



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

Have you noticed?



Our much-enjoyed coffee hour is being reinstated. It was brought to Leadership's attention that this Aldersgate tradition was sorely missed.

Therefore, there will be a signup sheet where each household will have an opportunity to provide a snack and drinks after worship. If everyone takes a turn, then each household would only have that responsibility about once every third month.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Marva Knox at 530.685.5293

Trustees

The trustees would like to offer many thanks to all the absolutely wonderful workers that showed up for the Saturday, April 22 workday.

As the chair of the Board of Trustees, I appreciate your participation and willingness to roll up your sleeves to help clean, sort, polish, wash windows and beautify our church. Much was accomplished.

Thank you so much,
Sara Lind, Chair, BOT

Leadership

Leadership is planning a Barbeque on June 25 for Pastor Scotts retirement celebration. Watch for more information over the next couple of months.

Also, I have been in contact with our district superintendent Blake for information on our next pastor. He said that the Bishop and the cabinet are working on a replacement. There were a lot of retirements and not many transfers from other conferences. He will let me know ASAP on the replacement.

Also, Big Thank you Trustees on the last clean up day.



Pastor Scott's Corner

An interesting thing happened to us on the way to Fresno.

As you all know, Frances and I took our last week of vacation before Retirement, the week after Easter. We planned on going to Fresno to take care of several things in the home we have purchased there. In addition, we rented a 12-foot U-Haul trailer to move some things to the home, including 10 boxes of coffee mugs! Yes, we have 109 Christmas mugs and 173 daily use mugs. Plus, over 20 glasses and cups in Christmas Theme. (Praise God, there was only one tragedy; one of the Christmas Glasses broke on the trip.) We also brought all the storage boxes of our Christmas Decorations, as well as all boxes of outdoor décor, and the three bags of trees. We also had a couple of cots, sleeping bags, stereo receiver and TV for the front room, our portable refrigerator, two camping chairs and table, card table and four folding chairs, and our suitcase and pillows. We decided to stay in the home we own instead of a hotel.

All right, on the road on Monday right at 3 PM, which was the targeted time.

At Marysville, all went sideways. The water pump in the Durango sprung a leak. I was thinking about all of the appointments I had made in Fresno, including the 8:30 AM meeting with the Carpet Man on Tuesday! Eliminating much of the details, I decided to not try to keep going to Fresno, but we stayed with Glean and Terry Raley that night in Marysville. I didn't sleep well as I was thinking about how the trip could continue in the morning. I had already cancelled the Carpet appointment, and optimistically rescheduled it for Wednesday morning. But we still needed to get there. If I could find a shop that could do the repair, would it be done in time for us to continue to Fresno?

Tuesday began with much disappointment. I decided to leave the Durango there in a shop, taking away the concern about time. However, Enterprise does not allow people to trailer with their vehicles, so there went the option of renting another SUV. The U-Haul in Marysville was as helpful as Cancer, as they would only allow me to have a vehicle for three days, even though their National Representative said I could have it through the following Monday. I had appointments throughout the week; three days would not suffice!

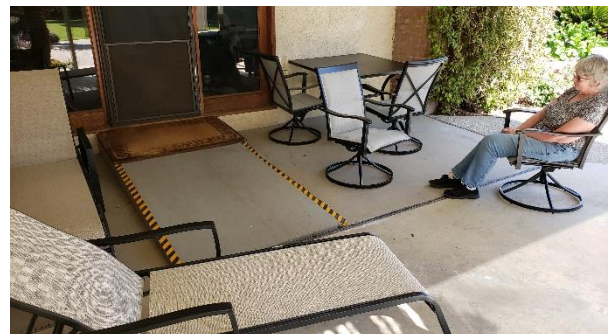
Angrily walking out, Dude says, "I'll call Brent Haste." A Member of the Marysville UMC, Brent operates a Penske Rental Agency. Perhaps they will have a vehicle I could rent to continue the trip. Calling the business, his wife, Alisan, said to come on over and they would fix us up! When we arrived, Brent said, "Scott, I can rent you a truck, but it would be very expensive; why not just take my Ford Truck?" Wow! I met Brent when I was 18, but this was an incredible offer! I took him up on it and our trip would continue! Finding a shop that could fix the Durango, we swapped the trailer onto Brent's truck, dropped the Durango off at the shop, and Frances and I returned to our trip at 11 AM that day! Whew! We would meet the 8:30 xmeeting with the Carpet man!



The Yard Sale chairs and table.

Once in Fresno, things flew very well! We had four rooms carpeted, arranged for a Gardner as well as a Pool Maintenance Man (Thank you for the suggestion, Craig Hawes!), discovered

that the fireplace DID have a gas line installed so we bought a gas insert for it, met with an arborist, to trim some of the trees around the house, met with a Contractor to fix some of the things discovered in the Inspection that the seller would not fix, and got to babysit Preston and Paxton while Mariah and Vince went on a date.



The Lowe's table, chairs, and lounges

I wanted to buy some patio furniture. Mariah's Boss was having a Yard Sale that Saturday which included a small table and 6 patio chairs. We decided to purchase them. After doing so I drove to Lowe's to buy

two patio lounges as well as a small table and four additional chairs. (The house has two patios.) Here's the interesting thing: if I had had the Durango, I would have had to make probably three trips to get all of this. Because we were in Brent's pickup, everything fit at once!

So, by Sunday, everything we had wanted to do was complete, plus 4 rooms of new carpet instead of one! (Frances kept changing her mind about keeping or replacing the other rooms. By the time Henry arrived, I said the number has risen from one room to three. Frances yelled from the bedroom, "No, 4; I want new carpet in the Living Room too!") The gardeners started on the following Monday, the Pool Service by Wednesday, the trees will be trimmed on April 25, and we're waiting to see when the Contractor will go to work. We are having a gas insert installed and California is rewarding us with a \$4,150.00 rebate! (Fresno has outlawed wood burning.) With that, the insert will cost us less than a thousand dollars! Our Christmas stuff is in the outdoor storage room, the mugs are in their cabinets, and we got to spend 5 nights in our new home. All went WELL!!

Here's the follow-up question: was God at work during all of this? Everything went as planned, plus some additional blessings we did not see. Romans 8:28 once again came to be true! God will be at work in all things to bring about a good, and he did! We returned to Marysville, gave the pickup back, Dude had our repaired Durango, and we came home. Thank you, Lord!

"Who is going to be our new Pastor?" Heading into May we still don't know. But, will God be at work in this decision as He was in our week in Fresno? I think we know the answer, and it is... YES!!

My prayers are with you.

Sermons for the Month of May

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| 7. "And, Some Instructions"
II Tim. 4:1-5 | 28. Memorial Day Weekend,
Pentecost Sunday:
"Filled With Power!"
Acts 2:1-13 |
| 14. Mother's Day: "Four Women"
Matt. 1:2-16 | |
| 21. "Do We Get the Power Now?"
Acts 1:1-9 | |

We worship publicly each Sunday at 10 AM in our Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us. All **sermons at Aldersgate are recorded, audibly as well as visually. You can listen to them via our website,** ChicoAUMC.org, on Facebook both through Pastor Scott's Wall or our Chico Aldersgate Church Wall, and we will send you the links via email.

If you wish, you may ask for a copy to be made on a CD in our Sanctuary. A donation of \$2 is requested for such.

Be blessed!

Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor Scott's Wednesday Bible Study continues in the examination of the Book of Acts. As of this writing they are in Chapters 15-16, so this will continue for a while.

This Class is offered twice each Wednesday, at 10 AM and 7 PM. It's open to anyone!

Kiaros

The next Kairos will be Oct 5 to 8 in "C" yard at Folsom. Training will start August 26th. If you want to work this Kairos, see Chris Gardner for the contact information for Roy Kroll, Weekend leader for Kairos #27.

Friday Night Light!

We want to thank Randy Franken for providing the meal for our April FNL. Since this is being written before the event happened, we can't speak about what was given for our Mission, The Chico Rescue Mission.

May's FNL will be the last one with Pastor Scott. Due to the June Barbecue and Party on June 25, we will not have a Friday Night Light on June 23.

May's FNL will be a dinner featuring the return of Scott's Bacon-wrapped Chicken! He cooked that over a year ago and it was greatly received. Dinner will start at 6 PM.

What the event will be, as well as the Mission, is not yet known. But, we hope you will plan on coming for some good food, a chance to help others, and a fun night!

Missions

Keep your pocket change...for Missions.

Yes! On the third Sunday of each month our Mission container will be out so you can bring your change, collected during the month, to support Mission focus.

Aldersgate has committed monetary support for three missionary families. The Datwylers, the Drumms, and Katherine Parker depend on our funds to help them with their mission works. You can follow their journey by checking the bulletin board by the double doors going into the sanctuary. They send out updates on their individual mission projects.

Please, be willing to join their ministries by prayers and by any pocket change (paper money works too) you can give. Individual mission offering boxes will be available on the table in the entrance of the church

ALLRED PACKING PARTY

Several Aldersgate people have asked Frances and Scott if they are going to have a packing party for their move. So many have asked that they have decided to have one!

If you can join, please go to their house on Saturday, June 17, 10 AM, and help them pack. They will reward you with a pizza lunch!

If you are willing to do this, thank you so much!

Birthdays

Bryan Graves	5/17
Robert Wells	5/19
Rebekah Wootten	5/19
Frances Allred	5/22
Stacy Nelson	5/31

Anniversaries

Bobbie and Mike Dege	5/1/2016
Courtney & Zachary Howe	5/6/2018