



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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

Thank You



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

We at Aldersgate United Methodist Church are SO grateful for all of our volunteers! We thank you for your hard work & dedication. We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteers don't necessarily have time, they just have heart!

HE IS RISEN

A Message From Our Pastor—Rev. Mollie McGee

We're starting something new this month in the Connect. You'll now see Aldersgate's monthly Governance Board minutes, so you can keep up with the general business of the church. Our board meets on the third Monday at 5:30pm in Genesis. Each meeting consists of a devotional, leadership development, & general church business. These meetings are always open. Anyone can attend. However, if there is a private personnel matter to discuss the Board will go into Executive Session, which is only open to board members. Each month you will see the minutes from each open meeting we have. Of course, personnel matters remain confidential & will not be published in the Connect. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Mollie, or Ron Davis or Stan Laskos who our 2024 Governance Board co-chairs. I hope this helps you stay on top of what's happening at Aldersgate. *Love and Peace, Rev. Mollie*

Governance Board Minutes March 18, 2024

Co-Chair: Ron Davis	Co-Chair: Stan Laskos	Secretary: Cylinda Barron
Ex-officio Members:	Pastor: Rev. Mollie McGee X	Lay Leader: Lewis Smith
Delegate to Annual Conference: ?		

2024	2025	2026
Denise Liuzza X	Kevin Hanken X	Stan Laskos X
Stacey Lovitt X	Cylinda Barron X	Jacalyn Epperson
Ron Davis X	Dede Ricard X	Gary Grant X

Devotion – Jacalyn Epperson prepared and read by Ron Davis. Looked at different scriptures that dealt with Leadership.

Leading Beyond – Mollie McGee

Finding Our Focus: Who are We?

Making Disciples: Our 3 Intentions

Mission and Outreach

Volunteers and Leadership

Worship

We listed 5 words we would use to describe our church; the top 2 values for the church and what we want our values to be.

We also thought about how the description of our church aligns with the values.

We also did the brand audit and discussed the questions on the audit and how they applied to our church.

Business:

Finance Report: we are still dealing with large, unexpected repairs at the church. We are looking at ways to recoup some of the funds we have had to spend for these repairs.

The conference is requiring 20% less in apportionments this year and next year due to disaffiliations. We will also get 5% reduction for being paid up the last 2 years.

Piano/Musician/Worship Leader: We need to find someone to fill in for the piano for the 2nd service. Cylinda Barron will reach out to the talented music teachers at the local high schools to see if anyone is interested.

Employee Handbook, Paid Time Off: Denise Liuzza and Gary Grant will work on updating the wording for the those parts of the employee handbook.

Annual Conference, Lay Delegate June 11-14: We need to find a lay delegate to attend the annual conference.

General Conference April 23-May 3: This will be available for people to watch virtually.

The person who is renting JWC for the senior citizen seminar was able to get 1 day insurance.

Calendar:

Easter Eggstravaganza – March 23 - Cecilia Richards

Easter Sunday - March 31 - 6:30, 9, 11

(Possibly would like to move sunrise to 7:00am next year)

Van Geaux – April 23 – Suzie Hunt and Cylinda Barron

Senior Sunday, Combined Service and Reception – May 5 – Jacob Lovitt

VBS – June 3-7 – Madelyn Malchow and Pachi Tyser

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. Meetings are on first Saturdays at 8 am in the John Wesley Center.

For questions please call the church office at **985-641-5829**, or email Ron Davis at 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**.

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!*



Grown-Ups

Courtney will speak to us & provide an update on the progress of the Southeast Home. She'll also have salsa and pepper jelly available for sale. See you there!



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GROWN-UPS

APRIL 25, 2024

10AM - GENESIS HALL

JOIN US AS WE WELCOME
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
COURTNEY MURPHY FROM
METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Grace & Gratitude



Ladies

Join us for lunch

April 17th 11:30 am

Cypress Restaurant

158 Military Road.

Grace & Gratitude

Contact Cecilia for more information

REGISTER NOW



give blood..
save lives...

BLOOD DRIVE

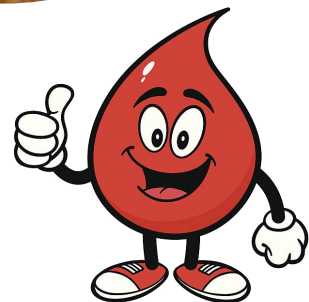
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
April 24 3pm - 7:30



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What's Happening

VBS 2024 Register Now!

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"

June 3 – 7, 2024

9 am – Noon

Potty-trained 3 yr olds
to exiting 5th Grade



VOLUNTEER
Needed!



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR MULTIPLE KIDS IS BEGINNING FRIDAY MAY 12TH!
\$20/CHILD; \$75/FAMILY (SIBLINGS ONLY) AFTER MAY 12TH, \$25/ CHILD

W.S.C.S. (Widows Social Club of Slidell)

Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 am with Guest Speaker



Dionne Graham

*Rainbow Child Care &
My Girlfriend's Closet*



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.

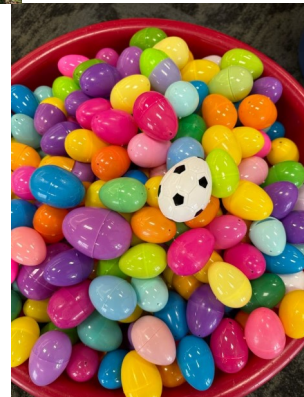
For more information about W.S.C.S. please contact

Cindy Alberts at

985-707-7676 or cbej@bellsouth.net

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Fun!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED CANDY AND/OR THEIR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR EASTER EGG-STRAVAGNAZA. IT WAS SO FUN AND LOTS OF MEMORIES WERE MADE.



Events & More

Van Geaux XIV



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 6-8PM
JOHN WESLEY CENTER

You are invited to an evening of Good Food and Good Fun!

This event is a fundraiser. Winning recipes are selected by your donations & votes are \$1 each. There will also be a Silent Auction. All funds raised at this event will support Aldersgate's mission work in the community, including the annual Youth Mission Trip & the Backpack Blessings ministry.

For more info, contact Suzie Hunt at suzie@suzye-hunt.com
or call the church office at 985-641-5829

WE NEED YOUR
Prayers



Kay Stein & Family
Christian Cleland
Milton & Kit Lizana
Marsha Felder
Joe Byrd
Susanne & Phil Jeffress
Norm Steger
Frances & Lloyd Grafton

Buck Kilbert &
Family
Darlene Olson
Christen Blyth
Louis McGee
Anna Fox
Keydee Cooper
Susan & Gary
Grant
Jack Lynch

Mary Gilmore
Natalya & Family in
Ukraine
Taryn Blanchard
The Blanchard
Family
Kristen VanLeusden
Wil

Aldersgate United Methodist
Church & Staff
The People of Ukraine & Russia &
War-torn areas of the Middle East
Our Country, Our Military,
City Officials,
President Joe Biden; the
Unchurched, Homebound members
Rev. Mollie McGee

THE ASBURY BUILDING



Youth Group



SUNDAY

Mornings 10-11
Nights 5:30-7:30

WEDNESDAY

Nights 6-7:30

CONTACT

Jacob@Aldersgate-Slidell.org

The Asbury Building



SENIOR SUNDAY

May 5th 2024

Children's Ministry News



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



CONNECT WITH US ANYTIME ON FACEBOOK!
**Aldersgate UMC Children's Ministry AND Aldersgate
Children's Ministry Parent Group**

Call For Ministry

"Don't turn your back on God tapping you on the shoulder to get involved in a ministry new to you. Aldersgate is in need of Scripture readers and individuals to do Children's messages at both services, children's Sunday School teachers and/or substitutes, as well as volunteers at our many events!

Do you have musical talents that you're willing to share? We need singers for Choir and musicians for the Praise Band (especially a keyboardist!) All are invited to play bells – no skills needed!

If God is calling you, answer the call and get INVOLVED!"

Tithes & Prayers



	JANUARY 2024	YEAR TO DATE
Income	\$ 40,751.42	\$ 84,389.32
Expense	\$ 62,401.58	\$ 104,190.32
Surplus <Deficit>	\$ <21,650.16>	<\$ 19,801.00>



SCAN THE QR CODE NOW TO MAKE A DIRECT DONATION TO ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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AUMC WEBSITE

Visit our website: 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. 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.

And now a word from our sponsors

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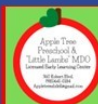
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Apple Tree
Preschool

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