



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

“sharing the living Christ through life-changing service and love”

## “LETTUCE” raise some “GREEN” for **Van Geaux VIII** Saturday, October 8th at 6 pm in the JWC

Join us for a night of Fellowship, Food and Fun to benefit the Van Maintenance Fund!



Van Geaux VIII, our annual cooking competition, is a sampler's paradise. Competing chefs serve their dishes and guests can roam the hall, taste a wide variety of delicious foods and vote for their favorites.

Invite your friends and family to attend. Admission is **FREE** and open to the public. The more the merrier.

Be sure and bring your dish during the 5:00pm set up time. Remember to bring a serving utensil and an extension cord if you have a crock pot.

Since we want to raise as much funds as possible, this year our special category will be anything...

“**Green**”

We will also have the following tried and true categories: **Appetizers/Soups; Meats; Seafood; Sides/Salads; Desserts; Youth** (grades 7-12) and **Kids** (grades K-6).

We are now signing up chefs! If you'd like to cook, pick your category and let us know you are coming. We ask that you have enough for 100 samples. (small 2 oz cups will be provided) Although space is limited, we invite you to decorate your serving spot or dress according to your dish's theme.

For information on Van Geaux VIII, or for information on signing up to cook, please contact  
**Kathryn McKenney**,  
kmckenney@charter.net, 504-231-1151.



In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, you are invited to bring your family and your family pets and join us for the

## Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 9th during the 11am worship service

This service will be held on the front lawn!

Invite your neighbors and join us!

**TRUNK <sup>OR</sup> TREAT**

# Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

## 5:00-7:00 pm

We'll need **PLENTY** of Trunks and **LOTS** of Treats!

Plan to be a part of this community-wide event.

It's fun for the whole family!

Call the church office today to reserve your spot in the parking lot. 641-5829 or email [stacey@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:stacey@aldersgate-slidell.org)





# THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As you read this, I will be approaching my first 100 days as the Lead Pastor of Aldersgate UMC. (Actually, October 8<sup>th</sup> will be my 100<sup>th</sup> day.)

First, let me thank you for the warm, grace-filled welcome that I have received. The minute that I walked through the doors of this sanctuary, I felt loved and accepted as your lead Pastor.

Here are a few random reflections of my first 100 days:

**Staff:** We have welcomed two new folks into staff positions:

Mrs. Sally Ann Buras, our receptionist. Sally Ann has quickly settled into her role as the face and voice of Aldersgate UMC. She is delightful and resourceful. In fact, it was Sally Ann who procured the 48' trailer for our Flood Relief collection---for free!

Mr. Adam Moore, our Director of Christian Education. Adam particularly relates to Youth, College Aged and Young Adults. (The YaYA, I think it will stick.) That's a big job title, I know. But, we are excited that God sent Adam to us. He certainly has jumped in with both feet and is excited about the possibilities for his ministry here. Adam comes to us with a Masters of Divinity and he is praying about his path through the Ordination process.

**Mission:** Well, I always say that there's nothing like a natural disaster to bring a church together! Well, actually, I have never said that before...but, this is exactly what I have experienced of Aldersgate UMC! The "Historic Flood of 2016" elicited a tremendous response from this congregation. More than 600 flood buckets (this represents over \$30K worth of product) were provided (items purchased, sorted, organized, buckets filled, and deployed) in four days. Let's add to this: ERT (Early Response Teams) of 5-15 immediately deployed into the job of mucking houses, ongoing gathering and sorting and organizing items for the "Un-Garage" sale, and the ongoing support of Denham Springs UMC's POD (Point of Distribution). Each day since the flooding, you have responded. I know this type of thing gets tiresome but all I see is the energy that keeps it going. Job well done, indeed!

**Worship:** How exciting is our worship? Well, I may be prejudiced but I think it is very exciting. Thanks to Scott Clausen, a gifted and graced worship planner and leader, we have vital, energetic worship each Sunday at both services. Michele Strain, Phyllis Mitchell, the Chancel Choir and Worship team...and, all of the supplemental musicians are

great gifts to our congregation at well. And, you, you are the ones who don't just respond but full participate in giving God the glory each and every Sunday. For the first 60 days, July and August, our average worship attendance was 310. This is a 16% increase. Thanks be to God. September attendance has dropped that AWA down to 288...still an increase...but.... My prayer is that we continue to grow and be blessed in our worship. It is the central, corporate event of the church.

**Finances:** While the church's finances are strong, there are still great needs to be met. At present, we are about \$12,000 behind in our income/expenses for the current year. While, comparatively speaking, this is less than many other churches, it is still not financially prudent to operate in a deficit. I am hoping and praying that we have a strong finish in 2016 so that we can start 2017 in the best possible financial position. In addition to our ordinary budget needs, there are extraordinary needs to be met to provide for our ministry needs through our plant.

**Debt:** Well, we are no longer in debt! In August, we want to the Act of Sale on the property across the street. (See Kathy Stevens' report in this ECHO.) This money is in a designated fund and will not be distributed until the church develops a plan for its purpose.

**Vans:** The church needs (at least) one new van. The wear and tear on the church vans is a good thing. These vans are always on the GEAUX. Speaking of which, please pray about your support of the upcoming Van GEAUX VIII. What a great, creative fund-raiser. The new van will cost us about \$40K. We already have about 11.5K. So, let's step up and make this the best Van GEAUX ever.

**Sound System:** This is another area in which the church needs a big upgrade...and, sound stuff isn't cheap! Scott and the Sound Team have met with some folks who are professionals in this area. They are providing quotes for us in this area as well. Ron Davis and Milton Lizana are heading to a conference this month to learn more about creating great Audio and Video worship.

On a personal note, thank you for your care and concern expressed over the death of my Godson, Kurt. Again, thank you for all of the many courtesies you have extended me in the "first 100." I can't wait to see what God does next...

And,

Remember all things happen "By Faith."

Blessings,

## Sunday Mornings

### Traditional Worship

8:30am  Sanctuary

Children's Church for ages 3-6



### Contemporary Worship

11:00am  Sanctuary

Children's Church for ages 3-6

### Adult Sunday School

9:45 am-10:45 am

Cokesbury Building, Chapel, Azalea Estates

### Sunday School for Youth

9:45 am-10:45 am

Confirmation Sunday School Class (6-7 grade) meet in JWC

Youth Sunday School Class (8-12 grade) meet in the Genesis Hall

### Children's Sunday School Plus

9:45 am-10:57 am Susanna Wesley, John Wesley Center

(pickup for ALL in John Wesley Center)



Fall is upon on, being from up north that usually means time to pull out the sweaters and maybe even a light jacket. Still not the case down here, and you would think that after 5 years I would be used to that by now! As the new season begins to change the world around us, our worship season is in the process of changing too. We will be celebrating wonderful worship this month, all of it sharing the fruits of many hands who have labored. Keep watch for special additions to our sanctuary, as well as special moments throughout our worship!

Make sure to join us as we celebrate World communion Sunday, **October 2nd**, where we remember our Lord’s Table with millions of Christians from across the globe and celebrate the gift given at that table.

On **October 9th** we will be celebrating God’s creation, honoring the gift of the world and all that is in it, and we will be blessing our pets at the second service. Come bring a friend or a neighbor! (2 legged and four! We just ask for everyone's safety that all dogs be leashed, and other friends—Cats, Rabbits, reptiles, and

dragons-be secured in cages or kennels).

At the end of the month, **October 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate Children’s Sabbath at both services. Our children will be leading in all areas of worship, helping with ushering, reading and providing special music. We will celebrate our Children’s ministry, those who are leading it, and also remember our responsibility to children across our country. Remembering to be a voice for those whose voices sometime cannot be heard.

Our fall will continue into November with very special worship services for All Saints Sunday (November 6<sup>th</sup>) and the celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (November 20<sup>th</sup>). Keep watching for more information on those special events!

See you in church! - *Scott Clausen*

p.s. Our festival choir has started again preparing for our Christmas Cantata. If you would like to come be part of this great time of music and fellowship, please join us on Wednesday nights at 7:45pm. If you have any questions call or email Scott at church!

## Worship & Music Notes for October



**October 2—Celebration of World Communion Sunday**

**October 9—Blessing of the Pets, 11am service on the lawn**

**October 30th—Children’s Sabbath**

**Children will lead in worship, Children’s choir and bell choir and Apple Tree Pre-Ks will share music**



Ushers for October

8:30 Tom Williams, Mike Foster, Dave Snyder, Al Hughey

11:00 Donna Lew, Sherri Kastner, Kevin Roark, Marty Jackson

**We are in great need for additional ushers to fill our rosters. Please consider giving us a few weeks of Sunday to serve in worship!**



Love to sing, but don’t have the time to commit weekly?

Miss being part of a choir but the schedule is too hectic?

Always wondered what being part of the choir would be like?

Want to try something new?

## Come Sing With Us!!

Once again we will present a Christmas Cantata during advent. We invite you to join our festival Choir in singing “A Noel Celebration” beginning Wednesday, October 5th from 7:45-8:30 in the Sanctuary.

Join us on Wednesdays from 7:45 – 8:30pm and make some beautiful music! Advent is such a special time of year, and our holiday music always adds so much to the season. No previous choir experience is necessary to join in this special event, just a servant’s heart, and the desire to make a joyful noise!

If you have any questions, please call or email Scott at the church. [scott@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:scott@aldersgate-slidell.org)



There is a movement around the country called,

# "Election Day Communion."



The driving force behind it is to give Christians a safe place to pray and share in the Sacrament on Election Day...and, to remember that our primary allegiance is always to the Kingdom of God.

The Aldersgate UMC Sanctuary will be open for prayer and communion from noon-4 PM on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day. At noon, I will consecrate the elements for Communion.

Folks are invited to come and drop to pray throughout the afternoon. Please invite your friends in the Slidell community who may be looking for such a respite in Election Day. *rev. Tracy*



## 40th Anniversary Devotional Books

We need your devotions!

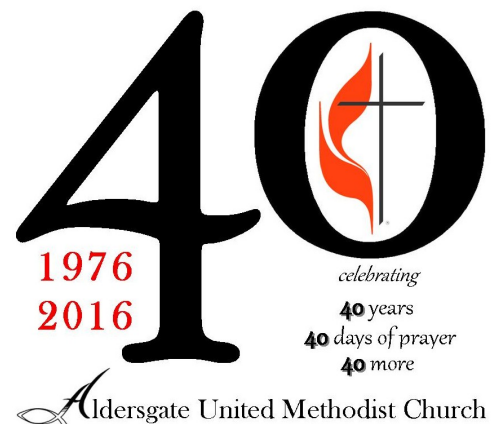
Deadline is Sunday, October 30, 2016

We are asking our Aldersgate family to help us compile devotions for a 40th Anniversary of Aldersgate United Methodist Church devotion book. We hope to be able to distribute them on our celebration day which is Sunday, November 20th.

Will you consider sharing your unique stories and memories of your personal experiences here at Aldersgate Church over the past 40 years?

The devotions are typically 2-4 paragraphs and should easily fit on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet. You may include scripture and/or a prayer. All entries should be submitted by **Sunday, October 30**, to Erin Core, [erin@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:erin@aldersgate-slidell.org).

The book will be compiled, printed and then distributed on the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Aldersgate Church which is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at our combined worship service.





## Grown Ups

A Fellowship for Seniors, 55+  
Thursday, October 27  
10am in Genesis Hall

The Grown-Ups will be having a little Halloween amusement with a 40th Anniversary twist when we meet on Oct. 27. Come join us as we get a little silly with some fun and games (No Bobbing for Apples). We will also do a bit of reminiscing about the church's past 40 years and what's on the horizon. The festivities start at 10 a.m. in Genesis Hall. As we are all young at heart, costumes are optional, but greatly encouraged!!!

So grab a friend and join us for this fun-filled Grown Ups.

For more information about this group, please contact Suzie Hunt at 985-768-6294.

## Transitioning with Grace and Dignity

October 17th • 6:30 pm • Genesis Hall

Are you prepared with the papers you need to handle life's curve balls? A will? Health care power of attorney? Documents needed for later when social security or Medicaid become an issue?

This program will address some of the legal issues affecting seniors. Presented by Lydia Alford, L.L.M., Banking attorney/Partner with Alford & Alford, LLP Attorneys at Law, she will address common misconceptions and dispel some beliefs concerning wills, the need for a power of attorney and/or a healthcare power of attorney, DNRs, living wills, second mortgages and basic Medicaid funding.

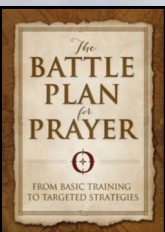
This program is **free** of charge, although registration is requested by Wednesday, October 12th for planning purposes.

*Nursery provided upon request.*

### Something's Brewing in October . . .

Starting October 4th, Tuesday Mornings at 9am in Genesis Hall

*A time of fellowship and Bible study for women*



Join us as The Battle Plan for Prayer guides you scripturally through the fundamentals of how effective prayer works, inspires you to have a closer, more intimate

relationship with God, and how you can develop specific prayer strategies for each area of your life.

Study led by Dana Fatic  
Contact the church office to register, 985-641-5829.

Materials fee, \$10. *Nursery provided*

## A GATHERING OF MEN

Learning to follow Jesus through conversation, scripture, and current events

All men are invited to join this group

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Cokesbury 204

Contact Ken Thompson kdthomps461@att.net

## GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a 13-week support group that meets weekly and is designed to help you rebuild your life by offering help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

Wednesday Evenings  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cokesbury Building,  
Room 206

Contact AUMC at  
985-641-5829 to  
participate on campus.

You may find group times and driving directions at  
[www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

# Faith Friends

A Mid-Week Ministry for  
4th-6th Graders!

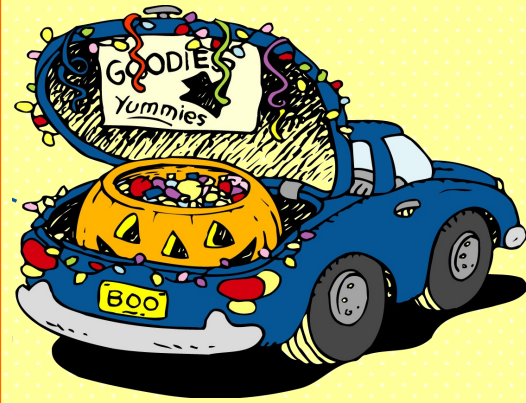
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm  
In John Wesley



All 4th thru 6th Graders are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for Faith Friends! Our time is filled with games, crafts, skits, mission projects and field trips. It's a lot of fun and fellowship as we help each other strive to discover just what God's plan is for and with each of us. **We can NEVER have too many Faith Friends - and it's NEVER too late to join!**

## Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 30th!

Children's Choir will sing *and ring* in church for BOTH services. We will meet in the chapel at 8 am, sharp!  
C.O.O.L Bells will meet at 7:45am in the sanctuary.



Trunk  
-R-  
Treat

Sunday, October 30  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

We'll need PLENTY of Trunks and LOTS of Treats!

Plan to be a part of this community-wide event. It's fun for the whole family! If you can donate bags of individually wrapped CANDY and/or TRINKETS, the kids and I will be so grateful. Drop it off in the office anytime!

Thanks and Happy Halloween!

To reserve your spot email:  
[stacey@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:stacey@aldersgate-slidell.org)

## Apple Tree Preschool & "Little Lambs" MDO

### Olde Towne Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 8th

11am-4pm @FUMC, 433 Erlanger

Apple Tree Staff will be volunteering throughout the day & at the "Big Wheel Race".

You can find the event on Facebook, search Olde Town Pumpkin Fest or look for the link on the Apple Tree page.

All proceeds will benefit  
**Rainbow Child Care**  
in Slidell.



### Dates to Remember

- Saturday, Oct 8 Olde Towne Pumpkin Fest at FUMC Van Geaux in JWC 6-8pm
- Sunday, Oct 9 Blessing of the Pets 11am service
- Thursday, Oct 13 Black & Gold Spirit Day
- Friday, Oct 14 NO School
- Monday, Oct 17 Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9pm
- Oct 27 & 28 Fall Festival in JWC @930am
- Sunday, Oct 30 Children's Sabbath PreK sing@11a Trunk or Treat 5pm
- Nov 1 & 2 Christmas Pictures
- Tuesday, Nov 8 Election Day Communion @Noon NO School

Contact Cheryl Mann, Director [appletreeslidell@gmail.com](mailto:appletreeslidell@gmail.com)

or Marsha Hubbard, Administrative Assistant for more information [appletree@charter.net](mailto:appletree@charter.net) 985-641-0184

Sunday, October 30th

TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT

Youth... We will need  
your help!

## Sunday Night Youth Schedule

- 10/02 Youth Worship for World Communion Sunday
- 10/09 Youth Family Night (bring a parent, or both!)
- 10/16 Youth
- 10/23 Zombie Night!
- 10/30 Trunk-OR-Treat

save  
the date!

**Sunday, November 20th – Monday, November 21st**  
**Fall Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi**  
**Contact Adam or Sasha to sign up!**

### Aldersgate United Methodist Church 2016 Winter College Mission Trip to Sylvania, Alabama

We know your college semester is now underway and you are in the whirlwind of classes and activities. Winter break seems like a long way off, but if a winter mission trip for college-aged adults is to happen, we need to move forward with planning. Rick and Becky Eldred, Adam Moore are formulating a plan.

#### Updated Information

**Depart:** Sat., 12/26/16

**Return:** Fri., 1/1/17

**Where:** Sylvania, Alabama—work portion of trip  
Pigeon Forge, TN—recreation portion of trip

**Cost:** Estimated maximum cost \$250

**Deposit:** \$100 due by **10/01/16** to the church office

Our plans are coming together. We know that an awesome adventure is in store for us. We want you to be with us!

**Please let us know how to keep in touch**  
**Send your college address, cell number,**  
**and e-mail to Adam Moore,**  
**adam@aldersgate-slidell.org.**

### **Youth Parent Meeting** **10/09/16**

We need ALL parents of Youth (7th—12th grade) to come to our Sunday night Big Group meeting on October 9th @ 5:30pm in Genesis Hall.

Our Parent Meeting will start at 5:30pm and will be followed by **FUN WITH YOUTH** till 7:00pm.

Hope to see all parents and youth.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

October's Communion Rail offering will support World Communion Sunday  
Your generous gift will support World Communion Scholarships, administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. Thank You!

First Sunday of the Month  
Mission Opportunities

On Sunday, October 2, we will collect nonperishable protein items such as canned meat and peanut butter for (CCC) Community Christian Concerns food pantry. You may drop your donations in the bin at the Sanctuary entrance next Sunday.



CHILDREN'S REMINDER



Children's  
Sabbath is  
Sunday,  
October 30th!

*Children's Choir will sing and ring in church for BOTH services.*

**We will meet in the chapel  
at 8 am, sharp!**

**C.O.O.L Bells will meet at 7:45 am  
in the sanctuary.**



**Grown Ups  
Thanksgiving  
Pot-Luck Luncheon**

All adults 55+ years young are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and Thanksgiving.

Our church will provide the turkey, pies and rolls. You bring your favorite side dish and a friend! Even if you are not able to join us for our regular monthly meetings, we would love to celebrate with you.

**Save the date and join us at Noon  
on Thursday, November 17 in  
Genesis Hall**

*Please RSVP to the church office,  
641-5829.*

**Evangelism Meeting**

Monday, September 26  
7 pm, Cokesbury 204

**Apple Tree Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4  
7 pm, Susanna Wesley



*Save the Date . . . Ladies Game Night!*

Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm in Genesis Hall

All Ladies are welcome to join us for BUNCO, and BRING A DISH to share. So grab a friend. It's going to be a night of fun and fellowship that you won't want to miss!





On August 27, 2016, we gathered as a church to be the hands and feet of Christ. We packed 160 shoeboxes to send to our Methodist missionaries in different countries. With the help of other Methodist churches here in Slidell, we were able to pack a total of 303 shoeboxes!

Isn't it amazing to be a part of God's plan in these children's lives!

I want to thank you all so much for donating items to put into the boxes and for giving of your time to help with this ministry. This ministry could not have happened without your encouragement, love and support.

Thank you ALL so much! *Jill Williams*



THANK YOU FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF GOD!



To a group of Volunteers who came out to Aldersgate one evening and in one hour loaded the "Un-Garage" Sale items into a 48 foot container.



From an "Un-Garage" Sale with items filling the John Wesley Center for 3 weeks, and volunteers coming each day to sort, label and pack boxes for delivery.



We will be ready to roll when it's time to disburse these items to those Flood victims in need.

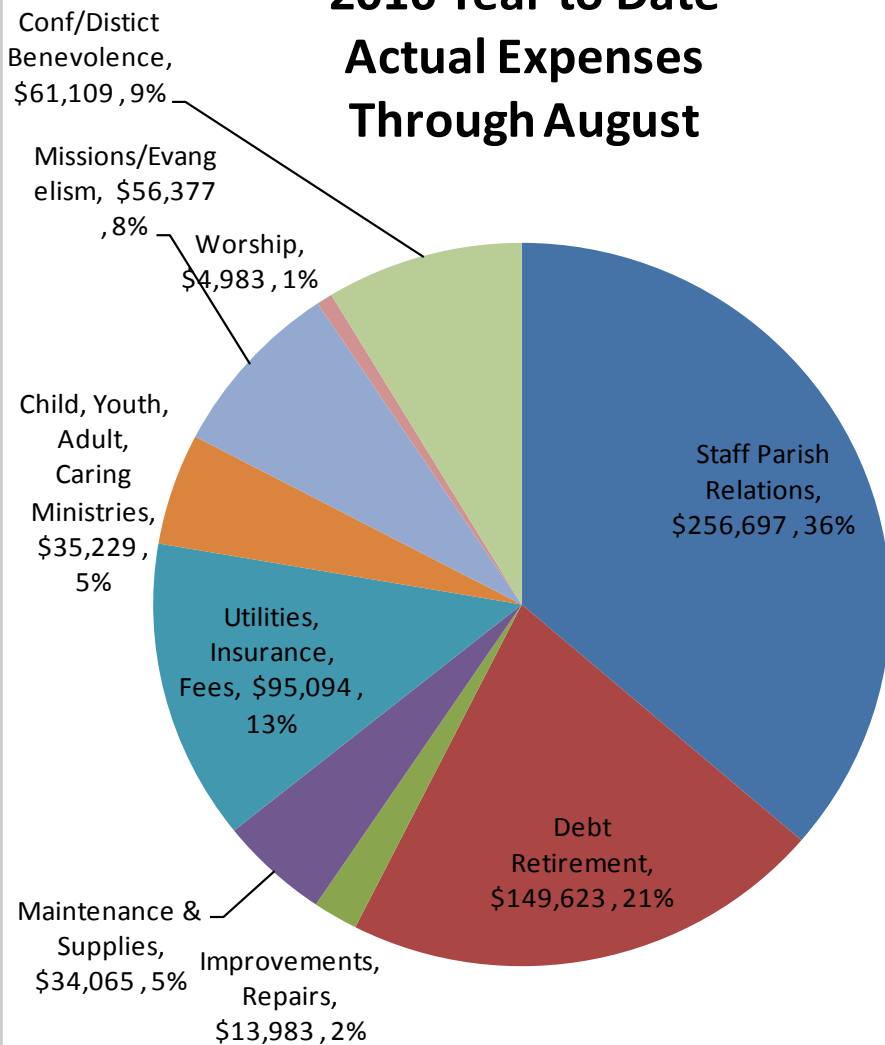


God is good!  
All the time!



Aldersgate UMC Financial Recap Through August 2016							
	2016 Budget	August Budget	August Actual	August Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
<b>Income</b>							
Contributions	\$ 730,965	\$ 60,914	\$ 54,667	\$ (6,247)	\$ 487,310	\$ 427,155	\$ (60,155)
Other	\$ 24,525	\$ 2,044	\$ 5,557	\$ 3,513	\$ 16,350	\$ 16,483	\$ 133
Designated Funds	\$ 183,558	\$ 15,297	\$ 140,395	\$ 125,099	\$ 122,372	\$ 239,089	\$ 116,717
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 939,048</b>	<b>\$ 78,254</b>	<b>\$ 200,619</b>	<b>\$ 122,365</b>	<b>\$ 626,032</b>	<b>\$ 682,727</b>	<b>\$ 56,695</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Staff Parish Relations	\$ 411,397	\$ 34,283	\$ 30,005	\$ (4,278)	\$ 274,265	\$ 256,697	\$ (17,568)
Debt Retirement	\$ 77,401	\$ 6,450	\$ 108,639	\$ 102,189	\$ 51,601	\$ 149,623	\$ 98,022
Improvements, Repairs	\$ 52,922	\$ 4,410	\$ 2,086	\$ (2,324)	\$ 35,281	\$ 13,983	\$ (21,298)
Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 52,656	\$ 4,388	\$ 5,600	\$ 1,212	\$ 35,104	\$ 34,065	\$ (1,038)
Utilities, Insurance, Fees	\$ 137,034	\$ 11,420	\$ 23,225	\$ 11,805	\$ 91,356	\$ 95,094	\$ 3,738
Child, Youth, Adult, Caring Ministries	\$ 63,375	\$ 5,281	\$ 4,033	\$ (1,248)	\$ 42,250	\$ 35,229	\$ (7,021)
Missions/Evangelism	\$ 35,500	\$ 2,958	\$ 29,159	\$ 26,201	\$ 23,667	\$ 56,377	\$ 32,710
Worship	\$ 17,100	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,142	\$ (283)	\$ 11,400	\$ 4,983	\$ (6,417)
Conf/District Benevolence	\$ 91,663	\$ 7,639	\$ 7,639	\$ -	\$ 61,109	\$ 61,109	\$ 0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 939,048</b>	<b>\$ 78,254</b>	<b>\$ 211,527</b>	<b>\$ 133,273</b>	<b>\$ 626,032</b>	<b>\$ 707,161</b>	<b>\$ 81,129</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (10,908)</b>	<b>\$ (10,908)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (24,434)</b>	<b>\$ (24,434)</b>

## 2016 Year to Date Actual Expenses Through August



## 2016 August Financials



**Budgeted Contributions** \$ 60,914  
**Actual Contributions** \$ 54,667  
**Expenses to Date** \$ 707,161  
**Year-to-date Contributions budgeted** \$ 426,396  
**Year-to-date Actual Contributions** \$ 427,154

*\*The Communion Rail Offering for September supporting Kairos Prison Ministries raised \$285.00*

*Our nonperishable food collection in July for CCC weighed in at 96 lbs.*

## The ECHO has gone digital!

In an effort to save on postage, paper use and copy expense, we have begun sending the ECHO out via email to the Congregation in the Friday Church email starting with *this* ECHO.

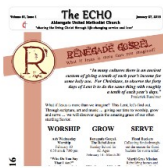
If you still need the ECHO mailed to you, please contact the Church Office, 985-641-5829, or stop by and we will make sure an ECHO gets sent to you.



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### Echo Newsletter

Our Echo Newsletter goes out monthly and highlights upcoming church-wide events and programs. Click the date link below to access the most recent edition of the Echo.



January 2016



February 2016



March 2016



April 2016



May 2016



June 2016



September 2016



October 2016

You also have access to the ECHO on our website,

← [www.aldersgate-slidell.org](http://www.aldersgate-slidell.org)

## PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

Our church family is our best source for names of those persons in need of care. Please contact the pastors (641-5829) or a Care Team member when you know of a need. You can also email your prayer request to [prayer@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:prayer@aldersgate-slidell.org)

Our Care Team coordinators are: Rhea Snyder, 643-3945; and Charlotte Clifford, 847-0966.

**Christian Condolences:** Adele Bode and Family in the death of her husband. Marie Wagner and Family in the death of her mother. Family & Friends of Ray Sprung. Suzie Reckert and Family in the death of her brother, Ken Farmer. Family and friends of Doris Galvin.

**Joys:** Birth of Aiden James Sprague. All the People who have helped, lifted up and supported the “Un-Garage” Sale. Cursillo Worship Service. Loading of the truck on Wednesday night.

**Impending Tests/Surgery:** Laurie Countryman, Diane Hughey, David Vititoe, Connord Rousselle

**Hospitalized:** Larry Hamm, Janet Borders, Tracy Uhler, Judy Gorr, Caitlin Kelly, Keith Budde, Col. Nick Tullier

**Recovering at Home:** Al Hughey, Debra Zoener, Florence Berg, Robert Mitchell, Irma Hillery, Eugene Victor, Damian Burlett, Hugh Johnson, Sr.

**Prayers:** Ed and Joanne Basanez, Lenny Iennusa, Camp Istrouma, Fisher Smith, Joanna Ellis and Pat Brewer, Helen and Bob Wilthauer, Elizabeth Hayward, Billie Turner, Pawel and Ewelina Szumski, Mary Lee George, Jane Aucoin, Jay Quinlan and family, Mary Felder,

Hugh Gray, Lee Bouma, Esther Stephens, Cynthia Abney, Nicki Borne Jouty, Shirley Schaeffer, Flooding in Louisiana, Special intentions, Jay Farmer, Coy Fauchaux, Luke Smith, Our Country and our Military, Homebound Members, the Unemployed, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, SPRC, Rev. Tracy MacKenzie

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# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mayor Freddy Drennan's Wild Game Cook-off benefiting CCC
2 World Communion Sunday	3 Grown Ups First Monday Matinee 2pm Genesis Hall	4 Something's Brewing October Study begins 9am	5 Festival Choir Rehearsal begins! 7:45-8:30pm in the Sanctuary	6	7	8 Van Geaux VIII 6-8pm
9 Blessing of the Pets 11am on the Front lawn	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Newcomer Coffee 9:45-11am in the Welcome Center	17 Transitioning with Dignity and Grace 6-9pm	18	19	20	21	22 Friends Forever return to our campus to stay for 2 weeks!
23	24	25	26	27 Grown Ups Coffee & Conversation 10am Genesis Hall	28	29
30 Children's Sabbath Trunk or Treat! 5-8pm	31					

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*“Follow the Star”*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 30 <b>Trunk-or-Treat</b> Devotions Due today	Oct. 31	1 Cluster Charge Conference 6-9pm Pearl River UMC	2	3	4	5
6 <b>All Saint Day</b>	7	8 Election Day Communion Noon in the Sanctuary	9	10	11 <b>Ladies Game Night!</b> 6:30pm Genesis Hall	12
13	14	15	16	17 <b>Grown Ups Thanksgiving Feast at Noon in Genesis Hall</b>	18  STARC Dance	19
20 <b>AUMC 40th Anniversary Celebration (Anniversary luncheon to follow)</b>  Commitment Sunday	21 Turkey Prep Pie Delivery	22 Turkey Prep Pie Delivery	23 JWC Prep Day	24 <b>Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner 8am-1pm</b>	25 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	26
27 <b>Advent Begins *Hope</b>	28	29	30			

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