopped for children, helped the families with their shopping, helped with setup and tearing down. We had volunteers from ages eight to eighty who greeted families, invited them to A Starry Night, and packed candy bags for stocking stuffers. Two parents trusted us enough to share other needs that reached beyond Christmas for their children. Aldersgate members and the community came together to help them meet their needs.

Christmas presents for children may not seem to be very important, but the many ways that God's love is shared during the store and after are an important witness to the community.

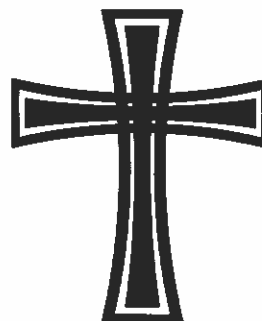
Thank you again for your love and support. Jeane, Kathy and Tammy

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CLASS: Led by Martha Morrison

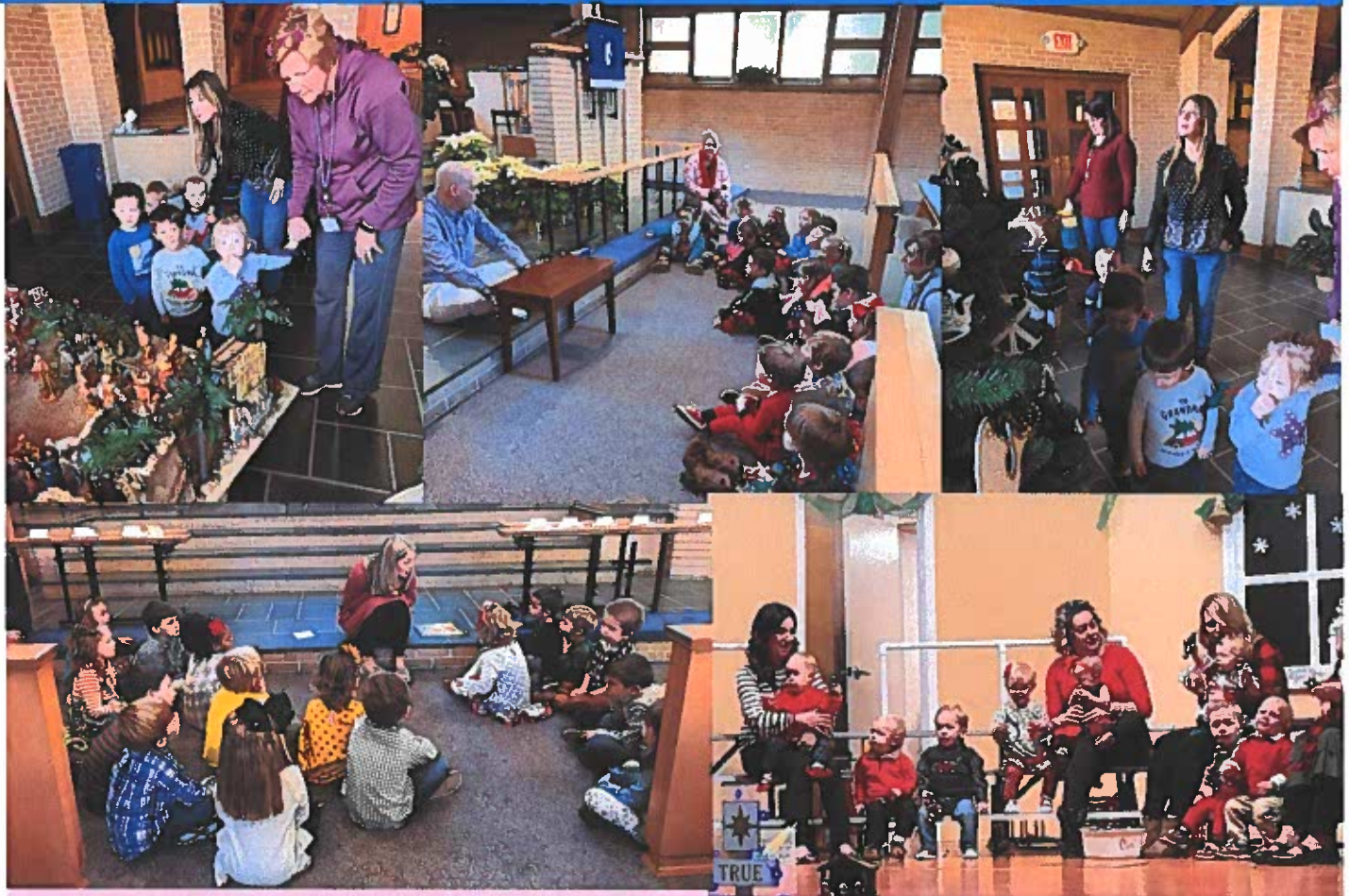
The Thursday Morning Bible Study Class will begin on January, 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. This study will be from the Genesis to Revelation series and we will be walking with John as he gives us the spiritual side of JESUS. Books are \$11 and available in the church office. Blessings, Martha Morrison

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Linda & Richard Goforth in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Caroline Ross in Honor of Martha & Haywood Morrison
 Kent & Patricia Riddle in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Ben & Connie Waldrop in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Phil & Suzanne Turner in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Jack, Patsy, Patricia & Jack Gaskey Jr. in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Carme Lee in Memory of Hayes Bishop
 Katherine Rankin in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Eloise Vardeman in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Dr. Eugene Young in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Penny Hedrick & Steve Hill in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Jean Spangler in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Wes Westmoreland in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Kevin & Lisa Ledwith in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Rodney & Susan Stalheim in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Stuart & John Schweppe in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Don & Madeleine Haas in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Anne Bayliss in Memory of Robert D. & Emily S. Bayliss
 Fred & Patti Hoyle in Memory of Edwin Ford
 Francis & Steve Belt in Memory of Wilhelmina Howell
 Aldersgate Morning Circle in Memory of Hayes Bishop
 Mr. & Mrs. Boyte Lutz in Memory of Wilhelmina Howell
 Mr. & Mrs. Boyte Lutz in Memory of Hayes Bishop
 Robert & Candy Arey in Honor & Memory of current and past members of AUMC
 Talmadge & Dorothy Strickland in Honor of Jo Strickland and in Memory of T.C. Strickland
 Barbara McLarty in Memory of Jim White and Oakley White
 Ann Shuford in Memory of Charles Peeler and Hayes Bishop
 Leslie Farfour in Memory of Neil Farfour



PLAYSCHOOL



Thank you to all the church members who continue to volunteer to do chapel time on Wednesdays for Playschool! We are excited to start off the new year with over 75 children enrolled. 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 February "Warm Heart" will be Monday, January 22st

Please submit anything you would like to include in the next newsletter to the church office or by email to office@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.



2020 VISION OF THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

THE NEW YEAR is here, and along with it, we each have our own expectations of what's to come, resolutions for things we want to change, but do we have clear vision to focus solely on God and the plans HE holds for our lives? We are all familiar with the story of Peter, on the Sea of Galilee; When Peter's eyes were fixed upon Jesus, he was able to walk on water, but the very moment Peter's eyes shifted to the waves, losing his focus on Jesus he plunged into the sea. What we're looking at makes all the difference!!

I am excited to Introduce our 12 Month Stewardship Campaign:

2020 VISION OF THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD.

There are numerous qualities of the Christian Steward, but we will be concentrating on twelve, one each month, as we walk through this year in preparation for 2020. Some of you may think, it's too early to think about Stewardship for next year! My response to that is simple; God's abundant gifts are not only given to us in the Fall, nor are they reserved for a few Sundays, as we push to explain the importance of tithing. We are a BLESSED people and being a generous giver is to be our spiritual response to God's goodness, each and every day!!

January: A Christian Steward is *COMPASSIONATE*. Christian stewards are visionary care-takers and caregivers, keeping their focus and concern on the distribution of gifts and resources so that all may benefit. 1 Peter 4:10 *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

As you pause, to catch a glimpse of your own reflection, how is your vision? Do you see yourself as a compassionate, Christian steward? Compassion is a key part of our spirituality, and knowing the extent of God's compassion towards us, let us all turn our eyes upon Jesus.

Grace and Peace,
Altman Anderson
Stewardship Chair





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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
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