

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The service of worship begins with the music.*

*Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God, in its quietness, God's peace.*

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

\*\*WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)*

THE PRELUDE Ryland Brown

\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*HYMN TFWS 2237 "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 19)*

Leader: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

**People: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

**People: and your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.**

Leader: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable to you,

**People: O God, our rock and our redeemer!**

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED NO. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.** \*universal

\*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS NO. 38 (11:00 am)

Todd, Jessica & Blay Martin

THE MORNING PRAYER

*(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

*People Respond: Hear our prayer.)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(prayed together)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Mike Strickland

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.**

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Robert Hunter

8:45 am Micah Arms, Grant Knox,

Wendell Lunsford

11:00 am Male Vocal Ensemble

\*THE DOXOLOGY OLD 100th  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 573 "O Zion, Haste"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Alex Stevenson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Judges 2:7-10 OT 218

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-12 NT 195

THE MESSAGE Tim Datwyler

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\*HYMN TFWS 2173 "Shine Jesus Shine"

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing, Serving ... For God!**

\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*THE POSTLUDE Ryland Brown

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*Let our worship through service begin.*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the glory of God and in honor of all the Cope family September birthdays by Jim & Ginnie Cope.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART of an instrumental ensemble to play during the hymns once a month or so, contact Bill Mawby at [william.d.mawby@gmail.com](mailto:william.d.mawby@gmail.com). Bill and one other person are ready to go but more are needed. Let Bill know if you want to be part of this ensemble.

UNITED MINISTRIES TRANSFORMATION WALK now includes a 5k run! It celebrates lives being transformed right here in Greenville. Wherever our neighbors in need may be in their journey, United Ministries is here to serve and empower them. This year's walk is on a **Saturday, September 22**. Sign up to walk or run today! Go to their website to sign up- [www.united-ministries.org/transformation-walk/](http://www.united-ministries.org/transformation-walk/) If you are unable to walk/run, please go to their website and find our Aldersgate page and sponsor someone.

TODAY WE WELCOME TIM DATWYLER to Aldersgate. Tim and Daina Datwyler are one of the missionaries we support. They work with TMS Global, the same group that our members, Pam and Todd Attaway work with. In 2005 they opened a new mission field in Ecuador, "Puerta de Esperanza" or "Door of Hope", which is a place where spiritual, emotional, educational, and physical needs can be met and developed through various ministries. <http://puertadeesperanza.org>

CONNECT MENU FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

**Sept. 19:** Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert

**Sept. 26:** Baked potatoes with all the trimmings, salad, fruit, dessert

**YOUTH HOUSE MAKEOVER!** The Youth House has had a makeover. Josh & Jenny Consalvo and friends have painted, redecorated, etc. and it looks **GREAT!** It was "revealed" to the youth on August 29. When you see Josh, ask him to show you!

**LEARNING ABOUT DEMENTIA**-Come out to Aldersgate United Methodist Church on September 22, from 10:00 until 12:00, noon to gain more insight into the debilitating disease known as dementia. Thomas Haas, the owner of Complete Homecare of America, will be hosting a dementia workshop entitled "Dementia – A Loved One's Journey." He will be educating loved ones on the different types of dementia, the different stages of dementia and the effects of dementia.

**DON'T FORGET THE UMW GARAGE SALE** is coming soon! Bring any jewelry you have **NOW** to the church office. Bring all other treasures beginning on September 24 & 25 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Thursday, September 13, 2018:**

**St. Francis-D'town:** Dale Bedford, Linda Collins  
**Home:** Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, Mary Lou Stenberg, Dewey Lemons, Terry Taylor, Tom Scott  
**NHC-B. Springs:** Ann Armstrong **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey  
**Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth Waynick **Cascades:** Patti Whelchel  
**The Woodlands:** Annette McDuffee, Peggy Miller  
**Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **Mt. Home Health, NC:** Nancy Reitz  
**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden  
**Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale  
**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale  
**Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place:** Melba Poole  
**Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018**  
 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
**Monday, Sept.17, 2018**  
 9:00 am Staff Meeting – Library  
 12:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House  
 6:32 pm UMM – Parker Hall  
**Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018**  
 9:30 am Women of Faith Begins – Parker Hall  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House  
**Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018**  
 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study  
 5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall  
 6:00 pm Youth @ The House  
 6:30 pm Classes

**ATTENDANCE**  
**September 9, 2018**  
 Sunday School – 127 Worship - 275

<b><u>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</u></b>	
<i>Worship the Lord through giving.</i>	
2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,473.31
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 14,201.35
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 15,753.27
<b>YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses</b>	<b>- \$ 26,209.73</b>
<b>Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date</b>	<b>\$ 21,787.21</b>

**SERVING TODAY**

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Lyndon Ashworth  
**Greeters:** 8:45 am Carol & Phil Martin  
 11:00 am Brenda & Bob Willett  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Karis King 11:00 am Hudson Patrick  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Laura MacGregor  
**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak 11:00 am Rick Lankford  
**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel  
 11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Grant Lankford, Gray Walsh

**MINISTRY STAFF**

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (ext. 207)  
 Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)  
 Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)  
 Dr. Grant Knox, Dir. of Music (ext. 208)  
 Ryland Brown, Musician  
 Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)  
 Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 212)  
 Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)  
 Cameron Vaughn, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

**MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon

Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701

Child Development Center... 864/268-5028

Website: [www.aumcsc.org](http://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

**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.

**VISION STATEMENT**

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

*Welcome to*  
**ALDERSGATE**  
**UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH**



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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**8:45 am & 11:00 am**  
**September 16, 2018**

Established October 9, 1960

Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
 The people of The United Methodist Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*