



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

SATURDAY JUNE 9TH, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Help us get our facility and grounds ready for our one church service! Lunch will be provided. We have a job for everyone, inside and out.

Proposed projects:

- Spreading bark in the playground area;
- A second coat of paint underneath the covered walkway in front of the office;
- Maintenance on the monument sign out by the signal (paint, new lights, new numbers);
- Clear out and convert a storage room in the classroom wing to a meeting room.



Many hands make light work - hope to see you there!

Board of Trustees

June Barbecue and One Worship Service!

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

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. All you are asked to bring is something to share: salads, desserts, and side dishes. We hope to see you for this wonderful day of worship, fellowship, friends and food!

On that day we will also have the blessing of welcoming new Members into our Aldersgate Family. It should be a wonderful day for all!



**Vacation
Bible
School**

Vacation Bible School will be on July 9th-13th this year. This is always a great time for the kids and an outreach to others in town. If you can participate as a leader, helper, provide snacks, prepare and serve snacks or lead games, please contact Ellen. This is a great way to show support to our children as they celebrate being out of school.

Pastor Scott's Corner

“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.” Luke 17:15-16, NIV

One-night last Christmas Season, I was on a walk. I was doing some thinking and remembering about different things from my past. Not a bad pastime activity if the thoughts are joyous, and on this night, they were. I was remembering a man who was very influential in my life, Dr. Forrest Beiser. I met Dr. Beiser while I was attending Cosumnes River College in South Sacramento. He was an English professor there. The first class I had with him was “Bible as Literature:” yes, in a secular college. He loved Jesus and loved teaching, and he taught this elective course for fun. It did not count towards any curriculum for graduation.

During the early weeks of the semester I had finished the assignment for that class, so I started attending to the Music Theory work I was assigned. Dr. Beiser walked up next to me and said, “Music Theory eh?” After I acknowledged it (I was a music major at the time) he said, “Looks like you have crossed voices in the third measure.” I looked up at him and said, “I never have crossed voices.” His reply was, “Well, I may not know as much about music as you do, but I would recheck that measure if I were you.” I did – sure enough, crossed voices!!! I looked up at him and said, “You know music.” He said, “A little.”

A little!!!! I would go on to discover that this man was a wonderful musician, tremendous piano player, the principal Organist at Capitol Christian Center (then known as Bethel Temple), the ORIGINATOR of the Singing Christmas Tree in Sacramento, as well as serving as the interim pastor at CCC while they were having a pastor search! The man was a god!! I should have bowed!!!

He became my friend and mentor. I took several English courses from him and visited him often in his office on campus. One day I asked him something that was bothering me, and that thing was keeping me from deciding to follow a call into the ordained ministry. I asked him, “How do you do it? How do you remain a ‘jack-of-all-trades’ yet still teach English?” He told me he knew his call was to teach English, and that that would never change. But, he also knew God had gifted him with talents and graces he could use in other areas, like music and preaching. In addition to earning his Decorate in Teaching, he also earned a three-year degree from Bethel Bible College; that was where his knowledge of the Scriptures and his ability to fill the pulpit came from. Teaching English was his vocation; music and preaching were his hobbies.

I don’t know if Doctor Beiser ever knew it, but due to that conversation I decided to pursue the ministry. I knew then, that my love of other things did not have to be abated for me to be a Pastor. I could be a Pastor, and still enjoy music, mechanics, and other things. While many people had encouraged me to pursue the ministry, it was Dr. Beiser that pushed me over the edge!

I was thinking about this that night I was walking. Dr. Beiser died of brain cancer while I was attending Sac State before I ever entered seminary. I saw him two weeks before he died; I told him my goal to enter the ministry, but I did not tell him he was one large reason for that decision.

That night as I walked and was thinking of this, I remembered he had a son with the same name; I had met him in the hospital that night I visited. I wondered if he were on Facebook. When I got home I searched for Forrest Beiser; there were several. But I saw the one I was looking for, a man who had also attended Bethel Bible College. I wrote a message asking if he was Dr. Beiser’s Son. I told him how much his Dad was an inspiration to me. He responded that he was and wrote: “I never have grown tired of hearing people talk about him. His life, in the 50 years that he lived, touched so many people – – we both are among that number. I am now retired, so I have time to enjoy stories such as yours. Thank you so much!”

In the Bible text above only one man returned to thank Jesus for healing him of leprosy, even though ten were healed. That man was an outsider! Many of us take the time to thank God for what He has done in our lives. But, have we ever thanked a person who was influential in our life in a positive way? I shared this very text and story with the Kairos team as a devotion one of the weeks of our training. I asked, “Is there someone who blessed you that you have never let them know?” (I couldn’t thank Dr. Beiser, but I let his son know.) One man

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came up to me on the last day of the Kairos event. He thanked me for that challenge and told me he had written to a person he had not talked to in 30 years, but he wanted that person to know how thankful he was for that influence, positively, that the person was for him in the past.

Is there someone in your past you might want to thank? If you can't tell them personally, a letter can go a long way! What about it?

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of June

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| 3. | "Are Not All These... Galileans?" Acts 2:1-13 | 17. | <i>Father's Day:</i>
"A Woman... King??? Yes – Part 2!"
II Kings 11 |
| 10. | "Whoo-Hoo! A New Voice!"
Acts 18:18-28 | 24. | "I Know Jesus and Paul, But Who Are You?"
Acts 19:1-22 |

Mystery solved!!! Pastor Scott now knows why he scheduled Pentecost on June 3; it was the first Sunday in June in 2017!!! Whew, he's not crazy!!!

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 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 Book of Esther has ended. On May 30, he started a new study on the Books of Judges.

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!

Due to the scheduling of the Annual Conference Session, Pastor Scott's Bible Study will not happen on Wednesday, June 20.

Annual Conference Session

This year's Annual Conference Session of the California-Nevada Conference of the UMC will be held June 20-23 in Modesto, California. This year Pastor Scott will be attending as will Larry Ducommun and Chris Gardner, 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!

Women's Retreat, Yreka

Just heard from Pastor Toni from the Yreka UMC that they are having to cancel the June Women's Retreat due to some unforeseen circumstances. They are going to try to put it back together in the Fall. Hopefully, that would be great if it happens, since AUMC is not having our Lassen Women's Retreat this year.

Blessings, Janice

Israel 2019!!!

If you have ever wanted to go to the Holy Land, there is an opportunity coming in March 2019. Pastor Toni Hartman of the Yreka UMC contacted Pastor Scott and asked him about the person he has used for past trips. Scott led her to Beverly Robb of Gomega Travel, and a trip has been planned! She then offered the trip to Pastor Scott as well.

So, would you like to make the pilgrimage to Israel with Pastors Toni and Scott? The dates are March 17-27, and the prices are coming! If you are interested, or know of someone who would be, talk with Pastor Scott ASAP! Get on board for a trip of a lifetime

Message from Janice

Hello Aldersgate's Family,
I would like to express my many thanks as I leave the position as the church Office Volunteer Manager.



I first want to thank the office volunteers themselves for their volunteering of time and energy to keep our office functioning every week. This includes: Shelley Young, Maxine Keefer, Penny Miller, Terrye Lucas, Skot Stribolt and Jeanie Zepp, and already retired volunteers; Cheryl Sharp and for a while Dick Hiersche and Lynn Little. Ken Lind, thanks for the Open Door you so graciously produce every month. It is the Open Door we have leaned on every month to keep our activities up to date and supplies us info for our weekly bulletin. I so appreciate the new friendship I have made with these people and they hold a special place in my heart.

The two years as office manager have flown past. There have been times of frustration and times of joy. I am retiring to move into another position I feel drawn to by God's request, and that would be visitation. We have many people who are homebound during illness or just can't make our Sunday Services anymore. Also, visiting our members as they are in the hospital or when they come home for rehab. I will start organizing this and plan to start this visitation program in the fall. I need some time to get healthy-been fighting a cold and cough for months, and we have a new grandbaby arriving July 4th. Hoorah!!!!

Treasurers Report

Blessings, Janice Garrett

Checking Acct.	General Fund
Jan. 1 Balance	26,575.99
MARCH	
Income	15,491.34
Expenses	-19,236.33
Correction	-19.00
MARCH 31 BALANCE	18,550.53

A Note from your Treasurer

We are already through a fourth of the 2018 year! (I said that last month, in error. It must be because this report for the Open Door, is a month after all the "books are closed for the month"). We continue our ministries because of your generous support.

Another scripture related to giving is Proverbs 3:9-10. God asks us to "test Him" and when we "honor the Lord with your wealth," He promises "your barns will be filled to overflowing." For me, that includes much more than material wealth. God wants the best for us.

Leadership

Blessings,
Rose

The retirement of Janice Garrett as the office volunteer coordinator leaves the leadership with a tough job to fill. We have wonderful volunteers in the office and great people to step in and help with special problems, but we need the glue that keeps the boat afloat. If you feel that you might have the time and talent to take on this position contact Pastor Scott or one of the members of leadership.

As was mentioned in an article in last months "Open Door", doors that are left unlocked when no one is in the church continues to be a problem. Many reasons lead to this; forgetting to lock or check the doors when the last person leaves or not fully understanding how the doors lock. Locking the doors helps to prevent theft and vandalism which creates un-necessary expense for the church.

By the middle of June there will be a new schedule for use of the church computer so that the use by others than office staff does not conflict with the needs of the office staff.

Last, but not least, is the reoccurring gas smell in the kitchen and sometimes in the Sunday school hallway. The problem may be on its way to being corrected as it is a problem with a pilot on the stove. If you are in the church for a time perhaps you could open the doors to let some fresh air in and then relight the pilot.

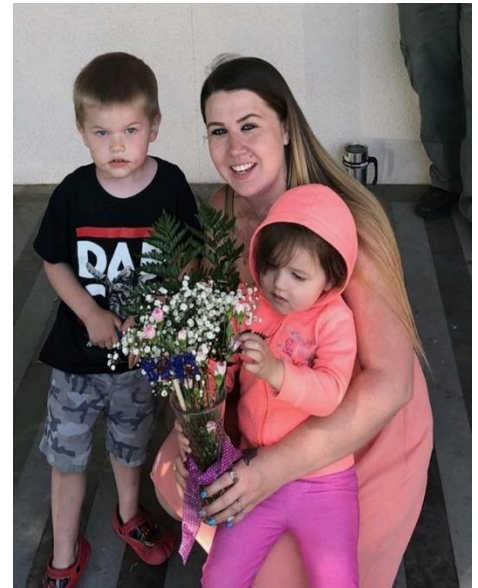
Children's Ministry

What a happy experience Mother's Day was in Sunday School. The children chose attractive vases and then filled them with an arrangement of fresh flowers and personally designed planter stickers. It was very rewarding for all age groups, including the nursery, and appeared to be a highlight for 2018

Adults who graciously helped were: Linda Austin, Lynn Little, Barbara Herndon, Mary Shannon, Ellen and Ruthie. Teenagers who assisted were Kambria Lucas, Chancee Wooten, and Emily Martinez. This project was preceded with a brief time of scriptures from Proverbs, highlighting verses that speak of a mother's joy when her children live according to God's word.

A highlight at the beginning of May was completing the Arks of the Covenant. Scriptures of the Old Testament were reviewed, and the older students were told to question their parents on the meaning of each item, both inside and outside of the Arks (parents were not expected to know the answers, but the students were). Once again, I thank the teens who did the tedious work of making and painting the arks, over many weeks.

Submitted by
Ruthie Holland



Addie Holkan with David & Charlotte
(Richard Hobb's daughter & grandchildren)

The Vine

School's out for summer! In a short time, all the kids will be done with school for the summer. Summer camp is coming at the end of July, but that's almost 2 months away. When I have camp info, I'll give that to the teens.

In June, the Vine will meet from 5-7 pm on 6/3, 6/10, & 6/24 (see below for a possible exception to 6/24). The Vine won't meet on Father's Day, June 17.

Who wants to go to a Chico Heat game with the Vine on a Sunday evening? The Chico Heat group coordinator has been annoyingly persistent in calling to see if we want group tickets to a Heat game. If we have at least 20 people, we can get a block of tickets for \$7 each. The Heat only have 3 Sunday games: June 3, June 24, & July 8. June 3 is too soon. I know finding one date that most people who want to go is hard; if you're interested in June 24 or July 8, please let me know. Then I'll check with the Heat to see if there are tickets available.

To help pay for activities, I'm asking for your aluminum cans, plastic bottles, or glass items that I/The Vine can recycle. I'll use the money for activities with the Vine, like a baseball game, or ice cream or . . .

If you have questions about the Vine & what's going on with the group, please let me know. Thank you for your prayers & support of the teens & me.

Larry Ducommun

Uganda Trip

On June 12th I leave for Uganda with 9 other team members to serve at the AHI (African Hospitality Institute). While there we will be partnering with AHI's staff and students and will also serve the local villages and schools. Our team project is helping "mud" and repair schools and homes in nearby villages. I would greatly appreciate your prayers: for our team, our travel, our health, and serving our Lord. I look forward to sharing my experiences with my church family upon my return home (June 26th).

Thank you and God bless.....
Melinda Loy

Special Kairos Fundraiser!

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

Hello to all Kairos Community and friends.

We are announcing that the 2018 Kairos Fundraiser dinner is all set to happen on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at 5:00 pm at Loomis United Methodist Church. The church is located at Barton and Brace in Loomis.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us as it will be an exciting event with a great meal, (Rose Stapleton's steak and chicken fajitas with all the trimmings).

Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. You may make reservations by replying to lumc.churchsecretar@gmail.com, and buy tickets by mailing a check made out to Kairos Fundraiser to Sandy Williams at Lincoln United Methodist Church, 659 I street, Lincoln, Ca. 95648.

We will also have a special guest speaker, Theres Gianelli, Community Relations Officer at CSP Sacramento, (Folsom Prison). We promise you that Theres' talk will be very interesting and if you know folks that have any interest in Kairos or curiosity about Folsom Prison culture and Kairos effectiveness, you need to invite them to this fun night.

This event is co-hosted by men and women from both Lincoln and Loomis churches.

An Israeli experience

As many of you know, I was recently in Israel. I was hosted by Shevet Achim, a wonderful mission group. (I hope to share with everyone sometime soon the work they are doing.) But I had to put in the Open Door the personal connection I found with this mission and my very own church!! My sister & I traveled to Be'er Sheva to see Abraham's well and a couple from Shevet joined us. They are Ben & Coby, missionaries from the Netherlands that have been working with Shevet for the last 3 years. They shared some of the missions they have been on and how they had worked in Nepal for several years. So I asked if they knew Bob & Hazel Buckner, and they were so excited to confirm they were good friends in Nepal.



FYI Bob & Hazel Buckner were missionaries from Aldersgate to Nepal several years ago. Bob's parents, Hartzell (a retired pastor) and Allene were very active at Aldersgate when I started to attend. I was so blessed to have this current connection with my history. The picture shows us sitting at Abraham's well.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Kairos fundraiser 7/14 in Loomis					1 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	2
3 "Are Not All These... Galileans?" Acts 2:1-13	4	5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	6 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	7 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	8 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	9
10 "Whoo-Hoo! A New Voice!" 18:18-28 Acts	11 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	12 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner 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	15 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	16 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
17 <i>Father's Day:</i> "A Woman... King???" Yes – Part 2!" II Kings 11 <u>No Vine</u>	18 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	20 <u>NO</u> <u>Pastor Scott's Bible Study</u> Annual Conference → → → → →	21 Praise team 7:00 pm	22 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	23 -----ends
24 "I Know Jesus and Paul, But Who Are You?" Acts 19:1-22	25	26 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	27 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	28 Praise team 7:00 pm	29 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	30

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
Sara Lind	6/28
Robert Andrew Wells	6/29

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