



THE WARM HEART



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Aldersgate Church is a caring and affirming Christ-centered fellowship, lay-led and community focused.

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ALDERSGATE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

The second of our annual Lenten services will begin at noon on February 29th. A light lunch will be served in the Epworth Building following the service at a cost of \$5.00. The menu for the 29th: creamy tomato & basil

soup, cheese toast, and chocolate chunk cookies

Our speakers are as follows:

February 29 - Rev. Andy Oliver, Poplar Springs Baptist

March 7 - Rev. Susan Bowling, recent graduate of School of Divinity, GWU

March 14 - Dr. Luke Harkey, Shelby Presbyterian

March 21 - Dr. Robert Canoy, School of Divinity, GWU

March 28 - Rev. April Abernethy, Sharon UMC

April 4 - Rev. Michael Gullate, Christ for the Nations

MY ALDERSGATE FAMILY

I imagine most of you have heard by now that I passed the Board of Ordained Ministry and will be ordained this summer! So I just want to take this opportunity to thank you; to thank you for your words of encouragement, your support, your confidence in me, and especially for your prayers. More than all that, though, I thank you for helping me reach this point; for walking with me during my provisional period, and showing me so much grace. I came to you as a scared, fresh-out-of-seminary, 24-year old, overwhelmed by the task in front of me, and you have loved me through it and shown so much grace. You have given me the experiences necessary to find out what kind of pastor God has created me to be, and provided fertile soil for me to grow. And so I thank you. I will be ordained this summer, and a big part of that is because of you and the ministry I have shared with you these past three years. So thank you and I look forward to sharing more ministry with you as we continue to walk and grow together. -Pastor Katie

PHIL WEATHERS BOOK SIGNING!

Phil Weathers will be speaking and signing copies of his book, "Wrestling Tips for Middle/Junior High Schools" at Cleveland Memorial Library on Thursday, March 1st, from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. The book costs \$10.00 and a portion of the proceeds from the evening will go to the library. The public is invited to attend.

4M Calendar: Methodists, Missions, Moments & Meetings

Sunday, February 26

8:30 A.M. - Informal Worship

9:45 A.M. - Sunday School

11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship

2:00 P.M. - Children's Council - Room 201

3:00 P.M. - Worship Exploratory Committee - Fellowship Classroom

3:00 P.M. - VBS Committee - Room 201

4:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice - Handbell Room

5:00 P.M. - Family Game Night - Epworth

5:00 P.M. - Youth - Epworth

Monday, February 27

5:30 P.M. - Disciple I - Seekers Classroom

5:30 P.M. - Jesus in the Gospels - Fellowship Classroom

7:00 P.M. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

7:15 P.M. - Disciple IV - Middle High Classroom

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 P.M. - Choral Society - Sanctuary

6:30 P.M. - 3F Basketball - Epworth

7:00 P.M. - AUMC Book Club - Wesley Classroom

Wednesday, February 29

12:00 P.M. - Lenten Service - Sanctuary / Lunch - Epworth

5:30 P.M. - Service of Communion & Healing

5:30 P.M. - Cherub Choir - Baxter Davis Classroom

Thursday, March 1

9:30 A.M. - Early Christian Letters - Small Dining Room

Friday, March 2 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

No Reservations

Saturday, March 3

No Reservations

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR KATIE!



Your Aldersgate family is so proud of the hard work, preparation, dedication and determination it took to pass the Board of Ordained Ministry.

We look forward to celebrating with you at your ordination on Saturday, June 23rd!

YOUNG AT HEART



Please join us for lunch at 11:30 A.M. on February 28th, at Don's Italian Restaurant. We have a lot of fun when we get together, and we always welcome new folks!

If you plan to attend, please let Mary Anne Davis know by calling her at 704.482.2319.

PALMS AND LILIES



It isn't too early to begin planning for Easter. If you would like to place a palm or lily in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of

someone, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with your payment. Palms are \$20 each and must be ordered by March 22nd. Lilies are \$12.50 each and must be ordered by March 30th. You can pick them up following the last service on Easter Sunday.

No. of Palms _____ No. of Lilies _____

Purchaser _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY



The season of Lent begins Wednesday, February 22nd. Following is a fun and creative way for families to participate in the Lenten practice of "giving up" or fasting. For a family of four (adjust the number for

larger or smaller families so the you end up with 40 slips of paper). Have each member write down on separate small slips of paper ten ways to experience Lent. Every morning have someone draw from the entries. Each family member would then act on the suggestion listed on that piece of paper. Allow children to be creative and do things that might seem easy to you, but are a sacrifice to them. You are participating together, and everyone has a say in it. Each night discuss how the day went. My friends and I did this last year; it was an awesome experience for us! -Miss Lindsay

COMMUNION STEWARD TRAINING



A training session for communion stewards will be held on Sunday, February 26th, during the Sunday school hour. The training is for all who signed up to participate and those who have an interest in serving. The procedures have changed significantly and need to be updated. This training is *mandatory* if you wish to become and or continue serving as a communion steward. Thanks! -Mary Ann Stark



SCOUT NEWS!

Chris Herring recently received the Cross and Flame Award, which recognizes those who give extraordinary amounts of time and energy in dedicated service with

children and youth in the United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America. Chris has served as Cubmaster for Aldersgate’s Pack 107 for the last five years. Thanks to Chris for all his hard work!

Two scouts in Aldersgate’s Troop 107 have earned the rank of Eagle Scout:

Drew Rogers is a freshman at Crest and the son of John and Elizabeth Rogers. His project was building four raised planters at the YMCA for use in teaching children gardening skills.

Will Ledbetter is a senior at Shelby High and the son of Robert and Kim Ledbetter. His project was to install steps on a hillside at Eastside Baptist to enable folks to reach the sports field easily and safely.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

You are invited to join the Fellowship Sunday School Class as they begin a new Adam Hamilton curriculum entitled, *Final Words on the Cross*. This study series begins on Sunday, March 4th and lasts for six weeks. “In life and death, Jesus’ words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven “final words”. Hamilton explores the final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.” If this piques your interest, then join the Fellowship class for study and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

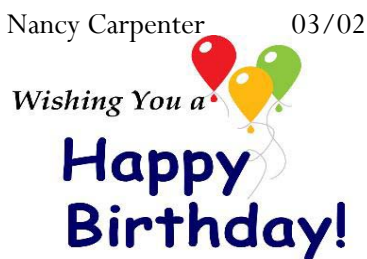
PERPETUAL PRAYER LIST

- Gene & Flo Blanton
- David Carpenter
- George & Frances Clay
- Connie DiLeo
- David Dycus
- Faith Sharers
- Graham School
- Howard Hardin
- Forrest Hite
- Mary Kachner
- Carme & Janice Lee
- Polly Matthews
- Cortney Pierce
- Janice Poston
- Ruth Swofford
- Ken Tarpley
- Joe & Elizabeth Whisnant
- Richard Yount
- Those seeking God through Jesus Christ



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| Aaron Allen | Kevin Laye |
| Charles Barefoot | John Lewis |
| Wilson Biggerstaff | Joshua Melocik |
| Robert Corder | Jennifer Minus |
| Brandon Eaker | David Myers |
| Brandon Edwards | Scott Richard |
| Troy Goss | Stephen Strachan |
| Jesse Henkel | Andrew Whited |
| Julia Jablonski | Dylan Witucki |

Katherine Brooks	02/26	Nancy Carpenter	03/02
Paige Barnette	02/27		
McKenzie Drum	02/27		
Morgan Drum	02/27		
Billie Watson	02/27		
Ryanne Corder	02/28		
Edwin Ford	02/28		
Carole Rice	02/28		
Eugene Blanton	03/01		
Matthew Norman	03/01		
Matt Arey	03/02		



COUNTRY BREAKFAST

The second Saturday of each month our UMM/UMW prepare a delicious country breakfast. The breakfast is open to the community, costs \$6, and is served from 7:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. in the Epworth. Come on out *March 10th!*



A Special
THANK YOU

Hello to our friends at Aldersgate! Please accept our apology for not reaching you sooner. We are very grateful for the generous contribution you sent to the American Red Cross during the Christmas Season. With your loving help, we're making a real impact on people's lives—like families seeking to recover from the recent winter surge in house fires. Thank you for helping us pursue our humanitarian mission.

Chuck Bridges
Community Chapter Executive

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY . . .
HUMILITY**

“Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.”

-Andrew Murray

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Ed Peeler	Dot Peeler

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>In Honor of</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Keith McNeely	Hayward & Martha Morrison



FINANCIAL REPORTS & UPDATES—FEBRUARY 19TH

Sunday School Attendance: 180

Worship Attendance:

8:30 A.M. - 155
11:00 A.M. - 137

Total Worship: 292

Budget	\$ 7,551.44
Building/Grounds Improvement ..	\$ 279.00
Pastor Discretionary	\$ 75.00
The Vision Continues	\$ 1,574.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 20.00

Worship Workers February 26th

Crucifer

(11:00) Stephanie Crosby

Morning Prayer

(8:30) Burney Drake

Lay Reader

(11:00) Harrison Blanton

Acolyte

(8:30) Madi Walker

(11:00) Patrick Berry

Greeters

(8:30) Charles & Judy Eslinger

(11:00) Jim & Barbara Irons

Nursery Workers

(8:30) Worship Infant: Chris Rippy

(8:30) Worship Toddler: Cory Stevenson

(8:30) Worship 3 & 4: Mark & Sarah Rullman

(9:45) S.S. Infant/Toddler: TBA

(11:00) Worship Infant: Gilda Pruitt

(11:00) Worship Toddler: Kassie Patterson

(11:00) Worship 3 & 4: Shelby Myers/Cortney Walker

Time for Children (Children's Sermon)

(8:30) Regina Lutz

(11:00) Jean Lutz

Ushers

(8:30) Ed Peeler/Richard Anderson/
Harvey Bowen, Sr./Tim Ellis/John Hubbard

(11:00) Howard Shuford/Jeff Cox/Gary Murray/
Charles Peeler/Rob Vardeman

Sound Committee

(8:30) Mike Stark

(11:00) Jay Berry

Altar Guild

Louise Neal

Welcome Team

Charlie & Garnette Walls

Thoughts and Prayers

If you wish to add or remove a name from our list, contact the church office, otherwise names will remain on the list for about one month.

Sheila Berry, step-mother of Jay Berry

Gary Clarke, brother of Becky Williams

Debbie Yoe Darst

Maya Davis, daughter of Ed Davis

Katherine Goforth

Larry Greenwood

Howard Hardin

Keith Hawkins

Gay Jolley

Ken Ledford

Kenny Ledford

Deborah Mauney, cousin of Lynn Munoz

Nita Mauney

Suzanne McKeever

Dillon Peeler, grandson of Charles & Joan Peeler

Kenneth Prevatt, brother of Thomas Prevatt & Jodi Jenkins

Thomas Prevatt

Carole Rice

George Shipley

Donald Steele

Sharon Whisnant, daughter-in-law of
Joe & Elizabeth Whisnant

Lindsay Wood, niece of Patricia Noggle

Sue Wood, daughter of T.C. & Jo Strickland

Janis Wright

With Sincere Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Hal Queen, uncle of Joann Harrill. May they know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Paula Leonard, sister of Martha Morrison. May they know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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YOUTH NEWS!

Sunday, February 26th:
5:00 P.M. - Family Game Night
Fun and fellowship for ALL!!!

KIDS NEWS:

Upcoming Events!

- February 26th - **FAMILY GAME NIGHT!** Kid's do you want to race your parents, this is your chance?!?!?! Come out for dinner and games, 5:00- 6:30.
- March 4th - Celebration with a March Madness theme the fun will last from 5:00- 6:30. Come dressed in your favorite sports attire.
- March 28th - Easter Expedition; come out and see a reenactment of the Last Supper, participate in crafts, an egg hunt, and dinner
The fun begins at 6:00!

As we prepare for these upcoming events remember we still need boxes of tissues, ping pong balls, and red plastic cups for game night. Also, don't forget to turn in your FAMILY CAMP deposit if you want to attend.