

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**~ GATHERING ~**

**\*\*WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**THE OPENING PRAYER**

**THE INTROIT** “Siyahamba” *(traditional South African Hymn)*

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 733** “Marching to Zion”

**~ PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE ~**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

**People: In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.**

Leader: In faith, the church continually seeks to understand what tasks God has set before us at the present moment.

**People: In faith, we gather to worship, knowing that as we reach out to God, God will make us new.**

Leader: Give us the faith, O God, to go forward and embrace the newness to which you call us.  
Amen.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(prayed together)*

**THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY** “City Called Heaven” arr. Leck  
8:45 am Solo 11:00 am Chancel Choir

**\*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 580**  
“Lead On, O King Eternal”

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 12: 1-7 PG. 10

**SERMON THEME** God’s promise to Abraham is freely given. Through faith, Abraham becomes a stranger (as should we). We see The Kingdom of God through the eyes of faith.

**THE MESSAGE** “A Strange Country”  
Rev. Michael Bingham

**~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE  
HOLY COMMUNION ~**

**INVITATION** **NO. 12**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(prayed together)*

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*If you are not able to come forward, the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)*

**NO. 393** “Spirit of the Living God”

**NO. 64** “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**NO. 382** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

**NO. 618** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**~ SENDING FORTH ~**

**\*HYMN NO. 128** “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

**\*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 our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Toby & Barbara Hunter.

**THE FRONT BURNER**

**COMPANION GROUPS** are starting in late August! These inter-generational discipleship groups meet monthly around a meal. The deadline for registering is August 11. For more information or to get a registration form, please go to our website ([aumcsc.org/companion-groups-at-aldersgate/](http://aumcsc.org/companion-groups-at-aldersgate/)) or contact Johannah Myers.

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!** We look forward to celebrating this joyful beginning in worship soon. We'll once again be passing out water in the carpool line at Lake Forest Elementary School on Tuesday, August 20. Our big, back-to-school cook-out and Messy Church is August 25 at 3:30pm. To volunteer for Messy Church or to help on August 20, please contact Johannah Myers.

**HOME GATHERINGS!** Home Gatherings have started so you may receive an invitation to attend one soon. These are small groups (*15 or less*) of persons who will meet in members homes with Pastor Michael. 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.

**A NOTE OF THANKS!** With heartfelt gratitude “Mr. Jerry” and his family would like to thank the many friends of Aldersgate who played a part in helping to organize and execute the memorial service for his wife, “Miss Lillis,” on Sunday, July 14, 2019. It was both uplifting and heartwarming to see so many people turn out to pay their respects. “Miss Lillis” would have so enjoyed being there herself to partake of the delicious, beautifully prepared meal, to fellowship with friends and family, to enjoy the meaningful words spoken of her, and to hear the music which was such a big part of her life. Thank you to the Aldersgate family for ministering to all of us during this time of great loss. Your kindnesses will be remembered.

**ATTENDANCE**

**July 28, 2019**

Sunday School – 64 8:45 am – 109 11:00 am – 177

**Total Worship - 286**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
*So many times in our lives, both in and out of church, we get so dead set on doing things the way we planned them, we don't notice when the Spirit of God is trying to turn us in a different direction.*  
 - Bonnie Ricks

**OUR FINANCIAL RECORD**

General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)	\$	431,576.46
Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)	\$	456,768.25
Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)	\$	407,658.70
Surplus in Contributions to Expenses (YTD)	\$	49,109.55
Weekly General Fund Budget Needs	\$	14,385.88
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving – week 30	\$	11,429.77

August 4, 2019  
 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“A Strange Country”

Text: **Genesis 12:1-7**  
 p. 10 in the Old Testament of the Pew Bible

✝ God's \_\_\_\_\_ is an offer freely given.

✝ Through \_\_\_\_\_, Abraham becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

✝ We see \_\_\_\_\_ through the eyes of faith.

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**CALENDAR FOR JULY 2019**

**Sunday, August 4: Communion**  
 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Youth @ the House  
**Monday, August 5:**  
 11:00 am Prime Timers Luncheon – Parker Hall  
 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ the House

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Wednesday, August 1, 2019:**

**Wake Forest Hospital:** Ann Armstrong  
**Home:** Maxine Hardin, Beth & Warren Rambo, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Tom Barnhill, Rudy Rogers, Joan Sanford  
**NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey **NHC Greenville:** Fred Copeland  
**Memory Care of Simpsonville:** Jennie Ruth Waynick  
**Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale **The Woodlands:** Peggy Miller  
**Cascades:** Patti Whelchel **Oakview Park:** Joan Pawlus  
**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

**SERVING ALDERSGATE**

**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 Captain:** 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

**MINISTRY STAFF**

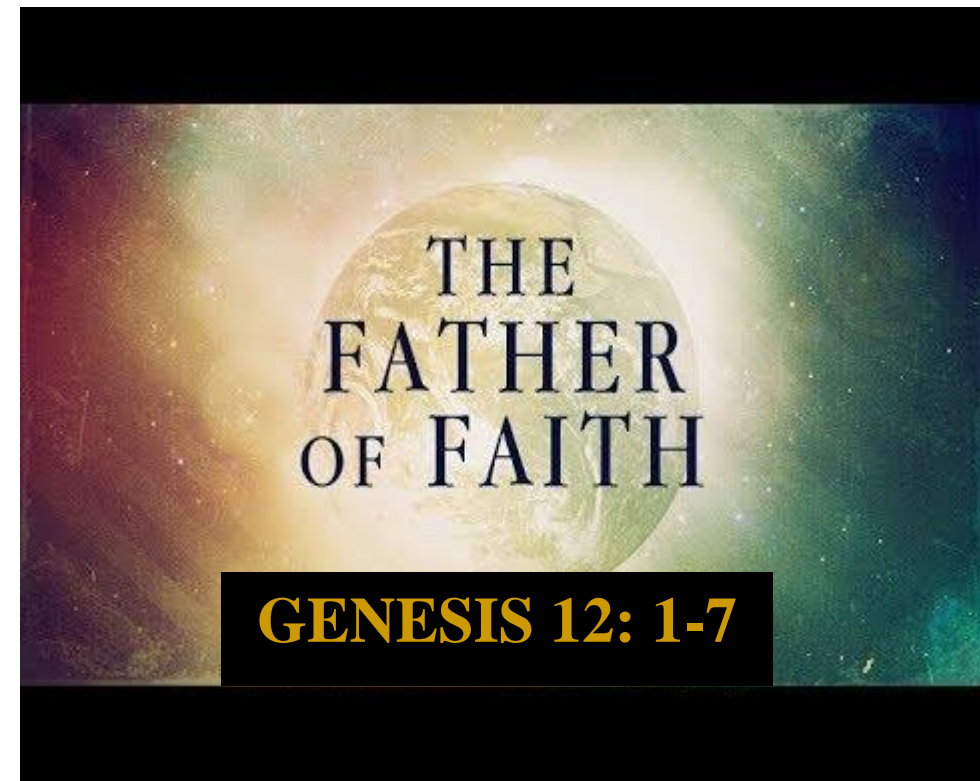
The Rev. Michael Bingham, Pastor (ext. 207)  
 Dr. Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)  
 Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)  
 Dr. Grant Knox, Director of Music  
 Ryland Brown, Musician  
 Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 301)  
 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

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**8:45 am & 11:00 am**

**August 4, 2019**  
**Established October 9, 1960**

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 The people of The United Methodist Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*