

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Independence Day Weekend**

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

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**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** "Holy Spirit" Luke Browder  
by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 698** "God of the Ages" Daniel Roberts

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** "For Our Country"  
Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan, 20th cent

Leader: O God, keep our whole country under your  
protection.

**People: Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from  
the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light.**

Leader: Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of  
all nations.

**People: Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor  
may not be oppressed and the rich may not be  
oppressors.**

Leader: Make this a nation having no ruler except God,

**People: a nation having no authority but that of  
Love. Amen.**

**\*THE KOREAN CREED:**

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all  
things, Father of all nations, the source of all  
goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of  
the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for  
guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love  
and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old  
and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of  
faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church, those who are united in the  
living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.**

**We believe in the reign of God as the divine will  
realized in human society, and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*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.)*

**ANTHEM** "God Bless America" Irving Berlin

*God bless America, land that I love.*

*Stand beside her and guide her*

*through the night with a light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,*

*to the oceans white with foam.*

*God bless America, my home sweet home.*

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR  
OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY** "We Beseech Thee" Luke Browder  
from *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz

**\*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. 696** Katharine Bates  
"America the Beautiful"

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Galatians 5:1, 13-26 NT: 190

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only  
do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-  
indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

**THE MESSAGE** "Called to Freedom"

Rev. Alex Stevenson

**~THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION~**

**INVITATION** (All are welcome)

**CONFESSION AND PARDON** HYMNAL PG. 12

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** HYMNAL PG. 17

**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.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

If you are not able to come forward, the communion  
elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*(You are invited to sing these hymns  
as others are receiving communion.)*

378 "Amazing Grace"

504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

613 "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread"

616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

618 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this  
Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a  
foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal  
kingdom. Send us in the power of your Spirit to live  
and work to your praise and glory in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

**\*THE HYMN NO. 519** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Johnson

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

*Our service of worship has ended. Let our worship  
through service begin.*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in memory of Cindy Harter by her family.

A **REMINDER THAT THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL** be published on **Friday, July 15**. If you have an item to post in this next newsletter, please get it to Susan Hamilton before July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**MENU FOR SUMMER SUPPER IN JULY.** Please make sure you call the church office before 4:00 pm on Mondays in order to make reservations. Here are a few menus.

**July 6** – Hamburgers/Hotdogs, Chips, Baked Beans, Dessert  
**July 13** – Pork Loin, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Dessert

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be here before you know it. It kicks off on **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** with Messy Church beginning at 3:30 pm and then July 25-28 it begins at 9:00-11:30 am. Make sure you register your child or grandchildren!

**WE WILL BE HAVING SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** in Parker Hall. On each of the five Sundays in July at 9:45 am, we will gather for coffee, fellowship and study in Parker Hall. Here is what we will be working on for next Sunday.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**–Hospitality in the Old Testament

**PASTOR ALEX WILL BE ON VACATION** Thursday, July 14 – July 18. If you have need for a pastor during this time, please call the church office.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

**As of printing Thursday, June 30, 2016:**

**Home:** Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Lynette Ruff, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Dorothy Barnhill, Alton Durham, Ruth Brock

**Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale/**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale

**NHC-Boiling Springs:** Jim Griffith, Freida Parker

**NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon      **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell

**Haywood Estates:** Phyllis Smith, Joan Pawlus, Ann Linse

**Brookdale:** Harold Stallcup      **The Cottages:** Betty Lee

**Brookdale at Hawthorne:** Marshall & Nita Bearden

**The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey

**The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel

**Rolling Green:** Margaret Britton, Bill & Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan

**Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

**Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

#### ATTENDANCE

June 26 - Worship 245 / Sunday School 131

#### SERVING ALDERSGATE TODAY

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Michelle & Stephen Keith

11:00 am Sara & Jerry Bowden

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Ethan McAvoy 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor

**Cruicifer:** 11:00 am Mary Beth MacGregor

**Communion Servers:**

8:45 am Cookie & Danny Dobbs, Margaret Pickens

11:00 am Wanda & John Randle, Barbara Boone

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak 11:00 am Rick Lankford

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel

11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Grant Lankford,  
Gray Walsh

#### TITHES & OFFERINGS

*E-Giving QR Code*

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2016 General Budget Needs \$747,096.00

Budget Needs (YTD) 373,547.98

**Receipts Week # 26 (06/26) 13,659.77**

Receipts YTD 372,054.54

Total Expenses (YTD) 331,839.31



#### CALENDAR

**Sunday, July 3, 2016:** 8:45 am Worship  
9:45 am Summer Sunday School-P.Hall  
11:00 am Worship

**Monday, July 4, 2016:** **Independence Day**  
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, July 5, 2016:** 6:30 am Men of Integrity – B'way Bagels

**Wednesday, July 6, 2016:** 5:30 pm Summer Suppers-Parker Hall  
6:30 pm VBS Training Mtg.

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon

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#### 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, Director of Music (ext. 208)

Ryland Brown, Musician

Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

#### MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

#### 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

## Developing The Fruit Of The Spirit



Galatians 5:16-26

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