



# Aldersgate In Motion



**ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors  
The People of the United Methodist Church

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## Thoughts of the Pastor

### **Father's Day and Children's Day**

In the United States we celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in June (June 17<sup>th</sup> this year). This celebration started back in 1910 when Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by a Mother's Day sermon to begin a day in honor of fathers. She and her five siblings had been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart after her mother died in child birth so it is understandable that she would want to honor fathers. She felt that there needed to be a day to honor fathers just as there was one to honor mothers. She had originally chose June 5, her father's birthday but for logistical reasons, it was not celebrated until June 19, 1910, in her home town of Spokane, Washington.

The idea of a day for honoring fathers is not new. In the Roman Catholic Church, St. Joseph's feast day, March 19, has served as a day to honor fathers. Of course St. Joseph was the legal father who raised Jesus as his own. It is natural that it should be a day to honor all men who nurture and raise children whether fathers in a traditional nuclear family, or single fathers like Henry Smart, or foster fathers like St. Joseph.

When I was a child, my sister and I went to our parents and said, "There is a Mother's Day and a Father's Day. There should be a children's day." My father's response was, "Every day is children's day."

Guess what? There is a Children's Day! In 1856 on the second Sunday in June, Reverend Dr. Charles Leonard, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Redeemer in Chelsea, Massachusetts, held a special service dedicated to, and for the children. While the idea of a day for honor children is practiced at different times in many places around the world, a set date for a Children's Day has not been established in the United States.

The first American celebration of Children's Day (1856) predates the first American Mother's Day (1908), and the first American Father's Day (1910). I guess the children always come first. Let us all celebrate the families that God gives us and the love they share.

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor Alex will be on vacation Friday, June 8 thru Saturday, June 16. If you have need for a pastor during this time please contact the church office.

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – June 3, 2018

Sunday, June 3 is **Peace with Justice Sunday at Aldersgate!** On this Sunday United Methodist Churches worldwide receive a special offering which supports peace and justice ministries locally and around the world. 50% of the offerings received is earmarked for peace and justice ministries here in SC and the other 50% to ministries worldwide. Last year the United Methodist Board of Church and Society approved \$91,400 in grants to 27 ministries in the United States, Africa, Europe and the Philippines from this offering! These grants empowered farmworkers, Ebola survivors, emerging Hispanic leaders and young mothers trying to escape exploitation among other things. Please prayerfully consider giving a little extra to this offering. For more information go to [www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org) and click on “Churchwide Special Sundays” and then “Peace with Justice Sunday.”

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

will once again happen in July! Adult and youth Sunday school classes combine in Parker Hall for the five Sundays in July. You will not want to miss this fun time of discipleship as we greet one another and experience just a little time together. Stay tuned and mark your calendars!

### UPCOMING SERMONS

**June 3:** Youth/Graduates Sunday - Youth Led Service

**June 10:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 “Finding Home”

Johannah Myers preaching

**June 17:** Mark 4:26-34 “Father's Day Photo Album”

**June 24:** Mark 4:35-41; 1 Samuel 17:32-49 “David and Hurricane Goliath”

### WOMEN’S READING GROUP:

The Women’s Reading Group will continue to meet thru the summer in the church library with the following books chosen for those months:

**June 28:** Where There’s Hope by Elizabeth Smart

**July 26:** A biography of one’s choice on Susanna Wesley

**August 23:** Fully Awake & Truly Alive by Rev. Jane E. Vennard

*(A UMW Spiritual Growth Category for the UMW Reading Program)*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our Vacation Bible School fun gets started with our Messy Church on Sunday, July 22 at 3:30 pm. Then, we will continue our adventure Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26. The time is from 9:00 am—12:00 noon. Visit our registration page at:

<http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/AldersgateUMCGreenvilleSC>

If you prefer a paper registration form, please leave a message for Ruth Hughes with your email or home address. She will get one right out to you. 864-244-1820 ext. 204

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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 June or September 2020. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks, Johannah [jmyers@aumcsc.org](mailto:jmyers@aumcsc.org)



OBERAMMERGAU 2020  
A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE OPPORTUNITY

**SUMMER SUPPERS will begin on  
JUNE 6, 2018 @ 5:30 pm**

### Menu for June 6:

**Chicken Pasta Salad, Squash Casserole,  
Fruit, Dessert, Beverages.**

**Please call Cameron in the church office to  
make your reservations. 244-1820 ext. 206**

## PRIME TIMER'S PICNIC AT PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

**June 11** is our date for our Annual Picnic this year. We will be meeting at Paris Mountain State Park. Cost is \$3.25 to enter the park and then \$2.00 to help pay for the chicken. We ask that everyone bring a side and/or a dessert to share with the group. This is a great time to invite someone new.

Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, June 6 through our normal channels. Just call Ruth at the church if you have any questions. 244-1820 ext. 204

## UMW READING PROGRAM

The UMW reading program report forms that are completed can be turned in by placing them in the manila envelope marked "UMW READING PLAN FORMS" in the UMW mailbox outside Susan Hamilton's office. Remember that even if a plan was not completed, any books that were read or presented as a program in one's circle or for the Women's Reading Group can be included. Forms need to be turned in by Sunday, July 15. Blank forms are available in the church library.

## RED BIRD MISSION TRIP—2018

We had four men from Aldersgate join up with four men from Memorial UMC, Greer to attend the Red Bird work camp on May 6-May 12. Renovations at the home given to this group to work on were as follows:

*Installed underpinning under the home, removed and reinstalled 4 new windows, finished construction on a back deck/stoop, demolished and installed a new bedroom floor. This was a great experience and excellent fellowship. We certainly hope others will attend next year!*

Aldersgate UMC Volunteers: Dick McGaughey, Dave Herndon, Dean Martin, Eddie Hamilton  
Memorial UMC Volunteers: Daryl Rinsforth, Mike Henson, Steve Barbarey, John Temple  
Thank you for all the hard work and valuable time given to help others!

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

<b>2018 Average Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 15,498.09</b>
<b>2018 Average Weekly Giving</b>	<b>\$ 14,220.53</b>
<b>Previous Week's General Fund Giving</b>	<b>\$ 12,793.00</b>
<b>2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ *15,671.84</b>
* <b>Average</b> weekly expenses include approximately \$29,000 paid to replace air conditioning units.	
<b>April 2018 YTD General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$ 268,706.75</b>
<b>April 2018 YTD General Fund Giving</b>	<b>\$ 241,809.47</b>
<b>April 2018 YTD General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 266,477.34</b>

## ATTENDANCE 2018

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP
<b>May 6-</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>292</b>
<b>May 13-</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>May 20-</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>278</b>
<b>May 27-</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>233</b>



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

**GENERAL FUND:** In memory of **Barbara Morrow** by Toby & Barbara Hunter, Ken & Betty Waddell, Coley & Daylene Altman, Jim & Carole Dansby, David & Marian Rose, Keith & Bonnie Linse, Bob & Darien Pickens, Louise Best Circle, Cam Tran, Christina Tran, Xuan Tran, Connie Tran, Trung Tran, Judith Anderson, Jim & Betty Griffith, Jennine Blair, Jim & Ruth McAllister, Deb & Scott Taylor, Betty Ledbetter, Randy & Freda Dill, Marge Carter, Dale & Beverly Turner, Jerry & Lillis Smith, Jan & Mary Lou Stenberg, John & Martha Wood, Rainer & Brenda Ellis, Doug & Linda Patrick, Shirley Cooke, Bruce & Susan Royal, Dick & Anne McGaughey, Henry & Nina Scoggins, Bill & Pat Howle, Freida Parker.

In memory of **Sterling Watts** by David & Marian Rose, Martha Davis, Ranier & Brenda Ellis, Coley & Daylene Altman, Terry & Jean-Marie Taylor, Paul & Mary Watson, Jerry & Lillis Smith, Henry & Nina Scoggins, Bill & Pat Howle.

In memory of **Julian B. Howell** by The Merrifield Park Community Club.

**VIDEO SCREENS FUND:** In memory of **Sterling Watts** by Jim & Andrea League.

In memory of **Barbara Morrow** by Lyndon & Gayle Ashworth.

**YOUTH FUND:** In memory of **Sterling Watts** by Dick & Anne McGaughey.

**MUSIC FUND:** In memory of **Barbara Morrow** by Barbara Barbrey.

In memory of **Michael D. Brown** (Susan B. Hamilton's brother) by Toby & Barbara Hunter, Dick & Anne McGaughey.

**BEREAVEMENT FUND:** In memory of **Jerry Blair** by Jennine Blair.

**FLAG FUND:** In memory of **Barbara Morrow** by Jim & Keith Rutherford.