



Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
"sharing the living Christ through life-changing service and love"

## Summer Sunday Funday

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> One Service ☀️ 10am featuring . . .



Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey's Episcopal Address from the recent Annual Conference 2017.

*(Unfortunately, Bishop Harvey will not be joining us in person)*



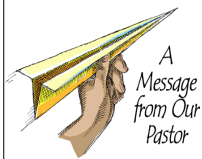
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Parents, grab a lawn chair and maybe a tent for shade as you watch the kids play the day away.

Kids, bring your swimsuit and a towel.  
We will have waterslides on the front lawn!

Food and drink will be available for purchase in the John Wesley Center.





## The Night The Lights Went Out on Pebble Beach Drive

As I write this, I am sitting on the back porch of my house at Pebble Beach Drive for one last time.

I moved in to this home and the Slidell community just about a year ago. It was a last minute appointment and I quickly found a house in Eden Isles on a quiet little lake across from the Oak Harbor Country Club.

In truth, I have probably spent more time outside on that porch in the past twelve months than I have in twelve years. That porch was a great place to land in the morning for a cup of coffee, to behold the mighty wind off of the lake, to enjoy a drizzle or a downpour...but my favorite time on the porch was late at night... usually for the pups last run of the evening...I reveled in the "party lights" (tiki torch houses and multi-colored bulbs), the LED lit flamingoes...the swing... it was a great place to contemplate the day and prepare for the morning....

...and, last night, I missed the lights... they were packed ready to load onto a moving van...

...and, tonight, I spend the night in a new house wondering what this next year will bring.

The move has made me keenly aware that we are a people of season...seasons come and seasons go...

And, this first season at Aldersgate UMC and in Slidell, has been an amazing season.

One of the things that I have most enjoyed is the times when we have had opportunities to get to know one another in smaller more intimate settings... coffee in homes or at Starbucks, meals out and about town, the times when your small groups (supper clubs and Sunday School classes) who have come to my home for times of fellowship, etc. (You are, again, invited to the new house!)

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Recently, I have begun "lunching" with folks from the church on Tuesdays. This is not only a great deal of fun but, it is an opportunity for me to sit and visit with you and get to know you better...and, for you to get to know me. There just doesn't seem to be enough time for us to do this on Sunday mornings. This week, six "new" folks showed up and we "took over" the Slidell Soda Shoppe.

Another highlight of the year for me has been getting to know and work with a great group of people that we call "the staff." (They also pop in, as they are able, for Tuesday lunches.) In the next few "Connect" Newsletters, I will be introducing them to you individually. Each of these individuals are unique, creative and committed to our mission of "Sharing the Life."

Mostly, I have tried to listen and respond and vision and see a future for us together in this community where we get to represent Jesus. My hope and prayer is that we will journey forward into the next seasons...whatever they may bring.

So, even though the lights have dimmed on Pebble Beach, they will burn brightly on Rue Corton and at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. All is well, indeed.

So, thank you for all of the grace, generosity and hospitality that you have extended to me and I look forward to many more years of the same with you into our shared future.

One last thing: I would be remiss if I did not thank all of those who have made this move possible: some of you have painted...a house that we do not even own...some of you have cleaned...packed...unpacked...moved furniture (that is way too heavy for mere mortals)...endured my moments of panic and doubt and being overwhelmed... baked goodies and delivered sandwiches...been strong moral support...Thank You.

I am humbled and grateful to be your Pastor.

Blessings,

*rev. Susan Mackenzie*



## Summer Choir beginning July 2nd!

Do you sing to yourself in the car?  
Been known to hum a tune throughout the day?

Rattle the pipes in the shower?

Been thinking of trying out the choir?

Guess what? God has heard you, and is telling you to join the summer choir!



We will rehearse on Sunday mornings,  
beginning July 2, meeting at 7:45am.  
We will prepare our music for the morning  
and then be ready to lead worship!

**Come sing a joyful song to the Lord!**

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR JULY

July 2nd Holy Communion - Both 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services

July 30th 5th Sunday Worship Together! **One service at 10 am**, Lunch to Follow!  
Bring your own, or purchase lunch from the Aldersgate Men's club!

## Ushers for July



8:30 Mike Zweifel, Keith Burris, Joe Foozer, Jeff Brignac

11:00 Lou & Cheryl Thomas, Antonio Iennusa, David Hamblin

We are always in need of additional ushers to fill our rosters. Please consider giving us a few weeks of Sundays to serve in worship! Email Scott or call the church office if you have questions or are interested.

**Sunday Mornings**

**Traditional  
Worship**

8:30am  Sanctuary

**Contemporary  
Worship**

11:00am  Sanctuary

**Adult Sunday School 9:45 am-10:45 am** → Cokesbury Building, Chapel, Asbury

**Sunday School for Youth 9:45 am-10:45 am**

Youth Sunday School Class (6-12 grade) meet in the Genesis Hall

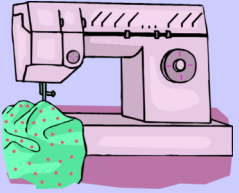
**Children's "Summer" Sunday School**

9:45 am-10:45 am → Susanna Wesley

(pickup for ALL in Susanna Wesley)



THE CHURCH  
OFFICE WILL BE  
**CLOSED**  
ON TUESDAY,  
JULY 4TH



**T-Shirt  
Quilt Class**  
July 10, 17 & 31  
6pm-Genesis Hall

All are welcome to join us for a T-shirt quilt making class held here in Genesis Hall. The three-night class will include instruction on fabric selection, design, and construction. Classes will begin at 6 p.m. each night.

A working sewing machine is needed to complete the quilt.

Homework will be required to finish a twin or full-size quilt.

The class fee is \$5 and spaces are limited. To reserve your slot in the class, call the church office at **641-5829**.

**A Cursillo weekend will be held July 27-30.**  
Applications are being accepted now.

During Cursillo, participants live and study together in singing, prayer and worship. Cursillo is designed for anyone who wishes to strengthen their spiritual lives, may have unanswered questions about prayer, study and sharing their faith, and understand that being a Christian involves responsibility.

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend or if you have questions about what Cursillo is, contact Rick or Joanne Lightfoot at 649-5736 or email at [rlight98@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlight98@bellsouth.net) or Suzie Hunt at the church office, 641-5829.



**Grown-Ups say “Play**

**Ball”** — The Grown-Ups invite all adults to join them when they return to Biloxi to see the Shuckers play the Birmingham Barons on Thursday, July 13.

This trip is open to all baseball fans 50 and older. Meet at Aldersgate at 5:00 p.m. and we'll take the church bus to the game. Tickets will be between \$12-15 and bring cash for dinner. It's a Thirsty Thursday night with \$2 sodas/beers. It's also Beach night so feel free to don your favorite Hawaiian shirt and get into the spirit. Call the church office at 641-5829 to reserve your spot on the bus today!

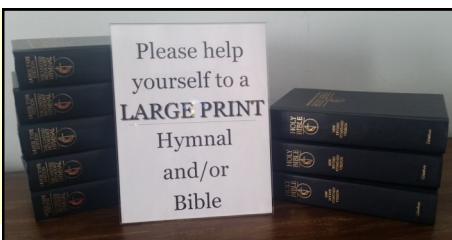
**There will be no regular Grown-Ups Coffee & Conversation programs in July.**

**Blood  
DRIVE**

**Sunday,  
August 20**  
7:30 am - 1 pm  
*John Wesley  
Center*

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

Large print bibles and hymnals are available for use in worship every Sunday. They are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.



Hearing devices are available in a basket in the narthex.



## July 2017

- July 3-July 28 Camp SONshine
- July 4 *Church Office Closed for Independence Day*
- July 10 T-Shirt Quilt Class
- July 11 Something's Brewing, Women's Bible Study start a new book
- July 13 Grown Ups will take in a Shuckers Baseball game
- July 14-16 LA UMC Happening Weekend for Youth
- July 17 T-Shirt Quilt Class
- July 18 Footloose & Faithful Women's Cruise Informational Meeting
- July 28 2017 Camp SONshine ends
- July 30 One Combined Service at 10am followed by Summer Sunday Funday
- July 31 T-Shirt Quilt Class



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## August 2017

- August 4-6 Back-To School Retreat
- August 13 Promotion Sunday / Blessing of Bibles and Backpacks  
Confirmation Parent Meeting at 9:45am in Genesis Hall
- August 8 Apple Tree Parent Orientation
- August 10 First day of Public School
- August 14 Little Lamb Parent Orientation
- August 17 First Day of School for Apple Tree (Monday-Friday & Tuesday/Thursday)
- August 17-19 Women's Retreat at Beckwith
- August 18 First Day of School for Apple Tree (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)
- August 20 Blood Drive in John Wesley Center
- August 24 Grown Ups Coffee & Conversation



Hero Central was an AWESOME place to be during VBS week at Aldersgate! With the guidance of Flame and Captain Shield, all of our “Heroes” this week learned about all of the ways that GOD works in our lives.

***God’s Heroes Have Heart! God’s Heroes Have Courage!***

***God’s Heroes Have Wisdom! God’s Heroes Have Hope!***

***God’s Heroes Have Power!***



Our center leaders insured that the kids were having a blast while learning about GOD through Story time, Science, Crafts, Recreation, Music, Missions, and even Snack Centers. Our mission project this week was raising money for Children’s Wish Endowment. This local organization grants wishes to chronically and terminally ill children in our community. Between our daily offering at VBS and our “Something Bigger” offering on Sunday 6/18, we raised a total of **\$2807.09** to donate to Children’s Wish Endowment. What a blessing to know that will impact the lives of these children, and they will feel the love of Christ through our gift.



There is something very magical about being on this campus during VBS week! You can feel the energy and love in every place you go, it is truly my favorite week. This week we had the pleasure of serving 240 children from our community. None of this would be possible without the 130 volunteer Heroes who selflessly gave of their time and talents to touch the lives of these children.



Thank YOU for *Discovering Your Strength in God* this week!

Blessings, *Stacey*



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Stacey Boerner, Director  
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# GROW "DO GOOD! SEEK PEACE AND GO AFTER IT!" 7



The End



**Something's Brewing  
this Summer!**



Ladies, come join us for Something's Brewing, church membership not required. New people add fresh ideas to our eclectic group. Tuesday mornings have become a wonderful time for listening, learning and laughing too. Come have a fresh cup of coffee and some wonderful fellowship with a warm group of women. We meet every Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m.

**Starting July 11, we will begin "One Thousand Gifts—A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are" by Ann Voskamp. Discussions will be led by Cindy Kemp.**

In One Thousand Gifts, Ann invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts."

Books are available in the church office for \$11 and it is also available on Kindle.

A free nursery is provided upon request. Call the church office at **641-5829** to reserve a spot in the nursery.

## **Footloose & Faithful Women's Cruise**

### **Information Meeting on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Genesis Hall 6pm**

Our own Gayla Nelson, a licensed travel consultant, will join us to discuss the upcoming Women's Cruise **February 4-11, 2018**. Nationally known guest speakers will join us on board for a lively celebration of faithfulness for women moving through the transitional seasons of life! Brochures are available in the church office. Come join us on July 18 and bring a friend. Membership at Aldersgate UMC is not necessary. Details concerning trip costs will be discussed and you'll have an opportunity to talk to other women interested in this trip.

*Please RSVP:* AUMC 985-641-5829 or Gayla 985-290-5585



## **Calling All Women to Meet with God at the Beach**



Aldersgate's Womens Ministry is sponsoring a bayside escape full of faith, fun and fellowship August 17-19 at Beckwith Retreat Center on Weeks Bay in Alabama.

During this beach-themed retreat, we will explore the challenges women face to stay connected to God and learn to discern how to find time for reflection and faith in today's hectic world.

The cost for the retreat is \$180 per person. This includes double occupancy rooms, meals, transportation and retreat materials. All women

are welcome and church membership is not required.

We will leave at 1 p.m. on Thursday and return Saturday afternoon. We'll use the church bus and vans or you can drive as well.

This brief time away to reflect and connect with other women is a gift to give yourself.

**Our focus for this time away will be Psalm 46:10—*Be still and know that I am God.***

To reserve your place or if you have any questions, contact Suzie Hunt at the church office: 985-641-5829 or by email at [suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org).



**Beckwith**





**FOOD DRIVE UPDATE—We are Halfway to our Goal!**

The need is great in our community for non-perishables. Aldersgate UMC has a goal of collecting 1,000 lbs of food for the Community Christian Concern food pantry this year. Baskets will be at the front door **every Sunday** for your donations.

**CCC Pantry Food Drive  
Year to Date Total Weight is  
548 Pounds  
(as of 6/25)**



**Food Team Members Needed**

Aldersgate's Food Team steps up at those times in a church member's life when the tangible gift of a meal meets both a practical and spiritual need. It is a concrete way we can care for each other. Meals are supplied by team members when someone is experiencing a crisis period such as an illness, recovery from surgery, death of a loved one or the joy of a new child.

When the need arises, team members are asked, on a rotating basis, to provide a home-cooked meal or a single dish (an entrée', side dish and dessert) to be added to others to complete the meal.

If you are interested in providing this service to others, please contact the church office at **641-5829** to sign up for the Food Team.



**Share the Love**

Just down the road from our church is Anderson Memory Care, located on the campus of Summerfield Senior Living.

Anderson is for residents with memory loss due to Alzheimer's Disease.

Phyllis Mitchell directs a bell choir there each month. We have received a request to host a Sunday School class there and are looking for volunteers.

The class could take place on Sunday or really any day. It would need to involve a simple study, much like a children's program. Phyllis says they enjoy doing crafts and delight in singing classic old hymns like Amazing Grace and This is the Day.

We are looking for several people willing to commit to sharing the love of God with this group. A team of two people would be needed at each class.

If you feel this is a way you can serve and share God's patience and love, please contact Suzie Hunt at the church office, 641-5829 for more details.



**Our Bulletin Boards Need Help!**

There are bulletin boards throughout the campus used to announce activities and upcoming events, as well as assist visitors with church building information.

**It's time they got a makeover. Do you have a talent for displays or scrapbooking?** We are in need of a volunteer to work with the staff to update these displays. All supplies will be provided and you would work on your own schedule.

If you are interested in this project, please call Suzie Hunt at 641-5829 or by email at [suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org).



## July Dates for Youth!

- 7/9 Nameless 6:30pm  
 7/16 Nameless 6:30pm  
 7/19 Wednesday night Group 6 pm  
 7/ 23 Big Group 5-6:30 pm  
       Nameless 6:30pm  
 7/26 Wednesday night Group 6 pm  
 7/30 Big Group 5-6:30  
       Nameless 6:30pm



**Did you know that Camp Istrouma has youth camps too? And there are still openings for male and female campers for both Jr. High and Sr. High Camps**

7/10-7/14 Senior SONrise – **9-12 gr.**

7/17-7/21 Pathfinders 3 – **6-8 gr.**

Check out Camp Istrouma's website for more info!

**[www.campistrouma.com](http://www.campistrouma.com)**



The Youth Mission Trip to Manos Juntas in the beginning of June was **Amazing & Life Changing!!!** Stay tune for more about the trip.

# Something New for Sunday School

Aldersgate Youth are starting the gospel project in July during Sunday School.

This Sunday School Curriculum is designed to take the youth on a journey that will cover the bible from Genesis to Revelation in 3 years.

We will be starting with the Gospels and continuing through the New Testament the remainder of 2017 and until July of 2018.

In July of next Year, 2018, we will be going back to the beginning with Genesis and working our way through the Old Testament.



	May 2017	2017 Year to Date
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 50,640</b>	<b>\$ 267,566</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$ 53,874</b>	<b>\$ 298,498</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$(2,416)</b>	<b>\$(30,935)</b>

The Communion Rail Offering for June, Peace With Justice, came to \$476. Our 3rd Sunday "Something Bigger" offering on June 18th supporting the Children's Wish Endowment came to \$224.50

## ~ Stewardship Moment ~

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Church Conference of Aldersgate United Methodist Church met and unanimously approved two specific proposals regarding our financial situation at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

**The first proposal** was to make available \$75,000.00 from the proceeds of the property across Robert Blvd. as a cash reserve for the Operating Budget. The principal reason for this is to create an operating cash reserve of \$75,000 that would provide more than a month of positive cash flow to the operating budget throughout the year. Therefore, it is necessary for the ordinary operation of the church that the church provide a cash reserve for the payment of our expenses, especially during the summer months when giving is down and expenses are up.

**Having such a cash flow should serve as a layer of protection NOT as a substitute to regular, pledged and unpledged contributions.**

**The second proposal** was to move \$75,000.00 from the proceeds of the property across Robert Blvd. to the Trustees Designated Fund as "Undesignated" for use by the Trustees for ongoing maintenance and property repairs. There is substantial deferred maintenance on the property that needs to be addressed by the Board of Trustees. This money would be used as General Trustees monies for the maintenance and capital improvement of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

While both of these proposals passed, unanimously, there was a great deal of concern voiced and discussed about how we are to grow stewardship in order to support the Operating Budget of the church.

Please continue to be in prayer about your financial giving to the church.

## PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

Our church family is our best source for names of those persons in need of care. Please contact the pastor at (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:** Family and friends in the death of Louise Verver.

**Joys:** Many volunteers here this summer.

**Impending Tests/Surgery:** Kurtil Bell.

**Hospitalized:** Jim England, Doris Billings

**Recovering at Home:** Jennifer Bruce.

**Prayers:** People traveling this summer, Anise Goodwin, Marvalyn Van Eman, Kim Kraleman, Jim and Darrel Rusth, Dianne Hughey, Russ Westfall, Dean Frick and family, Raymond Deffes, Rev Tim Thompson, Sandy & Harley McPeek, Andrea Blalock, Ula Greenwood, Fred Oberkitch, Janice Fink, Kathryn McKenney, Kathryn Moore, Mandy Mendoza, Kevin, Patrick LeBlanc, Our Country and Our Military, Our President, Homebound Members, The Unemployed,

Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

**Continuing Concerns:** Mary Felder, Tom Foozer, JoAnn Traise, William Brumfield, Johnnie Lou Whitman, Larry Hamm, John Ford, Maria Coffman, Frances and Lloyd Grafton, Jimmy Farmer, Kay Felkins, Kristen Vanleusden, Barbara Walker, Joanne Parker, Clint Crosier, Pat Doyle, Zachary Cheek, Susan Grant, Rachel Cochrane, Rev. James Biedenbarn, Bill Fink, Luke Smith, Lissa Jordan, Esther Stephens, Eugene Victor, Huey Gardner, Rick Saluga, Lesa Raia, Mary Gramlich, Sara Delaha, Faye Hammer and family, Nancy Wood, Lucian Grass, Bobbie Stephens, Loretta Moore, Brycen Newman, Camille Callais, Dr. Bill Nelson, David Nezat, Derek and Lauren Whitty Webber.

# Church Directory



The 2017 Aldersgate UMC Picture Directory is just about done!  
To help our congregation better communicate with each other, the staff has worked diligently to make the church's database as up to date as possible, so that the directory can be a useful tool for everyone.

For each member, the directory will list their name, home address, home phone number, cell number and e-mail address, as well as any photo taken earlier this year.

Should an individual not want their information included in the new directory, please contact Erin Core at [erin@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:erin@aldersgate-slidell.org) or Suzie Hunt at [suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org).

Directories will be available in print form or digitally to congregation members only. Look for further news on the directory in the weekly e-mails or takeaways at church.



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