

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The service of worship begins with the music.

Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God, in its quietness, God's peace.

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

****WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)

PRELUDE Ryland Brown

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***THE HYMN NO. 525** BY AND BY

“We'll Understand It Better By and By”

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 67)*

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you!

***THE APOSTLES' CREED NO 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

***THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(prayed together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE ANTHEM “There is a Balm in Gilead” arr. W. Dawson

The Chancel Choir Ashley King, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just as You used Joseph's abilities to fulfil Your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that You would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Use them, and us, as You see fit so that, through us, Your Kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”

by Geoffrey O'Hara Wendell Lunsford, soloist

***THE DOXOLOGY** OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

***HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 405** SEEK YE

“Seek Ye First”

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Alex Stevenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 45:1-15 OT PG. 42

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me."

And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother,

Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

THE MESSAGE Rev. Alex Stevenson

“Throne of Games”

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

***THE HYMN TFWS 2146** SPARROW

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing, Serving ... For God!

***THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***THE POSTLUDE** Ryland Brown

**Congregation will please stand as able.*

Our service of worship has ended.

Let our worship through service begin.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Mac Vinson and in honor of the members of the Mac Vinson Companions class.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON SEPT. 6 with The Book of Acts. This book tells the story of the early church from the Ascension of Jesus through the life of Paul. It is an intentional continuation of the story of Jesus that picks up where the Gospel According to Luke leaves off. Join in beginning at 10:00 am on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Mac Vinson Companions Classroom.

ON AUGUST 30, CONNECT BEGINS AGAIN with a wonderful menu and a class on church history in anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Check out the Newsletter for the complete menu and what this is class is all about. Don't forget that the Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet on Wednesday nights. Bring your own craft and join in! The meal begins at 5:30 pm and classes begin at 6:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin in September for young people ages 11-13. If you have an 11-13 year old who is ready, or if you have some questions about Confirmation, please see Johannah Myers or Rev. Alex Stevenson.

SAVE THE DATE!! The UMW Garage Sale will be here before we know it. Jewelry (only) may be left in the church office at any time. First drop off date is *September 18*. We will also need lots of help that week! Please plan to join us!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! Is it time again? Our last pictorial directory was 4+ years ago. If you are interested in meeting with one or two vendors to find out what might be involved in heading up this project, please give Susan Hamilton a call in the office at 244-1820 ext. 210. Please note that things have changed a good bit from how it was done with our last directory. Many upgrades and changes I am told. We are probably looking at a time frame of Spring, 2018. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, August 24, 2017:

Greenville Memorial Hospital: Tom Barnhill
The Cottages: Bill Culbertson
Home: Doyle Clark, Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Tommy Finch, Melba Poole
Mt. Pleasant, SC: Florence Hale
NHC-Cola: Vera Chrismon **The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey
Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Marshall & Nita Bearden
Waterstone: Ruth Gunter **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor
Rolling Green: Jan Ellington, Wayne & Audrey Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman
Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale
The Cascades: Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel
Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC: Nancy Reitz

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27:

8:45 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Disciples-Fast Track Class- Library
11:00 am Worship Service
2:30 pm UMW- Finance Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions
3:30 pm Back to School Cookout-sponsored by Messy Church
4:00 pm UMW-Executive Board Mtg. – Mac Vinson Companions

Monday, August 28:

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Library
2:30-6:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Loft/Gym/B.field/Classes
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

Tuesday, August 29:

6:35 am Men of Integrity Bible Study
9:00 am Refugee Sports ESL-Education Wing-Upstairs
2:30-6:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Loft/Gym/B.field/Classes
7:00 Boy Scouts@ The House

Wednesday, August 30:

2:30-6:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Loft/Gym/B.field/Classes
5:30 pm Connect Begins-Fall 2017-Parker Hall
6:20 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Church History Class, Prayer Shawl Class
6:30 pm Youth @ The House

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2017 General Budget Needs	\$772,516.00
Budget Needs YTD	495,576.18
Receipts Week #33 (8/13)	16,605.77
Receipts Week #34 (8/20)	10,048.50
Receipts YTD	466,362.41
<u>Total Expenses YTD</u>	<u>469,337.37</u>

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday – August 13, 2017
Sunday School – 118 Worship – 207

Sunday – August 20, 2017
Sunday School- 139 Worship- 258

SERVING TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Adyson Davis 11:00 am Susan Smith
Greeters: 8:45 am Phil & Carol Martin
11:00 am Sara & Bruce Colegate
Acolytes: 8:45 am Ben Keith 11:00 am Brooks Schemm
Crucifer: 11:00 am Reid Schemm
Usher Captains: 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis
Ushers: 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Henry Scoggins, Suzanne Haney
11:00 am Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Ron Armstrong, Trey Covington, Coley Altman III, Paul Sleight

MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (**ext. 207**)
Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (**ext. 211**)
Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (**ext. 204**)
Luke Browder, Dir. of Music (**ext. 208**)
Ryland Brown, Musician
Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (**ext. 202**)
Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (**ext. 212**)
Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (**ext. 210**)
TBD, Financial Secretary (**ext. 206**)

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon
Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701
Child Development Center...864/268-5028
Website: www.aumcsc.org <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

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.

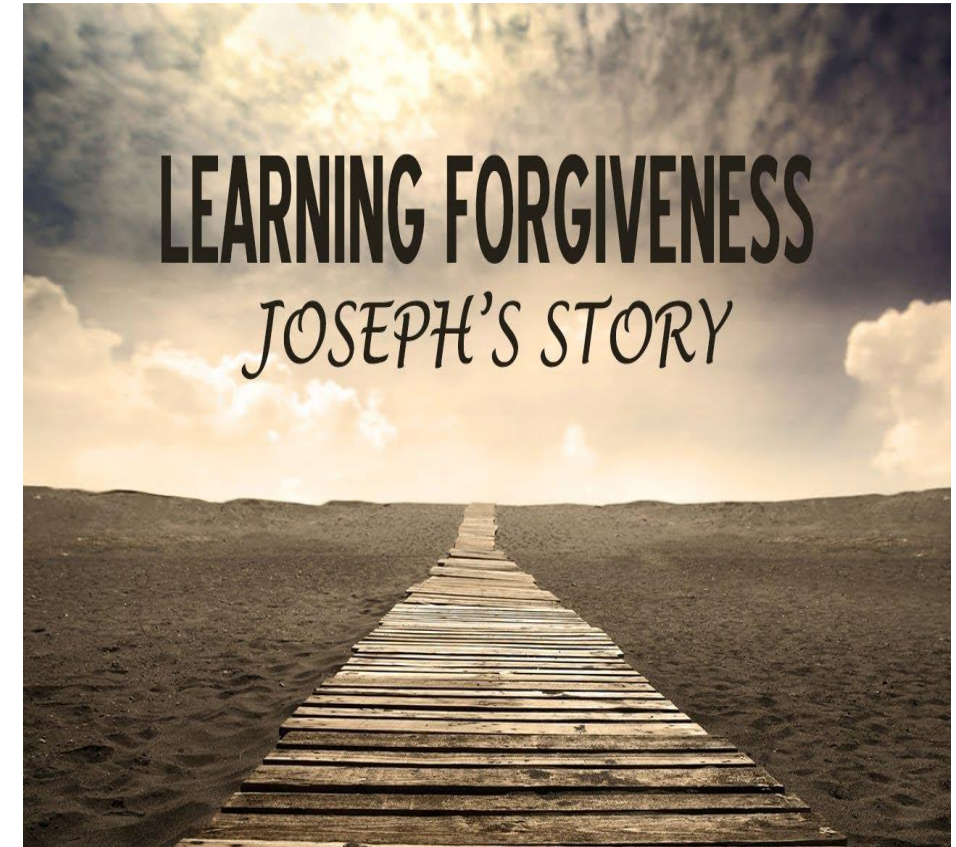
VISION STATEMENT

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God!



Welcome to

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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WORSHIP SERVICES
8:45 am & 11:00 am

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Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors
The people of The United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation