



The Open Door

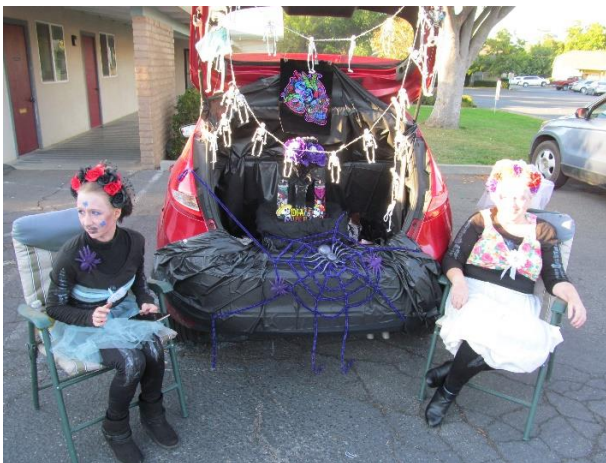
A publication of Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2869 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA 95973

October 2018
Phone: 530.893.8640

A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors



We will be having our Sixth Annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween Night, Wednesday, October 31, in our Parking Lot starting at 5 pm. Bring your decorated car, plenty of candy (you can run out!), and a great attitude to provide a safe place for children to do some Trick-or-Treating on Halloween! Anyone can join us to be a part of the fun. Once again, we will allow the children who come to pick the winners of the decorating! Come out and have fun!



Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Our Eighth Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest will be on Sunday, October 28, at 5:00 pm! We will have a nacho and potato bar; the potatoes will be provided; please bring the goodies to stuff them! This has been a great time for the people who have participated in the past. People who do not carve can be judges, so there is something to do for all. There will be some form of entertainment during the judging; what is yet to be determined. Come for a fun time of fellowship and blessing!



Pastor Scott's Corner

Ok, I saw something really disturbing this past week. You may not find it disturbing, but I did.

I am sure you would not be surprised to find that I subscribe to some car Magazines. Yes, 'tis true. A few of them post results of some of the many "Collector car Auctions" that happen around the country. My personal opinion is, and has been for almost 20 years, that these auctions are destroying the car hobby! That includes sites like eBay. The prices on some cars have gone crazy, and these auctions are responsible for that – in my opinion! Jerry and I have often gotten some great laughs out of some cars we have seen for sale at shows. I mean people will ask 20 grand for a non-operating piece of junk! But, the seller will say, "One of these sold for 70 grand at Barrett-Jackson last month!" Not looking like yours, it didn't!!

Well, the disturbing news.... A new record for a price paid for a car at an auction was set at the Sotheby's Monterey Auction on August 24-25. Are you sitting down? According to the September 27 edition of *Old Cars Weekly*, a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO sold for... \$48,504,000! You saw that correctly – 48.5 MILLION dollars for a car!!! One of only 36 such cars ever built, the previous owner had it for 20 years. My question is, what will the next one go for? I love cars, but this is ridiculously over the top!!! \$48 million for a car!!!!

What can you do with 48 million dollars? According to an article written in 2007 for the Illinois Review, you can build a school in Africa for far less than that; 47 million less. You can provide housing for widows and orphans, and probably have MUCH left over! You can send thousands of students to the colleges of their choice. You can build a new worship facility right here in Chico, and probably still have 40 million to play with! You can fund hospitals, orphanages, feed the hungry, cloth the naked.... You get the point. You can do many things that will serve the Lord and help others. Or... you can buy a car that you will not even drive. After all, "It's too valuable to put on the street." (I hear and read that line all the time!)

The writers of the Wittenburg Door (it was intentionally misspelled by the creators) asked a similar question in the '80s concerning the building of the Crystal Cathedral. They created a list of some 32 things that could be done with 18.5 million, and concluded their question with, "Or, you can build a church made of glass on a faultline in Southern California." (Citation from memory.)

On the other side, it was that person's money to do with what he/she wanted. I never want to take that away for I am not a Socialist. But as a car guy, I can think of the MANY cars I could buy with 48.5 million dollars, and I would rather do that. I could fill a warehouse with cars for that amount and have some left over to buy my Motorhome!!!

What do we do with our money, and what is our attitude for and with it? Do we use it to bless others or just ourselves? Do we give in an attitude of worship, or do we see tithing as a form of an obligation?

These questions will be discussed this month as we have our "Consecration Sunday" on October 21. Details for this event will be forthcoming this month. I do hope you will be a part of it with us, and with my friend, Gary McAnally, as he brings the Word on that Sunday.

Be blessed, and my prayers are always with you.

Sermons for the Month of October:

- | | | | |
|-----|--|-----|---|
| 7. | "He Could Have Gone Free!"
Acts 25:13-CH. 26 | 21. | Consecration Sunday!
Rev. Gary McAnally preaching! |
| 14. | Kairos Weekend,
Neal Neuenberg Preaching!
The Secret To Contentment,
Psalm 100, Philippians 4:4-13. | 28. | "Adrift... A Blessing"
Acts 27 |

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

You are all invited to a free catered luncheon on October 21st! Is there a catch? Well...the "price" of admission is attendance at the combined worship service preceding the luncheon, during which we will all have the opportunity to praise and worship God with our gifts. To thank him for his life-giving grace, for the sacrifice of our Lord - with our gifts. Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the Biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. New Consecration Sunday is based on the Biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"



During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we will ask our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church. These gifts support God's work in this community and around the world. But is this the main focus of the day? No!! The focus is on Giving as an Act of Worship!

Every attendee will be given the opportunity to complete an Estimate of Giving Card. Please attend even if you feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During the morning worship our guest leader, Rev. Gary McAnally, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

The Consecration Sunday celebration is October 21st at 10 am at the Boys & Girls Club (601 Wall Street) in Chico. The catered luncheon will be immediately following the service. When given the opportunity to do so, please complete a reservation card. We look forward to sharing this glorious worship opportunity with you!! -- Katya Yarosevich, Consecration Sunday Chair

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Scott offers a Bible Study for all interested persons every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. He is currently looking at the Book of Psalms. Feel free to come join the Study at either time; both classes cover the same texts every week. Because of the length of the Psalms, the largest book in the Bible, this study will probably continue through the New Year. All people are welcome to attend.

The study will not happen on Wednesday, October 10 due to Kairos, and October 31 due to Halloween.

Thanksgiving Dinner Coming!



It's a little early, but we will be having our Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 18. This has been a great event the previous six years! Mary Gaffney has come on board to be the Coordinator for this year's dinner! Thank you Mary!! If you would like to help in any way, talk with her. More details will come in next month's Open Door.

Mark your calendars now!

Kairos 22

Kairos 22 will be happening at Folsom Prison on October 11-14. At this time Pastor Scott, Gary Gaffney, Ron Wooten, Chris Gardner, and Norm Teter will be attending as Inside Team Members. Terrye Lucas and AJ Petelin will be attending as Outside Team Members. Terrye will be serving as the Kitchen Coordinator! (That's the largest group of any single Church with people working! Praise God for the Missional Work by the people of Aldersgate!)

Of course, the rest of you can help through your prayers, as well as gifts of cookies, hands, and posters. The website for Kairos 22 is open, so you can sign up for a slot on the 24-hour Prayer Wheel if you feel so led. Chris and Terrye are already on that Wheel, and they are working the event!! You can check the website here: <http://folsomkairos.org/index.htm>. On it will appear the guidelines for the cookies, hands, and posters. These will be needed by Wednesday, October 10 by 2 pm.

Please keep the Team Members in prayer, but more so, please pray for the "Men in Blue" that God will be calling to be a part of this special event. This will be the first Kairos in Cell Block B; the newness needs extra prayer. Thank you!

Joyful Hosannas in Concert

Early Saturday evening, Sept. 14, Aldersgate was blessed as Joyful Hosannas led an expectant congregation in a hymn-sing. Church regulars were joined by groups from Sycamore Glen and Oakmont in making music together. Veronica Davis, Marty Morrison, and Patty Bell, accompanying on piano, helped us all make a joyful sound. Much of the hymn sing time was led by Marty on violin or guitar and Veronica's lovely voice. In addition, they sang in duet and Veronica in solo voice. The evening was capped off with Veronica singing "The Lord's Prayer" as we bowed in closing worship. An evening topped off with yummy desserts... Such a blessed time!!!



Celebrating Our Voices of Recovery

What an honor to serve as the Co-Coordinator for the Celebrating Our Voices of Recovery in the City Plaza on September 20th. We had a table for our Friday night Celebrate Recovery as well as for Paths Straight to Recovery. There were 31 exhibitors from Butte County Behavioral Health, other therapy groups, Rape Crisis, Catalyst, Serenity, AA, NA, 10 Transition homes and Rehabs, Enloe, 6th Street Center, and many more. At the end of the night we passed out 256 candles for a candle lighting service with about 1/2 the group that didn't have a candle as we were limited on how many we had. As I looked out over the group as they lit up the plaza, I was overwhelmed with God's Grace, Mercy and Love of His children!

Terrye

Baptism!



On Sunday, September 23, we had the blessing of sharing in the sacrament of baptism! Isabelle Petelin was baptized into the name of Jesus during our first service. She has been very active in our Sunday School and Awana and asked to be baptized! Praise God for this young life!

The Vine

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:10-11

In September, I started a series about the armor of GOD from Ephesians 6. For 5 weeks we're looking at the different pieces of the armor of GOD to deal & protect ourselves in our spiritual warfare.

In October, the 2019 GOD's Creation wall calendars will be available. The calendars are \$10 each & are a fundraiser for the Vine activities.

Thank you also to the people who donate the California redemption value aluminum cans, glass bottles & plastic bottles. I'm also using these funds for different Vine expenses & activities. I'll continue to accept your CRV items this fall & winter.

I appreciate your continued prayers for the teens, for me, & this ministry.

Treasurers Report

Checking Account General Fund

July 31 Balance	20,445.12
Income	13,532.15
Expense	17,753.14
Correction	<u>108.63</u>

Aug. 30 Balance 16,332.76

A Note from your Treasurer

Nehemiah 10:37-39, especially the last sentence, says "We will not neglect the house of our God." What does that mean to you? For me, it means taking care of our house of God just as I, would and do, take care of my own home. And there is a lot to take care of in keeping our homes in order - just as there is a lot to take care of our house of God, whether it's repairs, paying utilities, helping others in need . . . It all requires money and time. And God gives to us so generously!

In October we will have one worship service, Consecration Sunday on October 21st. This will be a time to commit to giving back to God a small portion of what He has given you. After all everything is His anyway!

God wants the best for us! Blessings,
Rose

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	3 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	4 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	5 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	6
7 "He Could Have Gone Free" Acts 25:13-CH. 26 Communion The Vine 5:00 pm	8 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	10 <u>NO</u> Pastor Scott's Bible Study (Scott at KIAROS)	11 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	12 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	13
14 Kairos Weekend, Neal Neuenberg Preaching The Secret To Contentment Psalm 100, Philippians 4:4-13. The Vine 5:00 pm	15 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	16 Men's Bible Study 6:9 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	17 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	18 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	19 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	20 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
21 Consecration Sunday! Rev.Gary McAnally preaching! (10am at Boys and girls club) The Vine 5:00 pm	22	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	24 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	25 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	26 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	27
28 "Adrift... A Blessing" Acts 27 The Vine 5:00 pm	29	30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	31 HALLOWEEN <u>NO</u> Pastor Scott's Bible Study Trunk or Treat 5pm			

BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Patterson	10/1	Sherry Pozzi	10/8
George Pelayo	10/4	Susan Hartman	10/10
Shelley Young	10/5	Craig Hawes	10/16
Eunice Toussaint	10/6	Roger McEuen	10/16
Mariah Allred	10/9	Allexandra Perez/Dege	10/17
		2Veronica Tobias	10/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Lee Ann Dietrich	10/30/75
---------------------------	----------