



Aldersgate In Motion



ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The People of the United Methodist Church*

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Lent



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.-Parker Hall

John 19:26-27 "Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother." (Ruth Hughes)

Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. – Parker Hall

Matthew 27:46 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Martha Timmons)

Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.—Parker Hall John 19:28

"I am thirsty." (Johannah Myers)

Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. –Parker Hall John 19:30

"It is finished." (Pastor Nelson)

Palm Sunday, March 29, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.– Sanctuary Choir Cantata

Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Luke 23:46

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Pastor Michelle)

Good Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Tenebrae Service,
Service of Shadows

Easter Day, April 5, 7:00 a.m.—Outdoors Joint Sunrise Service with First
Christian and John Knox Presbyterian, Breakfast—Parker Hall

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Aldersgate Easter Worship



MESSY CHURCH

THE NEXT MESSY CHURCH will be on **March 22nd**. Join us for family activities, games, an Easter Egg Hunt and more! Mark your calendars to enjoy all the fun! All this begins at 3:30 p.m. and will include a hot dog supper as well. Call Johannah Myers to help. (244-1820)



Please don't forget that the first Sunday of the month is when we collect food for **United Ministries**. With the temperatures as cold as they have been, the need is even greater! (Peanut butter, meat products and cereal are always in demand.) For some, this is the only food they may receive for any given week. Please give generously!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Harbor Inn Seafood on Haywood Road is hosting a Spirit Night for the CDC! Enjoy a delicious dinner while visiting with Aldersgate friends and helping our school! When you mention Aldersgate CDC to your server on **Tuesday, March 3rd**, you will receive a FREE DRINK & our school will receive a portion of the sales! We hope to see you there!!! Too busy to stop & eat? Mention Aldersgate CDC when you pick up a take-out order ... great food to go!!

Tuesday, March 3rd
at Harbor Inn on Haywood Road



MESSY EASTER

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND @ 3:30 for an afternoon of fun and celebration for the whole family. Activities begin at 3:30 in the gym with games and crafts for families. The afternoon also includes an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes for everyone. Stay for supper, too, in Parker Hall! Messy Easter happens rain or shine! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We'll need lots of volunteers for Messy Easter. Call or email Johannah asap to volunteer. jmyers@aumcsc.org or 244-1820

VISIONEER'S CLUB

Using the Club 56 and UMYF ministry models - we have created a program of fellowship, evangelism, worship, service and discipleship especially for those in the 3rd and 4th grade. We kicked off this program in January. We meet each month from 4—6 p.m. Our next meeting dates are below:

March 15th, April 26th, May 31st

If you would like to be a more permanent part of the program, we would love it! We can't think of anything better than to surround our kids with people who love them lots.

Thanks—Ruth Hughes & Jamie McCauley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GARAGE SALE

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GARAGE SALE is coming the week of April 20-25th. Save those gently used items to bring beginning on April 20th! We will be open to receive items from 9:00 am—8:00 pm. (*No TV's this year.*)



ALDERSGATE HAD FIVE REPRESENTATIVES attend the South Carolina's Men's Spiritual weekend on February 20 to 22 in Myrtle Beach, SC. For the second straight year we set a new attendance record with over 850 attendees. The theme was "Skin in the Game", a revival of the Methodist Men to become "Men N Ministry". This year's conference was led with powerful messages from Bishop Holston and guest speakers Adrian Dupres, and Dr. John Ed Mathison. Next year's spiritual weekend will be headlined by Rev. Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church. For 2016 Bishop Holston has set of goal of 1500 men to attend and put some "Skin in the Game" and become spiritual leaders for our families and in our faith communities. I believe that the men of Aldersgate can step up and answer this call!

Sincerely,

Trevor King, UMM President

Aldersgate's Next UMM Meetings:

Monday March 16 @ 6:32 pm - Special Guest Edward McCutcheon head of Furman University Wesley Fellowship.

Sunday April 19 @ 7:30 am - Special Guest Joel Shaw.

ATTAWAY UPDATE



Hi all...We have had a dear friend in Thailand pass away. His name was Jade and we thought a part of his story would be appropriate to tell. His strength even in his illness has been inspiring to us all.

Jade said...

"Before I was ill I went to college according to my parents plan and the standards of this world. However once I am ill I learned that this is for real. Life is not simply being a student under the standards this world could give to us. I had

to choose to drop from school for so many semesters, hoping to heal.

I had sometime to really think about life, what do we truly live for... I know if we let God be number one in our lives, and we be zero, God will add to our lives abundantly. Life that I have spent studying so many semesters, life that looks like a failure, no value from the perspective of the world, actually isn't a failure from the perspective of God.

Life... if I die today I have more power than many who simply go through the routine of work, without having that higher purpose. I believe there is more to life than that, we are not simply born just to go through the routines. We are humans created by God, not machines, not pre-programmed... Today maybe we can know that God has allowed for us to have all our organs in good condition that we can breath and not ill. Maybe we know we can get up and get going, eat some good food, all these things in themselves are dead... and some people don't even have these things. But when we turn around and count all the blessings from when we wake up and able to breath, we have our parents, we can eat, breath without having to use life support, look to God and thank Him and know that these are His gifts. Thank God that He has truly given! So we shall use the rest of our lives, no matter if we are bored, or feel like there are no new adventures, I would like for you to know that when you wake up and know that you are not bounded by illness, that is God's grace for you.

So do not be ignorant because these are true gifts from God, it may not seem luxurious, always know that in whatever condition you are in, God can always use you. You don't have to go through pain like I am, if you are well, you can do church camps, fun activities... Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, use it to serve God. As for me since I am ill, I would like to be an encouragement for everyone, ill or not, that we would all serve God together. This is not simply about going to teach Sunday schools, doing construction work, painting... serving God is allowing our lives to reflect His goodness, His Holiness, His Love, to everyone around us, both Christians and non-Christians. So that everyone knows that our lives are filled with God. And when we face problems, we react in ways God would, so that all will know that the Father lives in us."

Well said my friend...In Christ's Love!

The Attaway's Blog— www.loveshareserve.blogspot.com

JOANN SMITH CIRCLE

NICU BABY SHOWER

Join the Joann Smith Circle for a light breakfast in the commons on Sunday, March 15th from 9:45 til 11:00 am for a “drop off”. Many families who have children in the NICU have not had a baby shower yet or may not be near family or friends. The NICU provides the following necessary baby items to those families in need:

New clothing such as sleepers, onesies and gowns in newborn sizes, swaddling blankets, sensitive or non-scented wipes, board books, picture frames or baby scrapbooks.

All items should be new but NOT wrapped. Monetary donations are welcome too, and we will do the shopping for you. If you would like to drop off a donation early, there will be a box in the commons. If you are donating money, please give that to Johannah Myers.

Thank you for your help with these important items. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Patrick at 616-9022. Thank you!



The youth group meets each Sunday from 5:30-7:30 PM at the youth house, unless otherwise noted. We begin each night with a snack supper. Please bring \$2 to contribute for the meal.

Listed below is a tentative schedule for March. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Martha Timmons at mtimmons@aumcsc.org.

February 27-March 1: Hands and Feet Service weekend at Asbury Hills

March 1: No youth, returning from retreat

March 8: Youth @ the house

March 14: Winter Jam/Columbia –**YOUTH MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT if they are planning to attend**

March 15: Greenville District Youth Worship @ Brandon UMC

March 20: Faith and Family Night at the Hockey Game,

If your family wants to attend, sign up with Susan Hamilton in the office.

March 22: Youth Helping with Messy Easter beginning @ 3:30 p.m.

Youth fun event will happen after Messy Easter, so keep your eyes open for more information to come soon!

NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is beginning a study on Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It on March 1.

In this study, author Adam Hamilton explores the beginnings of Methodism and John Wesley’s scriptural approach to reviving Christianity in England. We will walk the steps of John Wesley’s life and touch on the key events that eventually led to the Methodist movement and the founding of those that call themselves Methodists. The New Beginnings Class is a wonderful group of adults 30-45. The Revival study will last through May but each lesson is stand-alone. Discussions will be facilitated by Trevor King and/or Johannah Myers. Anyone interested in participating in this study is WELCOME!! The class meets upstairs and begins at 10:00 am.

UMC MARKET

THE UMC MARKET program is a donation program that benefits the church via sales. The UMCmarket makes it possible to receive donations every time someone within the congregation makes an **online** purchase.

HOW IT WORKS— Every store at UMCmarket will pay a percentage of the purchased amount as a donation to your church. There is no additional cost or charge. The stores send UMCmarket their contributions within 30-90 days. Once your church reaches \$100 in total donations, a check will be mailed to the church.

SIGNING UP IS FREE— Aldersgate is already listed at UMCmarket. You and your friends and family can sign up for free. When you go to www.UMCmarket.org, you will click on the “Get Started” button. You will simply sign up with your email or through Facebook, find our church, then begin shopping.

Here are just a few of the vendors participating: *Low-e's, JC Penny, Barnes & Noble, Disney Store, Amazon, Old Navy, Groupon, Kohl's, Kay Jewelers, Columbia, Discount School Supply, Game Stop, Jockey, Pet Smart, Sears, Ulta, Walgreens, Restaurant.com*, and many, many others. There are brochures in the Commons for you to pick up.

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday in Lent

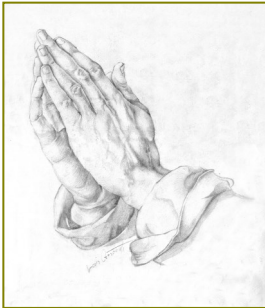
Mark 8: 31-38

“Whom Will You Deny?”

Sunday, March 8—Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

“Warnings, Cautions & Notes”



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS (as of printing, **March 2**):

Home: Helen Blair, Jerry Blair, Mary Ruth Durham, Dolores Epperly, Karen Gregory, Melba Poole, Dan Powell, Doyle Clark, Kay Hudson

NHC-Columbia: Vera & Ed Chrismon

Emeritus: Janie Hunt

Haywood Estates: Randy Hale, Phyllis Smith

Charlotte, NC: Dot Owings c/o her daughter

Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale c/o daughter

The Palmettos—Dora Gault

Emeritus—Harold Stallcup

Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

The Cottages: Betty Lee

Rolling Green: Mary Allred, Joan Pawlus, Wayne & Audrey Rowan

The Cascades: Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

Missionaries and Their Families:

AUMC Family in Thailand: Todd, Pam, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway, their blog address is www.loveshareserve.blogspot.com.

AUMC Supported Missionaries in Ecuador: Daina and Tim Datwyler, visit their website at <http://www.Puertadeesperanza.org>.

AUMC Members

Barbara & Bob Boone

Randy Flower

Dot Owings

Missionaries

Son and wife, Douglas & Jennings Boone in Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Mother and father, Ruth Ann & Dennis Flower in Elche, Spain (serving in Spain 41 years)

grandson and wife, Jamie & Holle Wollins and their children, Thomas, Eli and Luke in Cambodia

Military Personnel and Their Families:

Personnel

Grandson, Matthew Russell

Grandson-in-law, Charles Kreuzberger

Granddaughter, Patty Kreuzberger

Son-in-law, Troy McDowell

Nephew, Nick Page

Niece, Katie Pace, & Nephew, Paul Scott

Nephew, John Williams

Nephew, Steve Randle

AUMC Members

Barbara Barbrey

Shirley Cooke

Shirley Cooke

Kay & Thomas Goodwin

Margaret & Doug Justus

Martha & John Wood

Mary & John Glover

Wanda & John Randle

Deployed Personnel and Their Families:

AUMC Members

Shirley Cooke

Brenda & Rainer Ellis

Robert Gettys

Deployed

Grandson, Joseph Churchwell

Son-in-law, Lee Harley

Nephew, Hank Gettys

DARKNESS TO LIGHT (D2L)

Darkness to Light (D2L) has championed the movement to end child sexual abuse since its founding in 2000. With affiliates in all 50 U.S. states and 16 international locations, D2L provides individuals, organizations, and communities with the tools to protect children from sexual abuse. To date, the D2L network of 6,000 authorized facilitators has trained over 500,000 parents, youth serving professionals, and organization volunteers in D2L's award-winning *Stewards of Children*® child sexual abuse prevention program.

The Greenville District is pleased to offer this training on Sunday, March 15, 2015, from 2-4pm, at Aldersgate UMC.

The total cost is \$10 for the workbook. In order to have enough materials, pre-registration is requested. To register, please go to the district website at <http://greenville.umcsc.org>. Having this training will help our church members get their foot in the door to volunteer at our local school to be in ministry with children in poverty. It is also highly recommended for anyone who works with children or youth in the local church to have this training. For more information, you may email Pastor Christine Matthews at pastorchristine@bellsouth.net.

GAIHN

GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. Aldersgate UMC is scheduled to help work with GAIHN the week of April 19th. Our specific days are April 21st, 23rd, and 25th. There is always an opportunity to help with this wonderful ministry. We have a brochure in the Commons Area that gives a little more detail. If you have any further questions, please email Mike Strickland at mstrickland@southernfirst.com.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

The Missions Committee is pleased to announce the availability of an internship with United Ministries for Summer, 2015. To apply, you must be eighteen-years of age with an interest in learning more about working with the needy. The intern will work 200 hours at United Ministries and be paid \$2,000. Applications are **due Sunday, March 1**. For more information contact Bruce Schug at 268-2884.

SERVING ALDERSGATE ON SUNDAYS

Sunday, March 1

<p>Greeters: 8:45 am. Dee & Gray Walsh</p> <p>Acolytes: 8:45 am Ben Keith</p> <p>Crucifer: 11:00 am Mary Beth MacGregor</p> <p>Recording Stewards: Lee & Robert Gettys</p> <p>Usher Captains: 8:45 am Austin Watts</p> <p>Ushers: 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens</p>	<p>11:00 am Brenda & Bob Willett</p> <p>11:00 am Laura MacGregor</p> <p>Visitation Team: John Glover</p> <p>11:00 am David Rose</p>
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Sunday, March 8

<p>Greeters: 8:45 am. Barbara & John Sanders</p> <p>Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis</p> <p>Crucifer: 11:00 am Bobby Gettys</p> <p>Recording Stewards: Chris Spellman</p> <p>Usher Captains: 8:45 am Brad Smoak</p> <p>Ushers: 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessell</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford</p>	<p>11:00 am Susan & Bruce Royal</p> <p>11:00 am Brooks Schemm</p> <p>Visitation Team: Darien & Bob Pickens</p> <p>11:00 am Rick Lankford</p>
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HADDON FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Haddon Friendship Class is having **Dr. A. V. Huff** come to speak on **Sunday, March 15** during the Sunday School Hour. His topic will be Early Methodism in South Carolina. We seem to be the only colony that had visits from All of the important early founders of Methodism. Dr. Huff is such a wonderful speaker on South Carolina history, former Chair of the Furman History Department and former Furman Vice-President of Academic Affairs. We would like to open his presentation to all of our Sunday School classes in Parker Hall. Please join us on March 15th beginning at 9:45 a.m. in Parker Hall.

GREENVILLE ROAD WARRIORS FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

THE GREENVILLE ROAD WARRIORS HOCKEY will host **“Faith and Family Night”** at Bon Secours Wellness Arena. (Presented by HIS Radio 89.3 FM) Aldersgate has a total of 25 tickets available, for only \$12.00 each. Singer Chris August will be playing the post game concert. There will also be player testimonials and kids can eat for \$5.00 a meal.

If you are interested in attending this event, please let Susan Hamilton know in the church office. You can pre-purchase your tickets to ensure you get a seat with the Aldersgate group. The seats are in section 119 in rows C & D. The game begins at 7:00 p.m. in the arena. Don't be left out!!!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS - *Worship the Lord in giving.*

2015 General Budget Needs	807,443.50
Budget Needs (YTD)	124,222.08
Week #7 (2/15)	11,813.38
Week #8 (2/22)	14,061.61
Total Expenses (YTD)	112,912.08

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GENERAL FUND

- In memory of Bernard Parker** by John & Sally Wallace, Doug & Linda Patrick
- In memory of Margaret Atkinson** (Susan Royal's Mother) by Doug & Linda Patrick
- In memory of Louise McGill** (Kathy Watts' Mother) by Doug & Linda Patrick
- In memory of Nelson L. Stokes, Sr.** by Doug & Linda Patrick
- In memory of Bernice Turner** by Doug & Linda Patrick
- In memory of Gilda Crane** by Bob & Darien Pickens
- In memory of Florence Williams** (Laura Sarkisian's Mother) by Jim & Ruth McAllister

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

In honor of Dean & Pam Martin by All those attending the Valentines Day Luncheon

Attendance at Sunday School and Worship

Sundays	Sunday School	Worship Services
February 15	187	289
February 22	147	271

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for Jesus Christ

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:45 am Sunday School

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 1

8:45am & 11:00 am Worship Service **(weekly)**

9:45 am Sunday School **(weekly)**

3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle—Soul Café

4:00 pm Vet Support Group—Companions Classroom

5:00 pm Christian Believers Bible Study – Library **(weekly)**

Monday, March 2:

10:00 am Staff Meeting—Library

11:00 am Prime Timers—Parker Hall

1:00 pm Bridge - Parker Hall **(weekly)**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ the house **(weekly)**

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry—Companions

Tuesday, March 3:

9:30 am Women of Faith— **(weekly)**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts at the house **(weekly)**

Wednesday, March 4:

5:30 pm Connect Meal **(weekly)**

6:30 pm *The Gathering* **(weekly)**

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal **(weekly)**

Saturday, March 7th:

Scouts leave for campout to Grapevine

Sunday, March 8th:

12:00 pm Trustee's Information Meeting after 11:00 worship

12:30 pm Basketball Banquet—Parker Hall

5:30 pm Youth @ the house **(weekly)**

Saturday, March 14:

Youth going to Winter Jam in Columbia

Sunday, March 15:

9:45 am Dr. Huff speaking –Parker Hall

2:00 pm Darkness to Light Training

3:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

4:30 pm Church Council Meeting

6:00 pm Youth District Worship-Brandon UMC

MISSION AND VISION 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.

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.