



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors



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A message from The Joyful Hosannas

Greetings to our Aldersgate family! Three years ago, we began a journey of devoting our love and respect of hymns into a formal ministry. The love and support we have received from this congregation has been a tremendous gift to our spirits and our hearts. God has been ever faithful to open doors and opportunities to share our ministry with neighboring churches and assisted living facilities in many different communities. In order to pursue more of these opportunities and growth of our ministry, Veronica and Martha (Marty) will not be joining the choir this season. While you will see less of us on Sunday mornings, we are looking forward to our concert / hymn-sing on Sat. September 15th and are already preparing music for our annual Christmas program here at Aldersgate in December.

Pray for us as we pray for you.

In His Love,
The Joyful Hosannas

(Dessert Potluck happening after!)

CONCERT / HYMN-SING
Sat. , September 15th @ 5:00pm
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
2869 Cohasset Rd. Chico, Ca.

Praise God with timeless hymns

**Free admission*

**Dessert potluck hosted by Aldersgate*

**Love offering will be taken 501(c)(3)*

** For more information*

see us on Facebook or call:

(530) 345-2345 or email christstidings.org@gmail.com

WHAT: Awana@Aldersgate

WHEN: Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 – April 30th, 2019 6p.m. – 7:45p.m.

WHERE: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2869 Cohasset Road

WHY: Because kids matter to God!!

OUR CLUBS: Cubbies: Pre-K (ages 3 and above & must be potty trained), Sparks (Kindergarten – 2nd grade, T&T (3rd – 6th Grade)

Registration: Cost is \$45.00 for 28 weeks. (this covers the cost of a vest/shirt, books, and awards, prizes and store night!) Call the church office for more information: 893-8640



Pastor Scott's Corner

Something very moving happened at a graveside funeral I presided over on August 16.

Five years ago, I was asked by a local Mortuary if I would be interested in presiding over a Graveside for a family with roots to Chico, yet none lived here anymore. They were longtime UMs, and they desired a United Methodist Pastor. I did the funeral; it was for their Mother. This June their Father died and I was asked if I would like to perform his service as well. I agreed.

The date was set for August 16. He had been cremated so the timing was not an immediate need. In the period between June and September, one of the two sisters had seen a photograph in the Chico ER of their Mother's Sister at a public event here locally. Their Mother and their Aunt had not talked with each other for 50 years! They did not know why; they just knew their Aunt was still in Chico, unaware that either her Sister or her Brother-in-law had died. One of the Sisters asked me if I would be interested in locating the Aunt and asking if she would be willing to attend the service. I prayerfully agreed, although not knowing, if I found her, what the reception would be.

I found her! She was in the exact location and event of the picture. It turns out she was part of a Senior's Club that met regularly. I introduced myself and told her I had been in contact with her Nieces. I will admit it was an odd conversation, and emotional, as I told her, her Sister had died five years earlier. She told me what the Niece had said, she and her Sister had not talked for fifty years. Thoughtfully, she accepted the invitation to the service, but asked that I not tell the Nieces of her decision. I thought in that fashion if she didn't show there would be no expectations.

She came!

She arrived earlier than the two Nieces, so we had a chance to meet and talk. She told me she had "Googled" me to make sure I was legitimate! HA!! Then I saw one of the two Nieces arrive, the one who had asked me if I could find her Aunt. She saw me and said "hi," not noticing the woman standing next to me. I called to her and told her there was someone that wanted to meet her.

It was a beautiful, tear-filled meeting and reunion! I was crying as well, as was the Mortuary Attendant. Then the other Niece arrived, and the tears flowed even more. While that was going on, other people, long-time friends of the family, started arriving. They all recognized the long-separated Sister, and more tears flowed. They spent time catching up and asking about family, children, and spouses. The Aunt shared that she had had a terrible two years with the loss of her Husband, her son, and her dog. The knowledge of her Sister's death was tempered by this joyful, and long-awaited reunion.

I was very glad to have been a part of it. The Mortuary Attendant and I agreed to delay the start of the service due to the joy and tears that were flowing. The service started at 10:25 instead of 10, and all were happy and blessed.

I have known others with very similar stories. Two brothers who did not talk to each other for 35 years. A father and son who did the same for 30 years over some long-forgotten argument. I am happy to say that in both stories there was a reconciliation before the death of one of them. The brother whom I knew going to his Brother's deathbed and apologizing. The father, on his deathbed, called his son and asked if they could talk. I performed the latter's funeral, and I was pleased to know the Son was there, joyfully thanking God for what had transpired a day before his father died.

There is a song from the '80s by the group *Mike and the Mechanics* titled "In the Living Years." The song was penned by Mike Rutherford and B.A. Robertson. Mike helped write it in '86 upon learning of his Father's death, a father he had turned against in the '60s. Mr. Robinson had also had a departure from his father, who had also died. In the song are the lyrics, "It's too late, when we die, we don't see eye to eye." For me the song rings very true. It's too late, we when are dead....

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Brothers and Sisters, I believe in Resurrection! Jesus rose from the dead; he even raised Lazarus after 4 days proving it can be done! I BELIEVE in resurrection! Well, if the dead can rise again (and will upon Jesus' return), then reconciliation for the living is a simple task!! At least I think it can be. Is there someone in your life that you have not seen or spoken to in years? While they and you are still alive, reconciliation can happen! It might take some effort, but it can be done, especially through Jesus for through whom all things are possible!

Who are you thinking of?
My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of September

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| 2. Labor Day Weekend
"He's Not Fit to Live!"
Acts 22 | 16. "A Plot Disarmed"
Acts 23 |
| 9. "I Am On Trial for the Resurrection of the Dead"
Acts 22:30-23:11
Gideon's visit | 23. "Paul Before Felix"
Acts 24 |
| | 30. "I Appeal to Caesar"
Acts 25:1-12 |

All sermons given on a Sunday at Aldersgate are recorded. You can download them from our website or get a copy on CD. (A \$2 fee is requested for each CD; but is not required.)

The Gideons to Visit

On Sunday, September 9, Phil Hoff of the Gideons International will be with us to give a short presentation on the work of this Organization that has been putting Bibles in the hands of individuals and the drawers of your favorite Hotel for years! Today, only 10% of their work is on the Hotel end of it. Come and learn what this group is doing in the work today.

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. This study will go for quite some time, as there are 150 Chapters in that book! All people are welcome to attend.

Leadership Board

The Leadership Board met Aug 27.

We would like to thank Gary Gaffney for the hours he has spent helping our ministries with their computer issues and helping upgrade the security of our office computer.

Bob Knox will attend the Chico Interfaith Conference and report back to us.

If you have any questions, ask any board member. We will be happy to help.

Trustees

SANCTUARY HVAC – Having had the need for additional service calls for the heating and air system serving the sanctuary, the Board of Trustees is investigating the cost of repairs to the system to keep it running effectively. Thankfully, in the meantime, the cooler weather is helping to keep us comfortable in the sanctuary.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM - Our semi-annual hood system (over the stove) was inspected in August by our fire suppression contractor and passed with flying colors.

FACILITY RENTAL - Just a heads up that we have a facility rental by Life Line Screening on Wednesday September 5th from 8:30am - 5:30pm in the sanctuary. BOT members will be on-site during the event.

CHURCH VANDALISM - We've had some recent issues with the locks on the choir room and back shed being tampered with, so they've both been replaced. In addition, we're looking to make sure all of the external electrical outlet plugs have metal locking covers instead of plastic ones, as apparently uninvited guests know how to melt through the plastic ones....lesson learned!

Susan Hartman
Chair, Board of Trustees

Preston Scott Cheney Born!!!

All thanks be to God for the birth of the Allred's first Grandchild! Mariah Cheney gave birth to Preston on Saturday, August 25! She, baby, and Daddy Vince are all doing well! Baby came in at 6 pounds and 19 inches. The middle name you will most likely recognize. The first name was his Great-Grandfather, who died right around the time of Mariah and Vince's Wedding in April 2017. Praise be to God for his gift of life!



Men's Retreat at Shasta Camp



This year's theme for the men's retreat was "What is God calling me to do in my church." We explored ideas to help the men think about areas of ministry that they could do at their own church. Our speakers shared their lives and their service ministries for God. Richard Hobbs shared his dream and reality for the Pathways Straight

to Recovery ministry. Norm Teter shared how the Salvation Army has been a calling in his life and how it leads him to get people to sign up as bell ringers at Christmas time. Chris Gardner shared his heart for men by helping them go deeper in their walks with God thru Walk to Emmaus. Kevin Stott teed off Chris' talk and shared how Emmaus created a fire in his heart for the homeless in Yreka. He and others started the Tailgaters ministry, taking sack lunches on Sundays to the homeless on the streets of Yreka. Later it included Thanksgiving dinner and church services on the street. Scott shared about the Kairos ministry at Folsom prison. Dave Samelson shared what other ministries he was in, in the Great Northern District.

Our Chief David Pegg sure that we were well feed with great food.

We had 38 men from churches in Chico, Red Bluff, Corning, Los Molinos, Anderson, Redding, Yreka, Montague, and Point Pleasant. Elk Grove sent 10 men with David Samelson. We had a great worship with John leading us in music. We have reserved the camp for the third weekend in August again. We hope to see you there next year.

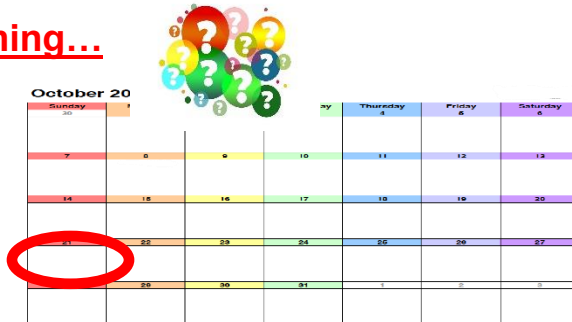
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The Vine

Thank you for your support of the Vine, Aldersgate's youth group. The teens are back in school & involved in sports & other school activities. Hopefully by meeting every Sunday evening (except for certain Sunday's), the Vine provides a consistent place, time, & message that they hear about GOD's love for them. I know that message is what they hear at home, & I want to reinforce that for them.

2019 is quickly approaching, and in October the 2019 calendars will be available again. The calendars are a fundraiser for youth group activities. The GOD's Word calendars have beautiful pictures along with verses of encouragement for each month & week. I appreciate your support of this fundraising program.

It's Coming...



October 21st Save the date!!

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. (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 so feel 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!

Treasurers Report

Checking Acct.	GENERAL FUND
June 30 Balance	21,905.51
Income	16,973.64
Expense	-18,458.70
<i>Correction</i>	24.67
July 31 Balance	20,445.12

A Note from your Treasurer

Our income did not meet our expenses in July by ~ \$1,500.00. Each month when Ken asks me for the Treasurers' Report, I have taken this opportunity to share with you what I know to be true in Scripture. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our gifts not only include money, but also our possessions, time, talent, abilities, love and care. How else can God work through us/for us? For me, this happened over time as I began giving of my time, talents and money (in that order). And over the course of months, this changed to money first, then my time and talents. And I must admit, I worry about money, far less than those early years, when my heart was not in alignment with God's word "Scripture."

God wants the best for us! Blessings,

Rose

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Down the Road!!! Sunday, October 28! Eighth Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest and Nacho/Potato Night:	October 31! Sixth Annual Trunk-or-Treat: Wednesday,	Sunday, November 1 st Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov. 25 after Worship, Hanging of the Greens (decorating the Sanctuary)	Saturday, December 8! Eighth Annual Allred Open House, (Hey, it will be here before you know!)	Sunday, December 23 Eighth Annual Before Worship Breakfast	1
2 Labor Day Weekend "He's Not Fit to Live!" Acts 22 The Vine 5:00 pm	3	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner 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 Choir 5:30	7 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	8
9 "I Am On Trial for the Resurrection of the Dead" Acts 22:30-23:11 Gideon's visit 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 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 Choir 5:30	14 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	15 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
16 "A Plot Disarmed" Acts 23 The Vine 5:00 pm	17 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	18 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	19 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	20 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	21 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	22
23 "Paul Before Felix" Acts 24 The Vine 5:00 pm	24	25 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	2 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	27 Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	28 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	29
30 "I Appeal to Caesar" Acts 25:1-12 The Vine 5:00 pm						

BIRTHDAYS

Betty Gibbs	9/10
Joe Hejl	9/94
Eldon Schottman	9/10
Emily Martinez	9/11
Cheryl Sharp	9/16
Amy Rehdorf	9/18
Lynn Little	9/21
Bobbie Dege	9/21

Chancee Wootten	9/21
Jerry Allred	9/21
Linda Austin	9/26
Rose Schottman	9/26
Fred Dietrich	9/26
Penny Miller	9/28
Dick Hiersche	9/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Scott and Frances Allred	9/10/83
Ron & Rebekah Wootten	9/16/2000