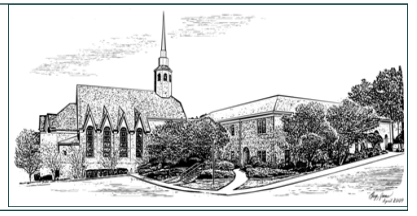




Aldersgate In Motion



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I am the vine, you are the branches.

*Those who abide in me
and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me
you can do nothing.*

Photo by: Tim Johnstone

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THOUGHTS OF THE PASTOR

The Place of Aldersgate in Methodism

In early 1738, John Wesley was at a low point in his life. He had just returned from a frustrating failure in ministry in Savannah, Georgia. But he reluctantly accepted an invitation to attend a group meeting located in an upper room somewhere on Aldersgate Street in London. It was May 24, 1738.

At the meeting, there was a reading from the introduction to Martin Luther's commentary on Romans. Wesley describes what happened: "While he [Luther] 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." Wesley understood this to be a work of the Holy Spirit that assured him of God's love—that his salvation was a gift by grace through faith alone. This realization led to the fire of the Methodist Movement sweeping across England and the United States. So Aldersgate Church was named for a very special place in the life of John Wesley and Methodism, and the beginning of our vision, "Hearts on Fire," is an echo of Wesley's statement that his heart was "strangely warmed."

On Sunday June 14, I gave an altar call that was an invitation to "live LIFE to the fullest." This is an invitation to live out God's call here at Aldersgate to be the kind of church where people receive an assurance that God loves them, even them.

God wants to do this work through, of all people, us. So I invite you again. Let's live LIFE to the fullest. Let's work hard to make Aldersgate the kind of place God wants it to be. And let's invite people to come here and find what we have found: a welcome worth receiving and a heritage worth having. I'll see you on Sunday.

Enjoying the Journey,

Michael

HOME GATHERINGS

HOME GATHERINGS ARE COMING: In the next week or so, you may receive an invitation to attend a "Home Gathering." These are small groups (*15 or less*) of persons who will meet in members' homes with Pastor Michael beginning on July 31. This is an informal setting for him to meet and get to know the people of Aldersgate. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. Each of us will only need to attend a single Home Gathering, and there will be multiple opportunities to attend in case you cannot make it to a particular one.

CONFIRMATION—The Confirmation journey at Aldersgate will begin in late August/early September. As we prepare for this upcoming class, please let Johannah know if you have a youth who will be participating in the Confirmation class during the 2019-2020 school year. The class is open to students 6th grade and older.

COMPANION GROUPS AT ALDERSGATE are forming in August 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year! Companion Groups are small, house groups that meet monthly for a meal and Bible study together. The word “companion” has roots in “co” and “pan” or “together with bread.” When we gather around a meal, relationships deepen and we find COMPANIONS for our journey with God.

What makes Companion groups different from other small groups is that they are intentionally inter-generational. Discipleship works best when we apprentice faith alongside people who are learning to practice their faith, too. That means we need people from all generations working together.

Companion groups are open to families of all shapes and sizes, from singles to grandparents and everyone in between. If you’d like more information, please contact Johannah (jmyers@aumcsc.org). If you’d like to participate, please complete a registration form and turn it in to Johannah. Each adult will need to fill out a separate form. Registration forms are available online: <http://aumcsc.org/companion-groups-at-aldersgate/> The deadline to register is August 11.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Everyone is invited to join us for a combined Sunday School class during July. This year’s class will use the Vacation Bible School theme of “To Mars and Beyond” as a foundation. Each week we’ll look at a different Bible story and consider how God calls us “beyond.” The last two weeks are listed below. Come join us!

July 21 – Go beyond with boldness – Esther

July 28 – Go beyond with hope – The road to Emmaus

Each week will be facilitated by Johannah Myers and will include time for discussion. Coffee and snacks provided as well! Come “go beyond” with us in July!

NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

THE HERNDON GROUP

NOVEMBER 20-23, 2019

DETAILS-

Destination –Nashville, Tennessee

PACKAGE INCLUDES-

Deluxe Round-trip Motor coach Transportation
Services of a Good News Travels Tour Manager
Baggage Handling, Taxes & Resort Fee
4 Days, 3 Nights with Hotel Accommodations at
the Gaylord Opryland—Traditional Room*
2 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

HIGHLIGHTS

THE GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT
ICE EXHIBIT AT THE GAYLORD
THE RYMAN AUDITORIUM
GRAND OLE OPRY AT THE RYMAN
AUDITORIUM
DINNER AT CAFÉ' LULA
RCA STUDIO B GUIDED TOUR
COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME &
MUSEUM
NASHVILLE NIGHTLIFE DINNER SHOW
NASHVILLE GUIDED TOUR WITH A
LOCAL SINGER/SONGWRITER

RATES

Starting at*

\$910/pp Quad

\$965/pp Triple

\$995/pp Double

\$1295/pp Single

*Upgrade to Atrium Room \$150/pp
and based on availability

PAYMENT DETAILS

\$200 Deposit Due Now

\$200 Next Payment Due 8/15/19

Final Payment Due 9/30/19

You can register online at:

goodnewstravels.com/hg2365

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Dave Herndon

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!
BE SURE TO CALL DAVE TO LET
HIM KNOW.**

SUMMER INTERN

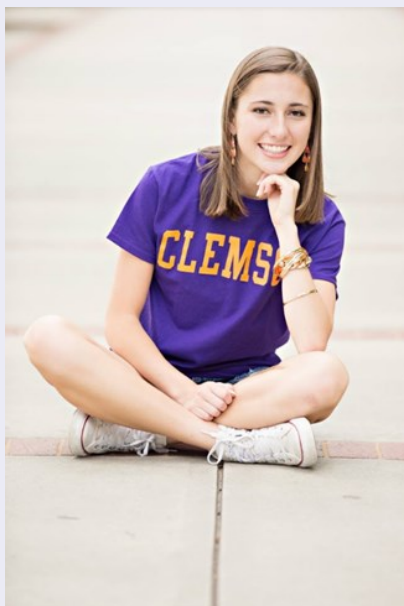
Mary Beth MacGregor is going into her Junior year at Clemson University as a Nursing major. While academics are her priority, she makes time for involvement in campus organizations such as; Clemson Hope, (a mentoring program for elementary age children at Title 1 schools), Nursing Christian Fellowship, Student Nurses Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Clemson Cure.

While you might not be familiar with her, Mary Beth is a long-time member of Aldersgate – serving as an acolyte and crucifer when she was younger, then as a VBS leader and elementary Sunday school teacher during her high school years.

The Aldersgate Internship is a shared-area focus, so Mary Beth's responsibilities have touched in lots of different ministries. Here are a few of her projects:

Communications (attendance, bulletin boards), Youth on Wednesday and Sunday nights, Messy Church, the Church Library, VBS and at times covering the phones. To continue in her nursing field, Mary Beth has found programs like FAN (Fitness and Nutrition) and LiveWell Greenville to add to her training. Both programs assist churches to plan and design healthier church environments. Our hope is that she can use Aldersgate as a base for a future college project.

She applied for this internship as a way to gain experience in communicating and working with others, which is an important skill for a future nurse and is excited to have the opportunity to be working at Aldersgate this summer! Welcome Mary Beth!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW fall garage sale is coming in September. It is not too early to start planning for it. This sale will be special as we are planning a HUGE CHRISTMAS SHOPPE to coincide with the regular sale. We will have wonderful and beautiful items for sale. Please start looking in your Christmas boxes for items that you may not use any longer and bring them to us starting on September 23.



We are also looking for a lot of help for this sale. We need more than the usual number of people to help out as this will almost be two sales in one. So, if you are a special Christmas person, let us know so that we can plan on your help. You will have such a good time playing with all the Santa's and Snowmen. Also, if you have a neighborhood Facebook page or a newsletter, please put out an announcement about our sale. The sale dates are September 27 and 28. If you have any questions, please call me at 895-8360. Thanking you in advance,

Keith Rutherford

LAST CALL!

Any United Methodist Woman who has not turned in your completed *reading plan* must have it in no later than **Sunday, July 21**. There is a brown mailer in the UMW mailbox in the church office area that can be used for placing them in. You may also mail them to Gayle Ashworth. Her address is 134 Rollinggreen Rd., Greenville, SC 29615.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Join us at
Messy
Church

August 25 beginning at 3:30pm
Aldersgate UMC

Messy Church will include a celebration
cook-out. Everyone is welcome!

FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2019.

This adult Sunday school event will begin at 9:45 am with refreshments and conversation in Parker Hall. Our program will begin at 10:00 am with our guest speaker, Michelle Greco. Michelle is with the Bradshaw Institute, which is an institute working for Community Child Health and Advocacy thru the Prisma Health System.

She is an ACE, Adverse Childhood Experiences, trainer and advocate. She will be giving us information about ACE and how these experiences impact children with their long-term successes and health, and how we might become involved in helping children.

Please make plans to have your Sunday school join us in Parker Hall on September 29, to learn about this Institute and how we all can be involved. Thank you!

(Sponsored by the United Methodist Women)



CONGRATULATIONS to Helen & Jordan Truesdale along with big sister, Carter Maye, who welcomed their newest edition. Collins Rebekah was born on July 12, 2019 weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 20" long. Everyone is doing great.



Proud Aldersgate grandparents are Scott & Logan Bagley.

CONGRATULATIONS also goes to Kristen & Trey Mills (*long time visitors*) along with big brother, Trey Jr., as they welcomed their new bundle, Luca Wyatt who was born on July 15, 2019.

What wonderful news!

We are thankful for all these wonderful children who are born as part of our family.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—TO MARS AND BEYOND



IT'S ALMOST HERE!!! Our week starts on July 22-25 with a **Messy Church Sunday** at 3:30 pm. It then moves to Monday through Thursday 9 am – 12 pm.

→ Our theme this year is **OUTER SPACE**, so if you have any thoughts on decorating or have things we could use to decorate with bring them into the church and give them to Ruth Hughes. This is the one area of greatest need. If you need some inspiration, go to **pinterest.com** and type in “space decorations”.

There are some great ones out there. ***If you have any “SPACE THEMED” items we could surely use them. If you want to have them returned to you, just let Ruth Hughes know and she will mark them with your name.***

→ If you don't think you can help physically, we are always grateful for financial support. We are one of the few churches left that do not charge for VBS!

Thanks so much for all you do to make our Vacation Bible School a wonderful success! If you are donating items you would like returned, please make sure your name is **CLEARLY** marked on them and also let me know. ~Ruth Hughes 244-1820 ext. 204

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

SAFE HARBOR WAS THRILLED!

Thank you all so much for your immediate response to the request to give Safe Harbor much needed bath towels and wash cloths.

The Director of Safe Harbor was so excited when Sylvia & Richard Harris delivered over 100 bath towels, over



140 wash cloths and over 25 in hand towels. And...there are more to be delivered! Thank you to all who provided!

YOUTH

Summer Sundays—Sunday evenings during the summer are for fun! We will grill out, play games, and enjoy the summer weather. Don't miss out and bring friends! We begin at **5:00 pm** and go until 6:30 pm @ The Youth House.

Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm—during the summer on Wednesday nights we have Bible study. We are currently studying a new series, “How to read the Bible.” We are studying Ephesians along with the series. Join us and bring a friend!

Questions?? Contact
Josh at 704-437-0864



WORLD RELIEF DAY AT ALDERSGATE

On June 22, 2019, Aldersgate was host to the local World Relief Day. World Relief Upstate SC empowers the local Church to serve the most vulnerable. In community with the local Church, World Relief envisions the most vulnerable people transformed economically, socially, and spiritually.

This year, they requested Aldersgate to be the host of their "Fun Day."

Pictures here show all types of folks having snow cones and learning about the area.

Ruth Hughes had a booth up telling folks about Aldersgate, Messy Church, etc.

A great time for everyone!



MEMORIALS

GENERAL FUND:

In memory of Lillis Smith by Freida Parker, Cody & Nina Owens, David & Marian Rose, Phil & Carolyn Gold, Coley & Daylene Altman, Bruce & Susan Royal, Betty Waddell, Jean Smith, Hugh & Gayle Mason.

In memory of Micah Scott by Bill & Anne Foster, Coley & Daylene Altman.

In memory of Bill & Frances Hall by Alton Durham.

MUSIC/CHOIR FUND:

In memory of Micah Scott by Darien & Bob Pickens

In memory of Lillis Smith by Keith & Bonnie Linse, John & Mary Holmstrand, Darien & Bob Pickens.

BEREAVEMENT FUND:

In memory of Lillis Smith by Jim & Keith Rutherford.

PRAYER CONCERNS



As of printing Wednesday, July 16, 2019:

Home: Beth & Warren Rambo, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Tom Barnhill, Rudy Rogers, Joan Sanford, Maxine Hardin

NHC Mauldin: Atrice Hughey **NHC Greenville:** Fred Copeland

Memory Care of Simpsonville: Jennie Ruth Waynick

Myrtle Beach, SC: Randy Hale **The Woodlands:** Peggy Miller

Oakview Park: Joan Pawlus **Cascades:** Patti Whelchel **Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

Haywood Estates: Ann Linse **Rock Hill/Daughter:** Bill Taylor

Brookdale @ Hawthorne: Nita Bearden **Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place:** Melba Poole

Local & Other Country Missionaries:

AUMC Family in Greenville: Todd, Pam, & Hannah Grace Attaway -

www.loveshareserve.blogspot.com.

AUMC Supported Missionaries in Ecuador: Daina and Tim Datwyler-

www.Puertadeesperanza.org.

Douglas & Jennings Boone in Democratic Republic Of Congo, Africa -

www.thiscongoleselife.blogspot.com

OUR FINANCIAL RECORD

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$	402,804.70
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$	425,586.76
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$	378,831.39
Surplus in Contributions to Expenses (YTD)	\$	46,755.37
<u>Weekly</u> General Fund Budget Needs	\$	14,385.88
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 28	\$	14,804.37

ATTENDANCE

July 7

S. School—99

Worship - 261

July 14

S. School—92

Worship - 289

OUR MILITARY (Family & Friends)



Jack Bissonnette ACT. DUTY

Oryan R. Lahti- ACT. DUTY

Paul Scott- ACT. DUTY

Joseph Churchwell

Paul Browder

Troy McDowell

Nick Page

Katie Pace

Patricia Kreuzberger

Bradley Brown

John Williams

Michael Pompeo

Matthew Russell

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SERVED AND THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING!

SERVING ALDERSGATE ON SUNDAYS

July 21, 2019

Lay Reader: 8:45 am Wendy Davis 11:00 am Debbie Strickland
Greeters: 8:45 am Joe & Kay Sprott
 11:00 am Bob & Brenda Willett
Acolytes: 8:45 am Karis King 11:00 am James Whiteman
Crucifer: 11:00 am Anna Hoffman
Usher Captain: 8:45 am Brad Smoak 11:00 am Rick Lankford
Ushers: Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel
Ushers: Coley Altman, Grant Lankford, Doug Patrick, Gray Walsh

July 28, 2019

Lay Reader: 8:45 am John Myers 11:00 am Lyndon Ashworth
Greeters: 8:45 am Danny & Cookie Dobbs 11:00 am Bill & Jane Williamson
Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Henry Addis
Crucifer: 11:00 am Graham Addis
Usher Captains: 8:45 am David McAvoy 11:00 am Frank Mathis
Ushers: 8:45 am Eddie Beam, Suzanne Haney, Tim Davis
Ushers: 1:00 am Coley Altman, III, Trey Covington, Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Paul Sleight

August 4, 2019

Communion Helpers: TBD

Lay Reader: 8:45 am Suzanne Haney 11:00 am Sherri Allred
Greeters: 8:45 am Ruth Ann & Marshall Gooch 11:00 am Nancy Angster
Acolytes: 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Cale Patrick
Crucifer: 11:00 am Hudson Patrick
Usher Captains: 8:45 am Jack Cornell 11:00 am Hunt Redfern
Ushers: 8:45 am Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Suzanne Haney, Jordan Truesdale
 11:00 am Steve Graves, Bruce Royal, Terry Tallon, Joel Vanderwood
Ushers: 1:00 am Coley Altman, III, Trey Covington, Jim Cox, Bonnie Lampe, Paul Sleight

August 11, 2019

Lay Reader: 8:45 am Shirley Cooke 11:00 am Tom Angster
Greeters: 8:45 am Michelle & Steven Keith 11:00 am Sara & Jerry Bowden
Acolytes: 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Coley Altman
Crucifer: 11:00 am Ansley Addis
Usher Captains: 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose
Ushers: 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts
Ushers: 11:00 am David Ayer, Clay Garrison, Cody Owens

Making Disciples
for Jesus Christ



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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 JULY

Thursday, July 18: Vacation Bible School & Messy Church Decorating

Friday, July 19: Vacation Bible School & Messy Church Decorating

Saturday, July 20: Vacation Bible School & Messy Church Decorating

Sunday, July 21:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Summer Sunday School—Parker Hall

3:30 pm *Messy Church kick-off for Vacation Bible School (VBS)*

Monday, July 22:

9:00 am—12:00 pm *Vacation Bible School*

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ the House

Tuesday, July 23:

9:00 am—12:00 pm *Vacation Bible School*

1:00 pm Tuesday Bridge Group

6:30 pm Financial Peace - Library

7:00 pm Boy Scouts at the House

Wednesday, July 24:

9:00 am—12:00 pm *Vacation Bible School*

Thursday, July 25:

9:00 am—12:00 pm *Vacation Bible School*

Sunday, July 28:

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Summer Sunday School—Parker Hall

Monday, July 29:

1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ the House

Tuesday, July 30: Mini—Newsletter Published

1:00 pm Tuesday Bridge Group

6:30 pm Financial Peace - Library

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

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"

