



Behold the Man

(Ecce homo)

A Year of Taking Jesus Seriously-Take Two

Jan 6- Epiphany

The Jesus Creed

*Matthew 2:1-13
& Mark 12:28-31*

Jan. 13- Baptism of the Lord

"Filled with Expectation"

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

In Him was Life

Jan. 20

Enter Life

Matthew 18-8-9

Jan. 27

Your Life is Demanded of You

Luke 12:15-21

Feb. 3

Gushing up to Life

John 4:5-15

Feb. 10- Transfiguration

"They Saw His Glory"

Luke 9:28-36

Our Mission: To Create Contagious Christian Community

That values children and helps them grow in the light of Love.

That meets people in the midst of crisis and walks alongside to find solace and solution.

That builds deep and caring relationships and fosters a sense of the joy of belonging.

That gathers together in worship in forms/expressions that are dynamic, meaningful and open to all.



Do you know what your toes are doing?

Each Sunday we arrive for worship, settle into our favorite pew and focus on our devotions with little thought for the many background preparations undertaken on our behalf.

Most visible is the cadre of stewards marshaled by Jay Wilhelm and Judy Mullen. In addition to handing you your service bulletin (having first "stuffed" them with the appropriate inserts for the day) they take care of worship service housekeeping including collection plate flow & congregational counts. Jay is also the one who organizes the special festival decorating like the Christmas decorations that we have just put away.

However, in the background are the Altar Guild, the Acolytes and the Communion Guild. Altar Guild members ensure that the candles are filled (yes, they're oil candles!), the appropriate parament for each liturgical season is on the communion table and lectern, the chancel furniture is in the right place and the pew racks are tidy and stocked.

Communion stewards not only bring the elements to the table but supply the bread, assist in the service, reverently dispose of the unused elements and clean up including doing the laundry.

The Acolytes' duties are perhaps the most visible as they light & extinguish the candles, present the Communion elements to the Pastor and assist in the celebration of Holy Communion.

These combined ministries require a small army of helpers and provide a variety of opportunities for service.

Whether you prefer to be a "Martha" or a "Mary", there is an opportunity for you! Please contact Michele Philips in the office who will be glad to connect you with the coordinator for each group.

David Carter- Lay Leader

Aldersgate Financial Update

In an effort to keep Aldersgate Members more informed about the ongoing status of our Church's finances, the Finance Committee is providing the following information in summary form. Please note that our Church's revenue and expenses fluctuate throughout the year; and, each Member's commitment to honoring a pledge is vital to the financial stability of our Church. Thank you for your commitment and participation in giving.

	November, 2012	November, 2011
Need per month	68,917.00	68,306.00
Received	57,073.00	51,697.00
Need YTD	758,087.00	751,366.00
Received YTD	678,913.00	687,514.31
Expense YTD	711,507.00	719,432.87

The total operating budget for 2012 is \$827,000.00, which is an average monthly need of \$68,917.

Outreach Community Offerings

AA- Every Monday @ 7:30p.m. in room 124

ALANON- Every Tuesday @ 7:30p.m. in room 131

ALATEEN- Every Tuesday @ 7:30p.m. in room 202

12 Step- Every Tuesday @ 7:30p.m. in room 124

Big Book- Every Thursday @ 6:30p.m.

Super Shots- the first Thursday of each month from 4p.m.-7p.m.

Me-N-U Community Meals- Every Thursday from 6p.m.-7p.m. in the gym



Me-N-U Community Meals

The Me-'N-U Community Meals ministry provides a free meal at Aldersgate Church open to all persons in and around the Aldersgate community each and every Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. January 20, 2013 will mark the second anniversary of Me-'N-U. This ministry has served more



than 11,600 meals at a per meal cost of less than \$1.75. More than providing a delicious meal each week to those in need, this ministry provides hope for our neighbors within our community, and is building a culture for our community in which we are more personally connected and linked to each other, and in which we gain a better understanding of how another person's plight is also our own. It is also a ministry that is teaching our congregation, along with our next generation, the skills needed to passionately and tirelessly fight the problems of this world. Without the selfless service of so many volunteers, whether it be from an administrative position, working on a cook team or in the dining room serving our guests, through monetary support, or simply from the thoughts and prayers of this Community that is Aldersgate, this ministry would not have been possible, let alone reach two years and counting. You are encouraged to become a volunteer; please feel welcome to contact David Carter at phone **260-760-8603** or email davidtcarter@gmail.com, or you can simply come to the Church on Thursday evening and join us.

Scouting Ministries

CUB SCOUT PACK 3349 meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Down Under. It serves boys in grades 1 to 5. Contact Cubmaster Aaron Wentland at 260-517-3212 or aaron.wentland@gmail.com



BOY SCOUT TROOP 349 meets Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Down Under. It serves boys 11 to 18. Contact Scoutmaster Dean Wilkening at 260-403-4291 or dwilkening@reawire.com

Venture Crew 2349 meets Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Down Under. It is a co-ed scouting youth group for ages 14 to 20. Contact advisors Forrest and Sarah Bishop at 260-458-4292 or forrestbishop@gmail.com or sarahrosebishop@gmail.com

United Methodist Women

Martha Circle: will meet January 7 @ 6p.m. in the lounge. Questions contact Linda Sackman (403-2462)

Mary Circle: will not meet in January

Rachel Circle: will not meet in January .

Ruth Circle: meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from Noon-1:00p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Questions contact Evonne Stephens (625-3227)

For more information on how to join a circle please Contact Jan Mitchell at 432-2007.



Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. (Meal from 6:00-6:30). Join us for....



Discipleship Night:

Sun. 06 – **Discipleship Night/Blast Event:** Twelfth Night Party, Down Under. (*Day of Epiphany*)

Sun. 13 – **Blast Event:** Paintball at Paintball Plex. (*1st Sunday of Ordinary Time after Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord*)

Sun. 20 – **Blast Event:** Winter Jam at the Memorial Coliseum, 6:00 p.m. (*2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time after Epiphany*)

Sun. 27 – **Blast Event:** Tobogganing at Pokagon State Park. (*3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time after Epiphany*)

Our **High School Bible Study** is meeting in the Youth Ministry office each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For additional information or questions contact Rev. Christopher Millay at 432-1524.

The Street ~ KidLINKS Children's Ministry



Kid's Club Walk Through The Bible... They did it!! The children of Aldersgate who attended Kid's Club on Wednesday nights in 2012 took on the church wide challenge to read through the Bible in a year. While they did not read through the Bible, they did memorize all the books, know most of the authors and can now tell others what the books are about! It was a long journey but they stuck with it and did it! I am so proud of them! There is an 'app' for the program we used—search for OT39 and you should find OT 39 Old Testament Flash-cards by Walk through the Bible. The new testament flash cards are not yet available but I will be sure to pass along the info when they are. For those with phones that have 'apps' this is a great one to pass time in the car or while sitting in doctors offices...for the kids and you! They will present all the books in worship sometime in January—you won't want to miss hearing children recite all the books of the Bible!

What a wonderful time the children had celebrating Advent and Christmas!

On Saturday, December 8th, thirty children enjoyed four hours of food and fun at Aldersgate while their parents had some time to themselves during the busy season. We had lunch, watched a movie, painted the trees and some leaves for the new children's wing, made gingerbread nativities and had lots of laughs!

On Wednesday, December 19th we had an early birthday party for Jesus complete with cake and gifts! The children were asked to bring a baby gift, since this was a baby's party. These gifts were then given to 'A Baby's Closet'. A Baby's Closet is a ministry of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. They help low-income families and those experiencing hardships by providing essential baby items to safely and adequately care for their children.

January Family Night-

Families are invited to join us on Friday, January 18th for dinner and a movie! Cost is \$5/adult, kids free. It is a time for families to come to Aldersgate and enjoy dinner and a movie together. Everyone will be challenged to find a 'Bible' twist to the movie...for example a few years ago we were watching the Disney movie, The Aristocats. In one part of the movie one of the cats was in an alley and it was raining so hard things were floating by her. One child came to me and said that it reminded her of Noah's Ark. We paused the movie to talk about Noah. Then the other children were challenged to find more 'Bible twists' to the movie. It is a fun way to watch a secular movie yet put a Christian twist on them. I wonder who will find more 'Bible Twists'...the kids or the parents? And yes, of course we will have popcorn!

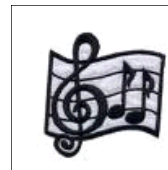
Coming later this winter....

February ~ Three of our Children's Ministries' staff will head to the Children's Pastors' Conference with plans to return with new ideas for our Sunday morning classes, Cradle Care, Kid's Club and J12 program. This conference is open to pastors, children's ministers, Sunday school teachers, etc. We would love to take more people with us and bring back more ideas! Sound interesting? Check it out at www.incm.org/cpc We don't have a budget to take more than two—but we are praying for ways to fund more of our ministry staff to attend this amazing conference.

March ~ We will host yet another Family Event with our Stranger Safety Class which we will follow with a five week course for children about how to stay safe when strangers are around. We hope to have Mr. Fred return and teach the children these important safety rules and defensive moves.

Music, Worship & Arts Ministries

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Those of us in the Ministry of Music and Arts are looking forward to the next half of the season as we move toward Lent and Easter and all that is between then and now!

I am grateful for those who participated this fall and through Advent and Christmas. Our Choir Members not only give a tremendous amount of their time but also so much of their hearts and souls to use their talent for the Glory of God and to hopefully bless this congregation in worship.

We thank our guest instrumentalists for sharing their talent with us. And we are so grateful to Mia Bendele for bringing her beautiful ballet dancers to us and for her gorgeous solo ballet at our Christmas program.

Watch for detailed information to come for our future exciting plans for this next half of our season.

God bless you all for a Happy and Healthy 2013.

Marlane

The Aldersgate Bear Creek Native American Mission

Dozens of toys and gift items made their way to kids on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota for Christmas. Thank you to all of you for your support of this annual project. They are truly grateful to you! This is the 18th year that we have sent gifts to our South Dakota friends. God Bless You for your continued generosity for this and other Bear Creek projects. Mitakuye Oyasin (We are All Relatives) *Marlane*

The Aldersgate Academy

On December 3 the Academy Council received the following notice from Sara Lane the Director of Aldersgate Academy:

"Please accept this as my notice of resignation, effective **December 3, 2012**. After much prayerful consideration, I have determined that I am not the right person for this position, and that this position is definitely not a good fit for me or my family.

Sincerely,
Sara Lane"

In honoring Sara's wishes, we have accepted her resignation. We thank Sara for her devotion and service to the Aldersgate Academy and the children and parents of our program. We wish her well as she moves forward and finds a position that fits her talents and family needs. A special Academy Council Task Force has been set up to coordinate the day-to-day operation of the Academy until such time a new director is hired. Our Human Resources Sub-committee will fill the director position as soon as possible. The position requires knowledge in early childhood development and education as well as management and leadership skills. We are accepting applications now.

The Academy has a new key card entry system for parents and staff. It is only operational during Academy school hours at the playground door entrance. The new system allows staff to devote more time to programming and administration instead of unlocking the door on a regular basis.

We appreciate all the volunteer help from the AUMC congregation as we move forward with the Academy.

Judith Melton, Chair
Academy Council



Senior Adults

Jolly Gaters - Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 11:30 am. Meeting at Friends, Too, 3720 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne, IN 46804, ph 755-0894. No sign-up, just show up at the restaurant. Please come and join us.



RADA Cutlery Sales – Sale of soups and dips and ordering taking of other RADA products (knives, serving /cooking utensils, cookbooks, wax candles and other food products) will be continue into January 2013. NO table set-up in the Market Place. This is a fundraiser for Senior Adults. See Roy if interested in catalog and order form or if you have any questions.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

If there is anything that I can do for any Senior Adult, please contact me. I am in room 125 mid-mornings to mid-afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, phone 432-1524, ext 250. *Roy Horther- Sr. Adult Ministry Coordinator*

Roy Horther, Senior Adult Ministries Coordinator

Parish Visitor

It is my goal to be in contact with those who are unable to come to church, who have been in the hospital or are in rehab and nursing homes. I am not just for the Senior Adults, I am for anyone who could use a visit or a phone call. Please keep me informed of those needing some encouragement. Contact Ellen Rhoades at the church 432-1524



DID YOU KNOW?

I will send you a CD of the Worship Services, if you let me know. I also will come and serve you communion, if you let me know. I will send you an Upper Room, if you let me know. I will send you a bulletin along with my personal letter each week, if you let me know.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Marie Albert, Jim Altman, Carl Aschilman, Barbara Ball, Clarence Bandelier, Kathie Bell, Jeanette Bridgett, Joyce Campbell, Geraldine Fredrick, Marinell Fry, Virginia Gilb, Arnie Greider, Deidra Gulley, Dan Guse, Rosalie Hofmann, Mary Hughes, Beverly Kissinger, Bounhou Kounbandith, Hilda Kreigh, Elmer Maucher, Thelma Ring, Mable Robinette, Phyllis Rudolph, Gaynelle Shady, Kathern Shurtz, Lynn Tarbell, Annabelle Van Curen, Colleen Ward, Ruth White, Valoice Woodruff .

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CARE NOTES IN THE CONNECTION.
~~Several of them relate to the Senior Adults and questions about health issues.~~

The Aldersgate Community



There's A Place For You

2417 Getz Road
Ft. Wayne, IN 46804

Non Profit Org.
US POSTAGE
PAID
Fort Wayne, IN
Permit No. 683

Return Service Requested



Our Ministry Staff

Dr. Derek Weber– Lead Pastor
Rev. Christopher Millay- Associate Pastor
Rev. Don Wismer- Life Tree Cafe
Marlane Sturm- Dir. of Music, Worship & Arts Ministries
Deidra Gulley- Music Assistant on unpaid medical leave
Susannah Chadwell- Temporary Music Assistant
Brenda Henline- Accompanist
Joan Schell- Director of Children's Ministries
John Schell- Cradle Care and J12 Coordinator
Michele Phillips- Church Administrator
Deb Eckler- Financial Assistant
Ellen Rhoades- Parish Visitor
Roy Horther- Sr. Adult Ministry Coordinator
Judy Smith- Volunteer Librarian
Roy Horther- Custodian
Tina Mihalec- Custodian
Ken Arend- Night Host

derekcw@aol.com
christopher.millay@inumc.org
donaldwismer@gmail.com
marlane.sturm@gmail.com
deidragulley@comcast.net
suschad2@msn.com
brenda.henline@gmail.com
kidsmagnet@yahoo.com
johnschell40@yahoo.com
aldersgate_office@yahoo.com
ecklerdeb@gmail.com
emr7962@comcast.net
rehorther@hotmail.com
J_S2802@comcast.net

