



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

June Barbecue and One Worship Service!

It's time for our Annual Worship and Barbecue! This year's Celebration will be on Sunday, June 9. 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 meat 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! By the way, the main dish, cooked by Joe Hejl and Chris Gardner, will be Tri-Tip!!!

On that day we will also have a cake in honor of George Fenley's being graduated from Fuller Seminary! Congratulations George! It should be a wonderful day for all!



Congratulations Graduates!

We have three people from our Aldersgate Congregation who have, or are, being graduated this June.

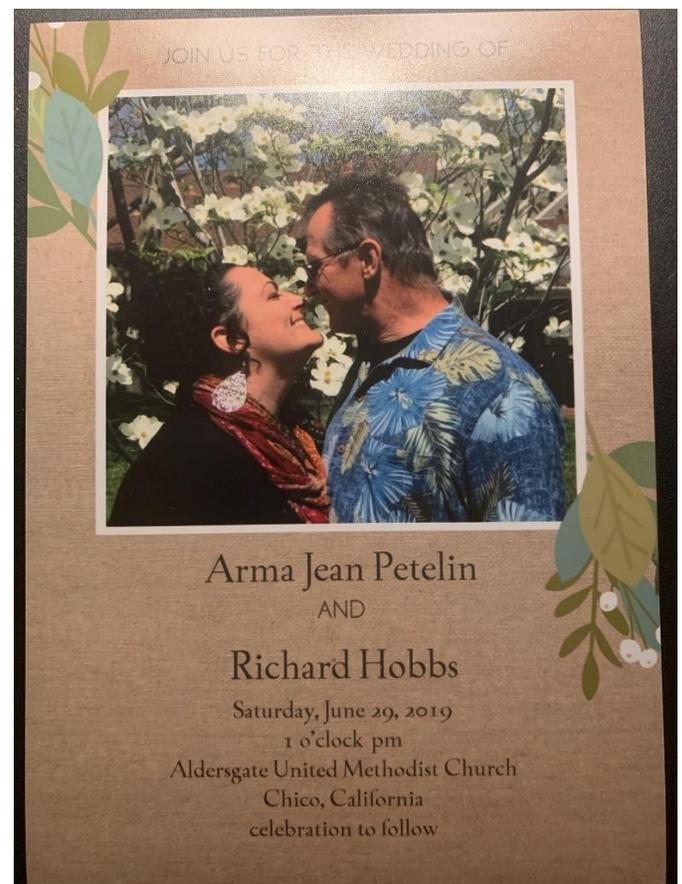
Congratulations are then sent to....



- George Fenley!! He has completed his master's in theology at Fuller Seminary!
- Sean Olsen!! He has completed his degree from UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences. Sean, who completed his education in December, had a job waiting for him in the SF Bay area. He went through Ceremonies last week.
- Austin Fenley!! Austin will be graduated from High School in another week!

Congratulations to all of you, and may God bless you in your futures!

Your Invited...



Pastor Scott's Corner

Frances and I love pizza and have it on many a Wednesday. Yesterday, as I was coming home for Papa Murphey's on Eaton, holding a half-n-half All Meat and Hawaiian pizza, I was reminded of a question that has been bouncing on Facebook this past week: "Yes or no, does pineapple belong on a pizza?" You may think you already know my answer since I said I was holding a pizza that was one-half Hawaiian. (If you don't know, that's Canadian Bacon and Pineapple.) But you'd be wrong. My answer is, "Would Al Capone eat a pizza with Pineapple on it?" More specifically, would any Sicilian eat such a pizza?? Since my Dad worked for Sicilians for 32 years, I think I can say, with confidence, no. Therefore, that would be the "correct" answer.

Or would it....

You see, my wife loves Hawaiian, which was why I bought it. Honestly, I do too! I had two pieces of it; she had one of mine. So, even though I say with Confidence "Scarface Al" would not eat it, Frances and I do, so my answer would be yes.

Yes and no, how can that be???

Because the bottom line to the question is, regardless of how much debate it might muster, "Do you like pineapple on your pizza?" It's not, "Is it right to put pineapple on a pizza?" Or, "Is it acceptable to put pineapple on a pizza?" The issue is personal preference and opinion, and such is not, and cannot be "wrong." I can't stand anchovies on a pizza! I will not eat a pizza that has them on it because even when removed, the salty oil of that stinking fish remains on the pizza, and that's all I can taste!!! Is it therefore wrong? No. Do I want them on my pizza? No

Doesn't make my opinion correct; it just makes it my opinion.

We finished the Psalms this past Wednesday in my Bible Study. (Some said, "Thank God!") The last five Psalms are all Praises; they all start and end with the phrase "Praise the LORD." The very last, Ps. 150, is a series of exhortations of just how to Praise God. In those are stated the following:

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, ...the harp and lyre, ...with timbral and dancing, ...with the strings and pipe, ...with the clash of cymbals, ...with resounding cymbals. (Ps. 150:3-5)

The exhortations here are to Praise God with many things, including dance!!! Note the trumpet, strings, loud, clashing cymbals!!!

If you have been a part of the Christian Church for any length of time, you have probably heard someone, at some time in your life, make a statement about "Christian Music." They will say "X is Christian, all others are of the Devil." What is X? It depends on who is making the statement. For some, X is only the old Hymns, or music only accompanied by an organ. Some might say, "God listens to Classical Music!!! I say, "Have you ever read the words of Braham's Love Sonnets in their original German? There was a time in Christian History that singing in harmony was considered of the Devil!! Harmony!! Then in the '50s the common phrase became "Rock and Roll is of the Devil!"

Says who???. To me this statement is equal to the question about Pineapple on a pizza: it's a matter of personal taste and opinion. But, looking at Ps. 150, such a statement is not Biblical. *Let all that have breath Praise the Lord!* (Ps. 150:6). Do you like Country-Western? Praise God with it? Blue Grass? Symphonic? Heavy Metal? Rap?? Yes, even Rap had a large Christian following. Praise God with it!

You may not like some of the genres that people will Praise God with. That's OK, you don't have to; but one's dislike does not make it wrong, or not of God. After all, don't we have two services here at Aldersgate, with two different music styles? Hasn't George led us a few times with some CW tunes? Think about it....

Let all that have breath Praise the LORD; but let them do it in a way they choose, not in a way you or I would prefer.

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of June

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| 2. | Lord, Teach Us to Pray "Our Daily Bread"
Matt. 6:11 | 23. | Lord, Teach Us to Pray
"Forgive Me"
Matt. 6:12, 14-15 |
| 9. | Pentecost Sunday: "The Opposite of Fear"
Acts 2:1-13, Ex. 20:18-21 | 30. | Lord, Teach Us to Pray
"Keep Me from the Evil One"
Matt. 6:13 |
| 16. | <i>Father's Day:</i>
"What Makes for a Good Man?"
Ps. 15 | | |

All sermons in Aldersgate are recorded, even those by guest Preachers. You can download them from our website or get a copy on CD. (A \$2 fee is requested for each CD, but not required.)

Pastor's Bible Study - New Session to Begin!

Pastor Scott offers a Bible Study for all interested persons every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. His study on the Book of Psalms has ended. On June 5, he will start a new study on the Book of Luke. (After the time spent in the Minor Prophets and Psalms, he wanted to return to a Gospel.)

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!

Vacation Bible School!

It's still a month away but mark your calendars for July 8-12. We will hold VBS on those days starting at 9 am every day. If you would like to help in any way, teaching, crafts, games, snacks, or in provision of any of these, please talk with Ellen Martinez now!

The Vine

June is one of a teen's favorite months because school is OVER! School's out for summer! The Vine will continue to meet through the summer and do some fun activities together. As far as I know, in the fall, I'll have teens from 7th grade to 12th grade.

One of my goals with lessons is to make them experiential. I don't want the teens to just hear me talk and tune me out like a teacher at school, but experience what I'm sharing with them. Through those experiences, hopefully they will remember the lesson, the concept, & GOD's love more.

Thank you for donating your CA CRV recycling. it will help to pay for some of the activities we'll do this summer. You can leave them in Room 6 (the youth room), let me know on Sunday that you have recycling in your car & I'll get it, or I will pick it up from your home.

If you have ideas for lessons or activities, please let me know. I appreciate your support & prayers for the teens, the Vine, the lessons, & me.

Larry Ducommun
Youth leader

Annual Conference Session

This year's Annual Conference Session of the California-Nevada Conference of the UMC will be held June 19-22 in Modesto, California. This year Pastor Scott will be attending as will Chris Gardner, and first year Rookie Norm Teter. They are your Lay Members to ACS. Please keep them in prayer these 4 days. There are many things happening at this Conference concerning the future of the UMC as a Denomination. Your prayers are coveted!

Due to the scheduling of the Conference Session Pastor Scott's Bible Study will not happen on Wednesday, June 19.

Shasta Camp (For campers 3rd thru 6th grade)

Shasta Camp 2019 will take place June 25th – 28th (Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to Friday 12:00 noon). With great thanksgiving most of last year's staff have 're-upped' for another year of serving God and creating a great place for kids to grow in faith, experience camping at its best and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A great thanks to returning staff, listed with your prime responsibility: Rod Brayfindley (Camp Speaker); John Villani (Music Guru); Terry Barber (Head Cook); Matt Barber (Boating); Lori Green (Camp Nurse); Jan Sinnott (Crafts); Sonia Samelson (Choir) Daniel Cain (Song Leader and Videographer) Melanie Kinchloe (Service Project) Bob Lewis (Kitchen, Coffee and Hot Chocolate) and Camp Moms/Dads: Cindy and Cassie Day, Mark Peterson. If we are mistaken on any of these responsibilities, please let us know ASAP.

There is still staff needed, especially Camp Moms and Camp Dads and Junior Counselors. We have several persons who have expressed interest, and we will start confirming them shortly.

At this point we wanted to get the Camp Application out to you, because what is needed most is: **CAMPERS**. Tomorrow email letters will go out to the 43 Campers who were a part of Shasta Camp 2018.

Changes from last year:

We have increased the fee from \$150 to \$160. (Although we will continue to offer generous scholarships if needed).

Registrations will be process by: Point Pleasant UMC, 3329 Pt. Pleasant Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757
Pastor Kathryn Dunning will be stepping away from the tri-director role.

So, start getting the word out.

Thanks so much for being an important part of what will be 23 continuous years of Shasta Camp.

Your brothers in Christ,

Pastor Dave Samelson
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Special Kairos Fundraiser!

There is a Special Event for Kairos planned for the month of June. Several people who have worked Kairos Events are planning on attending. If you would like to go, you can join the caravan together! Here are the particulars:

Hello to all Kairos prison ministry supporters. The Advisory Council for CSP Sacramento invites you to the 3rd Annual Fajita Fundraiser to be held on June 15th at 5:00pm at Loomis United Methodist Church, 6414 Brace Road in Loomis.

The Kairos Prison Ministry has achieved much success with 4day retreats now being held in both B and C yards each year. As well, the inmates who have done the retreat now hold their own 2-hour prayer and share meetings 6 times per month. GOD is at work changing hearts and minds on the harsh culture of the prison yard.

Of course, this powerful and effective ministry costs money, but we believe in eating well and having fun while we do fundraising.

The evening will feature not only good fresh food, but also live music a silent auction and a very interesting speaker, Therese Gianelli, Community Relations Officer, at CSP Sacramento, (Folsom) The cost is \$15 per person with reservation and \$17 without reservation. You can make reservations by replying, or to Sandy at lumc.churchsecretary@gmail.com. Feel free to bring a friend or three as we always have plenty of food. See you there.

Leadership

Leadership is planning the BBQ for June 9. Come and enjoy good food and time with friends. Meat will be BBQ by Joe and Chris. This will be a pot luck event so bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Scott also discussed annual conference June 18-20 and Men's retreat where Meshi (the tour guide from Israel) will be a guest speaker. We were reminded that Vacation Bible School will be in July and Scott will be gone the last two Sundays in July.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Our Daily Bread" Matt. 6:11 The Vine 5:00 pm	3	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	5 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	6 Praise team 7:00 pm	7 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	8
9 Pentecost Sunday: "The Opposite of Fear" Acts 2:1-13, Ex. 20:18- The Vine 5:00 pm	10 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	11 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	12 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	13 Praise team 7:00 pm	14 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	15 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
16 <i>Father's Day:</i> "What Makes for a Good Man" Ps. 15 NO VINE	17 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	18 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	19 NO Pastor Scotts Bible Study	20 Praise team 7:00 pm	21 Celebrate Recovery 7pm Dinner	22
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Birthdays

Cort Mitchell	6/3
Vera Dye	6/5
Sean Olson	6/6
Thomas Hall	6/6
Karin Martin	6/8

Karie Hamilton	6/21
Kim Preston	6/25
Fran Neuenburg	6/26
Sara Lind	6/28

Anniversaries

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