



# Aldersgate In Motion



**ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors  
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## Thoughts of the Pastor:

### LUCK OF THE IRISH

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day! It is a day when we celebrate all things Irish. One of those things is the shamrock. The shamrock, or clover, is plentiful in Ireland, but it also has a religious significance. St. Patrick, who went to Ireland some time in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, used it to illustrate the Trinity. Just as the three leaves of the shamrock were part of one plant, so the three persons of the Trinity were one God. So when you wear your shamrock this St. Patrick's day remember the religious lesson it teaches and like St. Patrick look for symbols and reminders of God in your world. Then point those thing out to others so that they will see God too!



### **HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE**

#### **Palm Sunday, March 25 @ 8:45 & 11 am:**

A Brass Quintet and our choir will lead us in singing Hosannas and remembering Jesus' last week before his crucifixion.

#### **Messy Easter, March 25 @ 3:30 pm:** A candy extravaganza, fun for the whole family.

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ 7 pm:**

Remember Jesus' Last Supper including foot-washing and Holy Communion.

#### **Good Friday, March 30 @ 7 pm:**

We will recall Jesus' death on the cross with readings from John's Gospel. This will include a Tenebrae Service - service of light & shadows.

#### **Easter Sunrise, April 1 @ 7 am:**

Recall the resurrection in a community service at Aldersgate. Breakfast to follow.

#### **Easter Sunday Services, April 1 @ 8:45 & 11 am:**

Celebrate the resurrection and new life through Jesus!

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE MARCH 29

On the night our Lord was betrayed, he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At 7 pm on March 29, we will remember and celebrate the actions of Christ at the Last Supper, including foot washing and Holy Communion.

Those attending this service will be given the choice to have their feet washed or not, but we ask that you not wear pantyhose so that if you decide to have your feet washed that will not prevent you from doing so. Plan to come to this moving service!

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This year the community Easter Sunrise Service with Aldersgate, John Knox and First Christian churches will be at Aldersgate at **7 am** on Easter Sunday, April 1 under the drive-through. Come and join us for this moving worship experience and bring a friend.

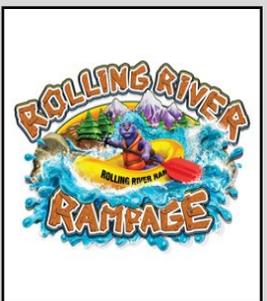


## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE MARCH 30

On Good Friday, **March 30** at **7 pm** we will have a good Friday Tenebrae service. This service through a series of readings remembers Jesus' death on the cross. We will be reading from John's Gospel this year. At key points in the reading candles are extinguished to symbolize the death of Christ. The Chancel Choir will sing at this service. Come and remember what Jesus did for us all on Good Friday.

## 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!



The Lenten Offering will be shared between Generations Group Home, Habitat for Humanity and Safe Harbor this year. Give generously!



Love Starts  
Here!



## "Love Starts Here"

Have you seen the banner as you go into the sanctuary? It is getting full of hearts!! Each time you do something to help or reach out to someone else in love, please put a heart on the banner and we will encourage one another to live out God's love in service to others for the season of Lent! It is a great visual to show all the love that is flowing in and out of these walls.





## Messy Easter!

Join us for a candy extravaganza! Fun for the whole family. Games, crafts, Easter egg hunt, and celebration time. Stay for dinner! Everyone's welcome. Free event.

March 25, 3:30 – 5:30pm Aldersgate UMC 7 Shannon Dr

[www.facebook.com/messychurch.aumcsc](http://www.facebook.com/messychurch.aumcsc)

Volunteers are needed for all parts of Messy Easter. We are advertised in *Kidding Around Greenville.com* and that means we will have even more visitors! **YOU** are needed to help with hospitality on all levels.

We'll be collecting candy for Messy Easter! We need **Individually wrapped candy** that can be put in treat bags for the Egg Hunt (no peanuts or peanut products, please) and **jelly beans** (plain, ordinary jelly beans) and **Peeps** to be used for several activities. If you're not sure what to get but would like to help with Messy Easter, you can donate money (please designate for Messy Church) and we will shop for what we need.

Call or email Johannah to say you can help! [jmyers@aumcsc.org](mailto:jmyers@aumcsc.org) or 864-244-1820 ext. 211

## Blessings to each of you from the Attaways!

We are hoping you all are doing well and wanted to update you on our time back in the US so far. We returned in November and were blessed to spend happy reunions with family and friends we have missed being with for the past 4 years.

Our sending agency TMS-Global required us to do a debrief upon returning to the US. This was a 5 day experience in Colorado which gave us a chance to be with others who are experiencing many of the same emotions after serving overseas. We have left our future open to the Lord's call on our lives, but we feel like this season the Lord has asked us to return to the US.

We will have much more to share in the very near future. Here are some current pictures below once we returned to the US.



Pam & Hannah Grace Snow!! It had been 5 years!!



Hannah Grace & her brothers (Sidney & Noah)



Hannah Grace & sister Ashley and her boyfriend Zach

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

\* Anyone planning to attend **District Day Apart** to be held Saturday, April 7 at Berea Friendship UMC should let Susan Smith know no later than Monday, March 26. Signups will also be taken in March circle meetings. The \$10.00 cost will be paid at the door. Those attending should be at Berea Friendship by 8:30 am on the day of the event.

\* **UMW** members wishing to nominate someone for a Special Mission Recognition Pin must have the nomination in Bonnie Lampy's hands no later than March 31.

\* **GUESS WHAT!!** Spring is coming and right behind it is the **UMW GARAGE SALE**. Please start saving items now and bring jewelry (only) to the church office any time. (NO TV's ACCEPTED.)

**SALE WEEK IS APRIL 23-28.**

## SC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2018 South Annual Conference will be hosted by the Greenville District at the TD Center Sunday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 6. As the Host District we need to provide Hospitality for the Annual Conference. This includes: Greeters and Ushers, Parking Help, Information tables, Registration Tables, Signage for breakout groups and events. Many of you volunteered last year and we were wonderful hosts, but we need your help again!

To volunteer go to: <http://greenville.umcsc.org>

The **Women's Reading Group** is now meeting at **10:00 am** on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church library. Below are the next few months books we will be discussing.

**Mar. 22:** Without You, There is No Us—  
Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite By Suki Kim

Any lady is welcome to join us. No reservation needed. Just come to the church library and see what this group is all about!

## FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

The Aldersgate United Methodist Women 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.

## PRIMETIMERS

The true story of Etta Jones, an Alaskan Pioneer and Japanese POW. Based on her unpublished manuscript, historical documents and personal interviews – written by her great niece Mary Breu. This is a powerful story and a little known fact of World War II. Author Mary Breu will be with us to talk about her book. The Program begins on **April 2, 2018, at 11:00 am**. Lunch is served at noon. You must make reservations no later than Wed., March 28. Cost is \$7.00 per person.