



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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

*Join us Sunday, January 7th, 2024*

## *Wesleyan Covenant*

*One Combined Service at  
10:00am in the Sanctuary*



*John Wesley*  
COVENANT SERVICE



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH  
10AM IN THE SANCTUARY

*JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM  
OF OUR SAVIOR*



*Noel Estes,  
AUMC Office Manager*

NOEL ESTES IS OUR NEW  
OFFICE MANAGER AT AMUC

NOEL HAS LIVED IN SLIDELL FOR ALMOST THIRTY YEARS. SHE IS THE PROUD MOTHER OF 3 CHILDREN. RILEY, JACE & PRESLEY. NOEL STARTED HER CAREER IN FINANCE & OWNED A SUCCESSFUL MARKETING COMPANY. NOEL IS AN ARTIST WHO LOVES TO PAINT & DRAW. SHE ENJOYS TRAVELING. FISHING, HUNTING, CONCERTS, LSU FOOTBALL & HER TWO DOGS!



## Happy New Year

A new year always brings hope for what can happen. Some people make resolutions about what they might change. Sometimes that leaves us focusing on the negative. I don't want to know your resolutions. I want to know what's on your heart. What do you care about? What are you passionate about? When we look inside, to what excites us or what speaks to our hearts, then we know where God is leading. God speaks to us through love, and God fills our hearts with love. So, what are you loving right now?

In the fall we gathered to share stories about "why" we come to church. In the new year, we will continue that

journey. Using your why statements, a team of Aldersgate's good writers will form a vision statement. It's a way of saying "who" we are, as Aldersgate. It's how we see ourselves as people making disciples for Jesus Christ in our community.

There is a wonderful year ahead of us at Aldersgate. We will laugh together, and at times cry together. We will help our neighbor, and we will grow as faithful Christians. Whatever comes our way in 2024, we know that God will guide us. Emmanuel, God is with us. Of that

we can be sure.

Love and Peace,  
Rev. Mollie



### Thank you for your prayers....



We extend our condolences, thoughts & prayers to Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn & Family in the death of Rev. John Winn, Fred Oberkirch & Family in the death of his wife, Lyn, Dale Neale & Family in the death of her husband Pat, Family of Christy Duncan, Denise Zschiedrich & family in th death of her sister. Louis McGee, Phyllis Mitchell, Jane Aucoin, Susan & Gary Grant, Sally Ann Buras, Anna Fox, Lisa Middleton, Lauren Countryman, Becky Perez, Keydee Cooper, Jack Lynch, Natalya & Family in Ukraine, Iva Mae Campfield, Taryn Blanchard, Mary Gilmore, Rick Lightfoot. AUMC Church and Staff, The people of Ukraine & Russia and war torn areas of the Middle East, Our Country, Our Military, City Officials, President Joe Biden, The Unchurched, Homebound Members, Rev. Mollie McGee.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...



Hospice Grief Support Group



### Attention Men & Women

Join us on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH from 10am - 11am**

**in Cokesbury.** The group is free-of-charge and open to the public. Please help us spread the word to those needing support. For more information contact Stephanie @ 985-871-5976.



### Calling All Men!

Come give the AUMC Men's Club a try. Be on the lookout for announcements about special events and meetings that the Men's Club is involved with, especially this fall holiday season!

For questions please call the church office at **985-641-5829**, or email Ron Davis at [ron.davis@bluebell.com](mailto:ron.davis@bluebell.com).



### Something's Brewing-Women's Bible Study Group here at AUMC

Something's Brewing is part Book Club and part Bible Study. We meet on Tuesday mornings at **9 a.m.** in **Genesis Hall** and we would LOVE for you to join us. New study starting in January 2024. Come and see!



### Slidell Synch

is a synchronized lawn chair brigade and they want **YOU** to join in the fun this Mardi Gras Season! **CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

Join in the fun each **Tuesday** evening, starting at **6pm**, in Aldersgate's **John Wesley Center**. We provide the chair and there is **NO** chair coordination necessary. Just a fun attitude. Come give Synch a try. If you have any questions, please contact **Suzie Hunt @ [suzie@suzie-hunt.com](mailto:suzie@suzie-hunt.com)**.

We are an award-winning synchronized lawn chair brigade. Our motto is ...

**'Having Fun & Making People Smile'**

"We perform intricate routines spinning vintage aluminum, webbed chairs and laugh a lot. Membership is open to any woman with a sense of humor."



# BACKPACK BLESSINGS



## Feeding Kids for the In Between Times

The Mission is to provide supplemental nourishment to children who are at risk due to a variety of circumstances.

### How Can You Help? VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

- ◆ Sponsor a child's meals for a week (\$20), a month (\$80), a semester (\$360) or a year (\$720).
- ◆ Purchase Food Items to put in the backpacks (scan QR code).
- ◆ Help fill bags for delivery to schools.
- ◆ Deliver bags to the schools each week.



ANY GROUP ON CAMPUS *or* ANY INDIVIDUAL (this means you) is wanted and welcome to help with this much needed feeding ministry that is caring for our littlest ones in the surrounding community.

Do you have questions, or would like more information?

Please contact Cylinda Barron or the Church Office for help with questions. 985-641-5829.

The most needed foods at this time are... **Milk—Ramen—Mac-n-Cheese Cups—Meat**



You now have several options to Sponsor a child.  
Please scan the QR code provided to learn more.  
*You can also sponsor a child in Memory or Honor of someone.  
We will send a card to those who are Honored so they know a donation was made in their name!*



## CECILIA'S CORNER



Have you ever had the urge to connect and bond with other women and just don't know how to make that happen? Women need to be cheerleaders in each others lives, so let's join the same squad.



Join us Wednesday **JANUARY 17TH @ 11:30AM**,  
for a little "Grace and Gratitude"  
Lunch will take place at **BISTRO55**  
**300 ROBERT STREET**  
We hope to see you at this  
amazing lunch!

Grace and Gratitude is not just for ALLMC ladies but for your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues. Come, join us and get to know other sister's in Christ. Have questions? Please contact Cecilia at (985) 641-5829 or [Cecilia@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:Cecilia@aldersgate-slidell.org).

*The month of January, we will collecting supplies for Hospice House. Donations of Pine Sol, Lysol Spray, Wipe and Bleach will be collected till the end of the month.*

Save the date:

Grace and Gratitude- January 17th at Bistro 55 300 Robert Street  
Grown-up's- January 25th at 10:00am in Genesis. Chancery Clerk's office will speak about fraud.

March 2nd- Father Daughter Dance 6-8 in JWC. Mardi Gras themed.

March 23rd- Easter Eggstravaganza 10-12

*This picture was from our Grace and Gratitude December lunch at Nathan's. We had a great turn and amazing fellowship.*



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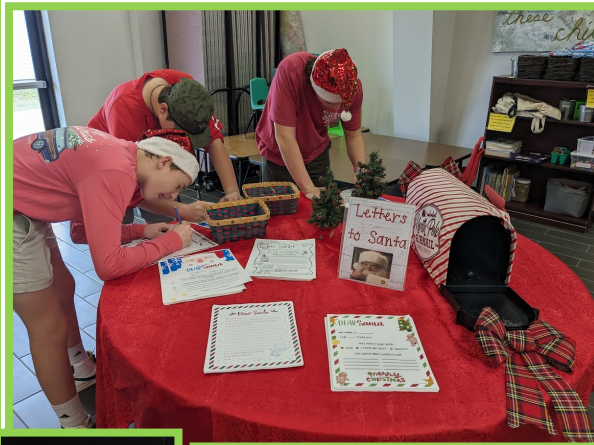
What a fun time we had at *Cookies and Milk with Santa* Santa sat and listened to all the little ones Christmas' wishes. Ms. Claus read Christmas stories and the Grinch, well he was just the Grinch! This year we added a snow machine which was a BIG HIT. Next year we might just have to add a second snow machine. Everyone went home with lots of cookies in their bellies.

Our event would not have been able to take place if it wasn't for Mark and Dede Ricard! They are the most amazing Santa and Ms. Claus. Hands down! Thank you to my volunteers who made the event run smoothly. Charlie and Cylinda Barron, Nancy Walker, Stacey Lovitt, Madeline Malchow, and Mary Ann Dutton, I APPRECIATE YOU ALL!! We had a great turn out from our youth that volunteered their time as well. Thank you to Sam and Henry Hirsh, Hunter and Emma Parrett, Grace Malchow, Aubrey Richards, Blaise Taylor and Sue Helen Ford.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated cookies. The leftover cookies were sent to the Fire Department, Sherriff's Department , Summerfield, Azalea and Greenbrier.



# COOKIES AND MILK WITH SANTA



JANUARY

The Asbury Building

# Youth Group

SUNDAY

Mornings 9-10

Nights 5:30-7:30

WEDNESDAY

Nights 6-7:30

UPCOMING

Happening!

Feb. 16th - 18th



CONTACT

Jacob@Aldersgate-Slidell.org





**HEY KIDDOS** come see us during the Sunday School Hour:  
10-10:45am. *Nursery is available.*

PreK-3 through grade 2 in Susanna Wesley (Apple Tree) Bldgs.  
Grade 3-6: John Wesley Center Room  
(classrooms behind the stage)

## Wednesday Night Groups

Faith Friends: (2nd and 4th Wednesdays from  
6-7pm) Grades 4 through 6

Contact: Jacalyn Epperson: [jacalyn.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:jacalyn.epperson@gmail.com)



CONNECT WITH US ANYTIME ON FACEBOOK!

**Aldersgate UMC Children's Ministry AND Aldersgate  
Children's Ministry Parent Group**

## GLASS RECYCLING OPTION AVAILABLE

### BOTTLES

If you have **GLASS** that you are not otherwise recycling, consider dropping it off at the Ricard's home..562 Florence Dr. 70458 for recycling. Please do not bring glass to church. Glass can only be taken under the following requirements.... ALL Glass must be completely washed and rinsed, but labels *can* be left on. Bottles, jars, and other glass food containers accepted but **NO LIDS PLEASE!** Lids cannot be recycled. Also, please note that light bulbs are not recyclable with other glass.

Batteries + Bulbs on Gause is happy to accept your used bulbs and batteries.

We are **grateful** to the Ricard family for helping keep these items out of the landfills!



**W.S.C.S. (Widows Social Club of Slidell)**  
*Saturday January 27th @ 10:00 am with Guest Speakers*



**Mark Gervais & Barbara Golden**  
*With New American Funding*

*Seminar about generating an income stream without working &  
Different aspects of senior living & downsizing*

All widows are welcome to this group, whose purpose is to allow widows to meet other ladies who have experienced the loss of a spouse & have **FUN!** It's strictly a SOCIAL GROUP with 9 subgroups: Travel, Dining Out, Movies/Theater, Arts & Crafts, Gardening, Crochet/Knitting, Book Club, Cards & Games, & Walking. We are always looking for new/fun stuff to do.

**For more information about W.S.C.S. please contact  
Cindy Alberts at  
985-707-7676 or [cbej@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbej@bellsouth.net)**

Our Grown-up's Thanksgiving Feast was such a fun time of fellowship and food. Everyone left with their bellies full and food for supper. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We have lots of informational speakers lined up for you at the beginning of the year.

**See you January 25th at 10:00 am in Genesis.**  
**Someone from the Chancery Clerks office will speak about fraud and scams.**



# TITHES & PRAYERS

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

	NOVEMBER 2023	YEAR TO DATE
Income	\$ <u>43,001.20</u>	\$ <u>475,320.94</u>
Expense	\$ <u>63,460.78</u>	\$ <u>580,442.36</u>
Surplus <Deficit>	\$ < <b>20,459.58</b> >	\$ < <b>105,121.42</b> >



To help make giving easier, you can scan the QR code provided to complete your **2024 AUMC Commitment Card.**

ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO THE TREASURY; FOR THEY ALL PUT IN OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE, BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THAT SHE HAD, HER WHOLE LIVELIHOOD.

## GIVING TO THE CHURCH ELECTRONICALLY



### SHELBY NEXT GIVING APP

You can download the ShelbyNext app to your phone and give anytime from your mobile device.



### AUMC WEBSITE

Visit our website: [www.aldersgate-slidell.org](http://www.aldersgate-slidell.org) and click on the "Online Giving" option at the top/right of your screen. You have the option of giving a one time gift or you can select the "Make this Gift Recurring" and never have to worry about missing a tithe or offering again.



### AUTOMATED

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a convenient way to give. Simply specify your amount and frequency and provide account information to our Financial Secretary, Jon Nelson, at [jon@aldersgate-slidell.org](mailto:jon@aldersgate-slidell.org). This will ensure your gifts are received regularly without having to worry each month. NO credit card processing fees.

**MAIL** The USPS is still delivering mail. Your gift/tithe can still be mailed to:

Aldersgate UMC  
360 Robert Blvd.  
Slidell, LA. 70458

### EXTERNAL DEPOSIT



If you are out and want to save a stamp, you can drop your offering off at church through our "Church Drop Box" slot located in the alcove by the side door. This drop box leads straight into the Financial Secretary's locked office.

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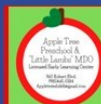
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Women's Group



Apple Tree  
Preschool

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