



The Open Door

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

May 2018
Phone: 530.893.8640

A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

Welcome George

Our new worship leader is George Fenley III. He was born and raised in Sacramento, CA.

His father, George Fenley Jr. was a professor of music at CSU Sacramento, from which George graduated with a degree in classical piano performance in 1989. His mother, Eleanor Fenley, also a music educator, graduated from the University of Laramie, WY with a degree in classical piano performance.

After graduation, George went on to direct music and play keyboards and guitar for several churches. He even got the opportunity to arrange the backup vocal band for the Harvest Crusade, with Greg Laurie, in Sacramento, in 1990, until he began working full time as a public high school choir and guitar instructor in Pueblo, CO and Page, AZ. During his music career he has composed and arranged many songs. He continued part time and volunteer work in various churches. In 2007 he began working as an online music appreciation and electives (including career planning, fine art appreciation, and skills for health) teacher for K12.com, the largest online public school. He was also the national guitar club instructor for K12 for two years, until he resigned from teaching in 2016.



He began work on a master's degree in theology at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, but then transferred to Fuller Theological Seminary. He is currently on track to finish his Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller in December of 2018 or March of 2019.

He is a single dad of two boys, ages 15 and 16.

George loves to hike, ATV, travel, write, read, study theology, and engage in charitable and lively theological and philosophical discussion. His favorite areas of study being the person, grace, and kingdom of Christ, and how that grace and kingdom of Christ is manifested in our daily lives.



Ladies mark your calendars for the annual Mother's Day Brunch, Saturday May 12th at 11am. Whether you *are* a mother, *have* a mother or *know* a mother, we invite you to join us for a delicious, festive brunch and fellowship! We will be handing out **free** Mother's Day brunch tickets ahead of time – no cost!! We just need to know how many will be attending!! So please be sure to get your ticket!

Our special guest speakers will be Kim Bailey and her mother Carol Wallace. Kim is the director of The Cottage (the Women's Paths Straight to Recovery house). They will be sharing about how their relationship evolved through Kim's struggles, and how God's grace helped them through it all. We will also have some fun treats as well! **Childcare provided!!**

Please join us! Let's celebrate the mothers we know who have blessed us all!
-- Katya Yarosevich, 228-0215

Pastor Scott's Corner

It's May, and several things have happened since April. Let's see, what shall I talk about first....

We hired a new Music Ministry Director! After talking with a few interested persons, interviewing two, and having those two each lead us in worship on two different Sundays. We offered the position to George Ward Fenley. He gladly accepted! George comes to us from the Phoenix area with a large musical background. A piano and guitar player, he is comfortable in leading Traditional and Contemporary Worship Services – so we expect he will be a great fit for us! George's father was a Professor of Music at CSU Sacramento. His mother is a classically trained pianist who will be joining us regularly in worship, so it seems we are getting a two-for-one deal, and that's not bad. HA! George will be joining us in May. To which I say, Thank God, not just for answering our prayers in our search of a replacement for Clark Minor, but also, because I have been selecting the music for the First Service and did so for the second on Easter. (Thanks to Fran Neuenberg for leading the second service in music and song this past month!). I did this duty for 26 years; two in Carson City, four in the North Gold Circuit, and ten each in Bakersfield and Wasco. I gotta tell you, that's a tough job!!! I am glad to turn it over to George! I look forward to his joining us!

I want to thank Gary Gaffney who has been preparing the power-points for our worship services this past month, and Larry Ducommun who has been helping with the sound system. I also want to thank the Praise Team of Susan, Karin, Teresa, Maria, Rose, Rick, and Joe who have been troopers!

Speaking of Larry, a thanks to he and Fred Dietrich as they both brought the Word to us in my absences in April. Both dates coincided with our guest auditions for Worship Leader, for which I was glad. The choice of George was made without my bias – thank you Lord!

Another thing, and a different subject, Kairos 21 was a blessing from God! I want to thank you for your prayers, hands, cookies, and financial gifts to the ministry of Folsom Kairos. I was able to present a check from Aldersgate in an amount of over \$500! Praise be to God for the faithfulness of His people! Even so, this Kairos was a little more intense with the event of a fight in the yard, and the subsequent attack of a man for trying to break up the fight. (In the incident the attacker was shot!) The man was a Kairos Inside Man in Blue, who was not working in this Kairos. He was stabbed but survived. It made for some interesting self-reflection on the part of a lot of the Men in Blue and demonstrated to us "Outside people" what some of the pressures of life inside the prison can be. It was tense, but God used it for some good work!

Thanks again, and please keep the Men in Blue in prayer. Many are trying to live Christ-led lives; even one who told us he was serving a 550-year sentence! God is working in the prison system!!

Finally, your Leadership Team decided to ask Gary Gaffney to prayerfully consider taking the place of Debbie Ducommun in the Class of 2020 on the Team. He did and said yes. Thank you, Parishioner Gary, for your willingness to serve in this position again.

Like I said, several things happened in this last month. For all I say, Thank you Jesus! And now, it's about time to wish my Daughter and Son-in-law a Happy First Anniversary! Oh, speaking of things happening, did I tell you they are expecting? Yes!! Thank you Jesus!

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of May

- | | | | | | |
|-----|---|--------------|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 6. | "From the Scriptures...." | Acts 17:1-15 | 20. | "To An Unknown God" | Acts 17:16-34 |
| 13. | <i>Mother's Day</i> : Something Special | | 27. | Memorial Day Weekend "I Am With You" | Acts 18:1-17 |

Pastor Scott is still preaching in the series on the Book of Acts. This is to be continued through the month of November when he finishes the book. All sermons are recorded and available through our website: Chicoaucm.org. Or, you may request a CD of a sermon be made of a given sermon; a \$2.00 donation for such is requested, but not required.

Barbecue Sunday and One Worship Service!

While this is still a month away, we want you to know the date for our annual One-Worship service and Barbecue! This year's Celebration will be on Sunday, June 10. The single service on that date will be at 10 a.m. with the Barbecue being held at the end of the service. It will be a

Upcoming community events

National Peace Officer Memorial Day.

Save the date: May 15, is National Peace Officer Memorial Day. Please consider attending Butte County's first ever county-wide Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony: a celebration of life and service at Neighborhood Church of Chico. It is open to all Butte County residents as well as Law Enforcement and will begin at 7:00pm, coffee and doughnuts to follow. This service will be a tribute for the 8 Peace Officers and 1 K-9 Officer who lost their lives last year in the line of duty in California and a show of support to those officers currently serving our communities.

The Vine

John Wooden coached basketball for 40 seasons, 11 seasons as a high school coach & 29 seasons as a college coach. His teams won 10 national championships at UCLA over a 12-year period.

You're probably wondering why I'm writing about John Wooden. When John Wooden graduated 8th grade, his father gave him a card with 7 principles on it to live by. All 7 principles come from the Bible. John Wooden lived by these principles. I'll be sharing them with the teens in the Vine over the next several months. Since the Vine won't meet on Mother's Day, Father's Day, or the Sunday of summer camp, it will take time to go over the information.

You can help the Vine by recycling. If you normally put bottles & cans in your recycling container, some guy probably comes down the street on pick up day to sort through them. Bring them to church, leave them in room 6 (the youth room) or let me know Sunday morning that you have recyclables, & I'll take them out of your car for you. I'll recycle them for you, & the money will be used to help with activities for the teens in the Vine. If you have questions on this, please let me know.

Thank you for your prayers & support for the Vine, the teens, the lessons, & me. If there are questions about what's happening at the Vine, please ask me.

Larry Ducommun
Youth leader

A note from Terri Lucas

I am at the Church for several different groups and at different times. It seems we have a problem checking doors as we leave to make sure they are locked. In the last couple of weeks, I've come in at various times and found the main office door open, the secretary's office door unlocked, the front doors unlocked and the double doors going into the Sunday School wing unlocked. This can be a dangerous situation for someone if they are going in by themselves. We frequently have homeless camping out in our yard. A recent situation was brought to my attention when several front doors were left open after an event, a woman with kids came to set up for a morning event about 9:30 pm and didn't know if she was the only one in the church. Please be more careful as we leave to make sure the doors are locked for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Franklin Graham Coming to Chico!

Evangelist and son of the late Rev. Billy Graham, Franklin Graham will be coming to Chico for one day only, Sunday, June 3, 7:30 pm at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds. Here is the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association invitation:

Join Franklin Graham as he shares a powerful message of hope and enjoy an exciting evening of live music from Jeremy Camp and more. Bring your friends and family! No seating provided, please bring blankets and chairs. Parking available on site.

The event is free! For more information, and other location dates, go to california.billygraham.org.

Treasurers Report

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.

Blessings,
Rose

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

SAVE THE DATE! Church Work Day - Saturday, June 9nd, 9am-12pm.

Solar Project:

The resubmitted corrections for the roof mount solar project have been plan checked by the City and we are currently finishing the financing paperwork with our program administrator.

Facility Use:

The church sanctuary has once again been rented, on Wednesday May 16th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, by a company called Life Line Screening which will be holding a community preventive health event with a multitude of affordable health assessments and screenings. Some of those include a prostate cancer PSA blood test, a thyroid TSH level blood test, and lipid panel, glucose, and CRP blood tests to assess your risk for stroke, heart disease, and diabetes. Aldersgate members are welcome to pre-register for the event directly with Life Line Screening at 1-888-653-6441.

Housekeeping Items:

At our April Board of Trustees meeting we talked about the unfortunate recent incident of toddler versus canine 'bum biscuits' in the playground behind the church office. While we love our furry friends, please be sure they're not leaving behind any unwanted treats (especially in the playground) for unsuspecting people to find on the bottom of their shoes!

As always, the trustees thank you for the all the hearts, hands, and help that make this church a wonderful place to worship!

Susan Hartman
Chair, Board of Trustees

Church Anniversary

I received a phone call that Marge Howser (one of the few remaining original members of Aldersgate church) had mentioned that May 18 is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Aldersgate congregation. It was 60 years ago that we first met to honor our Lord.

Editor

Leadership

AWANA has just finished for another year. Its effect on our young people may never be realized but the seed has been planted. Loving care and faithfulness by adult members made it work. Ellen Martinez and Pastor Scott saw that this happened with their care. 25 children participated this year and have taken some of Aldersgate a way with them.

We had some large shoes to fill in the replacement of Debbie Ducommun faithful support. Gary Gaffney has come aboard to help us out. We thank him very much.

George Fenley III has come aboard to continue our outstanding worship music. We had two outstanding applicants and after a lot of thought, prayers and the help of all the music department, we have been blessed by the care of Jesus Christ.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 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	3 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	4 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	5
6 "From the Scriptures...." Acts 17:1-15 The Vine (Youth) 5:00 pm	7	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	9 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	10 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	11 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	12 Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 am
13 <i>Mother's Day:</i> Something Special The Vine will not meet	14 Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	16 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	17 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	18 Celebrate Recovery 7pm (Dinner)	19 Men's breakfast 8:00am Rm 7-8
20 "To An Unknown God" Acts 17:16-34 The Vine (Youth) 5:00 pm	21 Leadership meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	23 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	24 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	25 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	26
27 Memorial Day Weekend "I Am With You" Acts 18:1-17 The Vine (Youth) 5:00 pm	28 Memorial Day	29 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	30 Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	31 Choir rehearsals 5:30 Praise team 7:00 pm	June 9 All church work day 9:00 – 12:00 June 15 – 16 Women's Retreat – Yreka	

Birthdays

Addie Holkan	5/1
Rick Martinez	5/5
Barbara Herndon	5/10
Richard Hobbs	5/12
Gary Gaffney	5/15
Bryan Graves	5/17
Robert Wells	5/19
Rebekah Wootten	5/19
Frances Allred	5/22
Stacy Nelson	5/31

Anniversaries

Mike and Bobbie Dege	5/1/16
Cort and Teresa Mitchell	5/3/97
Rick and Ellen Martinez	5/11/02
Dick and Beth Hiersche	5/16/70
Richard and Donna Hood	5/30/73
Bob and Marva Knox	5/31/63