



The Gate Post

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CANTICLE OF THE CROSS

A LENTEN CANTATA BEING PRESENTED BY THE ADULT CHOIRS OF ALDERSGATE
3:00P.M.- SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
IN THE SANCTUARY



All Church Potluck Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 24
Located in the new children's area "The Street"



Some Kind of Happenin's Happenin' in Jerusalem

An Easter Musical being presented by the Children of Aldersgate
Following the All Church Potluck in "The Street" Children's area

Join Us as we celebrate Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service
March 24 @ 8:30a.m. & 10:00a.m.

Holy Thursday Service
March 28 @ 7:30p.m.

Good Friday Service
March 29 @ 7:00p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil
March 30 @ 10:30p.m.

Easter Services,
March 31 @ 8:30a.m. & 10:00a.m.



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.

Behold the Man

(Ecce homo)

A Year of Taking Jesus Seriously-Take Two

LENT 2013

Jesus Says "I Am"

Mar 3	"I Am the Gate"	John 10:1-10
Mar 10	"I Am the Good Shepherd"	John 10:11-18
Mar 17	"I Am the True Vine"	John 15:1-12
Mar 24- Palm/Passion Sunday	"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"	Gospel of Luke
Mar 28- Holy Thursday	"Who do you say I Am?"	Luke 9:18-25
Mar 29- Good Friday	"I Am a King"	John 18:28-19:30
Mar 31- Easter Sunday	"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"	John 11:25-26

Did you know ... that the Scripture reading and Sermon from each Sunday are on the Aldersgate website? They are posted on Monday mornings. So if you miss worship on Sunday, grab a cup of coffee Monday morning and head to aldersgatecommunity.com. Current and upcoming worship themes and scripture readings are also listed there.

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.

	January 2013	January 2012
Need per month	66,292	68,917
Received	67,910	91,426
Need YTD	66,292	68,917
Received YTD	67,910	91,426
Expense YTD	56,579	64,752

The total budget for 2013 is 795,500, which is an average monthly need of \$66,292.

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 room 124.

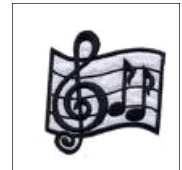


March 24 - Palm Sunday will be a day filled with celebrations!

- **Palm Sunday worship** ~ Hear about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem!
- **The Street opens** ~ Join us as we celebrate the completion of construction on the new children's wing in the former gym. Come see and experience a whimsical look of Aldersgate Street in England!
- **Potluck Luncheon** ~ Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship in The Street . Sign up on Sunday mornings in the Marketplace or contact Joan Schell—we want to be sure we have a place set for you! If your last name starts with:
 - * A-L Please bring a main dish
 - * M-S Please bring a side dish
 - * T-Z Please bring a dessert
- **Children's Musical** ~ Stay after the luncheon and enjoy the continued celebration with the children's presentation of "Some Kind of Happenin's Happenin' in Jerusalem" in The Street!

Music, Worship & Arts Ministries

All of us who participate in the Music Ministry are excited about special events we have planned for the month of March. I hope you received your flier by now with details about our "**Month of Sundays**". You'll not want to miss a single thing.



March 3--See a beautiful visual display symbolizing Jesus' words, "**I am the Gate.**"

March 10--"I Am the Good Shepherd." Be lifted up by Pastor Derek's sermon, the Scriptures and Music telling us how our Jesus is the "**Good Shepherd**" and how He leads us. Following the Worship Services, we will have a Bake Sale in the Gallery. It will include both Baked Dessert Items and some Hot Items and Salads which can be carried out for a meal. The Unique thing about this is that ALL items are symbolic of Shepherds or Sheep!!! Come check it out.

March 17--ALDERSGATE'S MUSIC MINISTRY WILL PRESENT OUR LENTEN PROGRAM at 3:00 p.m.

All of our Ringing groups will begin the program--teens, children and adults. Following the beautiful handbell music we will present the newest Joseph M. Martin Lenten Cantata

"CANTICLE OF THE CROSS"

Journey with us as we experience Jesus' final days to his Crucifixion. The Adult Vocal Choirs and Orchestra will present this Celtic style musical work. Mia Bendele and her Ballet Students will interpret much of the music through dance. There is no admission fee to the program. *Free will donations are greatly appreciated.*

March 24--Palm Sunday--An Exciting, Wonderful, Special Celebration will follow the 10 a.m. Worship Service. Join The Children's Music Ministry and Department of Children's Ministry Celebrating **the Opening of "The Street"** (our former gym). We'll have a Potluck Luncheon immediately after Worship and then following the meal the presentation of:

"Some Kind of Happenin's Happenin' in Jerusalem".

We know everyone will delight in the fun, exciting, meaningful children's musical. Join the kids as they present the story of a family traveling to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover AND to meet Jesus!! The festivities will be held in the all new "Street". Wow! What a celebration it will be!

EASTER SUNDAY--March 31--What can be more wonderful than our church family being together to worship our Great God on the **Highest Holiest Day of the Year----EASTER???????**

I would like for you all to know about my dear friend Jessica Baughan. Jessie is a college-age student who has been a tremendous help to me in working with the Children's Music Ministry since the end of December. What you might not know is that Jessie has been a part of Music Ministry here at Aldersgate since she was in elementary school. She sang in the elementary choirs and rang chimes. She was in Renaissance Praise and rang handbells throughout her middle and high school years and played the clarinet in numbers of our musical productions. In her adulthood, Jess served as a chaperon on many mission trips both in Music & Youth Ministries. She helps in the Nursery and with Vacation Bible School. She rings in our Adult handbell ministry & sang with Psalm 100, an adult/teen contemporary group. And now here she is, helping me with the elementary kids in vocal music and chimes. God has given Jessie a special blessing--a desire to serve Him by serving His church. And He has given us a blessing by giving us Jessie!

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 sarahrose-bishop@gmail.com



United Methodist Women

Martha Circle: Will meet Monday, March 4, @ 6:00 p.m. In the lounge. Call Linda Sackman @ 403-2462.

Mary Circle: Will not meet until April 9. Call Ruthann Keisler @ 485-5175.

Rachel Circle: Will meet Wednesday, March 27, @ 9:00 a.m. @ the church. Call Gloria Gillenwater @ 436-0837 or Judy Miller @ 625-4887.

Ruth Circle: Will meet March 5 and March 19 from 12-1:00 p.m. @ the church. Call Lynette Jehl @ 616-0164.

PRAYER & SELF-DENIAL program for all ladies will be held Tuesday, March 19, in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. PLEASE JOIN US!

Planning ahead, our spring **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held Thursday, April 25. Start cleaning your closets now!



The Street ~ KidLINKS Children's Ministry

What's Happening

March 8 - Family Event ~ We are hosting another Family Event with dinner and the return of our popular Stranger Safety Class. Designed for children (4 years and up) to attend with their parents. This dvd driven class is a joint effort by John Walsh (host of AMERICA'S MOST WANTED) and Julie Clark (Baby Einstein Company founder), THE SAFE SIDE--STRANGER SAFETY is full of tips for making children's lives safer.

How do kids know who is a stranger? Just people they don't know? What about people they 'kinda' know? What should they do if they are approached by a stranger? How can they learn to be safe of the local playground?

Dinner will be provided—contact Joan Schell to register your family by noon on March 7th

Do you like to organize and sort things? The children will soon be moving their Sunday morning classes and Kid's Club into 'The Street' and we need to get our supplies ready to move. Help is needed sorting crayons, testing markers, sharpening pencils, and organizing craft totes. Contact Joan Schell if you can help.

Week of April 7th—The children will begin Checking-In and meeting for Sunday School and Kid's Club in The Street!



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....

Sun. 03 – Discipleship Night 6:00p.m.-7:45p.m. Down Under.

Sun. 10 – Discipleship Night 6:00p.m.-7:45p.m. Down Under.

Sun. 17 – Retreat Weekend: Middle School Lock-in. (No Youth Group meeting this evening)

Sun. 24 – Discipleship Night 6:00p.m.-7:45p.m. Down Under

Sun. 31- Easter (No Youth Group meeting this evening)

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

Summer Mission Trip: The Youth are going to Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC. The tentative date is June 30—July 5 (awaiting confirmation from Hinton RLC). We will conclude our trip with rafting on the Ocoee River.

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



The Aldersgate Academy

Need a Car Wash? During the month of March, the Aldersgate Academy will be selling Mike's Car Wash coupons for \$8...this is the same price you would pay at Mike's but if you have a coupon the Academy receives a 50% profit which will be used for new equipment!

These coupons may be used anytime in 2013 and make excellent gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, or Easter.



Senior Adults

Jolly Gaters - Tuesday, March 19th, at noon in the church lounge, Carry-In. Pat Murphy (friend of Juanita Lee) will speak about Easter. Please come and join us.

RADA Cutlery Sales – Still have some dip mixes in stock available for sale. See Roy if interested or would like a catalog and order form or if you have any questions. This is a fundraiser for Senior Adults.

Easter – Sunday, March 31st – Happy Easter to all!

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, 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 me at 432-1524. *Ellen Rhoades*



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 CHECK
OUT THE CARE
NOTES IN THE
CONNECTION.**

**Several of them relate
to the Senior Adults
and questions about
health issues.**

We give thanks to God for answered prayers in the lives of:

Anna Marie Chamar- who is at home.

Bounhou Kounbandith-at home under hospice care.

Jim Altman-who is having chemo again.

Jerry Burton-who is at home recovering from a troubled knee.

And many others we find listed in our bulletin each week.

Do You Know Where Your Shoebox Went?

Keith Henline does. Check out this link to read all about it.

<http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Burkina_Faso/?src=ezgiveupdate>

We would love to know if anyone else followed their box in 2012? Contact Ruth Carter 676-2180. *Watch for additional information on how you can follow your box in 2013.*



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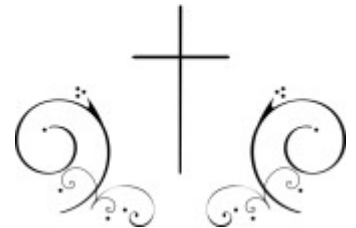
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Steve & Connie Kreigh	Carol Cashman
Marilyn Gemmill	Billy Kreigh



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
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