

The Advance

October 2015 edition

*A church of all ages,
building true community through caring relationships
and Christian outreach,
focused on youth and the creative arts.*

Hello Beloved!

What an amazing September this has been. Over the last month or so I have watched this congregation come together to kickoff a season of New Beginnings like I have rarely seen a church come together before. Here's to our Faith Formation Team who organized a wonderful kickoff Sunday filled with laughter, celebration and excitement. And here's to our Trustees, HCI Team, and all of those who helped to get our building in shape. When the Cabinet talked to me about being the new pastor here, they told me that one of the biggest projects right away was to remodel the lobby so that it could be a new "fellowship/gathering" space and thereby serve to connect people more easily after worship. I don't know that I've ever seen a more towering home-run with a building project than this. The space looks great, is functional, and is easily and naturally doing exactly what we'd hoped it would do. So congrats, Aldersgate UMC, you knocked one out of the park.

As we continue to live into this season of New Beginnings, there is more "remodeling" to be done however. We have to ever keep before us the question: "How can we connect new people – connect them spiritually and connect them relationally?" There are a couple small things we're working on toward that effort.

Name-Tag Stand: In an effort to keep our new space as open as possible, we have moved the name-tag stand into the kitchen area of the new space. So when you come to worship on Sunday mornings, that's where it will be.

Kids Check-In: Some of the feedback we've been getting from parents is that there isn't a clear space and mechanism for parents to get info about what we have for kids, and for parents to get their kids checked in. Erin has created a colorful, visible sign where she will be prior to worship, and where parents can get registered and checked in. We will be working to refine this process, but for now, it's a great start. Thanks, Erin!

Communications: This is always a tough one. We live in a world with 18 million different ways to communicate! One of the things we're going to try is having a quarterly newsletter, rather than monthly. This will free up some time for us to get communications out in other, broader methods. But in order to get information out, we will also be beefing up our bulletin a little bit. So be sure to read your bulletin on Sundays. There is good info in there! Also, be on the lookout for weekly emails from me, as well as updates on our Facebook page and Twitter account (@AldersgateSLP). This will, of course, be a work in progress, but we hope to be more efficient and effective in our communication.

As we've said, we are in a season of New Beginnings, and it is an exciting time! Let's keep moving! See you Sunday!

-Pastor Paul

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WORSHIP SERVICES IN OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

“A Whole World”

Mark 10:2-16

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

Sunday, October 11

New Spirit Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

“Beauty and the Beast”

Mark 10:17-31

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

Sunday, October 18

10:00 a.m. Worship

“Dying to Live”

Mark 10:35-45

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

Sunday, October 25

New Spirit Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

“How’s the Neighborhood?”

Mark 10:46-52

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER:

October 4: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26 or Psalm 25; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 11: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18: Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dean Knight who passed away on Sunday, August 23. His memorial service was held here at Aldersgate August 29.



HERE AT ALDERSGATE

MISSION MINUTE: UNICEF was established on December 11, 1946 by the United Nations to meet the emergency needs of children in post-war Europe and China. Its full name was the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund. In 1950, its mandate was broadened to address the long-term needs of children and women in developing countries everywhere. UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations system in 1953, when its name was shortened to the United Nations Children’s Fund. However, UNICEF retained its original acronym. Today UNICEF maintains programs in 162 countries and territories. Coins placed in the offering plates during the month of October will be donated to UNICEF.

From the **MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Aldersgate has been a blessing to both the makers of shawls and to those who have received them. Over 40 prayer shawls have been gifted since 2010. We send our thanks to the crafters that responded by sharing their talents, time and prayers to the need for shawls this spring. Additional shawls are always welcome. If you are interested in making a shawl for this ministry; yarn, pattern suggestions, and information about prayer shawls are all available in the church office. Knitting needles or a crochet hook can be borrowed. To learn more about this ministry, please contact a Member Care Committee Member or leave a message at the church office.

Another ministry of the Member Care Committee is the **HEALTH EQUIPMENT CLOSET**. Keep in mind that our HEALTH EQUIPMENT CLOSET is as near as the stage off Fellowship Hall. We have more things to lend than we can list here, things to help with poor vision, a variety of incontinence products, bath benches, walkers, wheel chairs, canes and crutches, something to help you put on a sock when it is too hard to move and much more.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CARING FRIENDS Caring Friends is a support group for those who've lost loved ones, are caring for a loved one or who are dealing with health care issues in general. The group meets monthly to express feelings, discuss coping strategies and lend support to one another. At this time Caring Friends is in need of a co-leader. If you have questions or would like to help please contact Martha Probst at 952-935-8054.

FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY You are invited to come to a weekly Bible Study addressing the scripture for the coming week. This group has been having some lively discussions! We gather at 12:30 on Thursday at Parkshore Senior Center. About half of those who have been attending are from outside the Parkshore community. Please consider yourself invited!

TUESDAY TESTAMENTS The Tuesday Faith Development group meets at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. The group is reading *The Faithful Heart*, an eight-week daily devotional book. Please know you are invited and welcome at any time.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB read *Mrs. Queen Takes the Train* by William Kuhn in preparation of the October 8 meeting. See the SCOOP for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE) Adult Christian Education meets after worship on Sundays in the Community Room (formerly known as the Parlor). See the Faith Formation SCOOP for more details.

ALDERSGATE YOUTH GROUP Open to all youth in grades 9 – 12, the youth group meets on Sunday at 12:15 for lunch, faith development and fun! See the Faith Formation SCOOP for more details.

GRAPPLE – *v. to seize or grasp firmly, as in wrestling.* Youth in grades 6 – 8 meet during Faith Formation time on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for a time of fellowship, fun and grappling with what Faith looks like in our everyday lives. See the Faith Formation SCOOP for more details.

CHURCH HOUSE ROCK Children from age 4 through grade 5 experience fun and learning in Church House Rock on Sunday mornings during Faith Formation time. See the Faith Formation SCOOP for more details.

PLEASE NOTE: Transportation will be provided for ANY of the above mentioned programs. Call the church office at 952-929-6725 and arrangements will be made. **CHILDCARE** arrangements can also be made by calling the church office.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:

10/1 – Gail Miller

10/2 – Pat Johnson

10/3 – Camille Wallace

10/6 – Jean Payne

10/7 – Emily Young

10/8 – Erica Bonham and
Jerry Noyes

10/11 – Jay Brodersen and
Marcia Soules

10/16 – Carrie Davis and
Wendy Larson

10/19 – Joey Wagner

10/22 – Andrew Decker and
Jackie Lundin

10/23 – Carolyn Heise

10/25 – Hannah Culver

10/27 – Roberta DeVille and
Sarah Hart



COMMITTEE MEETINGS COMING UP

- MISSIONS** will meet **Sunday, October 4**, at 8:45 a.m.
FAITH FORMATION will meet **Tuesday, October 13**, at 7:00 p.m.
SPRC will meet **Tuesday, October 13**, at 7:00 p.m.
MEMBER CARE will meet **Tuesday, October 20**, at 7:00 p.m.
TRUSTEES will meet **Tuesday, October 20**, at 7:00 p.m.
FINANCE will meet **Tuesday, October 27**, at 6:30 p.m.
AD COUNCIL will meet **Tuesday, October 27**, at 7:30 p.m.

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AT ALDERSGATE OCTOBER 2015

*FH – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 1

- 12:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parkshore
4:00 p.m. Ding Dong Dollies – Bell Room

Friday, October 2 – office closed

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4 *World Communion Sunday*

- 8:45 a.m. Missions Committee
9:00 a.m. Holy Tollers – Bell Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
Fellowship time hosted by Sharers Circle
11:15 a.m. Chapel Chimers – Bell Room
11:15 a.m. Connection Hour
12:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, October 5

- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study – TowerLight
6:15 p.m. Men's Softball – Aquila #1
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – FH

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
10:30 a.m. Tuesday Testaments

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive – Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. Jubilee! – Bell room

Thursday, October 8

- 12:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parkshore
4:00 p.m. Ding Dong Dollies – Bell Room
7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club

Friday, October 9 – office closed

- 4:30 p.m. wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, October 10

- 3:00 p.m. wedding – Sanctuary

Sunday, October 11 *New Spirit Sunday*

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Tollers – Bell Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
Fellowship time hosted by Trustees Cmt.
11:15 a.m. Chapel Chimers – Bell Room
11:15 a.m. Connection Hour
12:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, October 12

- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study – TowerLight

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – FH

Tuesday, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
10:30 a.m. Tuesday Testaments
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #16193 – FH
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Committee
7:00 p.m. SPRC

Wednesday, October 14

- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #16941 – FH
6:45 p.m. Jubilee! – Bell room
7:30 p.m. Choir – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 15

- 10:00 a.m. Caring Friends – Community Room
12:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parkshore
4:00 p.m. Ding Dong Dollies – Bell Room
7:00 p.m. Elmwood Neighborhood meeting
7:00 p.m. Sharers Circle

Friday, October 16 – office closed

Saturday, October 17

Sunday, October 18

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Tollers – Bell Room
9:15 a.m. Choir – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
Fellowship time hosted by Faith Formation Cmt
11:15 a.m. Chapel Chimers – Bell room
11:15 a.m. Connection Hour
12:15 p.m. Youth Group – FH

Monday, October 19

- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study – TowerLight
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – FH

Tuesday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
10:30 a.m. Tuesday Testaments
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #16193 – FH
7:00 p.m. Trustees committee
7:00 p.m. Member Care committee

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:00 Memorials Committee
6:30 p.m. Faith Alive – Sanctuary
6:45 p.m. Jubilee! – Bell room

Thursday, October 22

12:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parkshore
4:00 p.m. Ding Dong Dollies – Bell Room

Friday, October 23 – office closed

Saturday, October 24

Sunday, October 25 *New Spirit Sunday*

9:00 a.m. Holy Tollers – Bell Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
Fellowship time hosted by Member Care cmt
11:15 a.m. Chapel Chimers – Bell Room
11:15 a.m. Connection Hour
12:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
2:00 p.m. Elmwood Neighborhood Halloween Party – FH

Monday, October 26

11:15 a.m. Bible Study – TowerLight
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – FH

Tuesday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
10:30 a.m. Tuesday Testaments
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:30 p.m. Administrative Council

Wednesday, October 28

5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #16941 – FH
6:45 p.m. Jubilee! – Bell room
7:30 p.m. Choir – Sanctuary

Thursday, October 29

12:30 p.m. Bible Study – Parkshore
4:00 p.m. Ding Dong Dollies – Bell Room

Friday, October 30 ~ Office Closed

5:00 p.m. String recital – FH

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1 *All Saints Sunday*

8:45 a.m. Missions Committee
9:00 a.m. Holy Tollers – Bell Room
9:15 a.m. Choir – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

Fellowship time hosted by Missions committee
11:15 a.m. Chapel Chimers – Bell Room
11:15 a.m. Connection Hour
12:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

PLANNING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

POINSETTIA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Poinsettia plants can be ordered at this time. The cost is \$9.50 per plant. **Your check payable to "Aldersgate United Methodist Church" Must Be Included With Your Order.**

We must receive your order by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**. Please return the order blank and check to the church office. Additional order blanks are available in the church office.

Name: _____

Please indicate your choice of color:

Red _____ Pink _____ White _____

Total # of plants ordered: ___ x \$9.50 = _____

Would you like your poinsettia to be a **memorial**? If so, in memory of whom?

Would you like your poinsettia to be in **honor** of someone? If so, in honor of whom?

***We request that the plants be left in the Sanctuary until after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Thursday, December 24.**

