



The Aldersgate Experience

Monthly News of Aldersgate United Methodist Church

March 2018

Dear Friend in the Messiah,

Springtime for the Soul: The Season of Lent. Reflection, Repentance, Renewal, Resurrection. A time for fresh winds of the Holy Spirit to blow the bluster and debris from our lives.

The appointment of Rev. Jan Hughes (whose bio is on page 2 of this newsletter) as Aldersgate Church's Lead Pastor, July 1, 2018, is God's gift to Christ's Church gathered as Aldersgate United Methodist, Mechanicsburg. Jan brings an array of gifts and graces for ministry and servant-leadership to Aldersgate.

Jan and I spent three hours together on Feb. 21 in an initial conversation about transition of leadership here. I've shared with Jan what a blessed season of ministry God has gifted us over 10 years. The growth of the ministry vine in, through, among and beyond us testifies to God's goodness and what can happen when a people humble themselves, seeking a resurrection walk with Jesus. I also shared a few tears testifying to the impact of God's mercy and strength imparted in this appointment season.

I want you to know that Jan will bring a sweeping and needed breath of fresh air. Jan will bring capabilities and a focus to organize and free discipleship growth toward a whole new level. Jan will bring a confidence in God's call that will surely challenge and comfort, all for God's change. Embrace her. Pray for her.

Further, I am confident that Aldersgate's move to a full-time Associate Pastor is the right next step, and that the season is now. I was wrong to resist this move for a couple of years despite the urging of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. I wasn't afraid of it. I wasn't hamstrung by \$\$\$ doubts. I just didn't think I had the energy the extra work of assimilation would bring. I wanted a year or two for the dust to settle. I forgot that to walk with Jesus is to experience dust kicked up by the soles of our Savior. In the end, my reluctance has held us back, and though I won't experience the immense benefit of doubling the reach of pastoral leadership to grow and guide us deeper at Aldersgate — and to unleash ministry — I have no doubt that now is the time, and appointment of a full-time Associate as approved unanimously at December's Church Conference will make possible the envisioned ministry expansion into the community and beyond limits of church building!

Finally, I want to note appreciation again for leadership here who encouraged and supported my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) term at York Hospital, Wellspan. Begun in October, the term concludes April 10. It has been life-invigorating and deeply affirming, and horizon-stretching. I also want to note that May 20 is my last day in worship leadership at Aldersgate. While I'm not aware of the plan leadership is pulling together for this season's end, be assured that when we worship May 20, Christ will be worshiped as Lord, Savior, Victor, and the Authority for his Church and for our living. May Aldersgate forever be Christ's Church ...

By Grace Alone,
Pastor Troy

ALDERSGATE OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Jan Hughes

New Lead Pastor as of July 1

Rev. Jan Hughes holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary English education from Millersville University. She holds a Masters of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary with a concentration in Leadership Development. She has her accreditation in Christian Counseling and has served as a coach and consultant for the Growing Effective Church Initiative in the Annual Conference for the last fifteen years. Her former appointments include the former Grace UMC in Carlisle where she served as the Associate Pastor, and now Middlesex UMC as the Lead Pastor.

Jan is married to the (almost retired) Rev. Kevin Hughes and they have two married children, Heather and Matt. They consider themselves so blessed to have a six-year-old granddaughter, Stefani, who loves her Gigi and Papa "to the moon and back."



PJ, as her church lovingly calls her, has served the Lord at Middlesex for six years. Middlesex, under Jan's leadership and the Holy Spirit's direction, has seen exponential growth both in number and in spiritual depth. They are recognized across the conference as the flagship for the Growing Effective Church Initiative.

Being an extrovert and having a high energy personality, Jan wakes up each morning feeling privileged to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and to be engaged in meaningful relationships with God's people in the church and in the community. Prayer is constant and essential to Jan's life. She is an avid writer and can best hear the Spirit in that writing. Her ministry strengths include biblical preaching within a practical life context, developing leadership, and the encouragement of others.

Her activities outside of the local church include:

- Serving on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

- Serving as the Chair of the Committee on District Superintendency

- Serving on the GEC (Growing Effective Churches Conference Team)

- Serving on the District Vitality Team

- Serving as a coach for churches and pastors in the Growing Effective Church Initiative

In her spare time, Jan enjoys kayaking and enjoys being in the "warm" outdoors. She expresses her artistic creativity as a fused glass artist and a glass-bead lampworker. Baking is a delight for Jan and she loves to share her homemade pies.

Last, but not least, Pastor Jan and Kevin have a four and one-half pound dog (a Morkie) named "Gracie, who considers herself a "church dog." Gracie will often sneak down to the preschool and sit at circle time with the children.

Jan deeply honors and values the excellent leadership and good kingdom work that Pastor Troy has done here at Aldersgate. Jan will be praying over us as we grieve and is praying fervently as we begin this journey together.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: March 25th 8, 9:30, 11:00 am Worship

Holy Thursday: March 29th 7:00 pm Worship

Good Friday: March 30th 7:00 pm:
Choir/Orchestra Cantata "Once Upon a Tree"

Easter Morning April 1st
Sunrise Worship Outdoors 6:45 am
Easter Morning Worship 8, 9:30 and 11 am

Choir/Orchestra Cantata

On Friday, March 30th, the choir and orchestra will be presenting the cantata "Once Upon a Tree." This cantata was written by Pepper Choplin and tells the story that has been told millions of times, the story that takes us to the depth of human suffering but lifts us to ultimate victory over death in Jesus' resurrection. We will do the first portion of this musical on Friday evening, and complete it with the last song on Easter morning in celebration of VICTORY OVER DEATH. The story is narrated from Luke's perspective. It's our hope that you come out and join us as we hear the story one more time. May our hearts be forever changed!

REMINDER: SERMONS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE EACH WEEK

We are called by God to be in worship each week and it's a discipline we should honor and make a priority in our lives. Of course there are weeks that we can't attend. If you miss worship, please remember that the sermons are up on the web to hear at aldersgatechurch.net.



New Chairs for the Chapel
Recently, AUMC preschool and worship ministries in combination purchased chairs with dollies for the chapel. These padded, foldable chairs are stacked conveniently on movable racks and will better support the many ministries that meet in the chapel. The chairs that we replaced were shipped along with other necessary ministry needs to the school for the Hope for Angola mission.

Articles for the April 2018 Newsletter should be sent to the church office at secretary@aldersgatechurch.net by **March 15th**.
Thank you.



YFA News

New Hope Work Night 3/13 7-9 pm

A service opportunity for ALL YFA students, grades 6-12, Tuesday evening at New Hope Ministries, 5228 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg. Drop off and pick up is at New Hope. Arrive at New Hope by 6:55 pm. A great opportunity to serve and invite your friends!! Please sign up to serve by **Sunday, 3/11** by email, text 717-645-8569, or time to sign up: <https://ttsu.me/newhope>

Pittsburgh Project 4/20-4/22

YFA high school students serve each year at the Pittsburgh Project helping repair homes. We typically leave on Friday at 1 pm and return Sunday around 5 pm. Meals, entertainment and worship is included. As we serve, we receive blessings that outweigh any efforts we expend. Cost is \$130 per person. Sign up @ <https://ttsu.me/tpp2018>

The Pittsburgh Project is a home repair ministry that takes the Word of God to the streets to serve those who need home repair attention. Youth teams are assembled, and given light-duty home repair assignments, enabling relationships with the homeowner.

Creation 2018: 40th Anniversary 6/27-6/31!

Creation 2018 is a Christian music festival held each June in Mt. Union PA with nearly 80,000 people. Christian music artists give concerts and lead worship while great Christian speakers challenge the mostly youth-aged audience to make a move closer to God.

All YFA students are encouraged to join us. A parent or adult is needed to attend with 6th grade students. 15 Tickets are available for \$150 each on a first come, first served basis! Cost increases to \$165 on March 11th or after the 15 tickets are gone. Don't wait, claim your ticket TODAY!

Join The YFA Team!

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders (YOU) Are NEEDED!

Interested or want to hear more? Contact Sheryl Behr @ youthdirector@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-645-8569.

High School and Middle School Sunday School teachers are needed. Teachers serve on a monthly basis. Materials are provided. The need/opportunity continues for both classes!

We are always looking for extra hands on Sunday evenings, special events and behind the scenes. Please pray about these opportunities to serve and join the youth fellowship team!

Newsletter Events

This Month

3/4: YFA Sunday 6:00-8:15 pm
 3/11: YFA Sunday 6:00-8:15 pm **Meal Night!**
 3/13: New Hope Work Night 7-9 pm
 3/18: YFA Sunday 6:00-8:15 pm
 3/25: YFA Palm Sunday 6:00-8:15 pm

Long Term Forecast

4/1: Easter! No YFA Sunday
 4/20-22: Pittsburgh Project -
 High School Students
 5/6: **Children and Youth Sunday!**
 Students lead all worship services



Trailblazer Ministry News

Sharing the love of Christ with children birth - 5th Grade

Sunday - March 4th - 2:00-4:00 - Family Bowling Day at Trindle Bowl in Mechanicsburg. This event is for all children KG - 5th Grade. Parents may stay and join the fun or just drop your child/children off. Please bring your child into the bowling center, assist with bowling shoes and sign them in at their lanes. Preschool children may stay with parent supervision. We will not be playing in the arcade. Cost is **\$7.00 per child** and includes 2 hours of bowling and shoes.

RSVP's by March 2nd are required for this event. Sign up at ttsu.me/eagezi.

Sunday - March 25th - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt (rain or shine) - Brunch begins at 12:15 pm with the Egg Hunt immediately following at 1:00 p.m. Children up through 5th Grade are invited to participate in the Egg Hunt. Volunteers (including Youth) are needed for set-up, crafts and clean-up.

Please RSVP by March 22nd. Sign up at ttsu.me/pcdesv.

*****Candy and plastic eggs are needed for our Egg Hunt. Please select "nut-free," individually wrapped candy options that will easily fit into a small plastic egg. Donations can be placed in the box outside the FLC.**

Summer Church Camp Registration is OPEN!

Church Camp is a great place for children to build authentic connections in Christ, community and Creation! The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church offers many different camps and camp locations and we are fortunate to have Deans, Counselors and /or Music Leaders plus kids from Aldersgate at the following camps: GH-Greene Hills; CP-Camp Penn; WF-Wesley Forest. *Register before April 15th* and Aldersgate Church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee for campers. Just pay 1/2 when you register, print out a copy of your registration and submit it to Melanie Feldner and Aldersgate will pay the remaining balance directly to the conference.

CP10: July 15th - 17th - *The Great Mini-Camp Adventure* - Grades 2-4 \$190.00

CP11: July 15th - 20th - *The Stuff They Don't Teach You In School* - Grades 4-9 \$340.00

GH02: June 17th - 24th - *Children's Musical Theater Camp* - Grades 4-7 \$405.00

WF20: July 29th - August 4th - *Wacky Week* - Grades 3-7 \$385.00

Register on-line at www.susumcamps.org

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner (bend in the river)!

Rolling River Rampage - Come Find "God on the River!"

June 11th - 15th

Volunteers needed! Want to be part of the planning committee? Contact Melanie Feldner at

mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-737-7923 ext. 107

Dates at a Glance

March 4th 2:00 - 4:00: Family Bowling Day at Trindle Bowl

March 18th 2:00 - 4:00: Adventure Club (KG - 3rd Grade) and Summit Seekers (4th & 5th Grade)

March 25th 12:15 p.m.: Family Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt (Rain or Shine)

April 1st - Easter Sunday - No Adventure Club or Summit Seekers that afternoon

April 15th 2:00 - 4:00: Adventure Club (KG - 3rd Grade) and Summit Seekers (4th & 5th Grade)

May 6th - Children & Youth Sunday - All 3 Services

June 11th - 15th - VBS - *Rolling River Rampage*

**I have a new email address. Need to contact me? Please use the following email:
mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net or call at 717-737-7923 ext. 107**



Preschool Registration

If you are interested in registering your child for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the preschool office as soon as possible. Our classes are almost filled for this coming fall. God is Good! Thank you.



Book Swap

The Book Swap is an annual event at the preschool and will be held all day on March 12th and 13th. Bring in any books that your children no longer read and swap them out for some 'new' ones. We will have tables set up in the FLC all day on the 12th and 13th. The tables will be labeled for toddler, preschool and elementary school aged books. There were hundreds of books brought in last year and almost all of them were grabbed! We hope you are able to participate this year (you are not required to bring books in order to take some home.)

'Potty Issues'

Now that I have your attention.....

I highly recommend that everyone attend the upcoming workshop on March 5th at 7:00 pm in the FLC. Megan Miller is a physical therapist who specializes in pelvic floor muscles. She is a member of Aldersgate and had 3 children go through our preschool program. She offered this presentation last spring and it was incredibly informative! If you have a child who complains of belly aches, has constipation, struggles with potty training issues, bed wetting, or frequent urination, etc.... this is a 'must attend' event. If you, as an adult, struggle with any of these same issues, it applies to you as well! (Please see fliers posted around the church.) Megan will have hand- outs available, which are valuable resources. Hope to see you there!

Please lift the preschool teachers and families in your prayers as we transition into a busy time of year for all our families. The spring brings wonderful weather and the kids are eager to get outside. Many families have hectic schedules during the week nights, filled with sports and activities. We pray that they are able to enjoy their children for the unique gifts they bring to the family. We also pray that each family feels the peace, love and grace of our amazing God, especially during the crazy days!

Kathleen Blazey, Preschool Director

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

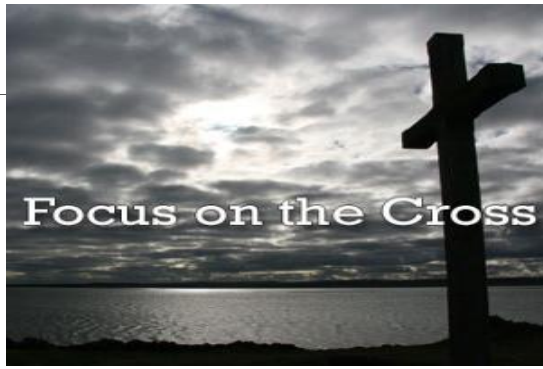


Blood Drive March 18

Mark your calendars and watch for the sign up sheet that will be posted this month.

Blood Drive—Sunday, March 18

Did you know that as a part of the Aldersgate family you and your family may receive low cost or free blood products as members of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank? This is a wonderful gift for individuals who find themselves in need of these products during times of illness. In order for us to continue offering this, we need to provide a level of blood donations during the Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive. **Please consider donating blood during our next blood drive on Sunday, March 18 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.** "Requirements are: over 16 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health. There is a 56 day waiting period between donations. Make certain Sunday morning you eat a good breakfast and hydrate yourself with caffeine-free drinks prior to donating blood." *Information taken from Central PA Blood Bank website.* We will have a sign up shortly on the Central PA Blood Bank flyer located on the Health Bulletin Board, on the main floor near the nursery. For more information, you may go directly to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank website at: <http://cpbb.org>, or call them at 1-800-771-0059.



March 2018 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pray for our Pastor Troy Howell	2 World Day of Prayer Pray for love, compassion and justice especially for the women of Suriname. Focus of 2018 WD of Prayer	3 Pray for the Men's Saturday Morning Bible study
4 Pray for our sister church, the Krichev Revival Church and her Pastor	5 Pray for the Church Choir as they practice for the Easter Cantata	6 Pray for those taking Zumba at our church this evening	7 Praise God for John Wesley as he led his first worship service in Savannah Georgia on this date in 1735	8 Pray for all those struggling with cancer	9 Pray for our Youth, Youth Leaders and the Youth Ministry of our church	10 Pray for the Salvation Army and it ministry, founded on this day in the USA in 1880
11 Day Light Saving Time Pray for the eyes and heart of Christ as we witness to the community around us	12 Pray for your neighborhood	13 Praise God for James Hepburn born in 1815 in Milton PA, a medical missionary who supervised the first Bible in Japanese	14 Prayers of thanksgiving for those preparing the WUW meals	15 Pray for the Girl Scout leaders and the Girls Scouts who meet at our church	16 Pray for Aldersgate's Mature Methodists (M&Ms)	17 Pray for the approximately 15 million babies born prematurely world-wide
18 Dear Lord in this changing world may our hearts and eyes be fixed upon you; as we worship you today and everyday	19 Pray for the victims of mass shootings and their families	20 Pray for the 814 million people who face hunger world-wide <i>World Hunger Education Service</i>	21 Pray for our Pastor as of July 1st Pastor Jan Hughes	22 Pray for those who struggle with the disease of addiction, and those who minister to them.	23 Pray for the leadership of Aldersgate Church, may they continue to discern God's will for Aldersgate	24 Pray for the Dogs' for God Ministry, and those with whom they share the love of Christ
25 Palm Sunday Hosanna, Rejoice in the Lord who brings light to those in darkness, and a love that never dies	26 Pray for the children attending the church Preschool and their families	27 Pray for those serving in the armed forces, many away from family	28 Pray for Bishop Park and D.S. Rev. Robison	29 Holy Thursday As the Triduum begins, let us in centered stillness focus on Christ's <i>Via Dolorosa</i>	30 Good Friday Let us reflect on Christ's agape love for you and me today as He died on the cross for our sins	31 Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus <i>1 Thessalonians 5:17-18</i>

WALK FOR HOPE 2018

Walk For Hope is an annual and *important* fund raiser for New Hope Ministries and will be held on Sunday, April 22nd. You can go online to www.nhm-pa.org and follow the links for the **WALK for Hope** to register. Registering for WALK in advance is greatly appreciated. Please consider forming a team this year!

WALK DATE: Sunday, April 22

REGISTRATION: 1:30 to 2:00 PM

START OF WALK: 2:00 PM

DISTANCE: Approximately 5K (3.1 miles)

LOCATION: Hampden Township Park



If you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring another walker.

Go online at www.nhm-pa.org and follow the links for the WALK For Hope or call 717-766-7333 for more information.

Please contact Nancy Wible at 717-796-3103 or wibfam@comcast.net with any questions.



New Date: Wool and Flax Ministry

The Wool and Flax ministry would like to invite you to join them Sunday, March 4th from 1 to 3 pm in room 203. This is a group of novice and experience knitters and those who crochet. They are known for making prayer shawls and blankets. Bring your current project or, if you would like to learn something new, we always have experienced folks willing to teach crocheting and knitting. We also meet Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm in room 203. All are welcome!

Dear Ladies of the Wool & Flax
Ministry,

Morning Star Pregnancy Services
is very grateful for your
generous donation of blankets
& a sweater. We are looking
forward to giving these beautiful
handmade items to our clients!
We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
Mary, Lou, LaVonne, Jenny, Jan, Ann, Bianca

Thank
you



Thank you
so very much
Tiff

Thank you
for all the
gifts.
Amanda B
Jaxon
Addison

We thank
you from the
bottom of our
heart for the
warm hugs and
wishes all year
long! Love
mom & Tamara

Thanks for
everything
Lara

Thank you for
all your support
Amadea T.

Bethesda Women and Children's Mission

Hello,
I would like to
thank you and bless you
for a wonderful Xmas
you helped me have.
Very special blessings
to you, Julie 😊

Amy Anette K
Thank you

I feel so blessed
Thank you. My
daughter had
the best
Christmas ever.
God Bless You

Melissa
Gabriella

You made our
Christmas very
special! Jearnie

Thank you
Ashley
Thank you
Tara

I want to Thank you for
everything, especially making
my first Xmas with my mom

Thankful
Talia to have you
Nazir to help ..

'Hope For Angola' Shipment

MissionLink February 6, 2018

by Adam Hoover, Director of Development

"Hey, Adam...do you know if you have any desks for high school students available?" This is the call I received from Troy Howell, Pastor of Aldersgate UMC, Mechanicsburg. Troy explained that he was helping a friend, "Gomes", who was building a school in Angola, through a mission called "Hope for Angola." Gomes was looking for desks and other supplies and equipment for the first shipment to the new school. This school was going to help by educating children during the day, teach adults at night, serve as a community center and help in many other ways.

I remembered seeing a few on a shelf in the warehouse, so I told Pastor Troy that I thought we did and would double check for him. I asked how many he was looking for and Troy said that he'd likely take as many as we had...hundreds were needed. As it turns out, we had a tractor trailer load of desks, chairs and tables sitting in the parking lot, ready for someone to take. I immediately called Troy to share the good news. Troy called Gomes and a meeting was set up.

We toured the warehouse and I explained the history and mission of Mission Central. We ended the tour with an inspection of the trailer and both Troy and Gomes were blown away. There were several hundred desks stacked up in the trailer. At the back, were conference tables, chairs and other miscellaneous items. Gomes could not believe that this was available and that we would simply donate it to his school.

As we talked, we discovered that the school would have dormitory areas to house guests. A local company, D&H Distributors, donates (among other things) refrigerators and microwaves to Mission Central. I offered to give him a supply of those items as well. The need for computers for the school was realized. Gomes was hoping to get 20 computers. I directed him to Computer Ministry, who rebuilds donated computers and puts complete, working computer systems out into the world. They were able to give him the 20 desktop computers that he needed. A small fee of \$10 per computer is required, which goes to Microsoft for licensing. We also connected with a local school district, Red Lion, who had additional desks to donate.



One Sunday morning, Pastor Troy invited me to join him during the service. We told the story of Gomes, his school and Mission Central to the congregation. Troy explained that a shipping container was being delivered to Mission Central on February 6. There was a 2 hour window, from 8:30 – 10:30am in which the container had to be fully packed and loaded. The congregation quickly responded with about 14 men and women volunteering to take time off work and out of their schedules to come and load the container at Mission Central.

That was this morning. The desks, chairs and tables were quickly loaded from the storage container in the Mission Central parking lot into the shipping container. Once moved to the warehouse dock, the container continued to be loaded by forklift and by hand. Computers, sewing machines, microwaves, refrigerators, desks, tables, many chairs from Aldersgate, bicycles and other items were all loaded in the container. Someone from the church stopped by with doughnuts for the volunteers and everyone had a great time spending the morning together working on this wonderful project.

Just before 10:30am, the last items were placed into the container and the truck pulled away from Mission Central's loading dock. Its next destination was Baltimore, where it's being loaded onto a ship that will shortly set sail for Africa, with the

ultimate destination of Angola. Hundreds of children are eagerly awaiting the delivery of the first items for their new school.

When you support Mission Central, you never quite know what you're helping to accomplish. Your donation could be used right here in the area for local families, it could be used to purchase materials for disaster relief somewhere in the United States and sometimes it's used to help children and families on another continent. In this case, to obtain something so basic that we often take it for granted...an education.

If you're working on a mission and think that we might be able to help, or want to make a donation, or volunteer to help with other projects that Mission Central supports, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and ask!

Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050; 717-766-1533

The 2018 Ladies Spring Brunch

FRIENDS OF THE HEART

Presenting

“IF OUR CLOSETS COULD TALK”

Ladies join us for the Ladies Spring Brunch, being held Saturday April 21st from 8:30am to noon. The “Friends of the Heart” will share God’s love with us through teaching, testimony, drama and song as they present “If Our Closets Could Talk.”

The “Friends of the Heart” are three women whose passion over the last ten years has been “to opening women’s hearts to the joy we have in Christ”. Shirley Brosius who is a member of this group is the author of several books including “Sisterhood of Faith: 365 Life-Changing Stories About Women Who Made a Difference”.

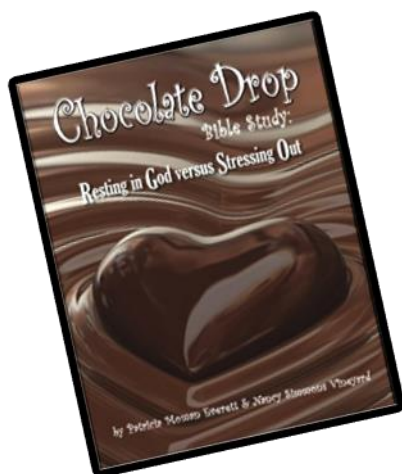
This promises to be a wonderful experience to share with a friend or your neighbor. Join us for the free brunch, wonderful fellowship and a fun craft in addition to the exciting Friends of Heart’s skit. Maybe you know a lady who would enjoy visiting Aldersgate; this is the perfect opportunity to invite her.

Register today (limited number of seating, and no walk-ins can be accommodated) by contacting Robin Fisher at robinfisher12@gmail.com, or 717-728-9573.



Starting March 20th A New Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Women

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Place for
Bible Study



Chocolate Drop Bible Study, Resting in God versus Stressing Out

by Patricia M. Everett and Nancy S. Vineyard

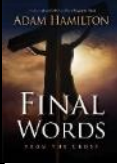
Is this study for you? Do you long to be resting in God? Does your heart yearn to go from anxiety to joy? Are you weary from trying worldly solutions that don't work?

Take this 7 week study to find Gods Truth for your pressured soul. Join us March 20th at 9:15 am, in room 210. To register, contact Cindy Sollenberger at fcsolly@verizon.net if this study is for you.

What's Up Wednesday Spring 2018 Classes

Wednesday
Night
Bible Study

THREE STUDIES TO CHOOSE FROM



Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton

MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDY/FACILITATORS:

Begins March 7th

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words" statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father and ourselves. Join the crowd now and experience the final words from the cross.



Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage by Mark Gungor

MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDY/FACILITATORS: Carol & Joe Purdom

5 Weeks –Begins March 7th

Laugh and learn as you explore the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. Couples will learn honest and hard-hitting insights, with guidance to discuss and interact with each other and be able to make real, positive change in their marriages. Experience the fun of Mark Gungor's unique look at love, life and marriage.



Heart & Soul Matters

MEN'S & WOMEN'S STUDY/FACILITATOR: Pastor Troy Howell

4 Weeks –Begins March 7th

In these four weeks Pastor Troy will lift up a variety of foundational tenets and threads of The Jesus Way and how God intends those to affect our heart and soul for practical impact in this life. Participants will be given the opportunity to examine and reflect upon these insights and to discuss them together. This is not a packaged curriculum or study, but visuals will be used. These sessions will flow from Pastor Troy's understanding and experience of the core characteristics of the Gospel and of how Christ would have us be and become his Kingdom people.

(NOTE SCHEDULE: Wednesdays, March 7, 21, 28 and April 4 – We do not meet March 14). The group will meet in the Sanctuary, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

To Register, go to the church's website at aldersgatechurch.net

or

fill out the insert in Sunday's bulletin.



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January 25, 2018

Rev. Troy T. Howell
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Dear Rev. Howell,

This is to express my heartfelt thanks to you and to Aldersgate Church for your very generous gift of \$2,000 to Bishop's Partners in Mission given in December 2017. Gifts such as yours are making an impact for saving lives and restoring hope through the work of Imagine No Malaria and Mission Central, the recipients of 100% of funds donated to Bishop's Partners in Mission. Enclosed are two information sheets outlining the impact that donors such as you are making to the world. This is part of your legacy!

Wishing you all God's blessings this New Year,

C: Bishop Jeremiah J. Park



www.imagenomalaria.org



www.missioncentral.org

Inserts from the letter on the previous page...



\$1
donated becomes
\$12
in resources

=

6+ lives
touched

\$550,000 budget
↓
over \$7 million in donated resources
↓
1200% return on investment

Total Warehouse Output = \$7,405,650



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68% remained in Pennsylvania!

Mission Central is there in times of disaster when medical supplies, food, and clothing are needed. Most of Mission Central's work stays right here in Central Pa., however, our resources reach across the country, and around the world.

7,243 ← Volunteers

Lives Touched → **3,353,653**

Each volunteer helped 463 people!



IMPACT OVERVIEW

GLOBAL MALARIA STATISTICS & TRENDS

Global malaria mortality rates have fallen by an estimated

60%

since we began this effort

395,000

deaths from malaria still occur yearly in Africa

When we began this effort, a child in Africa died from malaria
**EVERY 30 SECONDS...
THEN 45 SECONDS...
THEN 1 MINUTE.**

We still lose a child every

2 MINUTES

but this progress is reason for hope and celebration.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA IS PART OF A CONCERTED WORLDWIDE EFFORT THAT HAS SHOWN RESULTS

Because of the global effort to fight malaria, it is estimated that

6.8 MILLION

deaths from malaria have been averted since 2001

In the past decade, life expectancy in Sub-Saharan Africa has increased by

9.4 YEARS

1.2 years of which is directly attributable to the reduction in malaria mortality

United Methodists engaged in a global effort

49 CONFERENCES

representing over

6 MILLION

United Methodists accepted the challenge to raise funds

TOGETHER, WE HAVE...

Provided over

4 MILLION

life-saving bed nets

Renovated

61 FACILITIES

Treated over

2.7 MILLION

people for malaria

Protected over

175,000 STRUCTURES

with IRS (indoor residual spraying)

Trained

THOUSANDS

of community health workers and volunteers



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