

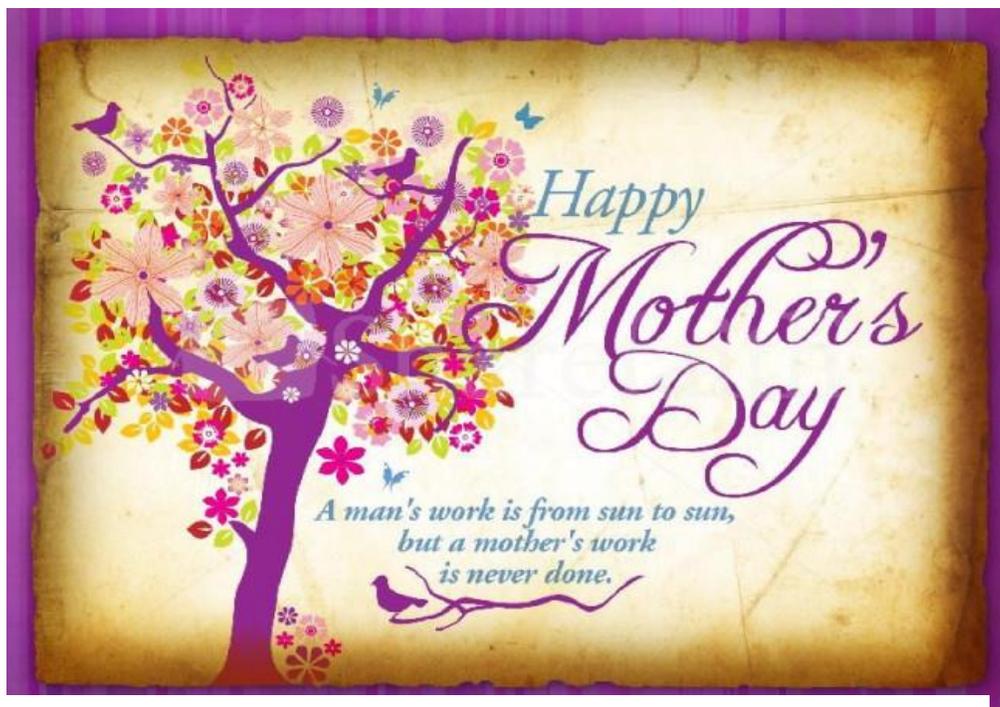


The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors



Sunday May 12

New Members!

On Sunday, April 14, we had the pleasure of welcoming three new Members to Aldersgate! (And, for the first time since 2011, all three joined during the Second Service! Usually, the people that join are from the First Service, so this was a welcome change!) All have been members of other United Methodist Churches before coming to Aldersgate, and two of these are the result of the tragic Camp Fire.

Bob and Peg McElroy join us from transfer of the Paradise UMC. Yes, they are victims of the fire, having lost their home. They joined us for worship that first Sunday of the fire, November 11, and have never left. They were blessed in finding a new home here in Chico, and so they decided to make Aldersgate their new Church Home. They have already blessed us by joining our Choir. It's a cliché, but out of tragedy... came blessing!

Tracie Garcia lived in Dixon, CA, for many years and was a Member at the Dixon UMC. She is not a victim of anything other than a life and home change – which does not make her a victim at all! She came to Chico and started attending Aldersgate. (She is one of those people who you might see at either service, like John Warwick. ☺) She attended the class along with Bob and Peg and joined with them on this date. We are blessed to have her with us!

Welcome Tracie, Peg, and Bob!!

Pastor Scott's Corner

“We must never forget that one man’s tetanus is another man’s treasure.” That is a quote from Terry Shea in his monthly *Out of Balance* column in the May 2019 issue of Hemmings Motor News (page 92). To it I say, “Amen!!!”

I know what some of you might be thinking, “What???” What Mr. Shea is writing about is the practice of “junkyard hopping” that some of us “car guys” like to do. (There are also “car gals,” and they like to do it too!) It’s something my Dad and I did quite a bit when I was a teenager, and for one of two reasons: we were looking for some parts for one of the many \$25 cars my Dad bought that he used as daily drivers for work, or I had wrecked my car yet again and we needed to find replacement parts. As you walk around a junkyard you see many cars and trucks. Some have parts on them you need, some are cars you remember and wished you had owned at one time or another (I remember drooling over a ’58 Edsel once; my Dad told me I was nuts!), and others are so far gone with rust and decay that you want to weep. You just wish it could have been saved.

That’s where Mr. Shea’s quote lies; I look at such a car and say too bad, others look and say, “That’s what I’m talking about!!!” I see rust and uselessness; others see potential that a little elbow grease – and a lot of aftermarket parts – would turn that rust-bucket into a winner! I’ve known two such men.

One is my friend, Chris Sherman, of Phoenix Arizona. He is a “body man” that does wonders with cars in need. His work is so good he’s had some projects in major magazines. He’ll post pictures of cars he’s done and talk about what bad shape they were in before he started. The guy does great work! He’s offered to repaint both my Newport and the Gremlin; if only I could afford him!

Another guy I know of, but not on a personal basis, was a guy in Bakersfield named Brian Frick. This guy would take pure rotted junk and turn it into show-winning material. How good was Brian? If you had a street-rod in a show and just *heard* that Brian was bringing something, you knew you were just relegated to second place – at best. The guy did wonders with junk! He would not touch a driving car, but he turned junkyard piles of dust into beauties. That’s not to mention the custom work he performed on the motor and drivetrain. Interesting thing about him, he was deaf as a post! He could not hear you praising his work, but he could read your smiles! The man was a genius; he never saw a loss; he only saw potential of new life.

We just celebrated Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus! When I read that above quote, I thought about the work our Savior and God has done with us, for it is the same: one human’s destruction is God’s Treasure. We see ourselves as lost, broken, beyond repair, a thing to be tossed out and burned. God sees us as redeemable, rebuildable, and worth it because of His love for us! He takes the brokenness of our lives and rebuilds it through the blood of Jesus. He takes what the world would condemn and turned it into perfection – for His name’s sake!

What was it that John Newton wrote in 1772: *Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, t’was blind but now I see.* I was a wretch, I was lost, but now I’m found, and I see. That’s the work of God, that’s the Grace of our Lord. He does not see us as the world does, He see us as redeemed, rebuilt, made new!!

Hallelujah! You are Treasure!! Praise be to God!

My prayers are with you.



Two of Brian Frick’s creations, both show-winners, both brought back from junkyards. That’s him in the Rod.



Sermons for the Month of May

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| 5. | Lord, Teach Us to Pray "Pray Like This: The Lord's Prayer"
Matt. 6:8-13 | 19. | Lord, Teach Us to Pray
"Our Father" Matt. 6:9 |
| 12. | <i>Mother's Day:</i>
"A Good Woman"
Prov. 31:10-31 | 26. | Memorial Day Weekend
"Thy Kingdom Come"
Matt. 6:10 |

In this month Pastor Scott is starting a series on Prayer. This will be continued through the first week of July. He will be using "The Lord's Prayer" as an example of how to pray, taught by Jesus.

All sermons are recorded and available through our website: Chicoaumc.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.

Kairos 23 Postponed

We want to thank all of you who submitted cookies and hands for Kairos 23. However, due to a lockdown at Folsom Prison, the Kairos was postponed to the first weekend in May, May 2-5. Please keep the Kairos Team in prayer, which includes our own Chris Gardner, Norm Teter, and perhaps Ron Wooten. (Ron had to cancel the earlier date due to an injury on his finger. He might be able to attend now that there has been a delay.)

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study is currently in the Book of Psalms and should be for the month of May. Where he goes after its completion is unknown currently. The class happens every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and repeats at 7 p.m. It is open to anyone who would like to come and is held in rooms 7-8.

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 9. 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 wonderful day of worship, Word, and food!

This year we will be having a special celebration on this day; we will be celebrating the Graduation of George Fenley from Fuller Seminary! We will have a special cake in his honor! Yay George!

Mark your calendars today!

Trustees

This is Marlo Knox, Aldersgate Church Member and currently part of the Board of Trustees (commonly known as the BOT).

Chris Gardner asked me to request that a message be added to the Open Door for the month of May.

Please remind our church family that much attention must be given to closing any door in our church which leads outside our building. When locking up the church extra attention must be given to ensure all doors are closed properly and locked securely. The Board of Trustees members receive nearly daily reports that doors to our church building are found open when no one is using the building or doors are found unlocked when no one is around.

The Board of Trustees recommends that anyone who is the last person leaving our church building take an extra moment to test doors ensuring they are locked and closed properly. Working together we can guard ourselves against vandalism, theft, or worse.

Sincerely,
Marlo Knox
530-864-3508 (call, text, or email)

Leadership

Leadership discussed some days George would like to take off, including his graduation weekend. We were glad to work with him on some vacation time and congratulate him upon the completion of his seminary classes.

We also accepted an application from Christine Pico for treasurer. If you know Christine, welcome her. Pastor Scott has returned and gave us his report of upcoming events and some interesting tidbits about his trip to Israel. Our next meeting is May 20, and all are welcome.

Teri Schell

Finance Report

Our church has been blessed for over a year in having Rose Schottman serve as our treasurer. Rose devoted a lot of time and energy to keeping our accounts in order, paying our bills and payroll, and providing reports to the church leadership. We are very grateful to Rose for her many hours of devoted service to our church and to God! Thank you Rose - we wish you many blessings!

We now have a new treasurer, Christine Pico. Christine is not a member of Aldersgate, but works with our Finance chair, Mary Gaffney at Chico State. She is a trained accountant with many years of experience. She comes highly recommended as a person who is familiar with the bookkeeping software that we use and who is a stickler for accuracy! We are looking forward to getting to know Christine and hope that she can put up with our little idiosyncrasies!

Now, for the most recent Finance Report:

GENERAL FUND	
Feb 28 Balance	24,085.60
MARCH	
Income	17,522.13
Expenses	-16,246.55
March 31 Balance	25,361.18

God bless you all for being such cheerful givers!

Outreach (Missions)

We have two items for you this month...

First - The Outreach Committee is a small group that meets periodically to discuss how we may best support overseas Methodist missionaries. To date, the group has made some decisions about our Outreach efforts: 1) to narrow our support to just a few overseas Methodist missionaries so that we can be more effective in supporting their missions (i.e., not spreading our financial support too thin) and 2) restricting our support to Methodist missionaries, or those who work for The Mission Society (a Methodist off-shoot). Our current supported missionaries are Tim & Diana Datwyler in Ecuador, Paul & Fabiola Drumm in Asia, and Katherine Parker in Nepal. We would like to be sure that we are including all in our meetings who are interested in participating. *If you are interested in being included in our next meeting, please contact Katya Yarosevich, 228-0215.*

Second – We are interested in providing to the congregation information in the bulletin about other Outreach (Mission) efforts that any of you are involved with or know about, so that if Aldersgate members are interested, they can support these missions. *If you have knowledge of a particular mission that you are interested in sharing with your fellow church members, please contact Katya Yarosevich, 228-0215 with information about the mission.*

The Vine

John 21:15 'When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

As I mentioned in my 4/28 sermon, this scripture has been on my heart since coming back from Israel. I'll continue to use it as I lead the youth group. What lessons will come; I ask for your prayers.

The next few months, the youth group will only meet several times because of holiday's or conflicts. I'm out of town on May 5, & Ellen has family plans, so The Vine will NOT meet on May 5. May 12 is Mother's Day and we won't meet then either. In May, we'll meet on 5/19 and 5/26. In June, we won't meet on Father's Day, June 16.

I continue to collect CA CRV cans & bottles to recycle for Vine activities. If you have cans & bottles for recycling, please leave them in the youth room, room 6 or let me know on Sunday's that you have something, and I'll get it from you.

Thank you for your prayers & support of the Vine.
Larry Ducommun, youth leader

May 2019

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 Choir 5:30	3 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	4
5 Lord, Teach Us to Pray "Pray Like This: The Lord's Prayer" Matt. 6:8-13 NO VINE	6	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's 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 Choir 5:30	10 Celebrate Recovery 7pm	11
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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