

MySpace...notes from Pastor Derek

Interpreting the Present Time

Jesus is kind of harsh on us this week. Fire and name-calling and family feuds, just a lot to deal with. But then he slips a line in there at the end that sounds a bit odd. He says we aren't interpreting the present time very well. We do the weather thing well, but not seeing what is going on around us.

Sounds like a strange concern for Him to have. Yet, we've got to admit, he's got a point. We have our ways of doing things and the world keeps changing around us. We don't like change. We don't like paying attention to the changes around us so that we can fit in with some, go along with some and even be better at what we are doing because of how the world is changing. That's that hard thing about change, we aren't always sure if what we give up is worth what we get. And not every change is to our benefit. Opinions often differ on what is good and healthy change and what is detrimental to our identity as the community of faith.

Entering into my tenth year here at Aldersgate Community United Methodist Church, I see that we have encountered a lot of change. Some of it has helped us grow, some of it has caused us pain, and some has done both! But we are still in the finding our way mode on lots of things. Aldersgate is just like the Church in general, we are still sorting out what kinds of changes are good for us and which ones we need to resist.

I did all that background so that I could tell you about the latest change in front of you. We've got a new way to communicate that just might change us in ways we can't even imagine now. Just like the PushPay opportunity that might, over time, change how many of us give to the church, I want to introduce the Aldersgate Community App as a potential new tool through which we can communicate. All you smartphone users are invited to go to the Play Store on Android platforms and the App Store on the iPhone platforms and download for free our app. Simply search for "Aldersgate Community and download the app. The icon on your phone will be the United Methodist Cross and Flame and the loading screen is our stained glass window. On the app you have access to sermons, a full bible, the pushpay link, our Facebook page, twitter feed and blog, as well as summary events and a connect button that allows you to request information or submit a prayer request.

The app will allow us to make instant announcements about schedule changes or closings, to alert you when a new newsletter is available, a call to prayer for specific needs, words of encouragement, and from time to time a bit of community information that we want everyone to know. I'm having fun putting it together, to be honest.

This is how the world is communicating. Not everyone needs or wants such a thing, I realize. But for many this is a convenient and inexpensive way to keep connected to the whole family. And new content is always coming. Will the call for the coming kingdom go through the app? I don't know. But I for one want to keep my eyes open in this present time.

Shalom,
Pastor Derek

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

This week Sunday School - To get ahead and win at checkers, you have to jump over your opponent's pieces to become king. Many people think that jumping over others is the way to get ahead in life, but Jesus tells us the last will be first and the first will be last. He who wants to be first in God's eyes must be the servant of all.

On Thursday, July 28st, **Me-'N-U** served 130 delicious meals to 114 happy guests.

Pushpay Drawing: As part of our partnership with Pushpay, they have sent us a free Weber 22-inch crimson charcoal grill. Pushpay calls it their 'Summer Sizzle' promotion. We are going to give the grill away to one lucky person in a drawing on August 28th. To be eligible for the drawing, you must be enrolled in Pushpay by August 27th. You do not need to make a contribution to the church through Pushpay, simply be enrolled in the service. Everyone enrolled in the service on August 27th (excluding church staff) will be included in the drawing. You need not be present to win, but if your name is drawn, you are responsible for picking the grill up at the church.

Aldersgate Connect is a new service we are trying out to enable better communication between the church staff and the congregation. All of you should have received an email invitation from 'Aldersgate Connect' to join the group. If you did not receive an invitation, please send an email to Lisa Beerbower in the church office at aldersgatefortwayne@gmail.com.

The Jesus Life! That's our theme for the Sundays of August, with the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12. Join us in Room 133 after 9:30am worship. We will begin with an open "Question and Answer" time in today's class. The Beatitudes are "Lifechanging!"

If you love to garden and would be interested in volunteering in the Me-'N-U Church garden, contact Sarah Bleeke at sarablee@gmail.com or Steve Lundergan at slundergan@exeenic.com for more information.

From the Trustees: The trustees requested and received permission from the finance committee to receive bids on replacing all shingle roofs, repairing and restriping the small parking lot and sealing and restriping the main parking lot. That process is now complete. Roofs: \$60,000; Small Lot: \$9000; Main Lot: \$11,000. A fund drive is being launched to raise funds for these projects. To date, \$35,000 has been received or pledged. Please consider the necessity of these projects and give generously. When donating to this project, specify the donation is for the Roof/Parking Lot fund. If you have questions, contact Steve Dale or Keith Nettleton.

Membership Meetings are going to be on Sunday, August 21st at 12:30pm and Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30pm in room 129. This is a one hour meeting to get to know Pastor Derek and to answer any questions you may have about the Church. You can learn how to get involved and discuss becoming a member if you are interested. Some may join, some may just come for information, that is up to you. We hope to see you there.

Jolly Gaters for August will be on Wednesday, August 10th at 11:30am in The Lounge. We are inviting the Older Adults from Wellspring Interfaith Social Services to join us for lunch. Gayle Mann, Director of Older Adults, will have a program of games, trivia, etc. Menu will be salad bar with carry in of all the toppings, other vegetables, fruits & desserts. Lettuce and drinks will be provided. Bring your own table service. Contact Roy Horther for more information.

If you want to have flowers at the cross to celebrate or memorialize loved ones or events, please consider the following open dates on the flower calendar: October 9, 16, November 27 and December 4.

Welcome...

Pentecost 2016 The Power at Work Within Us



Where Your Treasure Is

~ The Gospel of Luke 12:32-34 ~

Scripture Texts Luke 12:32-40

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Our Worship Times
Sunday: 9:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.



HEARTBEAT WORSHIP

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2016 - 9:30A.M.

*INDICATES EVERYONE STAND - WHEN ABLE

BOLD TYPE INDICATES ALL SPEAK

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Variation on "*Hanson Place*"

arr. Austin Lovelace

GREETINGS AND MINISTRIES

PRELUDE

"Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls"

Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes and does not keep silence. Before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. The Lord says, "Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."
We are grateful to you, our Lord God. We are grateful for life, for health, for peace and safety, for all you provide. And beyond that, we are grateful for your grace. Show us the way of your salvation, and let us walk in the steps of Jesus. Amen.

—Inspired by Psalm 50.

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn #110

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Camden James Bryson
Son of Jonathan & Jillian Bryson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, shine the light of your Spirit upon us as we hear these words of Scripture read and proclaimed. Reveal your saving presence in these words, and lead us further down the path of faith. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord:

Luke 12:32–40

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy"

arr. Mark Schweizer

SERMON

Dressed for Action

Rev. Dr. Derek Weber

*HYMN

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Hymn #599

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fear, anxiety, worry and distrust are common experiences of contemporary life. They are peddled for profit in the marketplace and used to manipulate us at every turn. But, in the presence of God, we are reoriented to the truth: God's perfect love overcomes all our fear. In trust and confidence let us go to the Lover of our souls to confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we are short-sighted and forgetful, and we are sorry. With a word you created all that is, and your word still has power to deliver us from storms of doubt and fear. But, we fail to call on you. We rely on our own resources rather than trust yours. We muddle along in weakness, forgetting how readily available to us is your strength. Deliver us, gracious God. Calm the fears within us by being our peace, and renew us in love and trust. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The power that proclaimed “fear not” is the same power that defeated sin and death through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Receive what he freely offers: forgiveness and new life. Hallelujah! Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

arr. Mark Hayes

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal pg. 13

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD & CUP

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Robert Thygerson

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

CHILDREN’S BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Precious Name"

Hymn #536

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go Forth With Purpose"

Thomas Chesterton

Our Ministry Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek Weber

Assistant Pastor, Worship and Music: Chuck Scott

Genesis Worship Leader and Pastor to Youth: Mike Walter Organist: Phyllis Lahr

Parish Visitor: Ellen Rhoades Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator: Roy Horthor

Interim New Generations’ Ministry Coordinator: Maddie Weber

New Generations’ Ministry Assistant: Trish Fry Cradle Care: Jill Harkless

New Generations’ Youth Volunteer: Jessica Baughan

Financial Assistant: Deb Eckler Organizational Support Specialist: Lisa Beerbower

Volunteer Librarian: Mary Clark

Night Host: Ken Arend Custodians: Roy Horthor & Morgan Rayoum

Volunteer Church Administrator: Keith Nettleton

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Worship Assistant: Ellen Rhoades

Organist: Phyllis Lahr

Music Participants: Wesley Singers

Communion Guild: Ellie Nickeson, Bob Kent, La Donna Weber, Judy Mullen, Marleen Scott, Chuck Scott, Linda Sackman, Kelly Borne, Kim Shelford, Ellen Rhoades, Carole Stanelle

Flowers at the Cross: are given by Jay, Dawn and Meghan Wilhelm in celebration of Ben’s birthday

Head Ushers: Jay & Dawn Wilhelm, Norm & Liesa Roelke, Judy Mullen

Refreshment Hosts: are the members of Senior Adult Council

THIS WEEK AT ALDERSGATE....



SUN 8/7	9:30am - Heartbeat Worship, Sanctuary Cradle Care (0-2yrs), 120 Children’s Classes (3-8yrs), The Street 914 Tweenz Bible Study (9-14yrs),The Street 10:30am - International Bible Study, 129 - UMW Ruth Circle, The Parlor 11:00am - Genesis Worship, The Street Cradle Care (0-2yrs), 120 6:00pm - 914 Tweenz & Common Ground Youth Group The Street & Down Under	Music Rehearsals
MON 8/8	10:00am - HeartLINKS Bible Study, The Lounge 7:00pm - Boy Scouts #349, Down Under 7:30pm - AA, 133 - ALANON, 131	
TUES 8/9	9:30am - Sermon Text Bible Study, 129 12:00pm - UMW Mary Circle, The Lounge 6:30pm - Staff Parish Meeting, 129 - Scout Leaders Meeting, 133 7:30pm - Worship & Prayer, The Sanctuary - 12 Step, 135 - ALANON, 131 - ALATEEN, 200	6:15pm - Genesis Worship Team, Music Room
WED 8/10	10:00am - Sr. Adult Council Meeting, 131 11:30am - Jolly Gaters, The Lounge 7:00pm - Executive Council Meeting, 135	
THURS 8/11	5:00pm - Big Book, 202 5:15pm - Worship Matters, 135 6:00pm - Me-’N-U Free Community Dinner, The Street 7:00pm - Scout Sr. Patrol Leader’s Meeting, 135	7:00pm - Wesley Singers, Music Room 8:15pm - Chancel Chorale, Music Room
FRI 8/12		
SAT 8/13	7:00am - Heart First Men, The Lounge	
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*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Phyllis Kent, Julie Amos, Caleb Atnip, Katie Campbell, Deidra Gulley & her mother, Jerry Schmeling, Paula Barnhart, Nick Fiegel, Kathy Schultz, Logan Michael, Angie, Cathy Bonifas, Karen Macy, Cyrus, Rachael & children, Ann Jenkins, Randy Loll & Marlyce Farnum, Ken Low, Laura Lange, Zach & Christy Yoder, Joyce Campbell, Pam Hippensteel, Ashley’s Baby, Pauline Hurley, Sally Peterson, Mary Jane Rinker, Carl Cisna, Jeff DeLawter, Toby Hatch, Nick Fedoris, Alice Beerbower, Joe Beerbower, Jackie Isaacs, Roger Votaw, Scott, children in need, Lindley Elementary School staff and students, the Inasmuch Ministry, the Joe DeCamp family at the passing of his father, Richard DeCamp, the Esther Yoder family at the passing of her niece, Joan Harshbarger