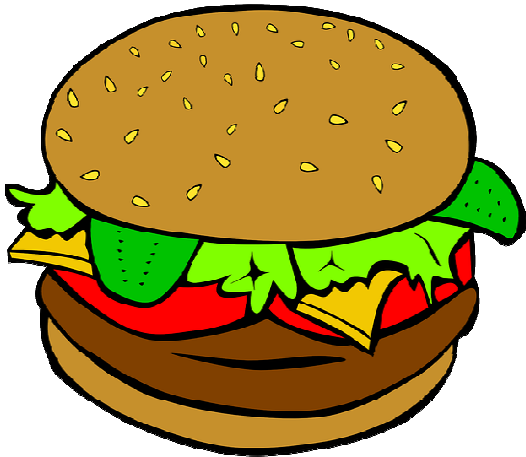


The Open Door

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Barbecue and One Worship Service!

It's time for our Annual Worship and Barbecue! This year's Celebration will be on Sunday, June 11. We will have a **single service** on that date at **10 a.m.** with the Barbecue being held at the end of the service.

The main food will be provided; all of you are asked to bring something to share: salads, desserts, and side dishes. We hope to see you for this wonderful day of worship, fellowship, friends and food!

Also, if you would like, please feel free to bring a thank you note to give to our volunteers because what they do for us has been invaluable and we want to say thank you all!

(See Pastor Scotts Corner for more information).

Office Help!

Hello Church Family,

Shelley has arrived home and we are so happy that all is going well for her. The doctor has told her she cannot drive for two months and that she cannot work back in the office for 3 months.

I was hoping that one of you might like to cover for her during these next three months. She uses the computer quit a bit for her Monday office coverage. She: validates our Sunday numbers with our conference office, She prints up our prayer request and sends those out to the prayer team and makes copies for those who meet for prayer on Tuesday morning, She faxes the Enterprise Record our Sunday service information. These are her specific special responsibilities besides our regular office work

Thanks so much and we look forward to one of you joining our volunteer group.

Janice

Lost and Found

We have been gaining a small collection of things that have been left here the past two months, there are two coats, a hat, and a few small items. Also, someone lost a Physical Training Device in the youth room at the church. (we will need a description of it to give it to you.) Check with our Office Volunteers if you know you left something behind

Pastor Scott's Corner

It has been a year since the Leadership Team decided to cancel the position of paid Secretary in our Church Office. It was last year on May 12 when we informed Vicki Petsche of that decision. It was the following week then that we began to have volunteers serving Aldersgate in our Office. One year later there are two obvious results of this decision.

One, we have 5 people who serve very well in our office Monday through Friday from 10 to 2. Of course, we can use somebody on Tuesdays, but that's not a lamentation. (If you'd be interested in serving on Tuesdays please talk with Janice Garrett!) These volunteers perform many tasks including typing the weekly bulletin, preparing the prayer requests from Sunday Worship, submitting the sermon titles to the newspaper, filing our needed reports to the Annual Conference, answering the telephone, responding to emails, and being a friendly face in the office. One person is responsible for typing and editing this newsletter, and he does that from his home! These tasks are being done without remuneration and I am very grateful for their work.

The second result of this decision is a savings to Aldersgate in an amount of \$34,000 and then some. This was the main motivation behind the decision, and that decision was not warmly received by everyone. We have lost some people over this last year because of it. But a positive result has been our bank account being in the black since last May. We had fallen behind financially in an amount up to \$23,000 in the past. This cost us the loss of one of our Treasurers. So, it is a boundless joy to know that we have been able to pay our bills, as well as 100% of our Conference Support, which we were unable to do as recently as a year-and-a-half ago. So, I thank you for your continued support of the Mission and Ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church through your financial gifts, as well as your prayers, your presence, your service, and your Witness.

And I also want to thank the people that have, and continue to give, of their time so that the office of Aldersgate UMC is functioning. Those people include Janice Garrett (who functions as the Volunteer Coordinator), Cheryl Sharp, Skot Stribolt, Penny Miller, Jeannie Zepp, Shelly Young, and Ken Lind. It also included some who gave their time but decided such work was not for them, or received a job and we lost their help. Those people included Lynn Little, Sheri Stephens, Dick Hiersche, and Lisa Jaross.

All their work has been appreciated and remains so. Therefore, on Sunday June 11th, at our Annual One Service and Barbecue, we are going to take a time to say thank you for these people and the work they have provided! This is not to ignore the other great volunteer work by so many, such as the people who bring goodies on Sunday, those who teach our Bible studies, or who sing in our choir and praise team. It is also not to ignore the many people who serve us as ushers and greeters on Sunday who so warmly welcome us with a smile and a bulletin. It is not to ignore the people who serve on our Committees, and who are always here for a work day, and who count our weekly offerings. All that is greatly appreciated!

We are thanking these volunteers specifically because of the benefit to us financially which is enabling us to be better stewards of the gifts that you, the people of Aldersgate, give us.

On Sunday June 11, if you would like, please feel free to bring a thank you note to give to our volunteers because what they do for us has been invaluable and we want to say thank you all!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday and every Sunday in worship. Be blessed.

My prayers are with you.

Pastor's Bible Study - New Session Began!

Pastor Scott offers a Bible Study for all interested persons every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. His study on the Torah has ended. On May 24, he started a new study on the Book of Luke.

Feel free to come join the Study at either time; both classes cover the same texts every week. All people are welcome to attend! Also, feel free to bring a friend!

Sermons for the Month of June

4. Pentecost Sunday:
"See What Happens When the Fire is Lit!"
Acts 2:1-12
11. After the Fire....: "I Have Nothing for You"
Acts 3:1-10
18. *Father's Day*: "Joseph, A Good Dad"
Luke 2:21-52
25. "Uh-oh, Consequences!"
Acts 4:1-22

On Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Scott is going to start a series on the Book of Acts. This series will last quite a while, into 2018. Such a series is not typical for him, but this is where God led last year when he was planning the sermons for 2016-7. He hopes you will be blessed by this examination.

If you missed any of the earlier ones they have been recorded. You can download them from our website or get a copy on CD. (A \$2 fee is requested for each CD, but not required.)



We have received a few letters of thanks this month. We decided to share them with you:

"Dear Aldersgate UMC,

Thank you for all the love and support you have showered [on] Vince and I. We are so fortunate to have a Church Family to pray for us and to give to us as we start our marriage.

With Thanks,

Mariah and Vinie.

(A cash gift was collected and given to Vince and Mariah Cheney as a wedding present.)

Thank You So Much!!

Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes!

Thank you to those who sent such thoughtful cards and messages of encouragement.

Thank you to the great cooks who shared their tasty dishes AND to those who brought take-out from my favorite restaurants!!

All of you have blessed me in such profound ways!!!!

Hugs!! and I'll see you in church on June 4th!

Shelley Young

"Dear Aldersgate UMC Family,

Thank you so very much for your loving support of our Mom, Arleen, and us during her Hospice care. We know that [moved] Arleen very much and it was your pleasure and joy to care for her.

It was wonderful to feel the outpouring of love from all of you. It gave us a great sense of peace.

With very sincere thanks and love.

The McLane Children: Herb, Beth, Jane, Paul, and Stephen."

Arleen's service will be on SATURDAY, June 17, at 2 pm here at Aldersgate.

"To Janice, Sara, Katya, Linda, and Cheryl,

Thank you all for putting together a memorable Mother's Day Brunch. All the detail – speakers, singers, food, table décor – had 'that touch' and I know how blessed I was as I enjoyed our time together!

Blessings to all,
Rose Schottman

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND	
Jan. 1 Balance	+5,150.41
Mar. 31 Balance	+18,315.91
April Income	+21,947.53
April Expenses	-16,210.86
Coryell gift to savings	-10,000.00
April 30 Balance	+14,052.58

You will see that we have moved the \$10,000 General Fund gift that we received from Dottye Coryell's estate to an emergency savings account. What a blessing!!!! We now have an emergency savings account! The leaders of the church have been hoping to have such an account for years!! Dottye has so blessed the church, as all of you do by your gifts, prayers, presence, service and evangelism!

God Bless! -- Katya Yarosevich, Treasurer

A Word from Leadership

June 11th is our one worship service followed by an all Church potluck. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied by the leadership team. Joe is out of town and challenged Eldon and Chris to cook the meat that will meet his standards. We will need some to cut up tomatoes and lettuce for the burgers, so that may your part of the pot luck. Please call the office if you are going to do so, so that we will know that it is taken care of.

It has been one year since we had to let our office secretary go due to financial constraints on the budget. We had a number of office volunteers step up to cover the office work load and help keep us in the black financially, leaving money in the budget that is able to be put into programs and repairs at the church. Thank you all for this hard work, and Janice for coordinating the work load between all the volunteers. I am not going to try to name all of the volunteers because I know I would miss someone. Thanks for helping to free money up for ministry.

We also acknowledge that there are many , many others that volunteer their time and service to our church body. We want to let them know that their ministries do not go unnoticed.

We have been called to be part of the greater body of Christ, now let's reach others for Him.

Chris

Leadership is looking for a Child Care Provider for Sunday Worship times. Applications and job descriptions are in the office. Job is open until filled.



Walk to Emmaus

Butte area Walk to Emmaus will have an gathering with a potluck on Sept 24, from noon to 3pm. Music, fellowship and teaching after the potluck. This open to anyone who has completed a Emmaus , Curcillo walks or are curious about Emmaus and want more information. More information see Chris or Terrye. Date is subject to trustees approval for room usage.

Membership Class

Pastor Scott will be offering another Membership Class on the first two Sundays in June, June 4 and 11. Classes will be at 6 o'clock Sunday night for two weeks and are open to anyone who would like to participate. Feel free to join us!

Couples

There will be a gathering of the couples at the new home of the Linds on June 24th. It has been many months since thie group has gotten together. We are planning to barbeque and ask that those that plan to attend bring a side dish to share. If you are planning to attend or would like further information contact Ken or Sara at 893-8309 or < sadiecreates@yahoo.com >

Women's Corner



Our Mother's Brunch on May 13th was such a beautiful event. Thank you to Linda, Katya, Cheryl and Sara for the beautiful table decors and food. Also, a very Special "Thank You " to our speakers; Marva Knox and Fran Neuenburg. What wonderful talks they presented. I know we had many creative people there who could be hostesses for a table next year. Thanks to all who attended.

Now on to our next big event, the 'Women's Retreat' on September 15, 16, and 17. . Our speaker will be Diane Jaeger from Yuba City. She is a Christian Life-Coach, and a lay person at the Lutheran church. Our theme is " Living the Joy of YOUR design". Psalm 139. What if you could truly see yourself as God designed you...and then live

as you were designed? The closer we live to His design, the easier life becomes, and the more Joy we experience. Imagine what life could be if you were to stop fighting, over-thinking and adapting your behavior to fit what you "think" you should be or do! As humans it is difficult for us to see the details of God's design for us. God tells us He has made us in His image and yet we tend to look at ourselves as less than that, always trying to figure out how to be better, or fix what we see as flaws. Please put the dates on your calendar and come join us at Mineral near Lassen Park for a restoring and uplifting Retreat. Come join us and Experience the Joy, in living as He designed you!!! We will have the flyers out in June.

Sunday School News



We are grateful for all of the recent help we have received for the kid's Mothers Day gifts. Beautiful, pickle sized and colorful jars were selected by the students. Then with much energy, determination, and joy they began to decorate their jar with adhesive jewels and decorations. A metal insert held a fragrant tea light and each student presented their Mom with a a beautiful gift--- with spare tea lights to complete the gift. 😊



Needless to say, we have adult and student helpers to whom we express our **HUGE THANKS!** Adults who worked side by side with young students were: Karen,, Lynne, Linda, Jeannie, Ellen and Ruthie. The teenagers who admirably assisted young kids were: Kambria, Chancee, Emily, Cole and Jessie. It would be impossible to manage without all these **AMAZING HELPERS** 😊

Submitted by
Ruthie Holland



Board of Trustees

"But you are to seek the place the Lord Your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go." Deuteronomy 12:5 (NIV)

I made a comment to Pastor Scott the other day as I walked into the office to check the BOT mail box, "Man it is nice to have a working air conditioner in here" It was hot outside, but the Church was cool providing momentary relief and a chance to ease my mind and body. We at AUMC are blessed to have had the means to replace the 32 year old failing unit last year.

The BOT would like to take this moment to give a very big thank you to Daryl and Laura Potter for their work as custodians for over the past 3 years. The first week in May saw their last cleaning of AUMC as they are switching gears with a new business venture and additional family commitments that take up Saturdays. The way the ministry schedule works out at Aldersgate, we need to have our cleaning service completed on Saturday. The BOT is gathering some bids and looking at options for getting the custodial work done on Saturdays and within the budget. Currently Barbara Hearndon is doing the cleaning. The BOT appreciates her willingness to take this over and we are hoping to be able to make a decision at our June 2017 meeting.

There are several enhancement and maintenance projects on going. The exterior painting of trim, final coats of paint for doors and putting the new sign up are just to name a few. If anybody has time to help out with these projects, please let a BOT member know.

Congratulations to Oscar and Savannah Morales. on the arrival of their daughter, Sophia Rae. We have had people make excuses to get out of BOT meetings, but the Morales actually scheduled the babies arrival on a regular BOT meeting date. Thank the Lord for a healthy child. Oscar, enjoy being a father and we will keep you up to date and you can join us on the BOT when you are ready.

God bless us all, and continue to serve HIM.
Bryan Graves, BOT Chair

The Vine

"But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:19-20.

In the May Open Door, I mentioned the Vine was going to look at the 10 Commandments. After thinking about it, I changed my mind. The 10 Commandments are part of a video series, which I decided to study later in the year when we spend more time inside. With the nicer weather, I want to get the kids outside, not sitting inside.

I recently read the book "Home Run: Learn GOD's Game Plan for Life & Leadership." The book uses a baseball analogy to look at the story of Joseph & four lessons from it. Sharing the message of this book in June & July is my plan.

Thank you for your support & prayers for the Vine. FYI, The Vine won't meet on Father's Day. If you have questions about what's happening, or ideas for fun activities, please let me know.

Larry Ducommun
Youth leader

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 18-20: Men's retreat: Sept 15 -17 :Women's retreat:				1 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00pm	2 Celebrate Recovery 7 pm	3
4 Pentecost Sunday: "See What Happens When the Fire is Lit!" Acts 2:1-12 The Vine (youth group) 5:pm	5	6 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Debbie's Bible Study Cancelled this week	7 Pastor Scott's Bible Study 10am & 7pm Rm 7-8	8 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00pm	9 Celebrate Recovery 7 pm	10
11 All Church BBQ One service 10 am After the Fire.... : "I Have Nothing for You" Acts 3:1-10 Salvation Army 4:30 pm 16th & Laurel The Vine (youth group) 5:pm	12 Trustees' meet 6:00 pm Rm 7-8 Finance Team 7pm church	13 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Debbie's Bible Study 10-11 am Church Library	14 Pastor Scott's Bible Study 10am & 7pm Rm 7-8	15 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00pm	16 Celebrate Recovery 7 pm (Dinner)	17 Men's breakfast 8:00 a.m. Rm 7-8 Funeral-Arleen McLane 2 pm
18 <i>Father's Day:</i> "Joseph, A Good Dad" Luke 2:21-52 No vine The Vine (youth group) 5:pm	19 Leadership meets 6 :00 pm Rm 7-8	20 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Debbie's Bible Study 10-11 am Church Library	21 Pastor Scott's Bible Study 10am & 7pm Rm 7-8	22 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00pm	23 Celebrate Recovery 7 pm	24 Couples - Lind's 5 pm
25 "Uh-oh, Consequences!" Acts 4:1-22 The Vine (youth group) 5:pm	26	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Debbie's Bible Study 10-11 am Church Library	28 Pastor Scott's Bible Study 10am & 7pm Rm 7-8	29 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00pm	30 Celebrate Recovery 7 pm	Notes:

BIRTHDAYS

Cort Mitchell	6/3
Vera Dye	6/5
Michael Gardner	6/5
Sean Olson	6/6
Thomas Hall	6/6
Kristina Sullivan	6/6
Karin Martin	6/8
LeeAnn Dietrich	6/18

Al Schroeder	6/19
Karie Hamilton	6/21
Ted McCormick	6/23
Kim Preston	6/25
Fran Neuenburg	6/26
John Tobias	6/27
Sara Lind	6/28
Robert Andrew Wells	6/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Debbie Spencer	6/7/75
Ken and Sara Lind	6/10/67
David and Addie Holkan	6/15/13
Tony and Karie Hamilton	6/17/98
Neal and Fran Neuenburg	6/17/61
Gary and Mary Gaffney	6/29/85