

MySpace...notes from Pastor Derek

Confirming Our Faith

What a glorious morning! Can there be a more grand celebration than Confirmation Sunday? And to connect it to Pentecost only adds to the drama and to the hope. The power of the Spirit and the potential of the Church wrapped up in the experience of these young people who spent some time considering their role in the Body of Christ. Enjoy the morning, I know I will.

We tend to think that this is their day. Those Confirmands have prepared for this day, studied and discussed and learned together. Now they stand up and say yes in a public way in front of the whole congregation. It is their day. Congratulate them, welcome them.

But it isn't just their day. It is our day too. The church's day. We ask the confirmands to make a commitment to the Church. To this church. And now it is our turn. We need to make a commitment to them. To say that we will make room for them. That we will acknowledge that because of them, we are now different. They complete us, for now. They redefine us.

How will we make room for them? How will we express that this church is their church now too? It will take more than just scooting down the pew. A lot more. It will take a willingness to change, to worship in ways that are meaningful to our new members, and many others like them. To stretch ourselves into expressions of faith that just might seem ... strange to us.

What does that mean exactly? Well, I don't know for sure. But I want to begin to find out. There is a group of us here at Aldersgate who are primed to move in new directions. But we want this to be a corporate experience. We want you to have a say, to help us determine a new direction and new hope. We are looking to launch a forum on Worship in the very near future. We want to hear from as many voices as possible. We want to stay true to who we are and yet reach out to include others, some like the ones who stand in front of the church today.

Watch for details and when and where such a forum will take place. And try your best to come and be a part of the conversation. In the meantime, pray for wisdom, for leaders and followers. Pray that we can begin to listen to the Spirit who calls us to worship in ways that include and encourage, who calls us to move further down the path of hospitality and invitation. Pray for discernment and the courage to follow the winds of the Spirit. There just may be a new and exciting land in front of us. Let's go.

Shalom,

Announcements.....

Book of the Week: *This Will Be Remembered Of Her: Stories of Women Reshaping the World* by Megan McKenna. "We all want to be known. We all want to know. We all seek connections, intimacy, friendship, meaning, and a place on this planet where we are secure, at home. And yet we know so little without each other." Credit can be taken under the Leadership Development category for this UMW Reading Program selection.

Me-N-U Update: served 170 meals on May 9.

Summit City Singers Concert: TODAY @ 3p.m. in the Sanctuary. You won't want to miss it.

Aldersgate Academy continues to thrive and is looking for both teachers and substitute teachers. If you are interested, please call the Academy office at 432-4507.

Children's Summer Events:

We have all our staff for Vacation Bible Camp...now we need the kids!

Join us for "God's Backyard - Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!" June 16-20 6:00-8:00pm Open to all children 3 years old (and potty trained) - 5th grade

Wild Night at the Zoo- Creatures of the Night - Kids ages 7-12 August 9-10. Come explore the zoo at night, the aquarium workroom, and spend the night at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo!

Register on the Aldersgate website or pick up registration forms at the Children's Ministries office. *Contact Joan or John Schell for more information on these programs. kidsmag-net@yahoo.com or johnschell40@yahoo.com*

Upper Room..Check it Out! The May-June issue of the Upper Room devotion for June 24th was written by one of our own here at Aldersgate...Steve Messer. Thank you Steve for sharing with us and the whole Upper Room family.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Tour de Cure last year. I am riding in the 2013 Tour de Cure on June 8 to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association. We all know people who are suffering with diabetes. The funds raised will go to help those in Indiana who suffer from the disease as well as help to fund research for a cure. I will be in the connection Sunday, May 5 and Sunday May 19 to accept donations. Also donations may be made at the secure online website of ADA using <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/FLWilliams> Thank you for helping me support this important event. Fred Williams

Wellspring Food Bank: Requesting donations to replenish the Wellspring Food Bank. Items needed are: Canned fruit, Flour (5lbs. or less), Cooking Oil (32oz. or less), Rice (1lb. bag), Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Powdered milk (1qt. Pkg.), and Pork & Beans. Goods can be placed in the containers marked Wellspring Food Bank at the Academy entrance, Market Place or under the mailboxes out side of the church office on 5/19. Contact Roy Horther (489-2460).

All women are invited to attend the UMW Picnic June 4, at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share and table setting. UMW will play BINGO with Byron residents on May 20 at 1:30. Please come join us. Contact Linda Sackman for more information (424-8361).

Eating Disorder Recovery Group: is now meeting at Aldersgate on Monday nights from 6p.m.-7p.m. in room 202. This group is for anyone with a desire to have a healthy relationship with food. (based on the 12 step program and "Big Books" of Anorexics & Bulimics Anonymous (ABA)) Call or text Sara C. at 260-437-8903.

Are you missing a house key and car key? Last weekend the postal workers set up a canned food collection area in the Aldersgate Parking lot. They found in one of the donation bags a "Youth Rocks" key chain from Aldersgate with a house key and car key on it. If this belongs to you contact Gretchen at 422-3528.

Jolly Gaters will meet on Monday, March 20, at @ 10:30 a.m. at Sweet Water Sound for a tour. Lunch @ 11:30A.M., Down Beat Diner. For more information contact Roy Horther 432-1524.

From your Dir. Of Music & Arts Ministry: Help, Help---By Nomination from our Pastor, Derek Weber, I'm going to jail. Yes, that's right but it's a good thing, as it is to raise money for the North Indiana Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. I'll be representing Aldersgate by being a Jail-bird, hopefully raising \$3000 bail for the Fund Drive. See me in the Marketplace for Info. Thank you.

Welcome...

Pentecost



Catching the Wind

Scripture Reading
Acts 2:1-47

The Aldersgate Community United Methodist Church
2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 260-432-1524
www.aldersgatecommunity.com

Worship Service Times
Sunday
8:30a.m. & 10:00a.m.

Pentecost

May 19th

8:30 am

*INDICATES EVERYONE STAND - WHEN ABLE
BOLD TYPE INDICATES ALL SPEAK

Pre service Music *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Paul Manz
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Greetings and Ministries

Prelude *God of Grace* Paul Manz

* Call to Worship
 Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Lord, our God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!
 You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a robe.
You make the winds your messengers; you make fire and flame your ministers.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Lord, our God, how fantastic you are!

*Hymn *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* Hymnal 332

Anthem *Fan the Flame* Wesley Choir

Scripture Acts 2:1-47
 The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

*Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* Hymnal 605

Sermon *Catching the Wind*
 Rev. Christopher Millay

Offering *Viva la Vida* Festive Praise

*Doxology

The Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Confession
Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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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 Music while Receiving *Spirit Song* Dana Bixler

Prayer after Receiving

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* Hymnal 545

*Benediction

Postlude *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Paul Manz



Our Mission: To Create Contagious Christian Community...
 That meets people in the midst of crisis and walks alongside to find solace and solution.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Worship Assistant: Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber
Organist: Phyllis Lahr
Music Participants: Wesley Choir, Festive Praise, Margaret Danevicz & Mary Newbauer-Trumpet, Everett Hardy-Trombone, Greg Myers-Euphonium, Ted King-Tuba, Brenda Henline-Keyboard, Kevin Shrawder-Drums, Fred Williams-Guitar.
Communion Guild: (8:30) Ellie Nickeson, Joan Schell, John Schell (10:00) Leslie Kitch, Chris Vickrey, Ginny Johnson, Bill Johnson, Kelly Borne, Nicole DeLawter, Joan Schell..
Ushers: Dawn & Jay Wilhelm, Judy Mullen, Paul & Betty Long, Norm and Liesa Roelke.
Flowers at the Cross are given by: Aldersgate in recognition of our confirmands.
Refreshment Hosts: Members of the Liturgical Arts Committee.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Kathie Bell, Rosalie Hofmann, Camryn Saal, Sergio, Diane Chamar, Chris Fry, Bounhou Kounbandiith, Phyllis Rudolph, Marge Ottinger, Leah Melching, Ray Loomis, Veva Schilling, Anne Weber, Deidra Gulley, Jim Altman, Pat Park, Jojo, Badili Looe, Richard Bussard, Jerry Burton, Juanita Lee, Chadley, Bill Doctor, Dan Guse and family at the death of his mother .

Our Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor	Dr. Derek Weber
Associate Pastor	Rev. Christopher Millay
Parish Visitor	Ellen Rhoades
Sr. Adult Ministries Coordinator	Roy Horther
Dir. of Music, Worship & Arts Ministries	Marlane Sturm
Organist	Phyllis Lahr
Director of Children's Ministries	Joan Schell
Cradle Care and J12 Coordinator	John Schell
Youth Leader	Heather Wilson
Church Administrator	Michele Phillips
Financial Assistant	Deb Eckler
Tech Ministry Coordinator	Andrew White
Volunteer Librarian	Judy Smith
Custodians	Roy Horther & Tina Mihalec
Night Host	Ken Arend

This Week at Aldersgate....

SUN 5/19 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday	8:30a.m.- Worship, Sanctuary Cradle Care, 0-2yrs., 120 International Bible Study, 129 10:00a.m.- Worship, Sanctuary Cradle Care, 0-2 years, 120 Three year olds - 5th grade begin in Worship with families & transition to "The Street" following Children's Time 3:00p.m.- Summit City Singers, Sanctuary 6:00p.m.- Youth Group, Down Under	Music and the Worship Arts 5:00p.m.- Teen drama Rehearsal, Choir Room 6:00p.m.- Teen Skits at Youth Group
MON 5/20	6:00p.m.- Eating Disorder Recovery Group, 202 7:00p.m.-8:45p.m.- Boy Scouts, Down Under 7:00p.m.- Stephen Ministry, 129 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m.- Venture Crew, Down Under 7:30p.m.- AA, 133 ALANON, 131	
TUES 5/21	6:30p.m.-9:00p.m.- Cub Scouts, D.U. 7:30p.m.- 12 Step, 124 ALANON, 131 ALATEEN, 202	
WED 5/22	9:30a.m.- Bible Study, 129 6:00p.m.- Derek's Discipleship Class, 200 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.- High School Youth Bible Study, Youth Ministry Office. 6:00p.m.- All Age Group Yoga, The Street	Music and the Worship Arts 5:15p.m.-5:50p.m.- Bell Ensemble, Sanct.
THURS 5/23	6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Me -N-U Dinner, The Street 6:00p.m.- Big Book, 202	
FRI 5/24	8:30a.m.-Noon- <i>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN</i>	
SAT 5/25	7:30a.m.-9:00a.m.- Heart First Men, 124	
SUN 5/26	8:30a.m.- Worship, Sanctuary Cradle Care, 0-2yrs., 120 International Bible Study, 129 10:00a.m.- Worship, Sanctuary Cradle Care, 0-2 years, 120 Three year olds - 5th grade begin in Worship with families & transition to "The Street" following Children's Time 6:00p.m.- Youth Group, Down Under	



Summer Office Hours

Begin Friday, May 24

M-Th 8:30a.m.-4p.m.
 Friday-8:30a.m.-Noon

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day Holiday.