



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat at Shasta Camp is happening August 17-19. This year's theme is, "*What Is God calling me to do in My church?*" A discussion of ministry opportunities for people in the church."

To that end we have six speakers addressing this question as they feel led to answer it. There are four laymen, and two ministers. Some of the laity you all know: Richard Hobbs, Norm Teter, and Chris Gardner! They will be joined by Kevin Stott of Yreka. The two Ministers are Rev. Dave Samelson of Point Pleasant UMC, and Rev. Scott Allred, our pastor!

Flyers for the retreat are available in the narthex of our sanctuary. Cost is \$90.00! Sign up today! It's not too late!



What is God calling me to do in my church



George Fenley Preaching!!!

You all should know by now that we have a new Music Director at Aldersgate in the person of George Fenley. But, do you know he is a student at Fuller Seminary??? He is, and therefore, Pastor Scott asked him if he would like to preach the Sunday of our Men's Retreat. George gladly, and quickly, accepted! So, while many of our men are away on Sunday, August 19, come and hear what the Lord has placed on George's heart to share on that day! He will also be leading the music! A full day, two services!!

Help wanted

It takes many hands to make our church services run smoothly, and often it is hard to find folks that are willing and able to help. We need people to, among other things, volunteer to make coffee, bring the treats that we enjoy after each service, and be greeters or ushers. These jobs generally only require you to participate no more than once a month or to be willing to fill in when there is a need for a substitute.

If you feel called to help or would like more information, you can contact Ken or Sara Lind for the 9:00 service or in the 11:00 service talk to Richard Hood or Louise Halfen. If you don't know who they are, I am sure that if you ask, you will be pointed in the right direction.

Pastor Scott's Corner

Well, it's happened! I've joined Karin Martin, Doug Hayes, Karen Wells, and Rick Martinez in an exceptional group! Sadly, Debbie Ducommun would have joined this group as well. I also join it with my longtime friends Mike Hodson, Mike Edwards, Steve Penrose, and Bill Fowler, 4 guys I grew up with, one having married my Sister! I can name many more people in this "Order of Greats"! What is this group?

I turned 60 in July!!!

Yes, all of us "58ers," those having been born in 1958, the "Year of the Edsel!" (Except for Mike Hodson who was born in late '57.) We either have turned 60, or we will before the year ends. (Sorry Karin, I outed you!)

For me, personally, the year has two certain feelings: 1) I believe I am now officially OLD! (Yes, I know, many of you are older than me and want to poo-poo this sense I have. Be that as it may, it is how I feel.) 2) When I celebrate my 62nd birthday (notice I didn't say "if.") I will have reached the age my dad was when he died. So, I am anxiously awaiting my birthday two years from now!

That may seem an odd and weird anniversary to you, so let me explain.

I, and my Sister, Beckie, have suffered the loss of many friends and relatives in our lifetime. I find it ironic the times I have performed a funeral for someone and have a relative tell me, "This is my first funeral." Especially if the person, telling me that, is older than I am. Such has been the case many times. But that is not my case, or my family's. My maternal grandfather died at age 47, maternal grandmother at 53, my mom at 49, and my dad at 62. Add to that the many uncles and aunts we have lost in their young ages, plus friends of ours when we were in elementary school and junior high, we have had our share of funerals.

I know you will recall that my sister's second husband died of ALS, as did my sister-in-law, Frances' sister. Frances' brother may not have survived to this date; he is quite ill as I write this, and he is 9 days older than me.

All of this has left an impression on me for years. I have said, often, "Someone in our lives needs to live long enough to become a bitter old man!! I want that to be me!!" Frances' response to that is usually, "Become?" HA HA!

Seriously, I do want to outlive my parents and grandparents. (My dad's mom lived to 82, his father somewhere in his 70s.) I want to see my children live long lives. My first grandchild is coming; I want her or him to know me, for a long time!

I want this, deeply and sincerely, but I don't know the future and have no control over it. Oh, I know I can have an impact on some of it, such as taking care of myself and managing my diabetes. But I do not have any control over the future, and neither do any of you reading this. So, what do I do?

I can continue to trust in the Lord, while trying to be the best Husband I can be to my wife, Father to my adult Children, and a good man to those of you I know and have contact with. I read the following this morning in my quiet time. I have reprinted it from the version I am currently reading, the "Contemporary English Version:

⁶ Share every good thing you have with anyone who teaches you what God has said. ⁷ You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant. ⁸ If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life. ⁹ Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right if you don't give up. ¹⁰ We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord. Gal. 6:6-10

No, I cannot control the future, but I can try to put that into practice... even though I am now, officially, an old man! I hope you will endeavor to do the same.

My prayers are with you.

August Sermons

5. Still in Acts: "But the Prophet Said...."
Acts 21:1-16
12. "Gossip Kills!"
Acts 21:17-36
19. Men's Retreat, George Fenley Preaching!!!!
He will be preaching from Luke 7
26. "Clearing a Few Things Up."
Acts 21:37-40

Pastor Scott is in the middle of a Sermon Series on the Book of Acts. This series will continue for quite a while. Remember, 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.)

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 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. Class will resume from its hiatus on Wednesday, August 1!

PSTR

Thank you for your prayers, donations and just the acceptance of our men and women of PSTR. Richard's House is full, and The Cottage will be by the first of August. We are getting many referrals from a lot of different sources. I had a Probation Officer tell me that a woman I was calling her about tell me she needed to go to Rehab first but the she would be referring her to The Cottage when she completes rehab. She said we were doing an amazing job. We are hearing that from the many people and officers who refer to us. All Praise to God for this reputation.

We do have some ongoing needs for the houses. We can always use twin sheets, comforters and pillows. The women's house keeps towels and wash cloths on hand for emergencies when we have women come in with nothing. We have an ongoing need to for dressers, night stands and lamps. With this heat, the women are doing a lot of walking. If there is someone who may be able to offer a ride during the day for women going to appointments, please call Terrye at 530-774-4903. And of course, you may also make a monthly contribution to PSTR.

Continue to pray for the women and men God wants in the house. Pray for the peace that comes from the Holy Spirit. Pray for the protection of the men who are fighting fires from Richard's House. Pray for Kim and Robert as the House Managers. And all the leaders for Godly wisdom and discernment.

Membership Class

Want to join Aldersgate as a Member? Pastor Scott has had several people ask when his next Class will be. So, he will hold another Membership Class for all interested persons on Sundays, August 26 and September 2, 6:00 p.m. both nights, and each night will be two hours long. This class will be open to all people and all ages, those wanting to join or just wanting to come and see what he has to share. If you'd like to know more talk with Pastor Scott

Treasures Report

Checking Acct.	General Fund
May 31 Balance	21,397.75
Income	17,262.03
Expenses	- 16,554.27
<i>Adjustment for Payroll error</i>	-200.00
June 30 BALANCE	21,905.51

A Note from your Treasurer

I am still learning how to do this report – last month I left off the April ending balance. Only the income and expense for May were reported, which left a balance of \$ 46.22. This report begins with ending May balance, the income and expenses for June. I made a payroll error, which is listed above. June ending balance is listed above. I do not list the amount of our Conference tithe, which is always 10% of our income. So when you see the month end balance, our 10% tithe is not included.

And on the subject of tithe, 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (especially verse 12) "*share generously, giving thanks to God.*" I have found this to be a truly amazing (principle) scripture that proves true when I obey it. God wants the best for us!

Blessings,
Rose

Trustees



The Board of Trustees would like to give a big THANK YOU to all who took the time to help at the church work day in June. We got a lot of our honey-do list completed which wouldn't have been possible without the extra man (and woman) power from PSTR and The Cottage!

SOLAR UPDATE – After voting down the current solar financing package at the July charge conference, the Trustees are investigating other options such as purchasing versus leasing and trying to find more favorable financing terms should we be able to put money down.

SAFETY REMINDER - When leaving the church, please be sure to check the doors behind you and make sure everything is locked up! The Trustees have received reports of doors behind left unlocked or not closed completely when nobody is at the church. *Fun Fact - some of the wood doors (along the office wing in particular) require a good push to latch completely so please feel free to lean on them with your full body weight and then double check the handle. Thank you for helping us keep our church safe!

Susan Hartman
Chair, Board of Trustees

The Vine

"Abandon," that's this year's theme at summer camp for the teens at Camp Paradise by Clipper Mills, July 27 - 31. Hal & Pam Santos are the speakers. How the speaker's will use the theme, I don't know, since I'm writing this before camp. On the Sunday's we meet in August, I'll share the message we heard at camp, & hopefully the teens who go will tell what "Abandon" means to them.

My intention in July was to make our Sunday's fun (hopefully every Sunday we have fun, but...) We went to the movies; we swam, we went to Black Butte lake & kayaked (thank you Richard Hobbs for letting us use the kayaks and joining us that day); we ate ice cream & served at the Torres Shelter. In August, they go back to school. We'll still have fun on Sunday nights, & hopefully the message of "Abandon" will resonate with them, whether they were at camp or not.

Thank you for your California redemption value bottles (glass & plastic) & cans. The recycling helps provide funds for some of our different activities. I plan to continue the recycling program year-round. I appreciate your collecting your CRV items & bringing them to the church on Sunday's for me to get from you or putting them in the youth room (room 6).

If you have questions about what's happening with the Vine, please let me know. Thank you for your prayers for the Vine, the teens, & me.

Larry Ducommun,
Youth leader



Kambria Lucas Emily Martinez Chancee Wooten Alex Martinez

Our kids are growing up

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	2 Praise team 7:00 pm	3 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	4
5 "But the Prophet Said...." Acts 21:1-16	6	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	8 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	9 Praise team 7:00 pm	10 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	11
12 "Gossip Kills!" Acts 21:17-36	13 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	15 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	16 Praise team 7:00 pm	17 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner) Men's retreat at Shasta Camp	18 ----->----->----->-----
19 George Fenley Preaching Luke 7 Men's Retreat ends	20 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	22 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	23 Praise team 7:00 pm	24 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	25
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Birthdays

Mary Shannon 8/2
 Martha Wenz 8/7
 Joseph Eldon Hejl 8/8
 Jack Louis Hejl 8/9
 William Edward Hejl 8/9
 Karen Wells 8/9
 Shaylee Lucas 8/12
 Bob Knox 8/14

Irma Chace 8/14
 Joe Yarosevich 8/16
 Marguerite Toland 8/17
 Randy Franken 8/22
 Becky Hejl 8/24
 Savannah Morales 8/24
 Mayzelle VanderVelden 8/25

Beth Hiersche 8/26
 Teresa Mitchell 8/29
 Tom Austin 8/29

Anniversaries

Janice and Kent Garrett 8/15/70

