

**EIGHTH 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. 117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**\*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 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.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER NO. 38** *(11:00 am only)*

Jessica McDowell

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and so  
in faith and with assurance we give our money  
this morning. We hope in a generous God who  
meets our needs. We hope in a creative God who  
multiplies our gifts. We hope in a mysterious God  
who invites us to kingdom living. God of grace,  
accept these gifts and us in your service, Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "A Jubilant Song" by Allen Pote  
*(11:00 am only)*

**\*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 PREPRATION NO. 601** Grant/Smith/Phillips  
"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Johannah Myers

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 16:11-15 NT PG. 136

<sup>15</sup>When she and the members of her household were  
baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a  
believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house."  
And she persuaded us.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Lydia, a Dealer in Hope"

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

**\*THE HYMN NO. 178** "Hope of the World" Harkness/Copes

**\*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 GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD** by the Kingdom Sunday school  
class.

**A REMINDER TO BRING CANNED ITEMS FOR  
UNITED MINISTRIES.** Next Sunday is the first Sunday of  
the month and the time for us to bring food for United  
Ministries. Here is the list of items they are still in need of:

**Rice            Ramen Noodles  
Corn            Green Peas**

Please be generous and pile up that buggy that is sitting in  
the Commons area with food. It really does make a  
difference!

**SERMON SERIES:** "Joseph: Beyond the Technicolor  
Dreamcoat" - Joseph is a major character in the early history  
of Israel. His story covers the last quarter of the book of  
Genesis and he plays a major role in setting up Israel for the  
Exodus. Joseph's story is a riches to rags to riches story full  
of emotion and meaning. God works in him to transform  
him, and through him to change the world. In August, we  
will dedicate the sermons to exploring the life and times of  
Joseph.

- August 6: Genesis 37:1-28 "Once Upon a Time..."
- August 13: Genesis 38 "Where's God when It All Hits the Fan?"
- August 20: Genesis 40-41 "The Prince of Dreams"
- August 27: Genesis 45:1-15 "Throne of Games"

**THE SUMMER SUPPER SERIES WILL CONTINUE** on  
Wednesday, **August 2** with a menu of Baked Chicken,  
Assorted Summer Salads, Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Lemonade and  
Water. Make sure you let the church office know if you plan  
to attend no later than Monday, July 31 before 2 pm.

**DISCIPLES-FAST TRACK NEW TESTAMENT STUDY-**  
 Ever wanted to take a Disciples Bible study but didn't have the time to commit? Here is your chance to take part in this shorter, condensed study of the main themes of the New Testament. The class is 12 sessions plus a personal weekly study to prepare for class each week. If interested, come to the first session which is an orientation and introduction on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the church library. The first class session will be on Sunday, August 27. Contact: Susan Smith 268-6602 or Johannah Myers, 244-1820, ext. 211.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Thursday, July 28, 2017:**


**The Woodlands:** Peggy Miller  
**Home:** Doyle Clark, Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick, Fred Copeland, Ralph Bell, Alton Durham, Russell Parker, Freida Parker, Tommy Finch, Melba Poole, Warren Rambo, Pat Howle, Al Anderson, Ginnie Cope  
**NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey  
**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Marshall & Nita Bearden  
**Waterstone:** Ruth Gunter  
**Rock Hill with Daughter:** Bill Taylor  
**Rolling Green:** Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan **Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse  
**Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale  
**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale  
**The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel  
**Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 30:**  
 8:45 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 2:00 pm Financial Peace – Kingdom Classroom  
 6:00 pm Youth @ The House  
**Monday, July 31:**  
 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House  
**Tuesday, August 1:**  
 5:45 pm Zumba - gym  
 6:00 am Men of Integrity Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House  
**Wednesday, August 2:**  
 5:30 pm Summer Suppers – Parker Hall

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday – July 23, 2017**  
**Sunday School- 87 Worship-240**

<b><u>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</u></b>	
<i>Worship the Lord through giving.</i>	
2017 General Budget Needs	<b>\$772,516.00</b>
<b>Budget Needs YTD</b>	<b>437,273.10</b>
Receipts Week #30 (7/23)	7,630.09
<b>Receipts YTD</b>	<b>403,093.95</b>
<b>Total Expenses YTD</b>	<b>417,570.54</b>
<b>E-GIVING QR CODE</b>	
	

**SERVING TODAY**

**Lay Speakers:** 8:45 am Jan Redfern 11:00 am Robert Gettys  
**Greeters:** 8:45 am Robert & Lee Gettys  
 11:00 am David & Marian Rose/Nancy Angster  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Brooks Davis  
 11:00 am Anna Kate 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)  
 Cindy Huckabee, 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://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

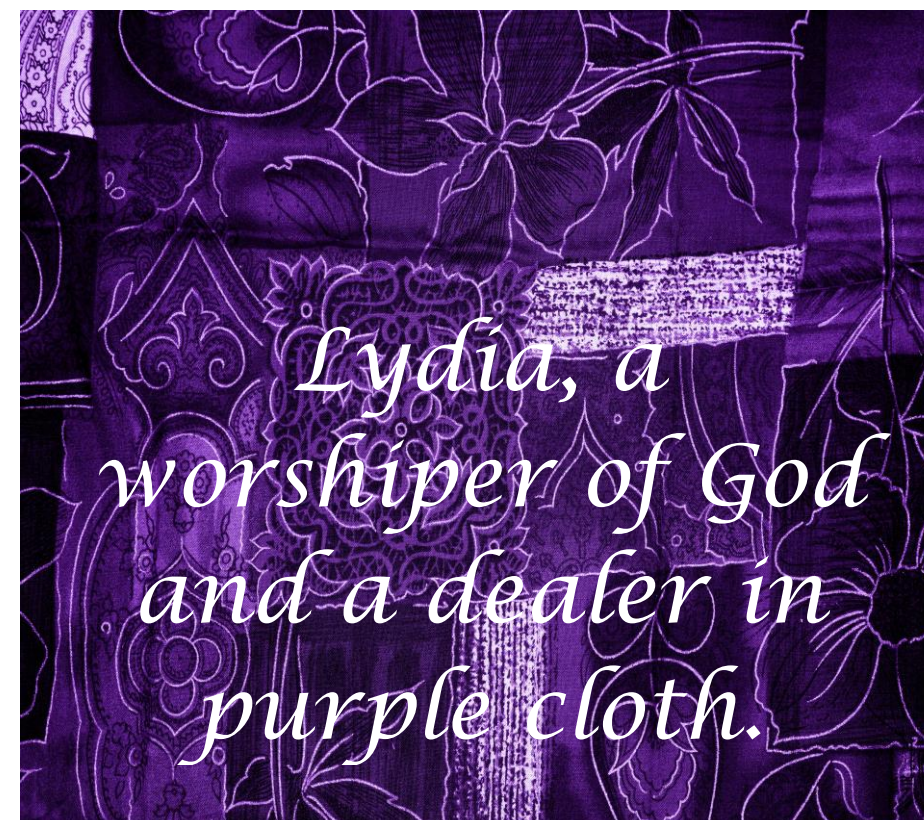
**MISSION STATEMENT**

... 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**

**JULY 30, 2017**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*