



# ***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....**

Have you ever heard someone say, “surround yourself with positive people”? It is great to have shiny friends in our life. Laughter, smiles, encouragement, and creativity flourish. I mean, who doesn’t love a good laugh with your best friend?

There is nothing wrong with having good friends who exude the joy of the Lord. But, I wonder, if we don’t make friends with the unpleasant people and personalities among us, what will become of them? I am sure we all feel joy and love when we’re with friendly people, but is it the sweet souls or the bitter who need more love? Who is willing to stand next to the Maras?

What, you don’t have any “Maras” in your life? You do, they are just the Naomi’s who went through bad times and haven’t bounced back. Naomi means “pleasant.” Mara means “bitter.” In Ruth 1:20, Naomi asked all her old friends to stop calling her the name that meant pleasant and to instead call her Mara. In order to see the context of **Ruth 1:20**, let’s look at this portion of scripture with the verses before and after it.

“So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth – (Ruth 1:19-22)

This was BIG. The entire city of Bethlehem was talking about Naomi coming home! There was cause of celebration, tears of joy, and stories about the “good old days.” Bethlehem’s sweet sister was back! Except she wasn’t pleasant anymore. She was still mourning her devastating loss. She couldn’t get out of her sadness even for such an exciting occasion. And Ruth stayed by her side.

Do you know anyone who has experienced a huge loss but hasn’t moved on? Perhaps they need a good friend. It takes a lot of energy to be a good friend in someone’s life. Those negative, sad, sour, unpleasant people can soak us dry. If we see it that way, it will be that way. But if we see ourselves as ministers of the sweet riches of Christ, then we can invest time and befriend the bitter. Those unpleasant people need the love and friendship of someone who won’t walk away.

Blessings,  
Lindsay Carter

*We Give  
Because God  
Gave  
First*



## FINANCES

## RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS AND STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS	MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
BY OUR GIFTS AS OF:	02/01/19		02/28/19	
	49,612.03		103,845.79	
Budget	53,647.88		107,295.76	
Over (Under) Budget	-4,035.85		-3,449.97	
Bldg. Fund Balance:	86,579.79			
Bldg. Receipts:	9,307.28	Disbursements	1,612	Bldg. Loan Balance: 374,847
BY OUR PRESENCE	02/03	02/10	02/17	02/24
Sunday School	125	106	133	151
8:30 A.M. Worship	111	104	131	109
11:00 A.M. Worship	116	106	105	110
Offering	11,295	12,504	16,915	7,699

**The Chip Haskin Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on **Friday, April 5th** at River Bend YMCA Golf Course. Lunch is at 12:30 and tee off is at 1:30. Cost is \$75 per player. Please contact Katie Haskin at 704.472.6698 or email [chiphaskinmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:chiphaskinmemorial@gmail.com) for sponsorship information or to register your team.

### PALMS & LILIES

Palms for Palm Sunday are \$25 each. The deadline to order is **April 1**. Easter lilies are \$12.00 and the deadline to order is **April 8**. Palms and lilies can be taken home after the Easter services. Order forms will be in the Welcome Center and the office.

### March Chili Cook-off Results

Congratulations to **Skip Wise** for taking 1st Place in the Chili Cook-off! Runners up were **Rick & Nell Shrum** in 2nd Place and **Dick Strachan** in 3rd Place. Other contestants were Rose Addington, Sonny Dycus, Glenn Fogle, Fred Hoyle, Carl Hughes, Rob Jackson, Ford McDonald, Libbie Shipley, and Mary Ann Stark.

Special thanks to the judges: Dave Edwards, Bill Gentry, Nancy Ivey, Charles McDonald, Norma Meyers, Jackie Rullman, Nancy Tillman, and Jake Turner.

Susan Young and Linda Goforth, our kitchen coordinators, worked especially hard to make this evening a success! Many thanks!

**POT LUCK—5th SUNDAY BRUNCH—MARCH 31ST—9:45 Epworth Building—BRING A DISH!**

# The Month of April

## 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\*\***

### Monday, April 1

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

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

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

### Tuesday, April 2

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, April 3

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

12:00 P.M. Lenten Services

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

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

### Thursday, April 4

9:30 A.M. Bible Study—SDR

### Monday, April 8

4:00 P.M. UMW Board of Directors-Fellowship Class

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, April 9

12:00 P.M. The Joy Circle-Wesley Classroom

3:30 P.M. Staff Meeting-W. Baxter Davis Class

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, April 10

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

12:00 P.M. UMW Circle of Hope

12:00 P.M. Lenten Services

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

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

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

### Thursday, April 11

5:30 P.M. Methodist Men Meeting

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

## Saturday, April 13

8:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast

8:30 A.M. Tai Chi Class

## Monday, April 15

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, April 16

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, April 17

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

12:00 P.M. Lenten Services

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

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

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

## Thursday, April 18

7:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY Service

## Friday, April 19—GOOD FRIDAY

The Way of the Cross 2:00—7:00 P.M.

## Saturday, April 20

9:00-5:00 UMM Golf Day-Gym/SDR/Kitchen

## Sunday, April 21—EASTER

6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service-Prayer Garden

8:30 A.M. Informal Worship - Sanctuary

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

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, April 22

**Church Office Closed**

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

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

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

## Tuesday, April 23

10:30 A.M. Staff Meeting-W. Baxter Davis Class

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, April 24

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

6:15 P.M. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

7:30 P.M. Choir Practice-Chancel

## Monday, April 29

5:30 P.M. Homework Club-SDR

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

6:30 P.M. Homework Club-Library

6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

## UMW NEWS

### 2019 Leadership Team for the United Methodist Women

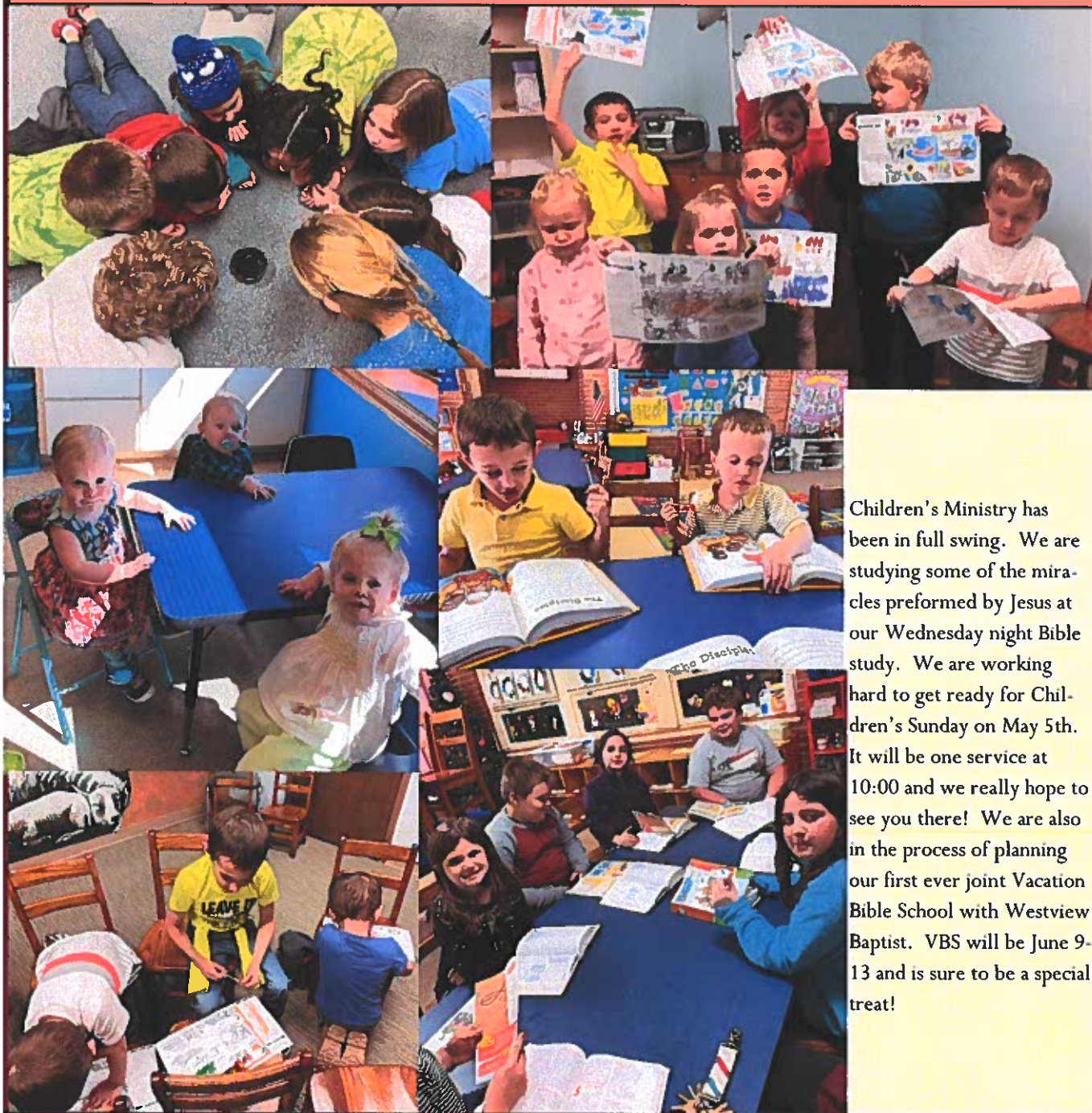
President	Norma Meyers
Vice President	Martha Hester
Secretary	Wanda McMurry
Treasurer	Linda McNeary
Spiritual Growth Chair	Mary Henry
Social Action Chair	Renee Bumbaugh
Education and Interpretation Chair	Joan Sheppard
Program Resources Chair	Earnestine Bishop
Nominations	Katherine Rankin, Faye Burton

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, United Methodist Women!** On March 23, 2019 we celebrated 150 years of women in the Methodist tradition organized for mission. So many lives have been changed for the better due to United Methodist Women foremothers and members today who continue to put faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in our communities and around the world. Every March 23 has become a Day of Giving to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to invest in the future giving to address injustice and alleviate suffering. Any amount is welcome as we build our legacy. For more information or giving go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund) or call 800-278-7771.

**A UMW THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and came out for the UMW Cards and Games last Thursday. It was a successful event with over 70 people participating. A huge thank you to the UMW members who helped by donating food, gifts, and decorating. All proceeds will be given to mission projects supporting women and children.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's Ministry has been in full swing. We are studying some of the miracles preformed by Jesus at our Wednesday night Bible study. We are working hard to get ready for Children's Sunday on May 5th. It will be one service at 10:00 and we really hope to see you there! We are also in the process of planning our first ever joint Vacation Bible School with Westview Baptist. VBS will be June 9-13 and is sure to be a special treat!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**The Youth** will be celebrating Graduation Sunday on June 2, 2019. Please let Lou Anne Davis know of any people who will be earning degrees this spring. You can contact her at [ldavis@aldersgateshelby.com](mailto:ldavis@aldersgateshelby.com).

# In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Alex Anderson  
 Jim Anderson  
 Bobby Angel  
 Sylvia Berry  
 Horace Blanton  
 George Bradey  
 Miley Bryson  
 Wayne Clary  
 Matt Collier  
 Rose Cook  
 Sam Cooper  
 William Coyne  
 Heather Craig  
 Ed Davis  
 Kristy Driver  
 Donna Frye Estes  
 Ashley Evans  
 Dean Floyd  
 Billy Gathins  
 Graham School  
 Joann Harrill  
 Joe Henry  
 Elizabeth Honeycutt  
 Dan Houston  
 Rob Jackson  
 Rev. Allen Jolley  
 John Kendrick  
 Owen Ledbetter  
 Chris Lee

Ken Maxwell  
 Gina Moody  
 Pat Mullins  
 Patricia Noggle  
 Amber Nolan  
 Janice Poston  
 Becky Price  
 Sally Queen  
 Jane Rambo  
 Ray Rice  
 Ann Robinson  
 Jim Soleto  
 Ted Staats  
 Julie Stickler  
 Jo Strickland  
 Harold Watson  
 Rebecca Watson  
 Layla Watts  
 Guy Welles  
 Shelley Whitehead  
 Sandra Wilson  
 Jim Woodard  
 Rick Wright  
 Ann Young  
  
 Norm Bartrug  
 Jean Butler  
 Virginia Byers  
 Marcella Cox  
 Jack Ferree  
 Mary Kachner  
 Vera Lanier  
 Stan Pitts  
 Lib Still  
 Roy and Ruth Swofford

## SYMPATHY





## Memorials & Honorariums

Ernestine Bishop in Memory of Bill Neal & Catherine Porter  
Joan Peeler in Memory of Hayes Bishop & Bill Neal  
Bayliss Class in Memory of Bill Neal, Catherine Porter, and Tom Cannon

Mr. & Mrs. Will Mabry in Honor of Bill & Susan Young  
Reatha Blackwell in Memory of Bill Neal

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Godfrey in Memory of Bill Neal

Cheryl & Leslie Farfour in Memory of Bill Neal

Sara Ellen Hamrick in Memory of Bill Neal

Doris Lowery in Memory of Bill Neal

David Harry, Jr. in Memory of Bill Neal

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hoyle in Memory of Bill Neal

Mrs. Stephen Royster in Memory of Edwin Ford

Fellowship Class in Memory of Juanita Bandy

Jane Matthews in Memory of Bill Neal & Catherine Porter

Rose Addington in Memory of Bill Neal & Catherine Porter

Jim & Sharon Barnette in Memory of Catherine Porter

Tom & Faye Burton in Memory of Catherine Porter

Hal Crowder in Memory of Catherine Porter

Cheryl & Leslie Farfour in Memory of Catherine Porter

Katherine Harry in Memory of Catherine Porter

Gale Justus in Memory of Catherine Porter

Melanie McDaniel in Memory of Catherine Porter

Cindy & Mike McGrady in Memory of Catherine Porter and Bill Neal

Patti & Fred Hoyle in Memory of Catherine Porter & Bill Neal

Ennis Johnson in Memory of Catherine Porter

Gary & Shirley Murray in Memory of Catherine Porter

Eloise Vardeman in Memory of Catherine Porter

Bill & Ruth Young in Memory of Catherine Porter

Ray & Helen Jeffords in Memory of Catherine Porter

James & Barbara Pressley in Memory of Catherine Porter

Phillip & Wanda McMurry in Memory of Catherine Porter

Jonathan & Lynn Wise in Memory of Catherine Porter

Hugh & Marjorie Porter in Memory of Catherine Porter

Linda & Richard Goforth in Memory of Catherine Porter & Bill Neal

Jeff & Joanne Cox in Memory of Bill Neal, Catherine Porter & Mayo Younts

Maureen Spangler in Memory of Catherine Porter

Cameron Blanton in Memory of Bill Neal & Catherine Porter

Deborah & Danny Edwards in Memory of Mayo Younts & Catherine Porter

Jerry & Mary Henry in Memory of Catherine Porter

Wilson & Mary Crawford in Memory of Catherine Porter

Mary F. Patterson in Memory of Catherine Porter

Judy Green in Memory of Catherine Porter

Mary Jane Puckett in Memory of Catherine Porter

Ernestine Bishop in Memory of Tom Cannon

Jeff & Joanne Cox in Honor of Hayward Morrison

Jeff & Patricia Taylor in Memory of Catherine Porter

Dr. & Mrs. Doug Boyette in Memory of Catherine Porter

Dr. & Mrs. Philip Turner in Memory of Catherine Porter

Scott & Beth Porter in Memory of Catherine Porter

Phillip & Katherine Wallace in Memory of Catherine Porter

Catherine Bowen in Memory of Catherine Porter

Morning Circle in Memory of Catherine Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Arey, Jr. in Memory of Mayo Younts

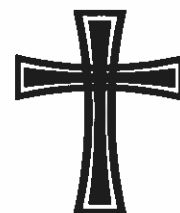
### Memorial Prayer Garden Gifts

Joan Hanna in Memory of Boyce Hanna

Joan Hanna in Memory of Harvey Bowen

Joan Hanna in Memory of Howard Shuford

Joan Hanna in Memory of Bill Neal



## Those Serving Our Country



Aaron Allen	Colby Kiser
Charles Barefoot	Sadie Lovelace
Brandon Edwards	John Lewis
Troy Goss	Rom Meares
Justus Henkel	Scott Richard
Julia Jablonski	Rebecca Witter
Max Blankenship	Will Blankenship
Zephaniah Meares	

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

**2nd**

Jonathan Wise

**5th**

Dwight Dixon  
Donna Spiker

**6th**

Tom Burton  
Jean Lutz

**7th**

Robert Arey  
Pam Pruitt

**10th**

Josh McCaw

**11th**

Catherine Bowen  
Makenna McCaw  
Mary Weathers

**12th**

Jeremy Carlisle

**14th**

Eric Bert  
Rob Seybold

**15th**

Jackson Hoyle

**16th**

Brenda Whisnant  
Ruth Young  
Rich Ivey, Sr.

**17th**

Sadie Bert  
Ella Brown  
Andrew McNichol

**18th**

Amanda Cline  
Alyssa Mackaman

**19th**

Brandi Edwards  
Marcia Melocik  
Suzanne Turner

**20th**

Janis Myers Wright

**24th**

Liston Brooks

**25th**

Mike Lari

**27th**

Deborah Edwards

**28th**

John Kendrick

**29th**

Virginia Byers  
Shirley Cannon  
Megan Dear  
Sarah Gentry  
Jim Rucker  
Gale Justus

**30th**

David Carpenter, III

*\*\*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.\*\**

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!



## PLAYSCHOOL

Hello church family,

As this school year is drawing to a close, we at Playschool wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your many ways of support throughout the school year. It is awesome to be a part of a church family that places such great emphasis on children. We have been honored and humbled by your many gifts during this school year. I would like, over the next few months, to post some pictures so that you may see many of the new items we have been able to purchase, or were handcrafted for us. You have touched many lives with your willing spirits and graciousness. Blessings to all of you! We hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer.



## From the Pastor....

The Self Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Carlo and Iva Self, charter members of Aldersgate UMC, by their children. The fund is used to provide assistance to active Aldersgate UMC members who are enrolled in graduate or undergraduate studies. The interest from this fund is used to help our students with college expense. Any college student whom is a member of Aldersgate UMC may apply for a grant. Applications are available in the church office, or contact Linda McGrath at [lmcgrath@aldersgateshelby.com](mailto:lmcgrath@aldersgateshelby.com) to have one emailed to you. **The deadline to return the completed application is Wednesday, May 8, 2019.**

## LINDA'S REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars; the deadline for the May "Warm Heart" will be **Thursday, May 23**. Please submit anything you would like to include **by email** to [lmcgrath@aldersgateshelby.com](mailto: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**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Kelly Young**  
*Lay Leader*

**Linda McGrath**  
*Secretary*

**Lindsay Carter**  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

**Lou Anne Davis**  
*Youth Ministry Director*

**Amelia Bumgarner**  
*Bookkeeper*

**Anne Goss**  
*Music Director*

**Terrie Toms**  
*Playschool Director*

**Melissa Medlin**  
*Sexton*

**Burney Drake**  
**Matt McNeary**  
*Building Superintendents*

**Tommy Greene**  
*Organist*

### Church Office Hours

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

## **2019 LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & LUNCH**

### **ALDRSGATE UMC**

**1207 West Dixon Boulevard, Shelby, NC 28152**

**704.487.8491**

**NOON**



### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**MARCH 6– Rev. Randy Blanton, Aldersgate UMC, Shelby, NC**

**(Chicken & Wild Rice Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Cookie)**

**MARCH 13– Rev. Louise Learson, Mundy's Chapel, Mooresboro, NC and**

**Brooks Chapel, Ellenboro, NC**

**(Tomato Basil Soup, Cheese Toast, Cookie)**

**MARCH 20– Rev. Wesley Smith, Greater Cleveland County Baptist Assoc.**

**(Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cookie)**

**MARCH 27 - Terrie Toms, Aldersgate UMC Playschool Director**

**(Sante Fe Soup, Baked Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cookie)**

**APRIL 3-Rev. Luke Harkey, Shelby Presbyterian Church**

**(Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Cookie)**

**APRIL 10- Bishop Carolyn E. Briggs, Living Waters Christian Ministry, Shelby, NC**

**(Pasta Fagioli Soup, Veggie Sandwich, Cookie)**

**APRIL 17– Rev. Mark Barden, Central UMC, Shelby, NC**

**(Chicken and White Bean Chili, Egg Salad Sandwich, Cookie sampler)**