



Aldersgate In Motion



ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Thoughts of the Pastor

Let's Talk

One of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps is to grow is through our conversations with one another. We learn and grow in Christ as we share our thoughts and perspectives. Those varied and differing points of view help us to know and serve Christ better. This is why small groups like Bible studies and Sunday School classes are so important. They give us a small community of trust in which to learn and teach one another in the Christian faith. Through Christian conversations we help make disciples and become better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes people have questions or opinions about my Sunday sermons. If my sermons did not spark some thoughts, I would not be doing my job. If you want to share your thoughts or questions, please feel free to contact me. You can call the church office or simply e-mail me. I have, in the past, enjoyed these times of Christian conversation and I encourage them now. As the book of Ephesians has shown us in the current sermon series we should "speak the truth in love" to one another so that "we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."(Eph. 4:15) Let's talk! - Alex

Sermon Series on Ephesians - "The Body of Christ"

What is the church? Who are we? What is our purpose and our place in God's plans for the universe? Almost 2,000 years ago the book of Ephesus was inspired to answer these very questions. This letter from 1st century Asia Minor still speaks to us in 21st century Greenville, SC. This month I will finish preaching through the book of Ephesians. Come join us and let us together discover what it means to be the Body of Christ in the world today. The sermons planned for this series are:

August 19: Ephesians 5:15-20 "The Body of Christ: Christian Marriage"

August 26: Ephesians 6:10-20 "The Body of Christ: Onward Christian Soldiers"

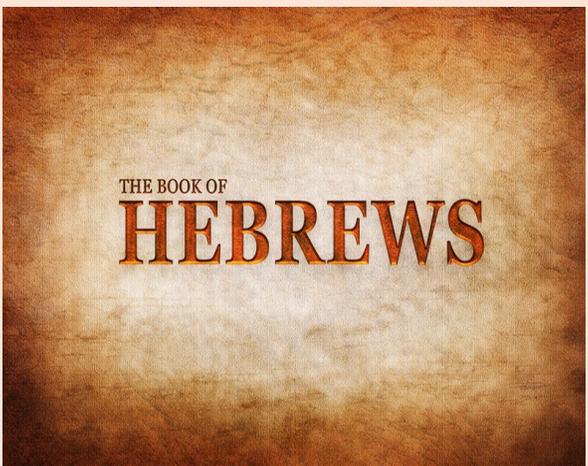
E p h e s i a n s

BIBLE STUDY OF HEBREWS

The book of Hebrews explains the Christian faith from the perspective of Old Testament Scripture. It opens our eyes with new depths of understanding of who Jesus is as our great High Priest and what it means to worship and follow him.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Mac Vinson Companions Classroom to study this unique New Testament book beginning September 5th. The study will conclude in November.

Facilitated by Pastor Alex.



ALDRSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

We are all familiar with Epworth Children’s Home, which has served children in SC for over 100 years and with the three senior living centers in Florence, Greenwood, and Orangeburg, which have been serving the needs of seniors for decades.

Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry is the new kid on the block serving the needs of adults with special needs. Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry celebrates its 15th anniversary this year! Currently there are three homes in operation in Orangeburg, Columbia, and Florence. Please keep this important ministry in your

prayers. On **August 19** we will receive a special offering for Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. Please plan to give a little extra to support this valuable ministry.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

I am so sorry that it is taking longer than expected for the directory to arrive. We are now proofing it for about the 4th time and hopefully for the LAST time!

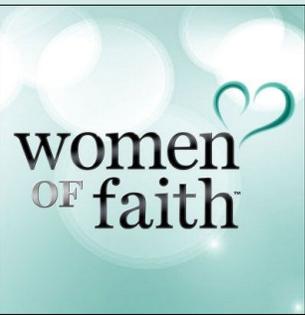
Just know that we are working as fast as we can to get it as correct as we can. Many changes, etc. It will be done soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

Women of Faith will begin its Fall season on September 18. Women of Faith meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30. Our mornings include refreshments, prayer, inspirational speakers and small group studies.

Join us on September 18 at 9:30 in Parker Hall for brunch. We’ll learn about the small group opportunities for the fall and hear from Toni Norris Taylor. Toni is the founder and director of Circles South Carolina, Inc, a non-profit working with children and families in poverty.



CONNECT MENU

Connect Begins August 29

Join us on Wednesday nights at Aldersgate for food, fellowship, study and music. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:20, \$6 for adults, \$4 for children – Advanced reservations required. Make your reservation by calling Cameron Vaughn in the church office.

If you would be willing to help with a team of people one Wednesday night a month during Connect (September, October, November) to prepare and set up for the meal, or clean up after the meal, please let Johannah or Mary Anne Repair know.

Aug. 29—Chicken casserole, rice, green beans, salad, fruit, dessert, beverage

Sept. 5—Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert, beverage

Sept. 12—Pork tenderloin, creamed potatoes, squash casserole, salad, fruit, dessert, beverage

Sept. 19—Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert, beverage

Sept. 26—Baked potatoes with trimmings, salad, fruit, dessert, beverage

Make sure you are on the list before each Monday at 12:00 pm on the week(s) you want to eat! Call Cameron in the church office. 244-1820 ext. 206

Small Group Opportunities at Connect this Fall

***Prayer Shawl Group** – come crochet together, making prayer shawls, blankets for Killingsworth House, graduation blankets and more. Don't know how to crochet? Here's a great chance to learn! Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Library



***Drawing Class** – led by artist Greg Joens. This class will meet September 12 through October 3 from 6:30-7pm in the Bride's Room.

***Animate the Bible** – led by Johannah Myers. This 9 week course will run August 29 through October 24, 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Mac Vinson/Companions Classroom. As the United Methodist Church continues to wrestle with hard issues, one of the ways people will try to draw lines is over how we understand Scripture. Inerrancy, Inspired, Interpretation...what do we mean when we say these things? How do we, as Methodists, traditionally understand the role of the Bible? Where does the Bible even come from? Who wrote it? How do we read it? During these 9 weeks, we will look at how our canon of Scripture came to be and how we read it together. We'll use a video series with discussions by leading theologians and pastors including Will Willimon, Phyllis Tickle, Rachel Held Evans, and Nadia Bolz-Weber. We will also look at a couple of chapters of pastor Adam Hamilton's book, *Making Sense of the Bible*, as we consider the nature of Scripture. We will also include a week to discuss what the Bible says (and doesn't say) about sexuality.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK

On August 19, in both worship services, we will mark the beginning of another school year with our annual Blessing of the Backpack. Have your child bring their backpack and during the children's sermon a special prayer will be said.



YOUTH NEWS

The Youth kicked off the new season with a Pool Party to welcome the rising 7th graders. It's going to be a great year!

The schedule consists of Wednesday nights from 6:30 —7:30 pm primarily of teaching time (with a game or activity also) and Sunday nights from 5:00—6:30 pm will be small group time.

Jenny will be leading the girls and Josh will lead the boys. Bring a friend and let's share our faith together.

Please let Josh know if you need a Sept.—Dec. 2018 schedule.

WELCOME BACK LAKE FOREST STUDENTS

Help us welcome back the Lake Forest students and families by passing out water bottles to the car pool lines on Monday, August 20th. If you want to donate money for water please designate your offering as "water bottles." If you plan to be at the church on the 20th please call the church office and let us know. (244-1820)

We will be at Lake Forest by 2:00 pm so please be at the church in the kitchen by 1:45 pm.

COOL, REFRESHING WATER



CLUB 56/Visioneers

Upcoming dates and events:

August 26: 3:30-5:00 pm

Messy Church/Back-to-School Cook-out

September 2: - No 56—**Labor Day**

September 8: - 56/Visioneers—Trip to Asbury Hills

September 9: - No 56

September 16: - 56—Famous Friends of the Bible

September 23: - 56—Service Night

September 30: - 56—Minute to Win It

Meeting time is from 5:00—7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

The Five Fingers of
Club 56
"FEWSD"
Fellowship,
Evangelism,
Worship,
Service
and Discipleship





Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Activities, celebration, and a huge cookout – Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, August 26 beginning at 3:30
Aldersgate UMC 7 Shannon Dr Greenville
www.facebook.com/messychurch.aumcsc

HELP IS NEEDED! If you can help volunteer with the activities portion, we need you!

The United Methodist Men can also use your help with the Cookout portion.

Just let Johannah Myers know if you can help with Messy Church or with the Cookout. **You are needed!**

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY—GERMANY/AUSTRIA TRIP

Brochures and registration forms are now available for the **June 15, 2020** trip to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. Join us on this 9 day trip to Germany and Austria. The highlight of the trip will be the 2020 Passion Play. This play is performed by the villagers of Oberammergau, Germany every ten years as it has been for the past 380 years. Pick up a brochure on the volunteer desk in the office area or in the Commons area. The trip includes airfare, some breakfast/dinner, travel, hotel and play tickets. You can also see Johannah for more information.



OBERAMMERGAU 2020
A ONCE-IN-A-DECADE OPPORTUNITY

ATTENDANCE 2018

Sanctuary Media Project

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>WORSHIP</u>
August 5	107	218
August 12	116	237

Money Raised to Date
\$ 18,687.21

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Worship the Lord through giving.

2018 Average Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,569.67
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 14,267.92
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 12,622.00
YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses	- \$ 22,344.08

July 2018—End of Month

YTD General Fund Budget	\$ 470,108.87
YTD General Fund Giving	\$ 407,759.75
YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 449,033.30

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND:

In memory of Lois Klamfoth by Jeff, Susan, Emma Rose & Maggie Taylor

In memory of Lorene Clay by Robert & Nell Ranew, Jim & Betty Griffith, Richard & Nancy Williams, Jerry & Sara Bowden, Toby & Barbara Hunter, Freida Parker

In memory of Rev. Don Haton by The Aldersgate Prime Timers

MUSIC FUND:

In memory of Rev. Don Haton by Shirley Cooke

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD"

OUR MILITARY FAMILY/FRIENDS

Bradley Brown	Oryan R. Lahti- <u>ACTIVE DUTY</u>	
Joseph Churchwell	Troy McDowell	
Hank Gettys	Katie Pace	Matthew Russell
Patricia Kreuzberger	Nick Page	Paul Scott- <u>ACTIVE DUTY</u>
	Michael Pompeo	John Williams



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THESE FAMILY & FRIENDS SERVING!