

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

7 Shannon Drive ~ Greenville, South Carolina 29615

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Ministers – The Congregation

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Sunday Services

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ministry Staff Serving You

The Rev. W. Michael Bruce, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carol Allison, Associate Pastor

Chip Mays, Director of Music

Randy Flower, Organist

Lauren Blakeley, Children's Choir Director

Ruth Hughes, Director of Leisure Ministries

Chris and Sally League, Directors of Youth Ministry

Jennifer Seabrook, Director, Child Dev. Center

Susan Hamilton, Administrative Asst. for Programming

Willetta Pennington, Church Secretary

Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary

John McElrath, Custodian

Charles Gambrell, Custodian – CDC

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“AWAKE, O SLEEPER! RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE UPON YOU.”

I am sorry to report to you all that I don't know how many meals were served this weekend, or hygiene kits, clothes, and blankets given. I can only share with you what I observed and learned from spending a weekend on the streets of Greenville with our youth.

From my homeless friend Dick, I've learned that you can always find the good in people if you try and if you stop learning you will die. From Dr. Love, the world may indeed be the devil's playground, but God is in control and He is love. From John, anyone can give a dollar, what he truly desires is a friend. I watched our teenagers play four squares with the homeless and draw with sidewalk chalk. I saw the joyfulness of child's play emerge. I saw people's faces light up when called by name. I saw our youth and homeless men together in a circle of prayer as violence threatened. I saw a new community of friends eating breakfast together. I saw a man sitting in a pew searching for a little happiness, his face filled with joy after hearing a beautiful song. I saw our youth and their new friends side by side at the communion table on Sunday morning praying to an awesome and loving God. I saw a woman speechless when we told her electricity would soon be running in her house. I saw a kid who rarely has anyone to play with running around in the water fountain smiling. I dare to say what I saw this weekend was Christ. I dare you to go and find Him!

Peace,

Kelly Davis

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT . . . We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

June 14 ~ WORSHIP
“WHAT YOU SOW IS WHAT YOU GET”
Mark 4:26-34
The Rev. W. Michael Bruce

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS (at the time of printing, June 9)

Home: Tom Edmunds

Emory Rehab in Atlanta: Reuben Marlowe

Brighton Gardens: Florence Hale, Dot Lankford

Cottages at Brushy Creek: Betty Lee

Health Care at Rollinggreen: Elizabeth Black

Hawthorne: Elza Beeson

National Health Care: Carolyn Garner

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS! There is a place for you on Sunday morning. Please join your friends this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the College Class for Sunday School. We hope to see you there!

ATTENTION: ALL CLASS PRESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS Ruth Hughes has emailed you a Missions Activity Summary questionnaire. Please complete and return the summary as soon as possible. The Mission Team wants to catalog the many Mission projects supported by AUMC organizations. Thanks, Dave Herndon

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Any UMW member, who has completed the UMW reading program or will have the 4 books completed by the end of July, should contact Ruth McAllister (244-6710) to obtain the reading report form which must be submitted. Let's read ladies! The UMW books are in the Church library and our report must be filed in August.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer and Mike Smith on the birth of their son, Maddox Devoe Smith. Rainer and Brenda Ellis are the very proud grandparents.

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Are you visiting Aldersgate and interested in learning more about our church, the United Methodist Church, and becoming a member here? Please join us for coffee with the Pastors on **Sunday, June 14**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the Mac Vinson Companions Class.

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT WE WILL BE OFFERING a Summer Sunday School program during the month of July. The program will be World Religions. This is an optional class, if you wish to continue meeting as usual, you are more than welcome to do so. We would, however, like to try and get a ballpark figure of which Sunday School classes are planning on attending. Please shoot me an email at rhughes@aumcsc.org or give me a call in the next two weeks, so I will know how many to set up for. Also, if you have any class members that would be interested in being a part of the teaching staff, I would love that information as well. I have the books and materials for you to look at. Thanks, Ruth Hughes

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers Coffee Hour will be held on **Tuesday, June 23**, at **10:00 a.m.** Please make plans to join us for this time of fellowship, **AND** on **Monday, July 6**, we will travel to **THE BUTTER BEAN RESTAURANT**, 3209 Wade Hampton Blvd. for lunch. This is located in the shopping center at the corner of Wade Hampton Blvd. and Rutherford Rd. and was formerly the Dixie and/or Harvey's. We will be ordering from the menu. We will meet at **11:00 a.m.** Please call Betty Anne for reservations at 286-1088.

FINANCIAL RECORD – 2009

Our Financial Secretary, Norma Dempsey, is on vacation this week. Any contributions made this past Sunday, June 7, will appear in next week's Newsletter.

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Bill J. Carter by J. R. and Margaret White, Karen Gregory,

HABITAT FUND

In memory of Bill J. Carter by Beatrice Nash, Irene Kocisko, Aldersgate United Methodist Women, Double Springs Baptist Church, Bill & Frances Hall, Stark & Annette McDuffee

ATTENDANCE ~ JUNE 7

Sunday School – 284 Worship – 450

NEWSLETTER

To be good stewards of the resources we have for ministry as a church, we will soon no longer mail you a hard copy of the newsletter if you receive it by email. This move will create significant savings in the cost of mailing, paper, and printing. **We have received a very positive response from you and appreciate your input.** If you do desire to receive a hard copy of the newsletter through the mail, as well as, by e-mail, just call us and let us know, or you may pick up a copy at the Church Office. This will go into effect before the end of June.

DID YOU KNOW Aldersgate volunteers have been serving MEALS ON WHEELS for well over 30 years thanks to the good people of our Church. Now we need someone to offer their services to this most worthwhile project. The route is in our neighborhood and takes two hours of your time. Please call Janie Hunt at 244-5346, if you can help out, or have questions.

YOUTH ON SUNDAY

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth at the House

“PLEASE KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL”

These are words you will not have to say to your Stephen Minister. You can be assured your Stephen Minister will keep quiet about what you share. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers don't reveal anything their care receiver says and doesn't even tell anyone who their care receiver is. If you need someone to listen and share with, please call Annette McDuffee (288-1848) or Wiletta Pennington (244-1820). It will be our pleasure to share with you how Stephen Ministers are here for you.

EDUCATION CORNER

We are collecting empty, clean yogurt containers (any size) for a summer art project. There will be a box at the mailbox area near the volunteer desk.

CHURCH-WIDE ALDERSGATE NIGHT

Greenville Drive Family Baseball Night

Fluor Field - Friday, June 19, at 6:00 p.m.

The whole family is invited. Tickets are: Adults \$19, Children \$13 (12 & under) & Children \$3 (2 & under). Tickets include all you can eat from 6-7:30 p.m. The game begins at 7:00 p.m. Also, our very own Ashley King will be singing the National Anthem! There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons.

ALDERSGATE'S FAMILY CONNECTION

Programming Staff wants to hear from you!!! Over the summer, we will be developing plans for the next semester of Family Connection and we want to hear from you concerning what you might like to see offered in the fall. You will find short survey forms in the church pews. If you are interested in participating, please feel free to fill one out and put into the offering plate or hand to one of the ushers on your way out. Don't forget to make notes of any special talents you may like to lend to our programming!



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OUR VISION . . . Aldersgate United Methodist Church shall be a church alive in the Grace of God, an open and inviting community of Christ-centered believers living out our faith with commitment and enthusiasm; sharing the Gospel through inspirational worship experiences, evolving ministries, covenant relationships, and servant leadership. We shall equip, support, motivate and mentor all to realize our potential as gifted members of the Body of Christ.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 14

8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 3:30 p.m. Coffee w/Pastors/New Members

6:00 p.m. FPU

6:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, June 15

6:32 p.m. UMM
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 16

9-11 a.m. Women of Faith

Wednesday, June 17

6:00 p.m. Youth Ignite Group
 6:30 p.m. Psalms/Disciple BS
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Youth Immerse Parenting Meeting

Thursday, June 18

No Scheduled Activities

Friday, June 19

AUMC Greenville Drive Night

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Saturday, June 20

No Scheduled Activities

SERVING SUNDAY

Greeters:

8:45 a.m. Marian & David Rose
 11:00 a.m. Scott & Logan Bagley

Acolytes:

8:45 a.m. Michaela Carter
 11:00 a.m. Jessica Hamilton

Crucifers:

8:45 a.m. Samantha Lee
 11:00 a.m. Julian Gettys

Visitation Team:

Mary Anna Hunt

Recording Stewards:

David & Beth Robinson

Ushers: Captains:

8:45 a.m. Joe Busbin
 11:00 a.m. Frank Mathis
 8:45 a.m. Jim Rutherford, Charles Kellett, Bob Todd
 11:00 a.m. Jim Cox, Mark Lankford, Dale Allred, Bonnie Lampe, Ron Armstrong, Tony Vanderwood

Nursery Volunteers

Rebecca Wells, Van Payne, Julie Campbell, Vance Wells, Michelle Bach-Hansen

Children in Worship

Jennifer Reneke

