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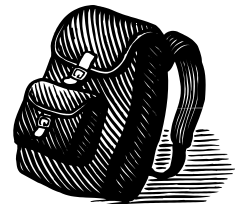
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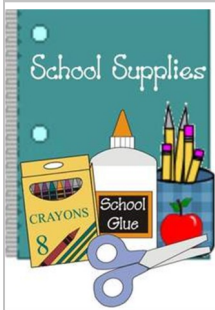
August
14th

It's time to say
HELLO!
to a brand-new year.

To make sure we start off on the right foot, our annual “**Blessing of the Backpacks**” will be held on Sunday, August 14th at both services. This is to bless and pray for all Students, school faculty and staff. Be sure to bring your backpack or bag to church that day.



We will also have the **3rd Grade Bible Presentation** at both worship services on August 14th. Children entering 3rd grade this year will be invited to come forward during the service to receive their gift and to be held in prayer asking for God's blessing as they read and learn more.



We are collecting

School Supplies

Please drop them by the church office by Wednesday, August 3rd.

- Elmer's School Glue
- Loose Leaf Paper (200 count wide rule)
- Folders (2 Pocket/3 Prongs)
- #2 Pencils
- Blue/Black Pens
- Colored Pencil pack
- Highlighter
- Dividers (pack)
- 2" Binder
- Safety Scissors

Save the dates for these upcoming events!

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| Monday, August 1 | First Monday Matinee at 2pm, Genesis Hall |
| Tuesday, August 9 | A Gathering of Men, 6:30pm, Cokesbury 204 |
| Sunday, August 14 | Promotion Sunday
Blessing of the backpacks and Bible Presentations in worship. |
| Tuesday, August 16 | Something's Brewing...Women's Bible study, 9am, Genesis Hall |
| Sunday, August 21 | Parent/Student Orientation for Confirmation of 6th and 7th graders, 9:45am, John Wesley
Finance Meeting, 1pm, Genesis Hall
Trustee's Meeting, 2:30pm, Cokesbury 204 |
| Wednesday, August 24 | GriefShare, 6:00-8:00pm, Cokesbury 206 |
| Thursday, August 25 | Coffee and Conversation, a fellowship for senior adults, 10am, Genesis Hall |
| Friday, August 26 | AUMC Ladies Night, Potluck dinner and wreath making, 6pm, Genesis Hall |
| Sunday, August 28 | Youth Shareholders Dinner, 6pm, John Wesley |



Ain't nuthin' ordinary about it!

“Hot, ain't it?” During the whole time that I was in seminary...every month, I received a check from the Friendship class of Munholland Memorial UMC for \$100. During those long, steamy, hot, “dog days” of summer, Mr. T.L. Luna would include in the check a simple little note that said, “Hot, ain't it?”

I hardly ever think of the “dog days of summer” without thinking of Mr. Luna, that Sunday School class, that welcomed money and that special connection to all of those people back home.

And, I hardly ever think of the dog days of summer without thinking of growing up in the church in something called “ordinary time.” “Ordinary time” was that time on the calendar of the church year, after the season of Pentecost, and before the season of Advent. “Ordinary time” or “Kingdomtide” is framed in the church year by Trinity Sunday and Christ the King Sunday. For us, this year, Trinity Sunday was on May the 22nd and Christ the King Sunday will be on November the 20th. This “ordinary time” represents 26 weeks of our calendar year. This period of time represents about 50% of the Christian year.

Growing up in the church, I received this time in the following way: first, it was summer in New Orleans it was hot and church, although it was church, was a bit boring. There was nothing much happening at this time in the Christian year. Christmas...done and over with...Easter...gone...Pentecost...the fresh breath of the spirit just a bit of day old air... just twenty plus weeks of the (not very) attractive color of green adorning the altar with no special

uuumph!

This year, for example, has been anything but “ordinary.” In these weeks since May 22nd I have: received a call to be moved to a new appointment, packed and moved a house, nurtured and cared for a mother with pups, unpacked a house and been greeted by a new congregation.

As I have matured in the faith, I have come to understand that there is no “ordinary time” in God’s sense of time. We are told that our concept of time calendars...day planners... appointments... watches...schedules...birthdays...are all important as we understand those things as chronos...or chronological time...

But, for Christians...we need to understand time in a different way...we need to understand time as Kairos...not our time...not ordinary time...but God’s very own special time...

Kairos is a Greek word that means, essentially, 'this moment in time' or "the right time and the right moment."

Kairos is the time when we cease to exist by calendar and exist only by faith. I am quick to tell bereaving families that, for them, largely time, chronos, has stopped. Surely, days, hours, weeks, months, even years, have passed by...but, in a sense, time, as they know it has stopped for their time has become a faith-filled pilgrimage in the Holy and indescribable presence of God.

My life has been incredibly changed by trying to soak in each moment of time...not as ordinary but as extraordinary...as God’s precious, gifted time... in faith.

Blessings, *Rev. Tracy MacKenzie*

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 John Wesley Center
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)



Come Make A Joyful Noise!

We need YOU!

We need to add your voice (or ringing, or instrument playing, or leading) to our song!
We have so many ways for you to get involved, think about being part of
Aldersgate's Music Ministry!

Curious? Find one that is interesting? Have questions? Ask a team member or Scott
Clausen, scott@aldersgate-slidell.org

Adult Music Ministry

Wesleyan Choir
(starting August 5th)
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Celebration Bell Choir
(starting in September)
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Bell Room

CrossWalk Praise Band
Thursday's 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Worship Notes / Reminders

**August 7th— Communion Sunday, First Sunday
Mission Opportunities, Communion Rail offering for
United Methodist Student Day**

**August 14th—Blessing of the Backpacks (Students and
Teachers), 3rd Grade Bible, Family Chime Choir**

Ushers for August: 8:30 Tom Williams, David Snyder, Mike Zweifel, Al Hughey
11:00 Marty Jackson, Lewis Smith, Lou and Cheryl Thomas



**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!**





GRIEF SHARE

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers stop coming, most of the people return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. GriefShare is a 13-week support group that meets weekly. The sessions are designed to help you rebuild your life and to offer help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

**Starting Wednesday, August 24th
6-8 pm in Cokesbury 206**

Facilitators: Dr. David Kidder and Jean Elmore

For more information, go to www.griefshare.org or call the church office, 985-641-5829 to register.

Our Eucharistic Ministry

WHAT IS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? One who has been trained and commissioned by the church for the serving of communion beyond our sanctuary.

WHO CAN BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? You.

WHO IS SERVED? Those within our congregation who are homebound and unable to share with us on Communion Sunday, yet they are a precious part of the body of Christ. We extend the Lord's table into their homes during the week following celebration of Holy Communion in worship. We visit with them, share Communion, and deliver a copy of the Upper Room devotional guide. If you would like to join this meaningful and affirming ministry, please contact Phyllis Mitchell, rainbowgirls1970@gmail.com.



Care team



Aldersgate is blessed by a Care Team which meets weekly to pray for the concerns of our church and its members and to send words of love and encouragement.

This caring group oversees visits and meals to those who are sick or have lost a loved one in death. This group meets on Tuesday evenings in Cokesbury 207 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join these in serving our congregation, please contact Rhea Snyder, rd2sny@aol.com or 985.643.3945.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You can be a part of this ministry and not even crochet or knit a stitch. We really need help delivering our prayer shawls in the Slidell/Pearl River area. At least once a month, we are overwhelmed with the number of shawls to be delivered. This causes long delays in providing comfort to healing families in times of sickness or sorrow. Please consider being a part of this ministry. You will have an opportunity to expand your definition of family. You will have a name to put with the face you have only seen across the sanctuary. And you will be greatly blessed!

If you would like to come crochet or knit with us, please join us starting on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6pm in the New Room. Hope to see you there!

Save the date to donate blood!

**Blood
DRIVE**

Sunday,
September 25th
7:30 am - 1 pm
JWC

Don't forget to bring your ID and eat a good meal before donating!

Call or text Phyllis Mitchell for more information @985-774-4864.





GROW WAYS TO GROW IN THE CHURCH 5

Something's Brewing in August...

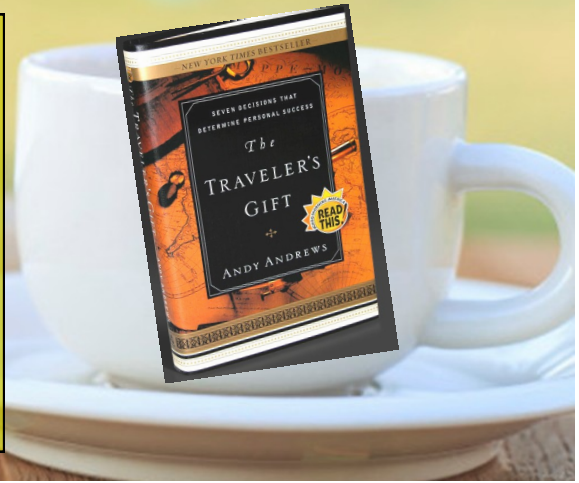
A time of fellowship and Bible study for women

Our lives are full—full up to the brim with jobs, children, homes, family, friends, and church, to name a few. And yet, despite life's fullness we often feel empty, bored, and restless. Our hearts yearn for more, to know that we're fulfilling the purpose we've been put on this planet to accomplish.

Join us for a time of Bible study and fellowship as we use Andy Andrews book *The Traveler's Gift* to guide our discussions. If you enjoy laughter and the company of friends, you will enjoy spending your Tuesday mornings with us.

Materials fee, \$10.

Nursery provided in Cokesbury 205 on Tuesday mornings



Starts back on Tuesday Mornings August, 16th at 9:00 am in Genesis Hall

To register for this bible study, please contact the church office at 985-641-5829

Nursery provided upon request.

A Gathering OF Men

**Starts Tuesday
August 9th**

For more information *or* to be added to the weekly e-mail with current topics, please contact Ken Thompson, kdthomps461@att.net.

Join our men on Tuesday evenings for a time of fellowship and Bible study. Receive a copy of the Wired Word via e-mail and consider what it means to be a Christian in today's society. Our discussions are led by Mark Senn.

*Learning to follow Jesus through conversation,
Scripture and current events*

Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Cokesbury 204

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 360 ROBERT BLVD SLIDELL, LA



**PROMOTION SUNDAY
is AUGUST 14th!**

Please join us in Worship as we:

- Have the *Blessing of the Backpacks* for all Students & Teachers
 - Present our 3rd graders with their new BIBLES!

**All children will promote to their new
Sunday School Classes**

New Sunday School Curriculum !



First Look Curriculum
Birth-5 years old
Teaches little ones
3 BASIC TRUTHS!

- GOD made me
- GOD loves me
- Jesus wants to be my friend forever

252 BASICS

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3 BASIC TRUTHS

- I need to make the wise choice
- I can trust GOD no matter what
- I should treat others the way I want to be treated

colaborate
Methodist Confirmation

Parent/Student
Orientation
for those 6th & 7th
grade students
Confirming

August 21st
@ 9:45am
in JWC

**Children's Sunday School Teacher
Orientation / Luncheon**

Sunday August 7th → 12:30pm
Overview of New Curriculum,
Q & A, and Safe Sanctuary
Training if needed!

**Faith Friends
& C.O.O.L. Bells**

Starts up on
Wednesday, August 17th
Bells- 5:45-6:15 pm
Friends- 6:15 -7:30pm





August Youth Schedule

Sunday Night Schedule

- Sunday 8/7 Youth Worship
(5pm Genesis then worship @ 5:30pm in Sanctuary)
- Sunday 8/14 Big Group
- Sunday 8/21 - Big Group
- Sunday 8/28 - Share Sales Dinner

Promotion Sunday is August 14!

Youth Sunday School

- **8th - 12th grade** youth will meet in Genesis.
Class led by: Stan and Alison Laskos, Chris Lew, Joani Scheuermann
- **Confirmation for 6th & 7th grade youth**
meet in JWC. Class led by Connie Terry & Stephen Ford.
(6th and 7th graders will confirm together this year)



We are looking for youth leaders to assist our existing leaders with:

- Wednesday night small groups,
- Sunday night Big groups,
- Service projects,
- Retreats/Mission Trips
- Fellowship events.

Will you partner with us in ministry to lead, support and love our youth?

Please contact **Sasha Massel** at youth@aldersgate-slidell.org

or at

504-458-9604.



Shareholders Dinner

August 28th, 6pm
JWC

If you bought shares from the youth or supported youth mission fundraisers over the past year, please come celebrate an amazing summer with us. Our youth will be sharing their stories and experiences from their two summer mission trips.

Youth need to be in JWC no later than 5:00pm.



Back to School Youth Retreat -
Sunday, Sept 4th - 5th,
Biloxi, MS



The senior high youth group recently completed a one week mission trip in the foothills of the Appalachian

mountains in Northeastern Alabama supporting the Upper Sand Mountain Parish

Ministry. The USMP offers volunteer based construction support to that region, similar to our own Epworth ministry, along with food and clothing ministries. Our group of 23 youth and adult volunteers had the opportunity to refurbish and clean out one of the ministry's warehouse facilities, which had been overgrown with vegetation and filled to the brim with "stuff". When we left, the warehouse had a new metal roof overhang and a great deal of useable storage space to house tools, materials and supplies to support the ministry in the future. Some of our mission team members also had the opportunity to serve in the USMP ministry center, helping the staff sort and hang clothing

donations. These items will then be offered for discount resale at one of the ministry's stores.



In addition to all the wonderful service work, the team took time to experience the culture and environment of this region, which included: Fourth of July Fireworks Display, Evening Canoe Excursion to a "Bat Cave", and hiking & swimming in the mountain streams of Little River Canyon State Park. The group also enjoyed some very special morning and evening devotions, and got to experience worship at a local church. Our youth are amazing and did a wonderful job working hard, playing hard and sharing the love of Jesus! None of these experiences would have been possible without the incredible generosity of our church members who donated their resources to this ministry. To all you "Shareholders" out there, thank you so much for continuing to support our youth!

Rick Eldred



Apple Tree Preschool 985-641-0184

Apple Tree Preschool and "Little Lambs" Mother's Day Out will soon welcome all of our Returning families (as well as New Families), along with teachers & staff, to the beginning of another GREAT school year! Parent Orientations will be held on Tuesday, August 9th and "Little Lambs" MDO on Wednesday, August 10th, both at 7pm, in the Sanctuary and Our First day of school will be Monday, August 15th and 16th for Tuesday and Thursday classes. Preschool has begun and the sounds of small children laughing, singing, reciting the pledge & Lord's prayer, and saying our ABC's can be heard throughout the buildings! It's Great to be in preschool!

Special Thanks to Chris Barron for the New gardens outside SWC! Our children will love planting vegetables in the raised beds.

Contact Cheryl Mann, Director appletree-cheryl@charter.net or Marsha Hubbard, Administrative Assistant appletree@charter.net, for more information

August Communion Rail offering
will support
United Methodist Student Day!

This offering calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge by providing scholarships for qualified United Methodist students.

**First Sunday of the Month
Mission Opportunities**

On Sunday, August 7th, 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.



**UMCOR CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX
CHURCH-WIDE
PACKING PARTY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH
10-12 IN GENESIS HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Contact Jill Williams,
Jillrewilliams@hotmail.com to learn
More about sharing God's love with
children in third world countries.

Family Chime Choir

Fall planning is here. Put on your calendar
Wednesday, August 10th
for family fun. From 6:30 – 7:30, we will work on a simple piece of music. We will present this music on August 14th, Promotion Sunday. This is a great time for Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa to play chimes with the youth of Aldersgate.



Finance Meeting
Sunday, August 21st
1 pm, Genesis Hall

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Trustee's Meeting
Sunday, August 21st
2:30 pm, Cokesbury 204

ALDRSGATE'S COMMEMORATIVE BRICK COURTYARD

**Order your bricks today and honor those in
your life that mean the most...**

Mother's, Father's, Graduates & Veterans!

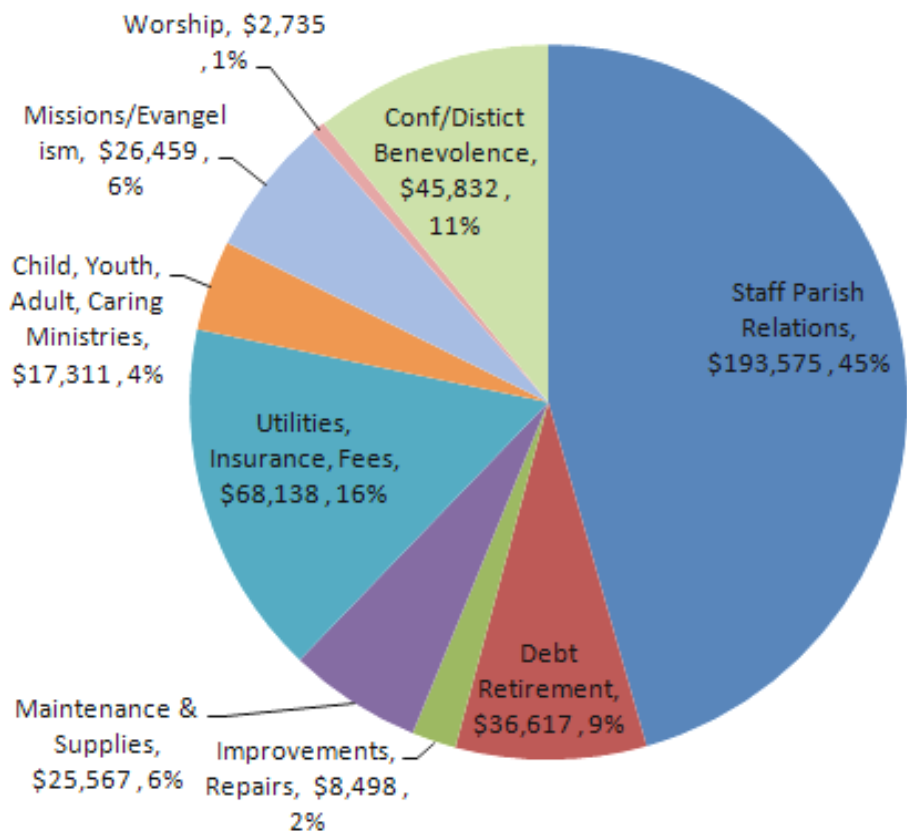
**Each commemorative brick is \$100
(or purchase two for \$150)**

***Forms are located in the back of the Sanctuary
and in the Church office ***



	2016 Budget	June Budget	June Actual	June Variance	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Income							
Contributions	\$ 730,965	\$ 60,914	\$ 47,725	\$ (13,188)	\$ 365,483	\$ 315,807	\$ (49,676)
Other	\$ 24,525	\$ 2,044	\$ 1,600	\$ (444)	\$ 12,262	\$ 10,513	\$ (1,750)
Designated Funds	\$ 183,558	\$ 15,297	\$ 13,172	\$ (2,125)	\$ 91,779	\$ 83,671	\$ (8,108)
Total Income	\$ 939,048	\$ 78,254	\$ 62,497	\$ (15,757)	\$ 469,524	\$ 409,991	\$ (59,533)
Expenses							
Staff Parish Relations	\$ 411,397	\$ 34,283	\$ 33,729	\$ (555)	\$ 205,698	\$ 193,575	\$ (12,123)
Debt Retirement	\$ 77,401	\$ 6,450	\$ 6,450	\$ 0	\$ 38,701	\$ 36,617	\$ (2,083)
Improvements, Repairs	\$ 52,922	\$ 4,410	\$ 2,044	\$ (2,366)	\$ 26,461	\$ 8,498	\$ (17,963)
Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 52,656	\$ 4,388	\$ 4,041	\$ (347)	\$ 26,328	\$ 25,567	\$ (761)
Utilities, Insurance, Fees	\$ 137,034	\$ 11,420	\$ 10,594	\$ (825)	\$ 68,517	\$ 68,138	\$ (379)
Child, Youth, Adult, Caring Ministries	\$ 63,375	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,657	\$ 375	\$ 31,688	\$ 17,311	\$ (14,377)
Missions/Evangelism	\$ 35,500	\$ 2,958	\$ 486	\$ (2,473)	\$ 17,750	\$ 26,459	\$ 8,709
Worship	\$ 17,100	\$ 1,425	\$ 248	\$ (1,177)	\$ 8,550	\$ 2,735	\$ (5,815)
Conf/District Benevolence	\$ 91,663	\$ 7,639	\$ 7,639	\$ -	\$ 45,831	\$ 45,832	\$ 0
Total Expense	\$ 939,048	\$ 78,254	\$ 70,887	\$ (7,367)	\$ 469,524	\$ 424,732	\$ (44,792)
Net Income	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (8,390)	\$ (8,390)	\$ 0	\$ (14,741)	\$ (14,741)

2016 Year to Date Actual Expenses Through June



2016 June Financials



Budgeted Contributions \$ 60,914
Actual Contributions \$ 47,725
Expenses to Date \$ 424,732
Year-to-date Contributions budgeted \$ 365,483
Year-to-date Actual Contributions \$ 315,807

The Communion Rail Offering for June supporting Native American Ministries was \$678.50

*Our nonperishable food collection in June for CCC weighed in at **23.5 lbs.***

AUMC is in need of an Adult Nursery Worker and/or Volunteers on Sunday's from 8am-12pm.

All interested applicants must be an adult and participate in safe sanctuary training. For more information please contact Ms. Ashlea May at 985-788-3995 or the church office at 985-641-5829.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies
never come to an end; they are new every morning. . .
-Lamentation 3:22-23*

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

Christian Condolences: Julie Palermo, Rev. Mike and Family in the passing of Julie's father, Harold Lee Walters, Jr.. Family and Friends of Larry Weaver. Family and Friends of Ida Gentry.

Joys: Summer Youth Volunteers. Youth Choir and Instrumentals from Reville United Methodist Church. 184 backpacks were collected for the children of Manos Juntas, Mexico!

Impending Tests/Surgery: Susan Grant

Hospitalized: Cameron, Morgan, Brother Bobby Thornhill, Carol Goody, Rick Enclade, Carolyn Lee

Recovering at Home: Huey Gardener, Mary Gardener, Rachel Cochrane, Millie Cruthirds, Mae Vignes, Carlene Ragusa, Jackie Bridge, Dr. Dawn McCord, Carolyn Wadge

Prayers: Barbara Kiff, R.L. Lott, Tom Lizana, Edith Countryman, Like Smith, Francis Jacob III, Nathan Hellwig, Coy Faucheux, Earlita Miller, Joanne Basanez, W.D. Crawford, Unrest in Baton Rouge and throughout the country, our country and our military, Homebound Members, The

Unemployed, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, SPRC, Rev. Tracy MacKenzie, Mary Felder, Darlene Lait, Daryl Ricard, Sean Foll
Continuing Concerns: Leonard & Joyce Victor, Larry Hamm, Rick Saluga, Stacey Iennusa, Mary Gramlich, William Brumfield, David Garcia, Walter Delle, Terry Roberts, Rick & Maria Hodgson, Skip Carson, Janet Borders, Mary Joy Richard, Sara Delaha, Pat Doyle, Mary Sue Sisco, Faye Hammer & Family, Bob Gregory, Steve Wolcott, Lenny Iennusa, Ken Farmer, JoAnn Wavra, Rev. James Biedenbarn, Bonnie Byrd, Barbara Walker, Lucian Grass, Bobbie Stephens, Linda Dick, Barbara Fuller, Joey Hyde, Dave Thigpan, Kristen Vanleusden, Lloyd & Frances Grafton, Kay Johnson, Loretta Moore, Steve & Soraya Stonley, Brycen Newman, Gene Williams, Camille Callais, Zachary Cheek, Dr. Bill Nelson & wife Suzanne, Ian Brennan, Derek & Lauren Whitty Webber, Vera Beech, David Nezat

The ability to give online via our website is now available! Scan this QR code and open the URL, or you can go online to our website and click **Donate**. This link will take you straight to the Aldersgate UMC PayPal site. www.aldersgate-slidell.org



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