



# 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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## FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP MEAL



Our next Fellowship Meal takes place on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 P.M. in the Epworth Building. We will enjoy a meal of baked spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. As always, the costs are:

\$5.00/adult, \$2.00/child and \$14.00 family

maximum. Please make your reservation by noon on Monday, February 13th. We are excited to have our playschool children provide musical entertainment during the evening! (They will perform a "special" Aldersgate song for us.) Everyone is encouraged to bring any of the following playschool supplies to the Fellowship Meal or to the church office throughout the month of February:

paper towels                      Clorox wipes                      Clorox Anywhere Spray  
hand sanitizer                      baby wipes

## FOUNDATION CLASS CHICKEN PIE SALES



Chicken pies will be assembled and ready for pick up on Sunday, February 5th, between 8:30 A.M. & 12:15 P.M. You can place your order by emailing Sarah Rullman at: [sarahjanerullman@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahjanerullman@yahoo.com), or you can call the church office. Pies are \$10.00 each. Please indicate whether you want them with or without vegetables when you place your order.



*The Aldersgate Sanctuary*

*Choir presents:*

*"An Evening of Love Songs"*

*Saturday, February 11th, 2012*

*6:00 P.M. in the Epworth Building*

**Menu:** *Roasted Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Apples, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Chocolate Crème Pie*

*Tickets are \$10 each. They can be purchased from any Sanctuary Choir member or in the church office.*

## 4M Calendar:

### Methodists, Missions, Moments & Meetings

#### Sunday, February 5 COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. - Informal Worship

8:30 A.M. - Chicken Pie Sales - Epworth

9:45 A.M. - Sunday School

11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship

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

5:00 P.M. - UMYF

#### Monday, February 6

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 7

6:00 P.M. - Worship Committee - Middle High Classroom

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

#### Wednesday, February 8

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

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

#### Thursday, February 9

9:30 A.M. - NO BIBLE STUDY

6:30 P.M. - UMM - Western Sizzlin'

#### Friday, February 10

No Reservations

#### Saturday, February 11

7:00 A.M. - UMM / UMW Country Breakfast - Epworth

8:00 A.M. - UMM Conference Group - Small Dining Room

6:00 P.M. - Valentine Dinner / Show - Epworth

## MARTIN STREET FOOD BANK

Remember to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday, February 5th. Please place the food in the food bin located in the narthex.

## LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 22 - Rev. Ann Duncan, Hoyle Memorial  
UMC

February 29 - Rev. Andy Oliver, Poplar Springs  
Baptist

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

March 14 - Rev. 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

A light lunch will be provided in the Epworth  
immediately following the services at a cost of  
\$5.00.



## WE NEED YOU!

If you have just a few hours a week or month that you can offer help to your friends and neighbors, we need you on the local Disaster Action Team! With a little training, you can be the one to help a family who has experienced disaster. Working on the Disaster Team is a very flexible volunteer opportunity. You may go for weeks without being called upon at all. When the need arises, you'll be with a team of volunteers who go to the scene of a house fire to offer emergency care for the needs of the family. You will always have the option of saying, "I can't go on this one." Another way your Sunday school class might help is by adopting a team! Feel free to contact our Emergency Services Director, Craig Morehead, at 704.487.8595 to obtain more detailed information.

-The Disaster Action Team

## CHRISTMAS STORE 2012!

We are looking ahead to Christmas 2012.

Did you receive one or more Christmas gifts that you can't use? If so, please consider contributing them to the "parents table" for next Christmas. Items such as hand lotion, cologne, bath beads, scarves, etc. for the ladies and shirts, cologne, gloves, tools, etc. for the men. Any and all such contributions are appreciated and will be put to good use.

## UMC DISASTER RESPONSE!

Ken Anderson, the Marion District Response coordinator, reported that tornadoes damaged 10 structures (not all homes) in Rutherford County & 75 homes were either destroyed or sustained major damage in Burke County. The Gastonia District reports that funds to aid the victims of this disaster have been slow coming in. If you would like to help, please contact the Western North Carolina Conference through the following link: <http://www.wnccumc.org/vim/dsr-mariontornadoes.htm>  
In times like this it is wonderful to be part of a Connection Church!

## 32ND ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RALLY Called, Equipped, Sent: Men Transformed



The 2012 rally takes place April 27 - 29, at the Lambuth Inn located at Lake Junaluska. Featured speakers are: Danny Howe - Danny has been involved in mission work through areas such as the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, the Holston Conference Mission Ministry Team, The UMC in South Sudan, and the General Board of Global Ministries. Danny's teaching is a theology based on missions as a lifestyle, not an event.

The Rev. Dr. James Long, Jr. - Active in UMM for many years, Dr. Long brought his Methodist background to the work of The Children's Home from 1986 to 2000, when he retired.

The Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Proceeds benefit the Children's Homes.

If interested in attending this exciting week-end, please contact the church office.

## SHROVE/FAT TUESDAY...



I brushed up on my knowledge of Shrove Tuesday aka Fat Tuesday, and thought it interesting enough to share. As most of us already know, Shrove Tuesday takes place on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and begins the season of Lent. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten Season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, abstinence, and self-sacrifice. The concept can be found in 1 Corinthians 9:27 where the Apostle Paul states: "I buffet my body and make it my slave..." Ironically, Shrove Tuesday has evolved into a day of frivolity and indulgence. Shrove Tuesday began in the Middle Ages when food items such as meats, fats, eggs, milk and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would prepare large feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those foods. The English tradition of eating pancakes came about as a way of using up some of those same types of foods. In France, the consumption of all fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or *Mardi Gras*.



If you would like to share in the tradition of Fat Tuesday here at Aldersgate, please join us on Tuesday, February 21st, at 6:00 P.M. as the

**FAT TUESDAY** AUMC youth prepare pancakes! The fellowship and fun will include mask decorating for all ages. You are encouraged to invite your friends! Donations during the evening will benefit *Relay for Life*. Also, authentic Mardi Gras beads will be sold for \$1.00 per strand with these proceeds benefitting *Kairos Outside*.

## 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  
 Joe & Elizabeth Whisnant  
 Richard Yount  
 Those seeking God through Jesus Christ



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

Libby Shipley	02/06	Bethany Lipscomb	02/11
Jay Arey	02/07		
Mattie Walker	02/07		
Phil Yoe	02/07		
Emma Blankenship	02/08		
Robin Burton	02/08		
Zane Crow	02/09		
Davis Blanton	02/10		
Boyce Hanna	02/10		



## 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. - 9:30 A.M. in the Epworth. Come on out *February 11th!*



### FAMILY GAME NIGHT!



Mark your calendar for Sunday, February

26th; a night of fun and fellowship is in store for all! (Parents young and old, youth and children) Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 5:30 P.M. Game time from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. **EVERYONE** is encouraged to attend and invite your friends and neighbors!

### Congratulations!



Jennell Lawhon & Austin Gentry are the proud parents of a baby girl named Ava Marie, born January 22, 2012. Bill & Faye Gentry are the proud grandparents!

### AUMC HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbell choir is looking for new members. You don't have to read music (it helps), but a desire to enjoy and learn is the most important prerequisite. They practice on Sundays at 4:00 P.M. in the handbell room. If you have an interest and would like more information, please contact Beth Lowe at: [Beth.Lowe@clariant.com](mailto:Beth.Lowe@clariant.com) or at 704.480.7262.



### MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
None

Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of  
None



### FINANCIAL REPORTS & UPDATES—JANUARY 29TH

Sunday School Attendance: 135

Worship Attendance:

8:30 A.M. - 152  
11:00 A.M. - 127

Total Worship: 279

Budget.....	\$ 7,493.00
Building/Grounds Improvement..	\$ 119.00
Pastor Discretionary.....	\$ 100.00
The Vision Continues.....	\$ 3,466.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 25.00

## Worship Workers February 5th

### Crucifer

(11:00) Stephanie Crosby

### Morning Prayer

(8:30) Jamey Davis

### Lay Reader

(11:00) Dick Strachan

### Acolyte

(8:30) Zach Walker

(11:00) Andrew McNichol

### Greeters

(8:30) Virginia Byers/Hal Crowder

(11:00) Tim Ellis/Carl Lynn

### Nursery Workers

(8:30) Worship Infant: Susan Rippy

(8:30) Worship Toddler: Brenda Munjas

(8:30) Worship 3 & 4: Kerri Byrd/Nancy Ivey

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

(11:00) Worship Infant: Kassie Patterson

(11:00) Worship Toddler: TBA

(11:00) Worship 3 & 4: David & Brandi Edwards

### Time for Children (Children's Sermon)

(8:30) Wayne Allen

(11:00) Mary Ann Stark

### Communion Stewards

(8:30) TBA

(11:00) TBA

### Ushers

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

(11:00) Phil Turner/Jeff Cox/Gary Murray/  
Charles Peeler/Rob Vardeman

### Sound Committee

(8:30) Mike Stark

(11:00) Jay Berry

### Altar Guild

Louise Neal

### Welcome Team

Ruby Hughes

## 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.*

Garlyn & Evelyn Allen, father & mother of Susan Pearson

Alex Anderson

Randy Cash, brother of Paula Vardeman

Larry Greenwood

Phyllis Hamrick

Howard Hardin

Keith & Freida Hawkins

Gay Jolley

Chris Lee and family

David Laning, son of Horace Laning

Horace Laning

Ken Ledford

Kenny Ledford

Lewis Manley

Deborah Mauney, cousin of Lynn Munoz

Suzanne McKeever

David Melton

Mike Parker, friend of Jim Still

Nancy Poteate, sister of Carolyn Chapman & aunt of  
Chris Young

Thomas Prevatt

Carole Rice

George Shipley

B.J. Shoemaker, uncle of Gay Bowen

Karla Smith, sister of Cindy Bailey

Donald Steele

Alison Still, daughter-in-law of Jim & Lib Still

Billie Watson

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

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

Ruth Young

NC families affected by tornadoes

Mission Team in the Dominican Republic

### *With Sincere Sympathy*

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Doris S. Page, widow of Rev. Ernest D. Page. May they know the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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## **YOUTH NEWS!**

### **Sunday, February 5th:**

Super Bowl  
Party at the  
Crosby's  
house!



### **Sunday, February 12th:**

5:00 P.M. - Multi-sensory worship...  
come see what it's all about!

### **Sunday, February, 19th:**

5:00 P.M. - Games & Program

### **Tuesday,**

#### **February 21st:**

Fat Tuesday  
Pancake Supper/  
Youth Fundraiser



### **Sunday, February 26th:**

5:00 P.M. - Family Game Night  
Fun and fellowship for ALL!!!

We know the Bible is the Word of God, now let us look into what the Bible means to us. Today, we will discover that the Bible is our guide, just like an owner's manual is a guide for how to operate a car. When your family goes on a trip to a strange place, it is important to have some kind of guide to know where to go. What would they use for that? Right a map, A map is a guide. Or imagine walking through a dangerous part of the African jungle. Would you not want a guide to show you the way? Of course you would. Psalms 119:105 says "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." A light on the path helps us see where to go. And Psalm 119:133 says, "Direct my footsteps according to your word, let no sin rule over me." Just as we need to follow an owner's manual to operate a car, or a map to get to our vacation spot, we need to follow the Bible to live a Godly life. A long time ago, about 600 years before Jesus was born, the people of Judah lost God's Word. They had no guide to follow, so naturally they did what was wrong in God's eyes. But then God's Word was found. Let's find out what happened.

### **2 Kings 22:1-20 (The Book of the Law is Found)**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How old was Josiah when he became king?
2. Where was the Book of Law found?
3. What were the people doing in the temple?
4. What did Josiah do after hearing the words from the Book of Law?
5. Why was Josiah worried God would be angry?
6. What happened to Josiah because he wanted to follow God's Word?

