



Aldersgate In Motion



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Mini Issue

Thoughts of the Pastor:

Meditation on Earth Day

In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth. A quick read through the opening chapters of Genesis reveal that God loves creation. At each day in chapter one God declares "It is good!" Then in chapter 2, God puts the first human in charge of tilling the garden.

Creation is a glorious gift from God that we are called to take care of. This idea was even expressed in the laws God gave Moses. Every 7 years the land was to lie fallow (Lev. 25:1-7). Modern agriculture recognizes that over using the soil can wear it out. Today we rotate crops to prevent soil depletion. Just as the ancient Israelites cared for the land and as modern farmers do the same, we as Christians are called to take care of God's creation. Praise God this Earth Day for the gift of the good Earth.



BOY SCOUTS BBQ FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again! The UMW are having the Spring Garage Sale and the Boy Scouts are working their BBQ fund raiser. The dates are Friday & Saturday, April 27 & 28.

BBQ will be cooked and delivered to local business on Friday for lunch, so do not pass up your chance to have a BBQ lunch at your office on Friday, April 27th.

BBQ will also be sold on Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm, so come to the UMW Garage Sale to find great bargains and then come enjoy a wonderful plate of pulled pork, bake beans, slaw, bread and tea.

BBQ - \$8.00 per plate or \$12.00 per pound of BBQ.

Contact information for questions and to place orders.

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Upcoming Sermons

April 22: Psalm 23, John 10:11-18
"I Shall Not Want"

April 29: John 3:1-17
"Being Born Over"

May 6: Children's Choir
"Danny and the Shacks"

SUMMER STUDY

Join us once again for a church-wide study in July! Adult and youth Sunday School classes combine for the five Sundays in July in Parker Hall. **July 2018** will combine with Vacation Bible School's theme of discipleship and joining God for "the ride of a lifetime!" Mark your calendars now for this thrilling ride. Coming July, 2018!

Bible Study of Romans

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a study of the book of Romans on April 18th. We meet at 10 am on Wednesdays in the Mac Vinson Companions classroom.

The lessons for the next few weeks are:

April 18: Romans Ch. 1-2

April 25: Romans Ch. 3-4



SAVE THE DATE!
VBS-JULY 23-JULY 26
KICKOFF—JULY 22 @ 3:30 PM

GARAGE SALE

UMW

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
APRIL 27 & 28
8:00 AM—2:30 PM**

Please bring your Clean/Useable items to the back door of the gym. We use most items except large appliances. We need clothing, household items, linens, baby things, jewelry, yard items, knick-knacks, books, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY TV'S.

We will be open to receive items on Monday, April 23 & Tuesday, April 24 from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm. We will accept items on Wednesday, April 25 beginning at 9:00 but we will not accept any items after 4:00 pm on that day. Thursday, April 26 is **GET READY DAY!! NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED BUT HELP IS STILL NEEDED.** Sale dates are **Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28 from 8:00 am—2:30 pm.** Call Keith Rutherford at 895-8360 if you have any questions. To help price and display, just show up when the doors are open. We look forward to your usual generosity in support of this wonderful mission project.

We would also like help on **Monday, April 30** to clean up and pack for pickup. We will begin at 9:00 am.

ALDRERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER-FRIEND EVENT

EVENT: This event begins on **Tuesday, May 1** in Parker Hall, beginning at 6:30 pm. The meal will cost \$9.00 per person. If you did not give your name to your Circle, please drop an envelope in the big wooden box in the front office. It must have your name, how many you are paying for, and cash or a check made payable to AUMW. (You do not have to be in a Circle to attend though.) The deadline is April 24.

CHARITY: The charity for this event will be Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg. They are one of our five special SCCUMW Missions. Ms. Patrena Mims, Director, will be with us that evening and will make a short presentation. Items to collect to help this charity will be non-perishable food, paper products and cleaning items. This deadline is also April 24.

PROGRAM: The program will be presented by the Riverside High Speech and Debate Team. It will consist of several interpretation events, similar to the entertaining program they presented for us three years ago. The team recently won the State Speech Tournament and has qualified 18 students for the upcoming National Tournament of the National Speech and Debate Association.

We hope you can attend this eventful evening.

Would you be interested in attending the **2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany?**

This passion play, performed solely by local, amateur actors, is a tradition dating back almost 400 years. The passion play is performed every 10 years. The trip would include 9-10 days in Austria and Germany and would cost approximately \$4000-\$4500 per person including airfare, breakfast/dinner, travel, hotel, play tickets. Date options would include late May/early June or September 2020. If you are interested, please let me know. I'll not start organizing trip details unless we have a group interested in this.

Thanks, Johannah jmyers@aumcsc.org



OBERAMMERGAU 2020
A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE OPPORTUNITY

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2069

If you would like to help this Girl Scout Troop as they plan to deliver sunscreen and foot powder to servicemen and women who are deployed across the globe, please drop some money in the box out on the table in the Commons. It is right near the gym door. You can also add a bottle or two of sunscreen and/or foot powder to the box. The deadline to give monetarily or with the specified items is April 21st. All monies collected will go to purchase these items for our service men & women.

FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

We would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to attend our Faith in Action Sunday on **April 29, at 9:45 am, in Parker Hall.**

Our speaker, *Beth Messick*, is from Triune Mercy Center, who has worked as a Restorative Advocate. She has worked to restore the lives of women who are victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Recently, she has been named the Director of Jasmine House which is a house that will provide a safe and restorative home for five women who have been victims of trafficking and sexual abuse.

Please join us to find out more about these worthwhile projects. Come early for coffee and refreshments.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Aldersgate is the host church on **Friday, May 18** for the Faith Build 2018.

You can volunteer for the morning shift (8:00—11:30 am) or the afternoon shift (12:00—3:30 pm) or both. You can register online by going to the volunteer website below. Once you establish a username and password, scroll thru the projects until you find the May 18, Faith Build—GSCC Build—Beard Family at 105 Hill St.

<https://habitatgreenville.volunteerhub.com/>
For any questions contact Bruce Royal at rbroyal@bellsouth.net.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP

This group meets in the church library @ 10:00 am on the 4th Thursday of the month except for November when they will meet on the 5th Thursday. (No meeting in December) Childcare can be provided if you call the church office two days before the meeting.

April 26—The Sacred Secular by Dottie Escobedo-Frank & Rob Rynders

May 24—Pushout—The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris