



# The Open Door

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*A Church of open hearts, open minds, open door*

## Friday Night Light – It's Happening!



The first Light Night will be hosted by Frances and Scott Allred! The dinner will be Pizza, Salad, Dessert, and... brace yourself... a movie for all!! This will be in our Sanctuary of course.

first event will happen on Friday, July 9. Dinner will start at 6, movie will follow. All are welcome!

Please, if you're planning on coming, let Frances and Scott know so that they will have enough pizza, and not too much.

Cost? Donations only, and then only if you want to. There will be an opportunity to make donations to a Mission that night.

We want this to happen once a month every month. Mary and Gary Gaffney have already volunteered for the second one. If you'd like to host a Friday Night Light, let Pastor Scott know

## A fun time was had by all

On Sunday June 27, we had our annual start of summer barbecue. As the temperature was in the 90s at party time, the decision was made, earlier in the week, to hold an indoor event.



## **Pastor Scott's Corner**

Greetings Friends of Aldersgate! The day that I am writing this is Tuesday, June 22. It is the first day that I have returned to the Office since the Covid Shutdown on March 19, 2020. I've been in the Office several times in this past year for Sermon Prep, to meet with someone, or to drop things off as necessary, but not any regular Office Time. But, having brought in my laptop yesterday to share in our Leadership Team Zoom Meeting, it's here, and so am I!!

It's been a little weird to say the least. I made my first pot of coffee in here in over a year and filled my little fridge with Diet Pepsis yesterday. The front door is unlocked, the open sign is in the window, the sign that said we're closed on the bishop's directive is gone, and... here I am. The phone rang once, I answered and... didn't know what to say!! Seriously! I picked up the phone and stumbled until I said, after remembering, "Good Morning, Aldersgate Church!" The things one forgets after 15 months, weird!!

Last Sunday, June 20, Father's Day was the first since regathering in April where we were not required to wear masks. (People who are not vaccinated are still asked to do so.) With those restrictions being gone we looked forward to our After-Worship Barbecue the following week. I wish I can say worshipping with the restrictions lifted was a great joy and a blessing, but I was home, ill. I do apologize for that. But I was glad for one thing that came out of Covid 19, the recording of the sermons! Larry Ducommun was able to play the recording of me giving my sermon; that would not have happened any time before March 2020, so there's a blessing to come from this.

I would like to be able to tell you, since this is coming out in July, that I have been reappointed as your Pastor, but there has been no word of Appointments from the Conference as of this date. I wish it were otherwise. When I do know something, I'll pass it on.

I will tell you that I am glad the Covid restrictions are lifted. That means some things can start happening, or rehashing. If you read below, you will see that our Men's Retreat is happening in August! Also, what has been printed in the last two Open Doors, our new event, the Friday Night Light, is happening on Friday July 9! I hope you will come to that, or both if you're a man! My Wednesday Bible Study has resumed to be live on Wednesday nights as of June 23, although Zoom is still being offered for those who don't want, or can't come in. I will resume Wednesday morning study for all interested once we finish the Book of Jeremiah.

So, we're trying to get back at it! Live Music returned in May, my Bible Study returned in June, Friday Night Light starts in July, what will August bring? Let's see, And I hope you'll join us!

In the meantime, my prayers are with you.

### **Sermons for the Month of July**

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| 4.  | Independence Day!<br>"I'm Independent; I Don't Need the Church!!"<br>Matt. 18:18-20 | 18. | "Hatred Rears Its Ugly Head"<br>Es. 3                 |
| 11. | Young Woman, Cont.<br>"The Search and a Conspiracy"<br>Es. 2                        | 25. | Pastor Scott on Vacation<br>Larry Ducommun Preaching! |

Pastor Scott started a Sermon Series on the Book of Esther in the last Sunday of June. He will be continuing it through the month of September, but with some breaks in between. He is preaching on a different theme for Independence Day, then back to it for two Sundays, then goes on vacation! Larry Ducommun will be preaching July 25 and the Joyful Hosannas will be presenting a Message in Song on August 1. Pastor Scott will then be with us for a Sunday, then gone for Men's Retreat, then back again.... It will all work out.

The sermons will continue to be recorded for you on YouTube even though we have resumed in person Worship. All sermons 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 not required.)

## **Pastor Scott on Vacation**

As is said above, Pastor Scott will be on vacation from July 19 through August 1. In his place for that first Sunday, July 25, will be our own Larry Ducommun!

In recent years at least one of these two Sundays have been filled by the Joyful Hosannas. But last year, with being closed due to Covid, that did not happen. This year, they will return to us on Sunday, August 1! We hope you will come and hear what the Lord has for us on those two days.

We shall be blessed, indeed!

## **Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study**

This weekly Study has resumed in person gathering as of Wednesday, June 23. We are meeting once again in rooms 7-8, all interested persons are welcome to join. If you have not been vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask.

A Zoom gathering for this study will happen simultaneously. So, you can still watch the study and be a part via your computer or cell phone. If you want to join, contact Pastor Scott at [Aldersgaterev@gmail.com](mailto:Aldersgaterev@gmail.com).

The class is currently on the Book of Jeremiah. Once it finishes that particular book, the class will return to twice every Wednesday at 10 AM and 7 PM. For now, it will be 7 PM only. With less than 20 Chapters to go as of June 23, this should happen sometime in August.

We hope you will join!

## **The Vine (Final edition for now)**

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot' Ecclesiastes 3:1-2.

There is a time in life for different activities. The time has come for Aldersgate's youth group The Vine to end (at least for now). In the past year, the teens have developed new habits, interests, & responsibilities. With half of the teens in the group graduating this spring, a smaller group is hard to keep going which fits their activity level, interests and schedules.

It's been fun (& exasperating at times) to be the youth leader for the past 5 years. Keeping up with them during our games was challenging, but Ellen & I occasionally surprised them. I grew spiritually along with the teens as I worked on the lessons and dealt with my own personal challenges. As the church reopens & people come back, if we have families with teens attending, the Vine may start again.

Thank you for supporting the Vine with your prayers, food, encouragement, and money. My plan is to hold a final fun gathering with them sometime this summer before the recent graduates go to college. I'll continue to collect the CA CRV bottles & cans and sell the wall calendars. The money will go toward other Aldersgate ministries and programs. Again, thank you for blessing the Vine.

Larry Ducommun  
Youth leader

## **Leadership**

Leadership continues to meet monthly, and we are beginning to see the light. Our first BBQ was held at the end of June, and we are back in the church for services! We are still a little low in tithes, but we are in the black!

Welcome to all and bring friends and family to hear Scott with the sermon and Clark with his wonderful music.

## **Men's retreat**

The Annual Men's Retreat at Shasta Camp is scheduled to happen again on August 12-15! It didn't happen last year due to Covid. This year's theme is, "Forgiveness." It's the same as was planned for last year, since that one didn't happen this is not a rerun!! Here is the information as found in the flyer:

This is a hard subject for many of us. We want to be healed from hurts in our lives by others or even ourselves. But we don't want to let go of those hurts to move on. Without forgiveness we can not truly be healed. We have four men sharing their views, and journeys through forgiveness. Duane Nelson, Scott Madden, Bryan Graves, and Scott Allred. There will be a time Saturday night at the fire ring for prayer and support.

This will be a great weekend! Something new this year is all are welcome to come on Thursday afternoon! Several men have asked if we could start a day earlier. We listened! Dinner on Thursday will be Pizza! There will also be a "Special Event" that night in the main hall. Pastor Scott has volunteered to cook breakfast for all on Friday Morning in his trailer.

Flyers for the Retreat are available in the Narthex of our Sanctuary. Cost is \$80.00 before July 15, and \$90.00 after that date! An additional \$20 is required for those wishing to come on Thursday. Sign up today!

## **Bob's stuff**

I have a couple of items that may be of use to a church member or someone that you know with a need.

1. My mother's wood table that seats from 4 to 9 places and at least four nonmatching wood chairs. Some of you have shared meals with us at this table.
2. A black wrought iron fireplace or stove guard to keep small children from being injured.

If these Items are of interest to you, contact Bob Knox.

## **Birthdays**

Larry Jones	7/3	Toni Hartman	7/15
Rafael Lopez	7/7	Maxine Keefer	7/19
Ruthie Holland	7/8	Melody Neuenburg	7/20
Ramona Mayberry	7/8	Vikki Petsche	7/23
Katya Yarosevich	7/14	Pastor Scott Allred	7/24
Ellen Martinez	7/14	Chris Gardner	7/24
Marvin Knox	7/15	Megan Loy	7/28