



Aldersgate In Motion



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LAKE FOREST MENTOR PROGRAM

MENTORS NEEDED!



- ✓ 1 LUNCH EACH WEEK
- ✓ 1 STUDENT
- ✓ 1 SCHOOL YEAR (SEPT. – MAY).

NO TUTORING REQUIRED!
JUST BE A FRIEND TO A STUDENT NEARBY.

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The School Counselor, Julia McKissick, at Lake Forest sent this to Johannah in hopes we would be able to put this in our newsletter. The Mentor Program is something new they are starting this year. If you are interested in learning more about what it would take to be a mentor to a child at Lake Forest (or any local school) there will be a training at Lake Forest on October 2 at 12 noon. You can register by following the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mentor-greenville-training-lake-forest-elementary-tickets-49607431162>

THOUGHTS OF THE PASTOR

Autumn Leaves

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Fall may be my favorite time of the year. There is a crispness in the air. The green of summer gives way to the vibrant colors of changing leaves. Change is the order of the day in autumn. Astronomically it is the point half way between the longest day of the year and the shortest day. It is Sept. 23rd this year. It begins at the point at which the day is just as long as the night. Some may feel sad that summer has ended, but it is part of the cycle that will lead to the next spring.

Christian Mystics viewed the beginning of autumn as a time of balance between light and dark. Certainly anyone can appreciate the beauty of the changing leaves at this time of year, but on a spiritual level it is a reminder of the change that is living. As we live, we change. Just as the world goes through cycles of death and rebirth so we go through those times of change in our lives. The Bible tells us that all of this has a part in God’s creation. As you see the colors of fall, thank God for the beauty of all of life. As you see nature changing remember that changes in our lives may be difficult at times, but they are beautiful in God’s bigger picture of life. As the days get shorter remember that this is part of the cycle that brings winter, spring, and summer. As you see the plants die off or go dormant remember that there is “a time to be born and a time to die” (Ecc. 3:2) Remember that there are times in our life that are times of dormancy which makes times of action possible. Give thanks to God, for “I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and do good while they live.” (Ecc. 3:12)



UPCOMING SERMONS

Sept. 23: Mark 9:30-37 “We’re #1”

Sept. 30: Mark 9:38-50 “Choosing Up Sides”

APPORTIONMENT CORNER

What are Apportionment's? In the United Methodist Church we share the cost of the general mission of the church. Conferences and churches are given a portion of the overall cost of the missions and outreach of the world-wide church. This apportioning of the cost is done by a formula that compares each church's financial abilities compared to the whole. **Membership numbers are not included in this formula!** In our case Aldersgate is apportioned \$89,423 for 2018. That is 11% of our budget. Some think of this as a tithe to the larger ministry of the church. It is the cornerstone of Aldersgate's support of the Church's ministry in our state, the nation and around the world. Apportionments are "Our-portion-ment" of the ministry of the world-wide church!

Two of these Apportionments are World Service and Conference Benevolences. World Service, is the heart of our denomination-wide ministry, underwriting Christian mission and ministry worldwide. The fund strengthens evangelism efforts, stimulates church growth, expands Bible studies and enriches spiritual commitment. "Our-portion-ment" for World Service is \$10,501 in 2018. To date we have paid \$6,126.64.

Conference Benevolences is the nurture and outreach arm of the South Carolina Annual Conference. Through these funds we, along with the 1000+ United Methodist Churches in SC, support the programs and administration of the Conference. This also includes the work of conference committees and support of United Methodist Sponsored ministries within South Carolina. "Our-portion-ment" for Conference Benevolences is \$11,694 this year. To date we have paid \$6,821.50.

To find out more about apportionments go to: <http://www.umcsgiving.org>

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study of Hebrews

The book of Hebrews explains the Christian faith from the perspective of Old Testament Scripture. It opens our eye with new depths of understanding who Jesus is as our great High Priest, and what it means to worship and follow him. Please join us on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Mac Vinson Companions Classroom to study this unique New Testament book. Upcoming lessons include:

Sept. 19: Hebrews 3:1-4:13

Sept. 26: Hebrews 4:14-6:20

UNITED MINISTRIES WALK/RUN

United Ministries' 29th Annual Transformation Walk

Saturday, September 22

First Baptist Church – 847 Cleveland Street,
Greenville, SC 29601

Registration: 8:00 a.m. Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Contact: (864) 335-2615 or
info@united-ministries.org

All proceeds stay in Greenville and benefit United Ministries' programs in education and employment, crisis assistance, and homeless services.

To sign up: www.united-ministries.org/transformation-walk/

MEN OF INTEGRITY

The Men of Integrity meet for Bible Study and discussion each Tuesday morning at Broadway Bagels-2426 Hudson Rd., Greer. They begin at 6:35 am. Just show up to join them.

For questions, email Trevor King at: trevorandashley@msn.com



FUNERAL USHER REQUEST

Help!! There is a plea for more ushers for funerals at Aldersgate. Even though there are around 8—10 folks who offered previously, there are a few who are no longer able to help out and some of the others are frequently out of town. If you are interested in helping in this capacity we thank you. Please let Danny Dobbs know or if you have any questions, please call or email Danny Dobbs.

Thank you for your help!

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UNITED METHODIST MEN

Here is the schedule for the next few months for the UMM monthly meetings. Please mark your calendar for these meetings and make sure you contact Trevor King or Susan Hamilton. Food is purchased for each meeting and you certainly do not want to be left out. :)

No Oct. meeting at this time

Nov. 19—6:32 pm Parker Hall

Dec. 17—6:32 pm Monday Night Dinner and a Movie (*couples night*)



JUST SO YOU KNOW...

A new segment published in each newsletter to help us all better understand local and national problems happening around us so we may be better aware and possibly help in some way.

Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Hotline for Greenville County 1.800.291.2139, option 1

You can call us 24/7 to talk to someone directly over the phone to determine what the safest and best plan is for you right now. If you are seeking our services (shelter, counseling, assistance with securing an Order of Protection), we will complete a brief intake questionnaire with you over the phone and share some safety tips.

You can also call this number to ask, "What is the best way to get my friend or neighbor to call and ask for help." I am sure they can help you with wording and confidence boosters.

WOMEN OF FAITH BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



JOIN US ON TUESDAYS FROM 9:30-11:30

GATHERING AND SPEAKER IN PARKER HALL 9:30-10:30

SMALL GROUPS 10:30-11:30

SMALL GROUPS FOR THE FALL

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY COME CROCHET WITH US! DON'T KNOW HOW? WE'LL TEACH YOU!

KEEP IT SHUT: BOOK DISCUSSION LED BY LINDA PATRICK. WHAT TO SAY? HOW TO SAY IT? WHEN TO NOT SAY IT? WE STRUGGLE WITH OUR WORDS AT TIMES. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE WAYS WE USE OUR WORDS?

INSPIRED: BOOK DISCUSSION LED BY JOHANNAH MYERS THIS BOOK CHALLENGES US TO LOOK AT BELOVED (OR NOT SO BELOVED) BIBLE STORIES WITH FRESH EYES, WRESTLE WITH THE GRAY AREAS, AND COME AWAY INSPIRED AGAIN BY THE STORY OF GOD AND GOD'S PEOPLE.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GARAGE SALE

CLEAN OUT THAT GARAGE AND LOAD UP YOUR ITEMS. We can use most things but no large appliances or TV's. We need clothing, household items, linens, baby items, jewelry, yard items, knick-knacks, etc.

The Sale week is September 24—29, 2018.

We will be **receiving items** on Monday, September 24 & Tuesday, September 25 from 9:00 am—8:00 pm.

We will receive items on Wednesday, September 26 from 9:00 until 4:00 pm. *(No items after 4:00 pm)*

Thursday, September 27 is “get ready day” and no donations are accepted.

The actual sale dates are Friday & Saturday, September 28 & 29 from 8:00 am—2:30 pm.

The clean-up date is on Monday, October 1. It begins at 9:00 am.

Thank you in advance for all your help!



LADIES READING GROUP

September 27: Any biography on Susanna Wesley (*rescheduled from August*)

October 25: Fully Awake & Truly Alive: Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul- *by Jane Vennard*

November 29: “Girls with Swords”

YOUTH

Below is the remainder of our September time together. Due to the weather and our missing the evening on September 16, we will now plan to have September 30 as our “make up day.” Please make sure you correct that on your home calendars!

Thanks!

~ Josh Consalvo

September 2018						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 No Youth Labor Day Weekend	3	4	5 Youth Group 6:30-7:30	6	7	8
9 Youth Group w/ Small Group time 5:00-6:30	10	11	12 Youth Group 6:30-7:30	13	14	15
16 Youth Group w/ Small Group time 5:00-6:30	17	18	19 Youth Group 6:30-7:30	20	21	22
23 Youth Group w/ Small Group time 5:00-6:30	24	25	26 Youth Group 6:30-7:30	27	28	29
30 Youth Group w/ Small Group Time 5:00-6:30						

CLUB 56/VISIONEERS

Club 56 & Visioneers have kicked off the Fall Season. The calendar for the remainder of September is below but note a change in the meeting time.

2018—Meeting Time 5:00—7:00 pm, Sunday evenings

Meals served in the Soul Café from 5:00-5:30 pm by parent volunteers. (THANKS!)

September: Building Friendships

23rd Club 56 – Service Night **30th** - Minute to Win It Event

October: Building the Church

7th—Club 56/Visioneers—Worship Ways

14th—Club 56—Happy Birthday Aldersgate!



CONNECT

CONNECT IS IN FULL SWING! Please don't forget to make reservations for your meal no later than the Monday of the week you plan to eat. Cost is \$6.00 adults and \$4.00 children. Here is the menu for the next few weeks:

Sept. 19: Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert

Sept. 26: Baked potatoes with all the trimmings, salad, fruit, dessert

CLASSES ARE:

Animate the Bible – led by Johannah Myers. This course runs through November 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Mac Vinson/Companions Classroom. *(No meeting on Oct. 31)*

Prayer Shawl Group – come crochet together, making prayer shawls, blankets for Killingsworth House, graduation blankets and more. Don't know how to crochet? Here's a great chance to learn! Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Library.

Drawing Class—ends on Oct. 3, led by Greg Joens. This class will meet in the Brides Room.



HOSPITALITY CORNER NEWS

During the Spring of 2018, we received exciting news! Our Child Development Center had so much interest in the Kindergarten program, that they wanted to consider where they might be able to put an additional class. After much discussion, the recommended plan was to move the current K4 classroom from downstairs and up into the room that was currently being used by the Kingdom adult Sunday school class. It was the only room that easily met all of the DSS regulatory rules. The additional Kindergarten class would then be moved into the room downstairs, left by the K4 class. This way the two K5 rooms could be close together.

The next question was, were would the members of the Kingdom Sunday school class go once they gave up their space for the CDC? As some of the class members were unable to travel upstairs easily, the best possible decision was to have them use the Bride's Room – which is on a main level and requires no stair climbing. The room was slightly smaller than their current room, but close enough to make it work. Members of the class took an afternoon and cleaned carpets, painted and prepared their old room for the new K4 class.

Of course moving to the Bride's Room brought with it its own complication – where to put the furniture that made up the Bridal Suite? That's where the third class comes into the picture. Thanks to the love and support of the Christian Fellowship adult Sunday school class, we were able to set up a "parlor" in one half of their large classroom and still have enough room for their chairs and lectern. They have remarked that the set-up is lovely and unobtrusive. What a great group!

The Wedding Committee was assured that the Bride's Room could be reset prior to a wedding, unless the Bride would rather have the larger room to accommodate the bridal party. In fact, we have already had one bride make use of the room! (*Susan & Eddie Hamilton's daughter, Heather.*) The Wedding Committees support in this effort has been phenomenal.

Sometimes it's hard to think of a church as a living/changing thing. We secretly want to feel that it is the one thing that won't change - in a world that can be a bit overwhelming at times. True "hospitality" happens when people are willing to make small sacrifices - for the betterment of the



church as a whole. None of these room changes hurt those involved. In fact, most have had a sense of satisfaction that they had a role in making it possible for our CDC program to grow and serve additional families.

Thank you for loving Aldersgate in this way.

Ruth Hughes



PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Tuesday, September 19, 2018:
Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, Mary Lou Stenberg
NHC-Boiling Springs: Ann Armstrong, Lynda Collins
NHC Mauldin: Atrice Hughey **Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth Waynick
Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden **Cascades:** Patti Welchel
Rock Hill /Daughter: Bill Taylor **Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse
The Woodlands: Annette McDuffee, Peggy Miller
Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale
Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place: Melba Poole **Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell
Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz
Missionaries Here & Abroad: AUMC Supported - Greenville: Todd, Pam, & Hannah Grace Ataway, go to their blog to read more www.loveshareserve.blogspot.com.
AUMC Supported Missionaries in Ecuador: Daina and Tim Datwyler, visit their website at <http://www.Puertadeesperanza.org>.
Douglas & Jennings Boone in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Africa
 (Wycliffe Bible Translators) www.thiscongoleselife.blogspot.com

ATTENDANCE		
	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
September 2	120	200
September 9	127	275
September 16	81	152

SANCTUARY MEDIA MONIES TO DATE

\$21,812.21

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| <u>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</u>                          |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Worship the Lord through giving.</i>                |                       |
| <b>2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving</b>             | <b>\$ 15,498.09</b>   |
| <b>2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving</b>               | <b>\$ 13,355.94</b>   |
| <b>2018 Actual Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 14,006.14</b>   |
| <b>Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving</b>      | <b>\$ 9,130.92</b>    |
| <b>YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses</b> | <b>- \$ 24,057.09</b> |

## SERVING ALDERSGATE ON SUNDAYS

### Sept. 23, 2018:

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Gayle Mason

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Susan & Bill Smith

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Bobby Keith

**Crucifer:**

**Usher Captain** 8:45 am David McAvoy

Ushers: Eddie Beam

Suzanne Haney, Tim Davis

11:00 am Sherri Allred

11:00 am Jane & Bill Williamson

11:00 am Trace King

11:00 am Brooks Schemm

**Usher Captain** 11:00 am Frank Mathis

Ushers: Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe,

Trey Covington, Paul Sleight,

Coley Altman, III,

### Sept. 30, 2018:

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Adyson Davis

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Nina & Cody Owens

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Julian Gettys

**Crucifer:**

**Usher Captain** 8:45 am Jack Cornell

Ushers: Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs,

Suzanne Haney, Jordan Truesdale

11:00 am Debbie Strickland

11:00 am Nancy Angster

11:00 am Henry Addis

11:00 am James Whiteman

**Usher Captain** 11:00 am Hunt Redfern

Ushers: Terry Tallon, Steve Graves,

Joel Vanderwood, Bruce Royal

## **MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

**FLAG FUND:** In memory of Jerry Thomas by Jim & Keith Rutherford

**DATWYLLERS:** In memory of Jerry Thomas by Dave & Betty Herndon

**VIDEO SCREENS:** In memory of Jerry Thomas by Rick, Deb & Grant Lankford, Lyndon & Gayle Ashworth

**GENERAL FUND:** In honor of Greg Joens & Dean Martin by a recipient of your generosity

**In memory of Lorene Clay** by Bill & Priscilla Smith

**In memory of Phil Waynick** by Toby & Barbara Hunter, John & Mary Holmstrand, The Louise Best Circle

**In memory of Rev. Bob James** by Bob & Darien Pickens

**In memory of Barbara Morrow** by Spring Forest HOA

**In memory of Jeanette Drake** by John & Mary Holmstrand

**In memory of Marge Hoagland** by Toby & Barbara Hunter, Coley & Daylene Altman, Prime Timers

**In memory of Thomas Barnhill, Jr.** by Toby & Barbara Hunter, Bill & Anne Foster

**In memory of Jerry Thomas** by Bill & Anne Foster, Toby & Barbara Hunter, Doug & Linda Patrick, Terry & Jean-Marie Taylor, Jim & Jackie Cox, David & Marian Rose, Richard & Sylvia Harris, Jim & Carol Dansby, Jim & Ruth McAllister, Jean Smith, Bill & Pat Howle, Keith & Bonnie Linse, Jim & Betty Griffith, Wood & Katherine Bayne, Bob & Darien Pickens, Bill & Jane Williamson, Ed & Laura Sarkisian, Dick & Anne McGaughey, Coley & Daylene Altman, Henry & Nina Scoggins, Jimmy & Gayle Forbes, David & Claudia Rose, Kyle & Jennifer Cook, Kyle & Erin Holmquist, John & Mary Holmstrand, George & Sonya Hammond, Jonathon & Nancy Brown, Linda Conrad, Donald & Judith Lineback, Lee & Jill Brown, Patricia Miranda, Jimmy & Paula Melehes, Charles & Phyllis Barrineau, Huger, Anne, Kristim & Huger, Jr. Caughman

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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## CALENDAR DATES—SEPTEMBER 2018

### Tuesday, September 18:

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels @ Hudson Rd.

9:30 am Women of Faith—Brunch kick-off –Parker Hall

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

### Wednesday, September 19:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Classroom

5:30 pm Connect Meal – Parker Hall

6:00 pm Youth @ The House

6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Classes

6:30-7:00 pm UMW Garage Sale table set-up begins-Gym

### Friday, September 21, 2018:

10:30 am CDC kids—Art Class-Soul Café

7:00 pm Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony-Parker Hall

### Saturday, September 22, 2018:

8:30 am Greenville District UMW Annual Mtg. @ Francis Asbury UMC

9:00 am United Ministries Transformation Walk & 5K Run

5:00 pm Ruth Hughes Event: Set-up—etc.

### Sunday, September 23, 2018:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

4:30 pm Church Council Mtg. – Haddon Friendship Classroom

5:00 pm Basketball Registration Event—Parker Hall

5:00 pm Youth @ The House

5:00 pm Club 56 in the Loft

### OTHER UPCOMING DATES:

**September 24:** 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting—Church Library

**October 6:** 12:00 pm UMW Luncheon, World Communion

**November 11:** 12:00/12:30 Charge Conference

### MISSION STATEMENT

... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

### OUR VISION

**Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God**

*"A Stephen Ministry Congregation"*

