



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

"sharing the living Christ through life-changing service and love"



Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th
Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the
Aldersgate Men's Club!

The breakfast will take place in the John Wesley Center from 7:30 am to 10:30 am.
Women eat FREE! *Donations excepted for everyone else.*



Register for VBS *and* Camp SONshine online today!

www.aldersgate-slidell.org

Camp SONshine

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

2 years to exiting Kindergarten
Reserve YOUR spot today!

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Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Fee
(Non-Refundable) \$10 camp shirt

Program Options: Discounts Available if
paying in FULL!

3 HALF day option (Mon/Wed/Fri)
9am-12pm **\$55 per week**
(\$350 pd in full)

3 FULL day option (Mon/Wed/Fri)
8am-4pm **\$80 per week**
(\$525 pd in full)

L'Chaim

L'Chaim is a Hebrew expression that means
"To Life."

This Easter season is about life...new life...

As I sit writing this, I am observing new life almost everywhere I look... mommas feeding baby birds in my back yard ...young squirrels just learning to steal and run... the proliferation of the (dreaded) ligustrum in full bloom and the re-blooming hydrangea...all signs of life... new life...

Last Sunday (April 15), I called on you to share your stories and be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

So, here is my witness of the "new life" (in no particular order) that I see at Aldersgate United Methodist Church:

The Men's Ministry as a renewed, active, vibrant part of the church... More than 20 at breakfast on the first Saturdays of the month...After breakfast, the men came back to the church and do "fix it" projects on behalf of the Board of Trustees... plus they are engaged in a very important mission project in the St Tammany Community...Building a outside kitchen for the Giving Hope Retreat...Can I say it? They are "cooking up a storm" in every sense of the word... Palm Sunday, Pork Butt and Chicken Sunday, AppleTree 40th & Mother's Day...fully engaging in mission work at the church and the community...

A renewed vision for the Women's Ministry of the church...One day, as we tell this story, we will preface it with "it all began when we took that cruise..." Thus far, there were sixteen women on retreat in April at the Beckwith Center, working on a new social media page...and, the May 19th Tea featuring Sally Ann Roberts and her sister, Dorothy: Sold Out... 192 tickets sold...when was the last time that we said the words "Sold Out?"

One of the core values of Aldersgate UMC is a heart for mission. Epworth, Sager-Brown, Christian Community Concern, Family Promise, The Blood Bank of GNO... children in mission, youth in mission, adults in mission and senior adults in mission...the various Bible Studies, Small Groups, Adult groups...all seeking a way to serve others and "share the life." This month, Suzie Hunt will take a group to Sager Brown for a quick retreat/work week. And, we are looking at a mission to St. Thomas in October.

Last Sunday Appletree Preschool celebrated their 40th year of "tending" the "little lambs" of Slidell. What a great celebration it was! More than 300 in our morning worship service. And, yes, "Kindergarten Here They Come." Appletree Preschool continues to be a beacon of light in this church and in our community.

One recent Sunday, in the 11:00 AM service (April 15th), there were 107 in attendance. 31 of them were children... 30% of the congregation were children...now that is a great sign of growth and "new life." The Children's Ministry has had a full year with opportunities nearly every week. And, the growth of the Children's Ministry means that their parents are becoming more and more committed and involved.

A more than full church calendar EVERY month... Every month it is remarked in the staff meeting, "Well, (pick a month) is getting pretty full."

On May 6th, we will recognize our Graduating Seniors and our Youth Ministry Ministries. Again, weekly challenges in Sunday School, Small Group, Large Group, Thursday mornings at Starbuck. There are two challenging and creative mission trips for the youth this summer. The Junior Highs (and many from that large Confirmation Class) will be headed to Alabama. The Senior Highs will be headed to do hurricane recovery work in Key West. What? I want to go on that trip!

Have you heard about some of our college kids (our former youth) who are making their way in the world through lives of service: Adrianna Iennusa (the Miss Louisiana Pageant), Regan Horn (The World Race), Terri Jackson (Nicaragua), Jacob Lovitt (FEMA Corps)? If I have left anyone out, please let me know. I am so proud of these...and, where did their love of mission start? Right here at Aldersgate.

There will be 17 confirmed in the services on Pentecost. Now, this may not be the largest confirmation class ever but it is the largest that we have seen in a long time...

Speaking of the children's ministry, their calendar continues to be full. The Camp Summer Sunshine will be expanded this year to a 7 week, 3 day program with plans for it to be 7 weeks, 5 days next year. Did I mention Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Faith Friends, Camp Istrouma, etc? Talk about a full calendar!

The Trustees is another group that is on fire. The Trustees have evaluated the buildings on the campus. They have identified projects in different categories from "ordinary maintenance" to "we have a problem." Some are wants...others are needs. The

good news: many are manageable projects that can be taken on by individuals or groups. The Men's group for example is punctuating their monthly breakfast with a work day at the church, rain or shine. On the other hand, some are projects that need some particular licensing or expertise that we will have to pay for. So, look for an upcoming list of projects, prioritized by the Trustees, that may need additional funding.

Earlier this month, we received generous monetary gifts that will fully fund two significant projects for our church: the re-voicing of our bells and a new state of the art sound system for our sanctuary. From time to time the bells need to be "sent away" to be "re-voiced." This is an important maintenance issue for the bells. The approximate cost for this is \$6,000. On a similar note (did you see what I did there?), our sound technicians have been patching our system together with paper clips, duct tape and bubble gum... while, that may be a bit of an exaggeration...our system is almost 20 years old. The sound folks came back with a bid of \$28,000 to completely replace the necessary components. This system is specifically designed to improve the "spoken voice" quality for our sanctuary. Interestingly enough, the new system will cost less than the present system cost 19 years ago. Both of these systems have been fully funded by private donations. God is good!



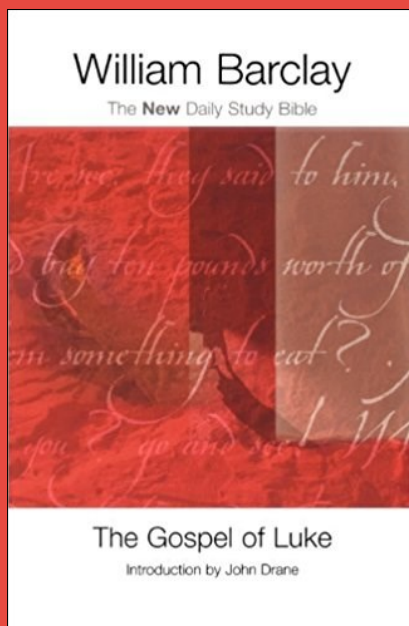
Throughout the church there is a spirit of renewal, growth and the laity taking on the ownership of our ministry and calling in the church, the community and the world. I will not name all of the groups because surely I will leave some out. When I dedicated the roses on Easter Sunday morning, they were dedicated for each of you and all of you who continue to make this church a witness for "life" I am thankful for a terrific church staff. I am sincere when I say they work tirelessly, each one of them, to fulfill the calling that has been placed on their hearts as the staff of Aldersgate United Methodist

Church. We are thankful for the addition of Jon Nelson to our staff, as our financial secretary. We have also hired Adam Trouard as the Minister of Music and Worship.

And, me, every day...every day...the good days which are many and the bad days (which thankfully) are few...every day, I delight in being called to serve here with you...I am a blessed and grateful person.

L'Chaim!

Blessings,



Pastor's Summer Study

This summer I will be preaching/teaching the Gospel of Luke in the Sunday morning worship time.

I will be using Dr. William Barclay's Commentary on The Gospel of Luke, as my primary text. Dr. Barclay's text is one of the most scholarly and readable commentaries on the Gospels.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this text, there are available through the church office.

The regular text is \$12 and the large print edition is \$20.

Call or come by the church office to reserve your copy today!
985-641-5829

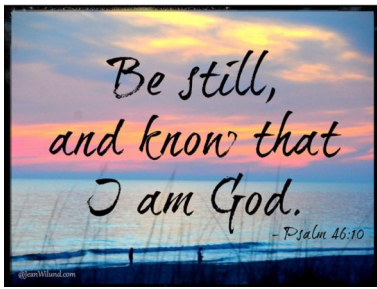
May 2017

- May 6 Senior Sunday! Celebrating Graduating Seniors on this Sunday
- May 7 Youth Mandatory Mission Trip Meeting
- May 8 Summer's Something Brewing begins, book study on **The Turquoise Table**
- May 13 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
- May 16 Apple Tree Graduation Ceremony in the Sanctuary and John Wesley
- May 19 A Morning of Tea & Reflection
College/Career Evening Social, Genesis Hall
- May 20-25 UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip
- May 20-27 Family Promise staying on campus this week
- May 22 Church Council Meeting 7pm, Genesis Hall
- May 28 *Church Office closed for Memorial Day*
- May 31 Grown Ups Coffee & Conversation 10am, Genesis Hall

June 2017

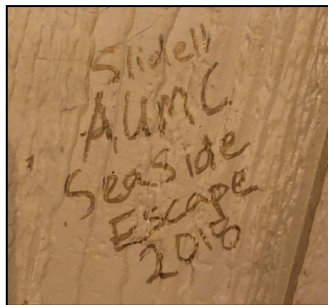
- June 4 2018 Camp SONshine begins
- June 6-9 Louisiana Annual Conference in Shreveport, LA
- June 11-15 Vacation Bible School, Campus Wide *Shipwrecked—Rescued By Jesus!*
- June 18 Happy Father's Day!
- June 18-23 Jr. High Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL.



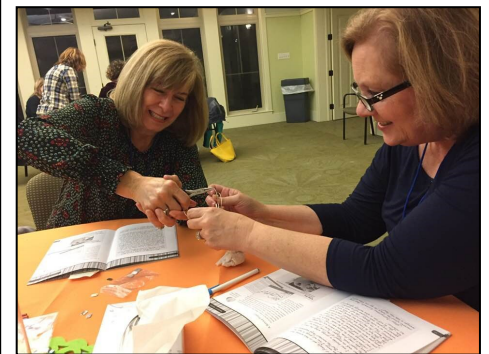


Laughter * Understanding Discernment * Peace

The ladies on the 2018 Women's Retreat to Beckwith received all of the above and more. Connections were made and friendships were strengthened, all with the help of a God that loves us just the way we are. For this and all the blessings we received that weekend, we are thankful.



We also left our mark on the wall at The Shed in Biloxi, as all good road trips require.



The Grown-Ups Had a BLAST at the Shucker's Game!



Be on the lookout for the next trip to Biloxi and make plans to join us.

*** Can you Cut or Sew fabric? ***

In addition to the registration fee required from volunteers at UMOCR's Sager Brown Depot, participating teams are asked to provide supplies for one of the various missions supported by the depot. Our donation this year will be cloth school supply bags. We need approximately 200 bags ready to accompany the team to Sager Brown.

We have all the supplies you will need. If you are not a sewer, you can volunteer to cut donated material to make bag kits. As kits are ready, anyone interested in sewing up the bags can pick up one or more kits to assemble at home.

The design is simplistic and easy to make. Come by the church office for supplies and/or an instruction sheet for assembly. Deadline for the finished bags is May 18.



May 20-27 will find Aldersgate UMC hosting the Family Promise participants on campus.

Donna Lew and Robyn Jackson lead the Aldersgate Host Team for these visits and they need your help providing meals, sharing evening activities and serving as overnight chaperones for the week these families spend here at our church.

Many hands make for light work. As May is usually a busy time due to end of the year school functions and then vacations, Donna and Robyn are looking to increase their volunteer base to offset current team members who are unavailable this month.

For more detailed information or to volunteer your time, contact Donna at 985-788-2461 or by email at dmnlew@charter.net or Robyn at 985-707-3489 or at robyn.jackson@gss.services.org.

For more information about Family Promise of St. Tammany, please visit their website at <http://www.fpstp.org/>.

Help Aldersgate UMC Meet its 2018 Blood Donation Goal!

You don't have to wait for a blood drive at the church to help Aldersgate to meet its 2018 Blood Donation Goal. Members of our congregation can help their church community qualify for the Blood Assurance-Cost Reimbursement Program when they donate at The Blood Center's main office as well.

As a congregation, we need 75 donations per year to continue in this valuable program that makes all members of Aldersgate, people who have donated blood and non-donors, eligible for up to \$2,500 to help recover the cost of the blood products received due to surgery or illness.

When you donate at The Blood Center, please tell them to credit your donation to the Aldersgate UMC code **C870**. If you can't remember the code, they can look it up.

If you are a member of Aldersgate and have had a blood transfusion this year, contact the church office for the program's paperwork.

When we give as a church, not only do we help take care of others here and in our community, we help our fellow church members in their time of need.



KEEP
CALM
AND
DONATE
BLOOD

May Grown Ups Meeting Date Has Changed!
Coffee and Conversation with will take place on



Thursday, May 31.

The change from the usual 4th Thursday morning is due to the senior adult mission trip to UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot May 20-25.

The 2018 AUMC Picture Directory is Now Available!

All active congregation members are eligible to receive a digital or paper copy of the directory. Print copies are available in the church office and in the Mingle Room on Sunday mornings. Instructions on how to receive a password for a digital copy are below.

Please note * Several calls have come into the church office about people who have moved and are still in the directory. Of these people, many attend services when they return for a visit, support the church financially or have not transferred their membership to another church. If one of these reasons pertains, they are considered active and included in the church roles.

Electronic Picture Directory Access Instructions

- » Email the office at aumc@aldersgate-slidell.org to receive a Shelby User Name and Password.
- » Once your e-mail is received and your Aldersgate membership is confirmed, you will receive an email with your User Name and Password.
- » Download the ShelbyNext Membership App onto your computer or cell phone.
- » Open the App.
- » Click on the word domain and type Aldersgate-slidell so the line should read "aldersgateslidell.shelbynextchms.com".
- » Enter your User Name where it says "username".
- » Enter your password where it says "password".
- » You now have access to the church's electronic picture directory.
- » Click the 'sign in' button.



Eucharistic Ministry

Each month, following Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, volunteer Eucharistic Ministers deliver communion to members of our congregation and friends who cannot receive the sacraments in church.

If you know of someone who would welcome receiving communion at home due to injury or illness, please contact the church office at 641-5829.

The Eucharistic Ministry at Aldersgate welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in serving through this ministry, contact Suzie Hunt at the church office or at suzie@aldersgate-slidell.org.

Check out the Mingle Room

Want to know what's going on at Aldersgate UMC?

Check out the information on Sundays in the Mingle Room, located at the back of the Sanctuary. We have flyers about mission activities, monthly programs, Bible studies and fresh, hot coffee. Hosts are on hand to answer questions so stop by anytime from 8:30am to 11am on Sunday mornings.



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Faith Friends
End of the
School Year
Celebration
Wednesday
May 23rd
6pm

VBS Volunteers Needed!
Contact Stacey for more information!

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

MAY 20TH

8:30AM & 11AM

**LAST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL
MAY 20TH**

**MAY 27TH SUMMER
SUNDAY SCHOOL
KICKOFF**

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VBS 2018

June 11-15

Youth Sunday Graduate Recognition Service Sunday, May 6

During both services on May 6, our graduating youth, **Class of 2018** will be presented to the congregation. Be sure and join us as we celebrate their achievement!

College Peeps...we need your help setting up!

Join us on any day,
May 28th - June 1st

College and Young Adult RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

Attention Aldersgate Family - Aldersgate's College and Young Adults are having a Rummage Sale Fundraiser and **We Need Your Help!** We have the John Wesley Center, room 104, booked to hold your items and now all we need is your great stuff to sell. So, let's get those garages, attics and closets cleaned out and find lots of hidden treasures for us to sell. Ask friends, family and neighbors if they have any donations too. We need clothes, books, toys, furniture, knick-knacks, electronics, and appliances.

**Drop off items Monday through Thursday
8:30am - 4:00pm or on Friday 8:30 - 12:00.
Contact Adam Moore for further information.**



Mission Trip Deposits are Due

← Register online @

<https://aldersgateslidell.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/742499b1-7839-41ef-99ab-dff7dfa8771b>

or Contact Adam Moore at adam@aldersgate-slidell.org

Sasha Massel at youth@aldersgate-slidell.org

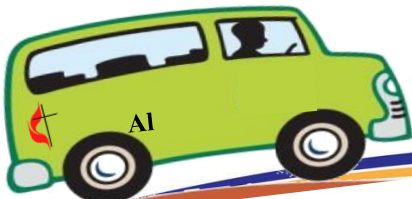
Junior High (Confirmants, Exiting 7th and 8th graders)

When: June 18th - June 23rd

Ministry: Christian Service Mission

Where: Birmingham, AL

Cost: \$65 **Deposit:** \$25 due by May 6th



Celebrate the Renewal of the Spirit —

A Morning for Tea and Reflection

Saturday, May 19 - 9 a.m. to Noon

Guest Speakers: Two Women of Great Faith

Sally Ann Roberts— Former News Anchor for WWL-TV

Dorothy Roberts—Owner of Robin's Nest in the Pass, Pass Christian, MS

This Tea is Sold Out!

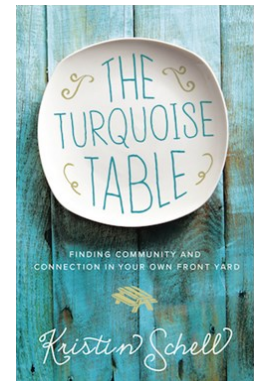
Thank you to all for your tremendous support of this event. We look forward to heading what the Roberts sisters have to say and the possibility of making this day for women an annual event.



Something's Brewing Will Go Turquoise in May!

In our fast paced, digital world, connecting with people for more than a quick hello is getting more and more difficult. Join the women at Something's Brewing Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. starting May 1 as they gather to make connections and learn from author Kristin Schell's book "The Turquoise Table—Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard".

Books are available in the church office for \$12. A free nursery is provided with prior reservation.



Lions Recycle for Sight

Throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used **eyeglasses** and **sunglasses** and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.


Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help


Donate glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read. An adult succeed in his job. A senior maintain her independence. And provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Everyday, our recycled eyeglass programs do all of this and more. Here's how you can donate glasses and help.

Drop Your Eyeglasses in Lions Collection Boxes

You can drop off your usable eyewear at Lions-sponsored collection boxes, like Aldersgate UMC! For information specific to locations in your community, contact your local Lions club. **985-649-1644**

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
Confirmation Class (6th grade) Genesis Hall
Youth Sunday School Class (7-12 grade) meet in the Choir Room
College, Career & Coffee “C3” meet in Cokesbury 201

Children’s Sunday School 9:45 am-10:45 am
→ Susanna Wesley, John Wesley Center

Ushers for May

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| 8:30am |  | 11am |
| <p>Keith Burriss Joe Foozer Michael LaBourdette Jon Nelson</p> | | <p>Joel Copeland Debra Copeland Martin Jackson Jim Fatic</p> |

Acolyte Schedule - May

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| 5/6 | Roselynn Moore |
| 5/13 | Shelby LaBourdette |
| 5/20 | Gracie Manion |
| 5/27 | Preston Paulk |

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 Our Care Team coordinators are: Rhea Snyder, 640-3648; and Charlotte Clifford, 847-0966.

Christian Condolences: Pam Sykes and family in the death of her mother in Pensacola.

Joys: Roy Bronk in good spirits after neck surgery. Men’s Club Ministry.

Impending Tests/Surgery: Tim Jones, John Countryman.

Hospitalized: Margaret Theriot Jackson, Susan Parrish.

Recovering at Home: Janie Millie Cruthirds, Lou Thomas.

Prayers: Mandy Mendoza, Janie Lloyd, Mark Morrill, M.J. German, Mark Addy, Mason, James Cain, Scott Hutson, Gwen Mascara, Barbara Jones, Rachel Maxwell, Bryn Ament, Edith Countryman, Hillery Family, Rachael Foster, Al Hughey, Christen Blythe, Jack and Juanita McNamara, Donna Smith, Allen Hughey, Christen Blythe, Children in Puerto Rico,

Richard Cruthirds, Mike, Barbara Pennington, Demi Carmardelle, Our Country, Our Military, the Unemployed, President Trump, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Homebound Members, Rev. Tracy L. MacKenzie.

Continuing Concerns: Derek and Lauren Webber, Mary Felder, Glenn Grant, Pat Doyle, John Stroh, LaRhonda, Kendra Misner, Taylor Tycer, Sydney Brehn, Blanche Copeland, JoAnn Kidder, Rachel Cochrane, Brenna Carpenter, William Brumfield, Janice Deviller, Larry Hamm, Kathryn Wilson, Kristen Vanleusden, Kay Felkins, Bill and Janice Fink, Luke Smith, Rick Saluga, Sara Delaha, Lissa Jordan, Faye Hammer and family, Nancy Wood, Lucian Grass.

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