



The Gate Post

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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

Eastertide:

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

May 5

A Faith of Our Choosing

Matthew 7:13-29

May 12- Mother's Day/Ascension

Clothed with Power

Luke 24:44-53

May 19- Pentecost/Confirmation

Catching the Wind

Acts 2:1-47

May 26-Memorial Weekend

The Things that are to Come

John 16:12-15

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.

	March 2013	March 2012
Need per month	66,292.00	68,917.00
Received	74,313.00	60,298.00
Need YTD	198,876.00	206,751.00
Received YTD	203,090.00	202,675.00
Expense YTD	194,866.00	194,053.00

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. The Street.



Summer 2013

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I Am a Follower

Via - The Way

<i>June 2</i>	<i>Followership as Way of Life</i>	<i>Luke 5:27-39</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>The Hospitality of Followers</i>	<i>Luke 9:45-54</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Followers at Home</i>	<i>Luke 9:57-61</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Followers at a Distance</i>	<i>John 12:21-33</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Followers at Work</i>	<i>John 21:15-25</i>

Verita - The Truth

<i>July 7</i>	<i>Followers See Truth</i>	<i>John 1:14-18</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Followers Worship in Truth</i>	<i>John 4:23-26</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Followers are Freed by Truth</i>	<i>John 8:31-47</i>
<i>July 28</i>	<i>Followers Follow Truth</i>	<i>John 18:28-38</i>

Vita - The Life

August 4

Followers Seek the Source of Life

John 5:24-40

Aug 11

Followers Hold Life Lightly

Mark 8:34-38

Aug 18

Followers Don't Fret about Life

Luke 12:22-32

Aug 25

Followers Give Life Away

John 15:12-17



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, September 15th
Movie Time
12:15pm

***Meal will be provided prior to the movie showing**

Hosted by the Heart First Men of Aldersgate UMC

The Gate Post will resume publication in August 2013.

Music, Worship & Arts Ministries



Spring Concert

Join us at Aldersgate on Sunday afternoon, May 19 at 3:00, for a concert presented by the Summit City Singers. This lovely 60 member choral group has shared their music with us in recent years and we are delighted to have them back again. Their spring concert theme this year is "Across America". You'll not want to miss this event.

Choir Music in Worship

What a wonderful opportunity it is to be able to 'Sing the Scriptures!' "What does that mean?" you ask. Well, Pastor Derek puts so much time and thought into the worship services. Most of all, he prays about them. And that generally is months before they ever take place. Through God's guidance, he comes up with a theme of worship or a series, the Scriptures to be used and his sermon titles which all fit together. Then he gives that to us on staff. My job then is choosing the choirs' music which will fit the worship theme, be supportive of the sermon or even be the Scripture in song for a particular Sunday.

We have been blessed this spring to do just that. For example, on April 7 the Scripture was "The Beatitudes" and the Wesley Choir sang "Blessed Are They". April 14 was Jesus saying, "You are the Salt of the Earth; You are the light of the world" and our teen girls sang "Salt and Light". The Scripture for April 28 will be Jesus' words, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on Earth..."; the Wesley Choir will sing "Treasures in Heaven". And on May 5 the Word will be Jesus saying, "Not everyone who cries Lord, Lord will come into the Kingdom" at which time the Chancel Chorale will sing "Lord, Lord". Each of these anthems is verbatim Scripture and it is such a joy to sing them. I am grateful for the talents of composers who can take The Word of God and put them to music. And I am grateful to Pastor Derek (and Pastor Brian in years past) for sharing the creative inspirations of future worship services so that I am able to schedule music to be a vital part of those visions of Worship.

Blessings! Marlane

Youth Ministry

Aldersgate Youth Council

Do you want to have a say in what your youth group does and when? Come plan with us! Youth Council meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11:20 a.m. (Unless it conflicts with Ad Board). Next meetings: May 05 and June 02. See you there!



Summer Mission Trip: June 30 - July 05 at Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville, North Carolina.

This summer we are going to Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, North Carolina. Hinton Center sits on Lake Chatuge in the Appalachian Mountains. Hinton serves a huge area of western NC, eastern TN, and northern GA. Our work team will be sent out into this area to do home repair in some of the poorest counties in the United States. The cost is \$235/participant, but we can defray some of that cost with some successful fundraising (see below)! A sign-up sheet is located on the Youth Ministry table in the Connection.

That Thing Summer Camp: July 07 - 12 at Epworth Forest

That Thing is for upcoming 9th graders through just-graduated seniors. Aldersgate UMC has reserved the Barbara Heck lodge with room for 31 people (27 youth and 4 adults). The cost is \$266/camper. Scholarships are available. Event Tickets are located on the Youth Ministry table in the Connection. Join us for an awesome week of camp!

Summer Pizza Hut Mondays

Summer lunch gatherings at the Coventry Pizza Hut will begin at noon on Monday, June 10 and continue through Monday, August 05. See you there!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Aldersgate Youth Ministry will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 28 in the Gallery. We will also have a car wash on Sunday, May 05 on the small front parking lot. The youth will worship at the 8:30 service, and start washing cars immediately afterward. The money we raise will be used to support our Mission Trip to Hinton RLC and as camper scholarships for That Thing. Please help support your Aldersgate Youth.

For more information contact Rev. Christopher Millay @ 432-+1524. christopher.millay@inumc.org

Bear Creek

Thank you to all of you who have given so generously to the Bear Creek offering on April 14. Your gifts will go to much needed supplies for the Eagle Butte Elementary School on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Pat Becker and I will be traveling to the reservation in late June to deliver our gifts. We also will visit our special community of Bear Creek and hopefully can take supplies for any of the needy families there. God Bless You!

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United Methodist Women

Martha Circle -- will meet May 6 @ the church @ 6:00 pm. Call Linda Sackman @ 403-2462.

Mary Circle -- will meet May 14 @ the church @ 12 noon. Call Ruthann Keisler @ 485-5175.

Rachel Circle -- will meet May 22 for lunch @ Wellspring. Call Gloria Gillenwater @ 436-0837 or Judy Miller @ 625-4887.

Ruth Circle -- will not meet in May. Call Lynette Jehl @ 616-0164.



THANK YOU to all who helped make the spring rummage sale a success!

The Street ~ KidLINKS Children's Ministry

'The Street' is open! We celebrated Palm Sunday in the new children's space with a pot-luck lunch and children's musical! If you have not ventured down there yet, take the time this Sunday to visit 'The Street' and see what so many have worked on for the past year...it is amazing! The children are enjoying playing, running, learning, and studying in The Street. Thank you to everyone who helped make this children's space a possibility!



Summer Fun and Camp Opportunities -

· Vacation Bible Camp ~

God's Big Backyard- June 16-20, 6:00-8:00pm Ages 3 & up. Get ready for an outdoor adventure under the shimmer of starlight that starts in our own backyard and gets bigger each day as kids take the love of Jesus into their homes, neighborhoods, and communities! We will transport your kids to a fun-filled world where they'll learn to serve under the stars.

Kids will be:

- > Inspired to serve with the life-changing worship, missions, and Bible fun of God's Backyard Bible Camp Under the Stars!
- > Challenged to serve family, friends, neighbors, community, and Jesus!
- > Will be led in meaningful Bible teaching, Bible reading, and learn how to apply God's truths to their lives.

Registration now open! Registration forms are available in "The Street" or at the Children's Ministry office or by contacting John Schell at johnschell40@yahoo.com. Youth and Adult leaders are also needed to help with small groups, crafts, snacks, and games. Remember to invite a friend!

· J12 Lock-In Thursday, June 20th, 8:00pm - Friday, June 21, 9:00am for all 4th- 6th graders who have attended God's Big Backyard VBC. Come and spend the week with us then wind up our adventure with a lock-in! Registration information included in VBC packets or contact John Schell @ johnschell40@yahoo.com

· The United Methodist Church has several Summer Camp opportunities for kids of all ages. Go to www.beacamper.com

· The United Methodist Women's Mission camp ~Mission U~ at DePauw University—is for women and children to attend together (La Donna Weber is the dean and Joan Schell is leading the children's portion of the camp) July 22-26. Contact Joan for more info.(432-1524).

· Wild Night at the Zoo ~ August 9th-10th, ages 7—12. Join us for a fun filled evening and sleep over at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo as we experience "Creatures of the Night" and get a special behind the scenes tour of the Aquarium workroom which is above the aquarium! Registration forms are available in "The Street" or at the Children's Ministry office or by contacting Joan at kidsmagnet@yahoo.com ...space is limited so don't wait too long.

Joan Schell- Director of Children's Ministries

Senior Adults

Jolly Gaters – Monday, May 20th, at Down Beat Diner, Sweetwater Sound, 5501 US Hwy 30 W., Fort Wayne, IN. We will take a tour of Sweetwater Sound at 10:30, lasting about 45-60 minutes, then have lunch at 11:30 in the diner. Must use credit card for lunch, they do not accept cash. Car pooling from Aldersgate Academy parking lot at 10:00 am. Please come and join us.



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

Sunday, May 12th – Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

Monday, May 27th – Happy Memorial Day 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

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I want to thank all of you for remembering me in your prayers and all the cards I received following my knee surgery. I am doing very well and am back at work and beginning to do my visits.



Special Prayers are needed for:

The Melton family following the death of Jeffrey Melton. Please keep them in your prayers.
Pastor Derek's family who are here with them now. Shortly after their arrival up here his mother fell and broke her hip. She is in Coventry Meadows Rehab now and Henry spends every day with her.
Mable Robinette has been moved to Coventry Meadows and shares a room there with Geraldine Fredrick.
Patricia Tremper is still in rehab at Coventry Meadows. Jim Altman had a stroke and is now in Lutheran Rehab. Deidra Gulley has been in Lutheran Hospital and is home now trying to recover from another infection in her foot. She had numerous surgeries on it. Veva Schilling, sister of Barbara Beckwith, is in Covington Manor Rehab.
Bounhou Kounbandith is still at home under the care of Hospice. His wife says he has good days and bad days. She does have nurses and aides coming in to help care for him. She so appreciates all the calls and cards from friends.
Remember all those listed in the bulletin and those unspoken requests.

Also, remember, I am a phone call away and am available on Mondays and Wednesday here at the church office. You can always leave me a message (432-1524).

Blessings to each of you.

Ellen Rhoades, parish visitor

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 Chad Tranter at sm@troop349.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



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