

The Aldersgate Community



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*In everything give thanks;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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.

October Weekly Reading Through the Bible

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Gospels	Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Epistles
Nov. 4	Acts 13-14	Deuteronomy 10-12	II Chronicles 33-36	Psalms 128-130	Ecclesiastes 5-6	Haggai	I Peter 1-3
Nov. 11	Acts 15-16	Deuteronomy 13-15	Ezra 1-5	Psalms 131-133	Ecclesiastes 7-8	Zechariah 1-7	I Peter 4-5
Nov. 18	Acts 17-18	Deuteronomy 16-19	Ezra 6-10	Psalms 134-136	Ecclesiastes 9-10	Zechariah 8-14	II Peter
Nov. 25	Acts 19-20	Deuteronomy 20-22	Nehemiah 1-4	Psalms 137-139	Ecclesiastes 11-12	Malachi	I John 1-3
Dec. 2	Acts 21-22	Deuteronomy 23-25	Nehemiah 5-9	Psalms 140-142	Song of Sol 1-2	Revelation 1-6	I John 4-5

Fall Sermon Series Enough

Nov 4 (All Saints)

Defined by Generosity

I Timothy 6:12-19

Nov 11

Overcoming Fear

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Nov 18 Thanksgiving Sunday

More Than

Matthew 6:25-33

Nov 25 Christ the King

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Revelation 1:4b-8

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.

	September, 2012	September, 2011
Need per month	68,917	68,306
Received	58,746	51,139
Need YTD	620,253	614,745
Received YTD	563,994	548,153
Expense YTD	593,217	598,275

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

Community Outreach Opportunities

It Starts with a

Gift

and Leads to

Lives Transformed

through **Jesus Christ**

*Give Joy to a Prisoner's Kid this Christmas.
Volunteer for Angel Tree®.*

When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they aren't forgotten. Give the child of a prisoner the joy of Christmas this year.

We need volunteers to:

- Contact families for their children's gift wishes.
- Buy and wrap Christmas gifts.
- Deliver gifts to children.
- Share the Gospel with the children.

Every child receives an age-appropriate presentation of the Gospel message—the true meaning of Christmas. And when Christmas is over, you'll enjoy opportunities to continue to minister to these families year-round.

Ask your church Angel Tree Christmas coordinator how you can help. And find out how wonderful it feels to "welcome the children" in Jesus' name.

Angels will be available on December 2nd and 9th. All gifts need to be returned to the church by December 16th. Gifts will be delivered the following week.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts. If interested contact Ginny Johnson 625-8050.



We are excited to say that 2012 is the 9th year Aldersgate has participated in Operation Christmas Child. Our church wide goal this year is to collect **500** boxes. **WE CAN DO THIS!!!**

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- Nov. 4th and 11th are the Sundays to bring in boxes (11th is the last)
- After Nov. 11th boxes should go directly to Sonrise-hours are noon to 6p.m. daily trough the 18th
- Our Pastors will bless the boxes at the 10a.m. service on Nov. 11th

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS
WONDERFUL OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Lamp Lighters Hockey Ministry needs you! We are using street hockey (shoes only) to spread the love of Christ. But we need your help by being part of our world record setting event: 10,000 Pucks World Record, which is an attempt for a group of people to set a world record by collectively taking 10,000 street hockey shots in four hours and raising \$1 per shot. Proceeds go to launching our "Hockey Mobile". Visit www.lamplightershockey.org for more information and how you can earn free Komets tickets!

Tyler & Ashley Moreland
Executive Directors
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Develop fully mature disciples of Jesus Christ through hockey.
lamplightershockey@gmail.com
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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.

Weight Watchers- Every Wednesday from 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. and Friday from 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m., Down Under

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



Scouting Ministries

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

- Nov. 3rd, from 1-3p.m., Down Under, we will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes. Our troop goal is 150.

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

- Nov. 10th the troop will be visiting the Kalamazoo Air Zoo Museum. November's theme is the Aviation Merit Badge.

Venture Crew 2349 meets Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the 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

- Nov. 9-10 the group will be caving in southern Indiana.



Bear Creek Mission

Toys, Toys, Toys! Yes, we will be collecting toys once again for the Native American Children on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. This will be the 18th year we have helped our young South Dakota friends have a special Christmas! Watch for a display with tags having a child's name, age, gender & gift idea. Also, we are going to send warm hats, gloves/mittens & scarves for lots of children of all ages. The display and details will be available in The Gallery beginning Sunday, November 18. The gift items will need to be brought to the choir room by Sunday, December 9.



Thank You in advance for your generosity! Mitakuye Oyasin - We Are All Relatives

Marlane

Do you know what your toes are doing?

Continuing this series highlighting the many ministries that members of our church family provide, I've been talking to Ruth Schwartz and Kay Voyles about the lunches that are provided after funerals at the church. This is one of the oldest ministries at the Church and is provided by the United Methodist Women's group. For more than 25 years, a group of ladies has been serving families who are going through that deep anguish resulting from the death of a family member. All church families are offered the opportunity to share a meal together, usually in the church lounge, without having to worry about any of the organizational details.

A team of volunteers is "on call" to prepare the food and bring it into the church on the morning of the funeral or memorial service and then a smaller group actually serves the meal and clears up afterwards. More than 70 ladies are included on the list of volunteers which means that Ruth and Kay can rotate through the list rather than call on the same people continuously.

If you would like to be a member of this team, please contact Ruth (via the church office) and she will add you to the list of people who provide this caring ministry. You don't have to be a member of UMW to participate.

David Carter
Lay Leader

Lifetree Cafe

Nov. 7- Smile....even when you think you can't.
Nov. 14- Wounded Warriors: When war comes home.
Nov. 21- Preparing for the Worst: How to survive a catastrophe.
Nov. 28- The Mystery of Prayer: Can God be swayed/



Meeting at New Ground Coffee Company
5925 North Clinton Blvd. (Washington Square)
Every Wednesday Evening from 7p.m.-8p.m.

United Methodist Women

Martha Circle: will meet Nov. 5 @ 6:00 p.m. In the lounge. Call Linda Sackman (403-2462).
Mary Circle: will meet Nov. 13 @ noon in the lounge. Call Ruthann Keisler (485-5175).
Rachel Circle: will NOT meet in Nov.
Ruth Circle: will meet Nov. 6 from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. And Nov. 15 from 6:15-7:45 p.m.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER will be held Tuesday, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m. In the lounge, hosted by Martha Circle. Tickets will be on sale Sundays: Nov. 11, 18 and 25 and Dec. 2. We encourage all ladies (and any guests) to join us for fellowship and entertainment!

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meetings take place each Sunday from 6:00p.m.-7:45 p.m. A meal for Middle and High School youth takes place from 6:00p.m.-6:30p.m.. The separate Middle and High School youth meetings follow at 6:30p.m. Volunteers are still needed for Sunday evenings.



For more information and details on how to volunteer, contact Rev. Christopher Millay (432-1524)

The Street ~ KidLINKS Children's Ministry



Kid's Club Walk Through The Bible... On October 21st the children recited all the books of the Old Testament during Children's Time in worship. This was their gift to the pastors for Pastor Appreciation month. Pastor Weber has the church reading through the Bible in a year—and while the children could not do that they realized that they could memorize the books of the Bible and know what each one was about. They have now moved onto memorizing the New Testament and should have all the books of the Bible memorized by Christmas!

We practice and learn at Kid's Club—and it's never too late to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. Kids Club welcomes all children in Kindergarten—5th grade. No need to register—just bring your dinner, Bible, giggles and be ready for fun Bible learning and games in room #124!

Coming this fall and winter....

November 11 ~ the children will be bringing all their Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes to worship for a blessing before they are sent around the world. On Sunday, October 28th, we held our second Family Event—families gathered for a luncheon after worship and then got busy wrapping and filling over 125 shoe boxes! It was an amazing sight!

December ~ the children will complete their memorization and study of the books of the Bible by reciting all the books during Children's Time at a 10:00am worship service. The date will be determined as we get closer to December.

January ~ we will host our third Family Event with another Family Dinner and Movie Night. Watch for more information. If you have a great family movie ... feel free to pass your suggestion along to Joan.

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.

In our Prayers...

The O'Connor Family.... Brian, Liz, Michael, Tommy and Kate have moved and are looking for a church that they can love as much as they love Aldersgate. They have asked us for prayers in their search.

The Rod Metzler Family.... We give thanks to God for Rod's safe return from Afghanistan where he was serving his country. Welcome home Rod!

The Ashley Brickley Family Ashley's 4 month only son, Henry, recently had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor the size of a grapefruit from his abdomen. Prayers for his recovery and strength as he endures more treatment.

Music, Worship & Arts Ministries



An All New Exciting Opportunity has opened for our Music Ministry! On Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. the Aldersgate Adult Vocal Choirs & Handbell Choirs will join with the amazing Old Crown Brass Band to present a concert. It will include patriotic music and will be a celebration of Veterans Day. You absolutely will not want to miss this!

On Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. the Old Crown Brass Band and our entire Music Ministry--this time including teens & children with the adults--will present a Christmas concert together. What a celebration it will be! Please mark your calendars! Join us for an evening filled with the Joy of the Christmas Season!

The concerts are free, however, donations to help defray music costs are welcomed. Invite your neighbors & friends, as everyone is welcome. No tickets are necessary. Seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

A few weeks ago a gentleman named Shane Meredith, who lives here in Ft. Wayne, gave us an unbelievable gift. Shane is a fantastic pianist, a piano teacher and composer. He gave us an anthem which he composed. It is called "Beauty Out From Beauty In" and the dedication reads as such..."Dedicated to Marlane Sturm and Aldersgate UMC - 2012". I can't even believe the time & effort he must have spent to compose this for us. It is a gift to be treasured. We will be presenting it in Worship on November 18, and hope that Shane, his wife and children can be here when we premier it. God bless him for such a wonderful blessing to us.

Hope to see you All there!

Blessings! Marlane

The Aldersgate Academy

Aldersgate Academy continues to enroll children from church families and the community. We have waiting lists for the "ones" and "twos" classrooms, and currently have openings in the "threes" and "fours/fives" classes.



We are getting ready to kick off our first fundraiser of the school year – we are bringing back the ever popular Kringles©! Orders for the Racine Danish Kringles© will start on Monday, October 8 and continue through Monday, October 29, 2012. Orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 14 – just in time for those holiday meals! For best quality, Kringles© should be served immediately or frozen.

Upcoming Events: School Pictures on November 5 & 6

For questions or to enroll for classes contact: Sara Lane, Director-432-4507

Senior Adults

Bake Sale – Thanks to all who provided items for the bake sale and / or purchased items from the sale. Proceeds will pay for the meals of all veterans who attend the luncheon on Sunday, November 11th.



Veteran's Celebration Luncheon – Sunday, November 11th, 11:15 AM, Down Under. Senior Adult Ministries is sponsoring this event but the entire congregation is invited to attend. Meal cost is \$13.50. Program will be six or eight members of the Old Crown Brass Band. Last sign-up will be conducted on November 4th.

Jolly Gaters - Tuesday, November 20th at noon, Magpie's Pizza, 126 E. Albion St., Avilla, IN. Larry Goldsmith, the owner of this pizza restaurant will speak to us after lunch about his great-grandfather who was a survivor of the Titanic. Sign-ups will be conducted on November 11th and 18th in the Market Place. Happy Thanksgiving 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 Ellen Rhoades at the church 432-1524



Those currently on my list are:

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

Please remember each of them in your prayers!

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

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