



Aldersgate In Motion



ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THOUGHTS OF THE PASTOR

Aldersgate Day – May 24th

On May 24 1738, 280 years ago, John Wesley was at the Moravian meeting house on Aldersgate Street in London. The preface to Luther's commentary on the book of Romans was being read. At that meeting John Wesley's life was changed. He later wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Some people point to this as John Wesley's conversion experience. He had certainly believed before this event that Jesus was the Son of God who died for the sins of the world. He was, on a theological level, a Christian. His basic understanding of doctrine and theology did not change. As a Fellow of Oxford he certainly had read Luther's commentary on Romans and had studied Romans and the entire Bible. He had also already developed a methodical practice of devotion and service to God. His behavior of prayer and study and service and his belief in God and Jesus did not change. What changed at Aldersgate was his heart. Charles Wesley had a similar experience just a few days earlier. Some think of this as the Wesley brothers' hearts catching up to their heads and hands. They had already changed their thinking and their actions, but this was their hearts changing! They had been trusting in Christ in their heads and in their action but now they trusted in their hearts and had an assurance in their hearts that God loved them and had forgiven them.

This change of heart is an important part of what it means to be a Methodist. As "Aldersgate" United Methodist Church we bear the name of that heartwarming experience. Each Sunday we say that at Aldersgate we are "Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing, Serving ... For God!" That "hearts on fire" is not just an allusion to the fire that burned the sanctuary back in the '90s. It is a reference to that change of heart experienced by the Wesley brothers and that we experience today.

As we recall the Wesley's Aldersgate experience this May 24, may we experience the warming of our hearts and seek to bring that same love and warmth to others.



CONFIRMATION – MAY 20

Six young people are being confirmed and will become professing members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Sunday, **May 20**. This class has been meeting and studying for the last 9 months. The whole Aldersgate family is encouraged to be present during this very important day for Ansley Addis, Graham Addis, Abigail Clark, Amaya deValinger, Hudson Patrick & Brycen Riddle!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS



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!

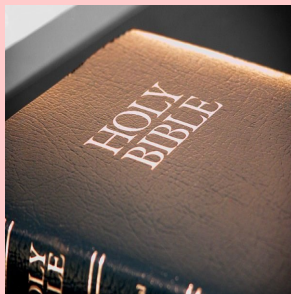
To volunteer go to: <http://greenville.umcsc.org>

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS? SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCHES? ¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them the ability to speak in different languages. On **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**, we will be reenacting that event as we read about the day of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-11. We will do this by having different members of the congregation, who speak languages other than English, read aloud the Pentecost account while it is being read in English from the pulpit. If you are able to read another language, we'd like you to participate as one of the readers. Please contact the senior minister, Alex Stevenson (alex@aumcsc.org) and let him know what language you can read and what service you will be attending. If you do not have a copy of Acts 2:1-11 in that language, we should be able to obtain one for you.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a study of the book of Romans. We meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays in the Mac Vinson Companions classroom. The lessons for the next few weeks are:



- ◊ May 2: Romans Ch. 5-6
- ◊ May 9: Romans Ch. 7-8
- ◊ May 16: Romans Ch. 9-10
- ◊ May 23: Romans Ch. 11-13
- ◊ May 30: Romans Ch. 14-16

UPCOMING SERMONS

- ♦ May 6: Children's Choir presents "Danny and the Shacks"
- ♦ May 13: John 17:6-19 "Jesus: A Mother's Example"
- ♦ May 20: Acts 2:1-21 "Some Fresh Air"
- ♦ May 27: John 3:1-17 "Being Born Over"

SERMONS

SANCTUARY MEDIA PROPOSAL

The Church Council, at its April 22 meeting, approved the Sanctuary Media Possibilities Team proposal to begin raising money for screens and projectors in the sanctuary. We thank everyone who gave their input to this discussion. We will need to first establish a fund so that people can donate to this endeavor. The total funds needed is approximately \$41,000. We will not install the screens until the money needed to install them has been raised.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Take a turn or two this summer teaching the elementary Sunday school class. We'll spend this summer learning about the Armor of God. Lesson plans for each week are provided. To sign up for a Sunday, contact Johannah Myers or go to this link: <http://signup.com/go/ineUJHU>.



MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR EPWORTH

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people just like us and church's like ours embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina.



We will participate in the annual **Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 13th 2018**, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

MEMORIAL DAY

We will be observing Memorial Day on **May 27**. Why do we observe Memorial Day you may ask?

"It's not about us," said Staff Sgt. Jay Arnold, a soldier with the Illinois Army National Guard. "It's about those who went before us. To put it simply, Memorial Day is for the American troops who didn't get to come back home and hang out at a homecoming party or retire from their branch of service quietly." (*Business Insider, May 2017*)

Please plan to bring yours or your loved ones memorabilia to the church that morning or the week before to be displayed.

Let us all honor all those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Aldersgate UMC is the host church on **Friday, May 18** for the Habitat Faith Build 2018. The house we are working on this year is for the Beard Family and is located at 105 Hill St., Simpsonville, SC 29681.

We are the host church that day. I would love it if we could have a large group of folks show up to help work. If you can do any type of work, please take a shift. (8:00-11:30) or (12:00- 3:30), or both!

You must register online by going to the volunteer website at habitatgreenville.volunteerhub.com. Ours is the Faith Build for May 18-GSCC Build.

Lunch will be prepared for all volunteers on that day.

Bruce Royal is in charge of this project for Aldersgate.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!



It is coming up on Teacher Appreciation Week at the CDC! Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them & their dedication to the children of the CDC. I'd like to offer a different treat each day the week of **May 7th - 11th**. In the past we've had meals, breakfast & lunch either catered or homemade, snacks, desserts, and little gifts (things like keychains, mugs, personalized water bottles, notepads, etc). I also like to offer a choice of \$10 gift cards to various places around Greenville (Chick-fil-a, Target, Wal-Mart, Panera Bread, Five Guys, Firehouse Subs & Starbucks are all popular choices) so that each teacher can choose one gift card of their choice. In all we have

16 teachers at the CDC. I would love for the community of Aldersgate to help me thank our Teachers by planning a meal and purchasing some of these gifts! I really want us to show the teachers our love & appreciation for another great school year!

Thank you all so much for your support all year long. We certainly do appreciate all you have done.

There are sign up sheets in each Sunday school room and also in the Commons areas. Please fill out as much information as you can so I will know what food is going to be brought to the CDC or items bought for gifts. *(Any gifts or gift cards can be given to Susan Hamilton. She will get those to me.)* The teachers always love all the gifts, food and appreciation shown during this time for them. It is very much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Jennifer Nelson, CDC Director 864-268-5028 jnelson@aumcsc.org

WOMEN'S READING GROUP

The Women's Reading Group is now meeting at 10:00 am on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church library. Below is the May book we will be discussing. (May 24)

PUSHOUT—*The Criminalization of Black Girls in School* by Monique Norris. Any lady is welcome to join us. No reservation needed. Just come to the library on the date above.

UMW CIRCLES

MEETING DATES

Circle of Light-May 9

Cindy Harter Circle-May 6

At church @ 3:00 pm

Louise Best Circle-May 8

At church-Soul Café @ 10:30 am

Mary Teasley Circle-May 9

Off-site Luncheon @ 11:30am *the Bleu Porch*

Susanna Wesley Circle-May 8

UNITED METHODIST MEN-MEETING AND EVENTS

The United Methodist Men have a tentative schedule set for the next several months. **May 20 - Tentative Golf Tournament (Sunday)**

For any UMM questions, email Trevor King at trevorandashley@msn.com

TUESDAY MORNING *MEN OF INTEGRITY* STUDY GROUP

Meet at **6:35 am** at Broadway Bagels, located at 2426 Hudson Road, Greer, SC 29650.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING STUDY

We have another group of men who also meet early in the morning on Thursday mornings, at **5:30 am** in the Mac Vinson Companions Classroom . Any man is invited to come and take part in listening/learning.



OUR MILITARY (Family & Friends)

Paul Browder

Oryan R. Lahti- ACT. DUTY

Bradley Brown

Troy McDowell

Joseph Churchwell

Katie Pace

Nick Page

Patricia Kreuzberger

Hank Gettys

Matthew Russell

Paul Scott-ACT. DUTY

Michael Pompeo

John Williams

YOUTH IN MAY

May 2—Youth from 6-7 pm

May 6—No Youth (Josh out of town)

May 9—Youth from 6—7 pm

May 13—No Youth (Mother's Day)

May 16—Youth from 6—7 pm

May 20—Youth at Greenville Drive Game!

Leaving church at 3:30 pm and should arrive back home around 7:15/7:30. More details coming.

1000 ACTS OF LOVE UPDATE



During the 40 days of Lent, we challenged ourselves to do 1000 acts of love as we considered how God loves us. We added hearts on a banner for every act of love. We also added hearts for money raised through the three special offerings taken up during Lent. One offering went to our missionaries, one to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and our annual Lenten offering was divided between Safe Harbor, Habitat for Humanity, and Generations. By Easter, we reached our 1000

acts goal! But of course, just because Lent is over for the year doesn't mean to challenge to love is finished! Love starts with God. Love starts with us. Put love into action!

2020 PASSION PLAY—GERMANY



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

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers would like to invite you to come meet Sara Kelly—ministry representative of Water of Life, on Monday, May 7 at 11:00 am in Parker Hall. They help build wells for communities in India, and other areas that provide clean water. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 2.

Call or text Ruth Hughes at 380-8706 or email her at rhughes@aumcsc.org. Price is still \$7.00 per person.

THE UMW GARAGE SALE JUST ENDED! I hope you were able to pick up your treasures and that you also had some of that yummy BBQ the Scouts were selling.



I want to give all my thanks to each of you who had anything to do with a most successful UMW Garage Sale. I will start by thanking everyone who helped with bringing in the tables for us to set up on Wednesday night! That was a BIG help! Also to all those who brought items for us to sell, those who diligently helped price and sort day after day and those who worked for the actual sale on Friday/Saturday (and clean up on Monday). And a special thanks goes to the Club 56's for helping take down on Sunday night. We over 1,337 man/woman work hours went into this great sale. Our total thus far is **\$10,892.35** with some money yet to be turned in.

This money has been raised for Missions. Our left over items were picked up by Miracle Hill of South Carolina. Many will benefit from this donation. Start saving for the Fall Sale in September. It will be here before you know it!

With deepest thanks from my heart, Keith Rutherford



PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Tuesday, May 1, 2018:

Home: Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Frankie Boling, Nina Owens, Ann Armstrong, Annette McDuffee, John Holmstrand **Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden

Cascades: Patti Whelchel **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale

Myrtle Beach, SC: Randy Hale **Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse

NHC Mauldin: Atrice Hughey

Waterstone: Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick **Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman

Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place: Melba Poole

Rock Hill /Daughter: Bill Taylor **Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

Local & Other Country Missionaries:

AUMC Family in Greenville: Todd, Pam, & Hannah Grace Attaway, go to their blog to read more www.loveshareserve.blogspot.com.

AUMC Supported Missionaries in Ecuador: Daina and Tim Datwyler, visit their website at <http://www.Puertadeesperanza.org>.

Douglas & Jennings Boone in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Africa - (Wycliffe Bible Translators) www.thiscongoleselife.blogspot.com

ATTENDANCE 2018

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
April, 8	143	216
April, 15	133	255
April, 22	140	237
April, 29	83	238

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budget \$ 15,498.09

2018 Average Weekly Giving \$ 14,220.53

Previous Week's General Fund Giving \$ 12,793.00

2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses \$ *15,671.84

*Average weekly expenses include approximately \$29,000 paid to replace air conditioning units.

April 2018 YTD General Fund Budget \$ 268,706.75

April 2018 YTD General Fund Giving \$ 241,809.47

April 2018 YTD General Fund Expenses \$ 266,477.34

SERVING ALDERSGATE ON SUNDAYS

May 6, 2018:

Greeters: 8:45 am Danny & Cookie Dobbs

Acolytes: 8:45 am Bobby Keith

Crucifer:

Usher Captain 8:45 am David McAvoy
 Ushers: Eddie Beam, Tim Davis
 Henry Scoggins, Suzanne Haney

11:00 am Bruce & Susan Royal

11:00 am Graham Addis

11:00 am James Whiteman

Usher Captain 11:00 am Frank Mathis
 Ushers: Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Trey
 Covington, Coley Altman III, Paul Sleight

May 13, 2018:

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Adyson Davis

Greeters: 8:45 am Marshall & Ruth Ann Gooch

Acolytes: 8:45 am Ben Keith

Crucifer:

Usher Captain 8:45 am Jack Cornell
 Ushers: Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs
 Jordan Truesdale, Suzanne Haney

11:00 am Lyndon Ashworth

11:00 am Kevin & Julia Schemm

11:00 am Laura MacGregor

11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor

Usher Captain 11:00 am Hunt Redfern
 Ushers: Terry Tallon, Steve Graves
 Joel Vanderwood, Bruce Royal

May 20, 2018:

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Shirley Cooke

Greeters: 8:45 am Stephen & Michelle Keith

Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis

Crucifer:

Usher Captain 8:45 am Austin Watts
 Ushers: Doug Jordan
 Phil Martin, Waldo Watts

11:00 am Sherri Allred

11:00 am Jerry Smith/Chris Spellman

11:00 am Brooks Schemm

11:00 am Karis King

Usher Captain 11:00 am David Rose
 Ushers: Clay Garrison
 David Ayer, Cody Owens

May 27, 2018:

Lay Readers: 8:45 am Wendy Davis

Greeters: 8:45 am Suzanne Haney/Linda McDaniel

Acolytes: 8:45 am Ansley Addis

Crucifer:

Usher Captain 8:45 am Brad Smoak
 Ushers: Scott Bagley, Trevor King,
 Mark Wessel

11:00 am Susan Smith

11:00 am Jerry & Mary Thomas

11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm

11:00 am Reid Schemm

Usher Captain 11:00 am Rick Lankford
 Ushers: Doug Patrick, Coley Altman,
 Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND:

In memory of Jan Ellington by Jerry & Lillis Smith.

In memory of Audrey Rowan by Jerry & Lillis Smith.

VIDEO SCREENS FUND:

In memory of Sterling Watts by Rick, Deb & Grant Lankford

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
9:45 am Sunday School
Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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CALENDAR DATES—MAY 2018

Tuesday, May 1, 2018:

6:35 am Men of Integrity—Broadway Bagels @ Hudson Corners
6:30 pm Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet—Parker Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, May 2, 2018:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Class
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, May 3, 2018:

5:00 am Men's Study—Mac Vinson Companions Class

Saturday, May 5, 2018:

9:00 am– 11:30 am - Children's Choir Musical Rehearsal

Sunday, May 6, 2018: Red Bird Send Off

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship/Children's Choir Musical
9:45 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Cindy Harter Circle Meeting—Mac Vinson Companions Class
3:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.- Library
4:30 pm Church Council—Kingdom Class
5:00 pm Club 56 & Youth

Monday, May 7, 2018:

9:00 am Staff Meeting – Library
1:00 pm Bridge – Parker Hall
1:00 pm Stephen Ministry—Library
6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House / 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.-Library

Tuesday, May 8, 2018:

6:35 am Men of Integrity—Broadway Bagels @ Hudson Corners
10:30 am Louise Best Circle—Haddon Friendship Class
12:00 noon Susanna Wesley—Off site Luncheon
7:00 am Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 9, 2018:

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Class
11:30 am Mary Teasley Circle—Luncheon (off site)
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

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.

OUR VISION

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God

"A Stephen Ministry Congregation"

