



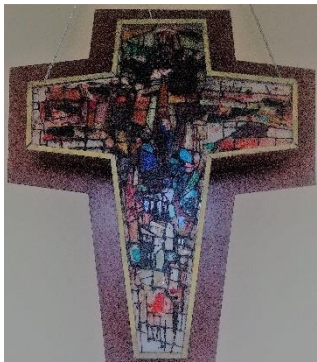
The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

Did You Know



Over the double doors leading into the sanctuary is a very stylized sixties stain glass cross. That cross was commissioned and paid for by Ralph and Molly Wadsworth. Ralph was a music professor at Chico State. The Wadsworths asked Ken Morrow a noted artist/professor at Chico State to design and complete a cross to be hung over the altar in the sanctuary as a focal point. The cross was to be ready for the day of the building's dedication. The finished cross was a very stylized impressionistic depiction of Jesus on the cross. If one looks carefully, one can visualize Jesus...with a crown of thorns on the top and a bit of a face, then a gathering of red glass on the ends of the left and right horizontal bar and at the bottom. The red represents the blood from the nails driven into his hands and feet.

Ralph Wadsworth passed away last week. We would like to thank the Wadsworths for the wonderful gift that they gave Aldersgate United Methodist Church. It has blessed us for over 58 years. **Take time to look.**

Super Bowl

If you are interested in watching the big game with some friends, Pastor Scott and Frances Allred are again opening their home to any and all that might want to watch it at their place. This will be on Sunday, February 3, starting at 3 pm. Please bring a snack to share with others! They have two TVs and two sets of couches, so all can be comfortable!

Pastor Scott's Bible Study

Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study continues in the book of Psalms. Even though he is more than half-way through the book, it's not too late to join!

The class is offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and repeated at 7 p.m. All people, from all churches, are welcome!

Membership Class!

Want to join Aldersgate UMC as a Member? Pastor Scott will be offering his two-day Class on the Sundays of February 10 and 17. (Different dates than were posted in the January Open Door.) The class starts at 6 PM both nights and lasts two hours.

All interested people are welcome to attend, those wanting to join those who are already Members but want to take the class, as well as anyone just wanting to attend.

Please let Pastor Scott know if you will be attending.

Ash Wednesday Noon Communion

It is a month away, but Pastor Scott will again offer a noon Communion Service for all interested persons on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The service will be the ritual of "The Great Thanksgiving" from our hymnal. It will start at 12:15 and will last approximately one half-hour. It is a great way to start the season of Lent. It is open to any that want to come, including students!

Pastor Scott's Corner

Last Monday on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Frances and I decided to take a drive up to Paradise to see the devastation left by the Camp Fire. It was a sad and emotionally moving trip. As I am sure you have seen in news reports, much is destroyed. Some of the places we liked to visit were totally erased, such as Black Bear Diner and Joy Lyn's Candies. The latter was so destroyed I had to circle back to try to find its location.

We found ourselves amazed by what was standing. In some places a single house stood when all else around it was gone. In the middle of some burnt patches, a single structure would be standing. We were asking why? Why that particular place, when all else was a pile of rubble.

We saw the roadsides burnt, stubs of trees now removed, and many still covered by the hulks of cars and trucks that did not escape the raging inferno. Many lots empty of their homes still had the signs on them from when the owners were trying to sell the homes before this all began.

Yes, if you have not been up there and you decide to go, to satisfy your curiosity as we did, steel your hearts, for it is sad. And we don't even live there....

Yet, in the devastation are also many signs of hope and optimism! There are a few signs that say, "We Will Rebuild," "We Are In This Together," and "We Will Survive!" Many of these are hand-painted, placed there by the people who have returned and have started the necessary clean-up. They have already sifted through the rubble, not finding much, yet have already made that decision that this will not defeat their hopes, dreams, and plans. They Will Rebuild!!

For those that wish to, my prayers are with you! I have talked with several people who do not plan to return and have already made their changes; Fred and LeeAnn Dietrich are two such people. But many are and will return. Doug Hayes is counting the days when he can start to rebuild his home. Praise be to God for those of you, and may you have His strength and resolve in the long months that await you.

A few weeks back I mentioned Kerry Livgren, formerly of the Rock group Kansas. I mentioned how he came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. In 1985, Livgren formed a band named AD; it was his first "Christian" band. He wrote the majority of the songs on their first album, "Art of the State." However, unlike many of his Kansas songs, he did not do the singing. The final song on the album is titled "Up From the Wasteland." I was thinking of this song while I was contemplating writing this Corner. For those who have lost homes, businesses, lifestyles, and to those that are rebuilding, Kerry Livgren might have been thinking of a condition like yours when he wrote these lyrics. I hope you might find them a blessing:

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| (1) The traces of tears disappear in the desert
Where hot winds blow
The touch of a conscience is lost
in the ice and snow
Ghosts of great cities, ruins of empires
their specters arise
No sign of the living beneath these skies | (4) Dry bones collected, connected by sinews
Stand as an army of men
Filled with the Spirit, they enter this world again |
| (2) Minutes are passing, they turn into hours
The hours, they drift into days
O, Redeemer, lift us above this maze | (5) Its glorious light, or grey desolation
The lines of the battle are drawn
Jehovah, the rock that we stand upon |
| (3) Up from the wasteland, like a dream
Long forgotten reappearing
Up from the wasteland
Now redeemed, from a winter bleak and weary | (6) Up from the wasteland
We are drawn, to a glory never ending
Up from the wasteland
By His hand, our iniquity transcending |
| | (7) All our enemies beneath His feet
No height, nor depth, nor life, or death
Can take us away from His love |

(K. Livgren, Art of the State, Kerygma Records, 1985)

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for February

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| 3. | Free, to Do What?
"Love Your Neighbor"
Mark 12:28-34 | 17. | "Understand Who the Victor Is!"
Rev. 1:17-18 |
| 10. | "Have No Fear!"
Psalm. 46 | 24. | "Be a Conqueror!"
Rom. 8:28-39 |

After the series Pastor Scott did on Freedom, he will now look at what we can do with our Freedom. All sermons at Aldersgate are recorded, even those done by guests. You may download one from our website, <https://www.chicoaumc.org>, or submit a request for a CD on Sunday

Treasurers Report

Checking Acct.	GENERAL FUND
Nov 30 Balance	21,430.77
Income	20,915.40
Expense	-17,632.94
Adjustment	+ 44.60
Dec 31 Balance	24,757.83

Sunday mornings worshipping & singing, knowing that we're 'in this together' joining hearts and hands, communicating together our love for God & each other.

God wants the best for us.

Note from your Treasurer

Our 2018 finances ended very well. As I thought about what to write, several weeks ago, 'prayer' kept entering my thoughts. According to "Google" prayer is mentioned 132 times (KJV). The "basics" of prayer include - Praise, Thanksgiving, Petition & Intercession. Each of these are vital in our relationship with God, and for me, in healthy human relationships. I thank you for your prayers, being with you on

Blessings,
Rose

The Vine

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10

That passage is one of my favorites, & part of the message that I share with the teens regularly. We are loved, & GOD wants a relationship with us. Knowing that, how does it impact how you act & how you to treat others?

The Vine will not meet on Sunday, Feb.3 so the teens can gather with friends & family to watch the game or spend time with their family. We will meet on Sunday, 2/10 & 2/24 as normal. Winter camp is happening on Friday evening, Feb. 15 to Monday morning, Feb. 18. I need to know who is going by Feb. 7, so I can let pastor Steve McFarland, the camp director, know. I'll have registration forms for the teens on Sunday morning.

Thank you for your prayers & supporting the Vine. If there are questions of what's happening at the Vine, please let me know.

Larry Ducommun
youth leader

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	2
3 Free, to Do What? "Love Your Neighbor" Mark 12:28-34 The Vine 5:00 pm	4	5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	6 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	7 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	8 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	9
10 "Have No Fear!" Psalm. 46 The Vine 5:00 pm	11 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	12 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	13 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	14 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	15 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	16 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
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Birthdays

Marva Knox	2/3
Larry Ducommun	2/5
Kelly Williams	2/6
Evelyn Carpenter	2/6
Talea Mitchell	2/6
Janice Garrett	2/8
Faye Brown	2/14

Terrye Lucas	2/15
Josie Graves	2/15
Skot Stribolt	2/17
Don Escola	2/18
Ken Lind	2/24
Olivia Lopez	2/28

Anniversaries

Chris and Karolyn Gardner – 2/19/73