

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Church Anniversary**  
**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.)*

**INTROIT** "Holy Ground" arr. Patti Drennan

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE HYMN** "Our Hearts Aflame" **CRUCIFER**

Refrain: Where there is need, inspire us in your name,  
that we may rise to serve, our hearts aflame.

1. Fired by our faith, we heed your Spirit's call to make your house a home that welcomes all. Refrain:
2. Cleanse and renew us, precious gold refined, till love consumes us, soul and strength and mind. Refrain:
3. When cherished dreams burn down to ash and dust, with healing grace, rebuild our hope and trust. Refrain:
4. Christ, come in glory; set the world ablaze! Transform our lives to songs of ceaseless praise. Refrain:

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

**\*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.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gift-giving God, for 57 years we have gathered in this place to share what we are and what we have. Help us continue this sharing of our prayers, presence, gifts, services, and witness. May the gifts we give be gifts of Love. May they increase the power of Love in the transformation of the world. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** The Chancel Choir  
"Make a Joyful Noise" by Benjamin Harlan

**\*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. 559** W. ABBEY  
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Alex Stevenson

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Philippians 3:12-21 NT PG. 198

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Cathy Joens

"Stoke the Fire"

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

**\*THE HYMN TFWS 2130** "The Summons" KELVINGROVE

**\*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.*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY** of God and in memory of Jerry Blair by Jennine Blair, Brenda and Taylor Davenport, Scott & Robin Blair, and Ashleigh, Ethan & Olivia Blair.

**LAY READERS!** A year ago we put out a call for people to serve as Lay Readers on Sunday mornings. We had 18 people volunteer. But there may be some out there who have been inspired to serve as Lay Readers. If you would like to be added to the rotation of Lay Readers please contact the church office and we will work you in to the next rotation. 864-244-1820

**FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!!** Our annual Fall Festival is just around the corner! Make plans to join the fun on Sunday, **October 29 from 3:30-6pm.** Decorate your car for Trunk-or-Treat. Help with a game or activity. Serve with the kitchen crew. However you want to serve, you won't want to miss out on this fun afternoon with our neighbors. Sign up today to help by contacting Johannah Myers ([jmyers@aumcsc.org](mailto:jmyers@aumcsc.org)).

**DAYS FOR GIRLS**-The United Methodist Women and the Mission Committee will be creating at least 25 *Days for Girls* kits this fall and winter. Interested in learning more? Stop by Room 203 any Friday morning in October from 9am – 11am to visit with Michele Schultz and help out with some ironing and cutting of materials. We will also be holding an informational meeting on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10am in Parker Hall.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, October 5, 2017:

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

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 8: Homecoming & Program Council Ministry Fair**

8:45 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Disciples-Fast Track– Library  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Church Council – Mac Vinson Companions

### **Monday, October 9:**

Pastor Alex leaves for Duke –Class  
1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall  
2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Kingdom/Field  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

### **Tuesday, October 10:**

Pastor Alex at Duke - Class  
6:35 am Men of Integrity Bible Study  
9:30 am Women of Faith –Parker Hall & Classrooms  
11:15 pm Louise Best & Susanna Wesley Circles – Parker Hall  
2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Kingdom/Field  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts@ The House

### **Wednesday, October 11:**

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions  
10:00 am Mary Teasley Circle – Soul Café  
2:30 pm Mosaic/ESL—Youth House/Gym/Loft/ Kingdom/Field  
5:30 pm Connect Meal—Parker Hall  
6:30 pm Children's/Cherub Choirs  
6:30 pm Church History Class—Mac Vinson Companions Class  
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Class—Library  
7:15 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

## ATTENDANCE

October 1, 2017

Sunday School – 137 Worship - 254

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2017 General Budget Needs \$772,516.00  
Budget Needs YTD **583,030.80**  
Receipts Week #39 10/1 **16,631.05**  
Receipts YTD 551,912.39  
Total Expenses YTD 544,021.64

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## SERVING TODAY

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am John Myers 11:00 am Ruth McAllister  
**Greeters:** 8:45 am Dee & Gray Walsh  
11:00 am Susan & Bruce Royal  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Bobby Keith 11:00 am James Whiteman  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Daniel Whiteman  
**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose  
**Ushers:** 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts  
11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

## 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)  
Cameron Vaughn, 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>

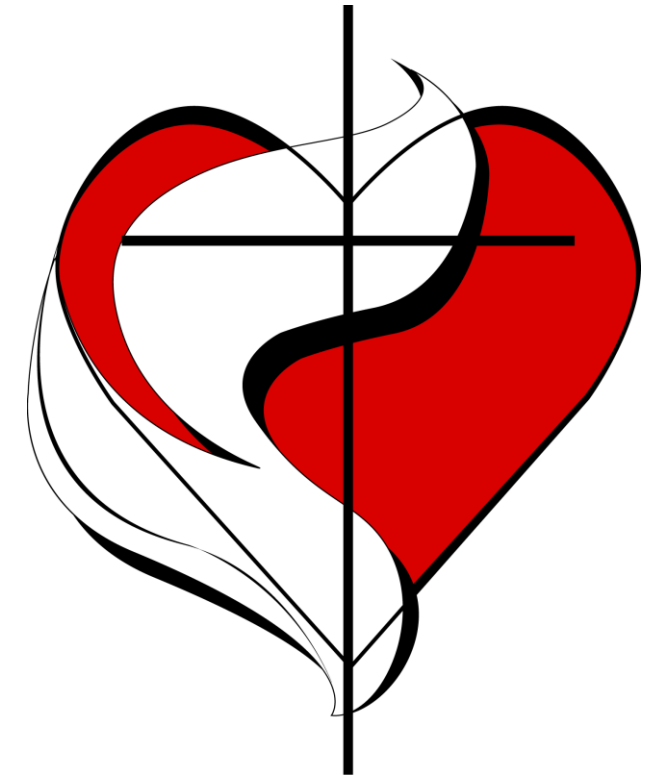
## MISSION STATEMENT

... 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**

**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

**Established October 9, 1960**

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

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*