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at ALDERSGATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YOUTH SUNDAY
"I Can Only Imagine"
Worship at 9am
~ Food Collection for Families Forward ~

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 - 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Farewell to Pastor Karin
Family Worship at 9am—Children ages 4th grade & up remain in worship with their families

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY
Third Grade Bible Presentation in Worship
Worship at 9am
~ Food Collection for Sunday Supper ~
Environmental Ministries after Worship in the Senior High Room
Sunday Supper, 5:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 24– 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
"Preparing the Soil"
(Pastor Ken's Best Message Ever)
Worship at 9am

Ellis Family Celebration
SATURDAY, JUNE 9
5-7:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL & PATIO
See Details Inside Page 3

Welcoming the Ellington Family, July 1

Pastor Tim's first Sunday will be July 1. We will welcome him and his family to our Aldersgate "Ohana" during worship followed by a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Ohana means family in Hawaiian—please feel free to wear aloha attire that Sunday.

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Please remember that **ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS** using the Aldersgate facility **must** contact the church office and schedule their meetings, rehearsals and events on the Master Calendar. Using the Master Calendar avoids conflicts and confusion and insures that your meeting or event is set up properly with the necessary equipment.

Our facility is in **constant** use both internally and by outside groups. What you see on the Sunday bulletin calendar is only a small portion of the events and activities that are occurring during the week.

In addition, it is **VITALLY IMPORANT** to remember to close and lock all doors and windows when you adjourn. Thank you for your help in keeping our property secure!

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday:
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Ken's Connection

Beloved Aldersgate family and friends,

It is hard to believe, but summer is already here! For many in Southern California, the beginning of summer is only a number and another month, but for others, it marks the end and the beginning of significant, kairos chapters in our lives.

First of all, I want to congratulate all the graduates and their families! May your heart be aware and grateful of God's faithfulness in your most recent chapter, and may God's presence give you assurance, courage, and hope for what lies ahead. As Sunnie and I prepare to send our first son to college, these are nice words to hold on to, especially when we're freaking out!

This June will also be the end of a significant chapter for our church family as Pastor Karin and her family finish their 9 years of communing with our Aldersgate family. What a blessed 9 years it has been, and not only will Aldersgate's next chapter be blessed because of Pastor Karin's ministry and family, but I am confident that the Ellis family will be a powerful blessing to the La Canada community because of their time here with us.

As we prepare to say goodbye to Pastor Karin and the Ellis family and prepare to welcome Pastor Tim and the Ellington family, let us remember that the strength and beauty of our church will always be our relationships... with God and with one another. So, as we line up our kids' and grandchildren's activities, and prepare for all our church's summer activities, let us make definitive plans to spend quality time with family and friends near and far.

As I reminded us last year, summer is a great time to slow down, and enjoy opportunities to strengthen relationships or even develop new ones. As I look back on my life, it is in the midst of many summer activities that I developed my lifelong friendships and experienced my most impactful relationship moments... with God and with others. Who will that person be for you this summer? Who is God calling you to draw closer to this summer? And how can you draw closer to God this summer as well?

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." -Acts 2:46-47

Praise God for what has been and all that will be! May our souls experience renewal as we enjoy a tall drink of quality time with others and with God this summer!

In God's abundant and unending love,
Pastor Ken

Ellis Family Celebration

Please plan to join us on **Saturday, June 9, 2018** to celebrate the many ministries of Pastor Karin and Steven, Abby and Paul. **Dinner begins at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. At 6:00 we move to the Sanctuary for a time of stories, photos, music, and gifts. We are planning an evening of fun and special remembering. **Please RSVP** to the church office or on the patio so that we can plan for food, etc.

Stewardship Update

Jack Murrieta and Wendy Lee, Stewardship Co-chairs

At the beginning of each year we are asked to prayerfully consider our pledge to Aldersgate. Our pledges help to carry out our ministries—to Connect, Grow and Serve, Together. We are so blessed by our generous congregation that supports our church to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world!

As the year goes on, we sometimes fall behind in our monthly giving. To remind us of our commitments we are planning an event—**Catch-Up Sunday**. This mid-year event will allow all of us to reflect on our progress of giving and compare it to our pledge in mid-year. On June 24 we will ask you to add to your contribution any amount you can to help get us back on track with your pledge commitment. If you are unable to be here on **June 24** feel free to make an additional contribution any Sunday in the months of June and July. If you happen to be caught-up, then let us say *thank you*.

We also affirm our ability to receive Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) contributions. Currently, 47% of our members are contributing using EFT. This is particularly helpful during the summer months when schedules and church attendance are more fluid. EFT can help maintain pledge contributions while you are on vacation.

Together, we can continue to keep the vitality of our ministries at Aldersgate United Methodist Church!

Blessings from Your Stewardship Chairs,
Wendy Lee and Jack Murrieta

GRADUATES—We celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of high school, college and post graduate degree recipients related to our Aldersgate Church family. Be sure to greet these accomplished persons when you see them.

Christopher Bell graduated from Foothill High School and will attend Irvine Valley College pursuing a degree in engineering and his passion for vocal music.

Courtney Bell graduated with Masters of Science in Marketing from the University of Southern California and will continue through the summer with her internship at ABC /Disney.

Sarah Cramer graduated from Barrett, the Honors College at ASU with a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies and Social Inquiry, Minor in Women and Gender Studies and Certificate in Economic Justice. (granddaughter of Dick and Karen Pinney)

Joel Dulebohn graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Faithe Eaton, graduated from Irvine High School, will attend Irvine Valley College and hopes to continue on at San Diego State. (granddaughter of Ash and Sue Bishop)

Courtney L. Hunter, graduated from Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California with a Masters in Divinity.

Tarah Kreutziger is graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a major in Education. She is evaluating her options!! (granddaughter of Betty Anne and Karl Kreutziger)

Bobby Nnanna Okereke, graduating from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Science in Management Science and Engineering, will start a Master's Degree program at Stanford in the Fall.

Kristine Ijeoma Okereke, graduated from Foothill High School, will attend Harvard College in the Fall.

Ali Rohrbaugh, graduating from Classical Academy High School, Escondido, will attend Muhlenberg College in Allentown , PA (granddaughter of Don and Joyce Rohrbaugh)

Kayla Stuckenberg, graduating from Corona Del Mar High School, will be attending Whitworth University in the fall and plans to major in biology. (granddaughter of Fay and Dick Behn)

Toby Suhr, graduated from Beckman High School, and will be attending the University of California, Riverside.

Nick Walter, graduating from Colorado State University with a Major in Computer Science and Information Technology, will be working with a tech company in Reston, Virginia. (grandson of Betty Anne and Karl Kreutziger)

If you need prayers for yourself, a family member or a friend, you are invited to contact:

The Church Office
at (714) 544-3653.

All prayer requests are given to the pastors and office staff, who pray together weekly. Members of the prayer chain pray specifically for those who ask for prayers for themselves and/or others. If you are interested in becoming a member of the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

Let us support you in prayer!

GRIEF SHARE®

Grief Share meets on Sundays at 2:30pm in the Church Library. Grief Share is designed to help anyone experiencing grief or loss in their life. Whether the loss is through death or some other life loss—job, home, or anything that causes grief, Grief Share can help with coping with the tenderness of that loss. The group is open to anyone who can use help caring for their loss. Contact the Church Office at (714) 544-3653 or Admin@aumctustin.org for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry...

...meets on the **1st and 3rd** Wednesdays of each month **from 3pm to 5pm in the Fireside Room.** If you are interested in being part of this important and meaningful ministry, please feel free to attend a meeting—even if you have no experience, there are knitters and crocheters willing to help those that are just getting started. Please feel free to contact the church office if you have any questions or need further information about the group.

BeFriender Ministers

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY
A Listening Presence

The BeFriender ministry of Aldersgate is a listening presence. This ministry is not a ministry of "doing", but of "being,"--being present and listening quietly. Everyone is, at times, on a difficult journey and needs a caring companion who will listen, empathize, and be a reminder of a caring, faith community. All requests and meetings are confidential. This ministry comes under the umbrella of the Care and Nurture team. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, do not hesitate to contact the church office, (714) 544-3653.

Youth News!

Scott Wilmoth - Youth Director

Greetings Everyone!

We've had another wonderful and active year in the life of Aldersgate's Youth Group! Please see the list of highlights below, and thank you all so much for all of your love and support each and every year. It is greatly appreciated! In June we will be quite busy, as well. By the time the Gatepost comes out we will have had another successful Youth Sunday worship service! We welcomed three new members into youth (Jack McCrosky, Matthew Henderson, and Olivia Falchetti), and we had three members graduate from youth (Chris Bell, Kristine Okereke, and Toby Suhr). Congratulations to each of them!

The senior high mission team leaves June 18th for Houston, Texas to do Hurricane Harvey relief work. We are sending a team of 23 people (18 youth and 5 adults), and thank you to Keith Kuntz, Terri Rhodes, Debbie Mulligan, and Rich Mager for being our adult volunteers. It's going to be a great trip! Our junior high youth are preparing for their trip in July to Tsaile, Arizona with SSP. Thank you Jack Murrieta, Sahra Tanikawa, Jeanie Dreyer, and Rich Mager for joining us on that trip, too.

You can still register for summer camp at Lazy W Ranch. You can register at www.calpaccamps.org, and there is a $100 camp scholarship available upon request. Junior high camp is July 15-20 and senior high camp is July 22-28.

Finally, we are saying "goodbye" to the Ellis family. Pastor Karin has worked closely with the youth over the past four years, and she has been an incredible teacher and mentor to me, to parents, and especially to the youth. Abby was confirmed this year, and she is an amazing young lady. She is smart, honest, caring, kind, and loving. Steven and Paul have been unofficial members for a long time, and we love them, too. We are going to miss their presence in our group, and we will all miss the entire family as they move to La Canada. Thank you all for everything, and the people of La Canada will be blessed to have you!

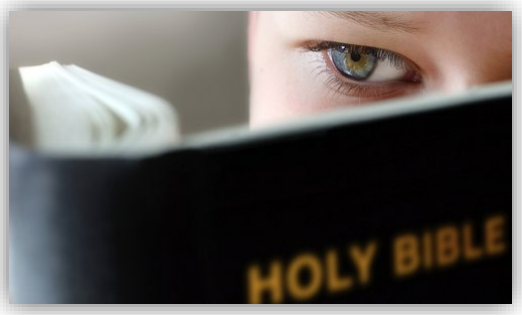
Blessings,
Scott Wilmoth
Youth Director

Here are some highlights of our past year:

- 40 campers attended our district camps in 2017.
- Graduated 7 seniors, and had one service for Youth Sunday that had over 300 worshippers.
- Over 30 youth volunteers helping with VBS 2017.
- To raise funds for youth projects, over 250 butterflies were sold and then released on Easter Sunday.
- 7 youth were confirmed as members of the church.
- We had thought provoking Bible studies.
- Two youth (Grace Conklin and Stella Fergin) visited our ZOE orphans in Rwanda.
- We had many gatherings (pool parties, Halloween party, family Thanksgiving dinner, progressive dinner, etc.), and many youth brought friends from the community.
- Over 20 youth serve as acolytes in worship
- Several times a year, over 100 sack lunches are prepared and served to those in need in Santa Ana
- Two teams served on SSP mission trips last summer: a junior high team to San Diego and a senior high team to Smith River
- Youth and parents served Sunday suppers together twice.
- We helped set up and take down the sanctuary decorations during the Advent season.
- We had multiple youth serve as camp counselors at elementary camp and junior high camp.
- We helped staff the booths at Fall Fest.
- We had at least 2 combined events with the Zero Gravity group.
- We sang Christmas carols to our home bound members.
- We collected canned food for Families Forward on "Souper" Bowl Sunday.
- We went indoor rock climbing.
- Many youth participate in worship as liturgists, dancers, singers, and instrument players.

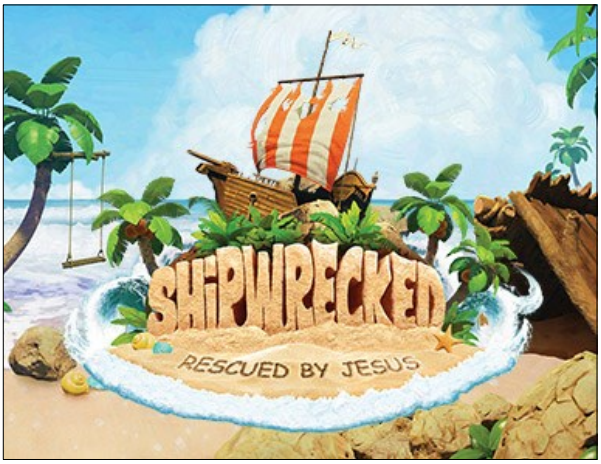
Family Ministries

Kim Wilmoth, Director, Family Ministries



Our **3rd grade Bible class** has been meeting diligently for the past 8 weeks. They are preparing to receive their Bibles in church on June 17. Please show them your support by attending church. Congratulations to: Haley Copenhaver and Molly McCroskey!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:



1! There are still **spots available**. Please invite friends and neighbors to attend. We would love to have a full house! VBS is open to all 3 year olds (potty trained) - entering 5th grade in the fall. Costs are $40 per child, Max of $100 per family of 3 or more children. Fees include a t-shirt for each child and a re-usable tote bag. An optional CD of music for the week is available for an additional $5.

2! **Bakers**! If you like to bake (or buy baked goods) please sign up at the connection center to bring a nice treat during VBS to the workers. The staff lounge is one of the many perks of being a volunteer. Help to keep our volunteers happy!

3! **Volunteers**! We NEED YOU. VBS is the work of the whole church. Whether you have an hour to give, a day or 5 days, we would love for you to sign up. Look for a sign up sheet on the patio or email families@aumctustin.org.

6th Graders

Attention all incoming **6th graders.** (those who will be in 6th grade this Fall)

The youth of AUMC cordially invite you to be a new member of the youth group!! On Youth Sunday, June 3, please be sure to attend service as you will officially be inducted into the youth group!! You are then invited to join the youth pool party following youth Sunday. More details of time and location to come!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Circle of Friends, our summer Sunday School program, will begin on June 30. Circle of Friends is for students entering 1st-5th in the fall, Incoming kindergarteners will stay in the preschool class until promotion Sunday in August.

MISSION OUTREACH

When the Earth Rocks, UMCOR Rolls!

By Joyce Stenberg (Missions and Outreach)

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Because of your generous donations on UMCOR Sunday (March 11), our church was able to send a check for $2059 to UMCOR to help offset its administrative costs for the year. That means that for the rest of the year, 100% of all new donations to UMCOR go directly to on-the-ground disaster relief.

Additionally, because of your financial and hands-on support at Fall Fest and other times throughout the year, we were able to assemble 15 cleaning buckets, 22 birthing kits, and 60 hygiene kits to help people in need, in the Unites States and around the world.

Gary and I had the privilege of delivering these buckets and kits to UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City, Utah, and volunteering there last week. We met Rev. Brian Diggs, the UMCOR Depot West Associate Director, and his assistant Maika, who together manage and oversee the operations there.
Here is a description of the depot and the work that is done there from Rev. Diggs' "Know Before You Go" Introduction:

"UMCOR Depot West is a 22,000 square foot warehouse that stores disaster relief supplies that are sent globally during times of disaster and crisis. Volunteers at UMCOR Depot West are vital to the success of this ministry. Here at the depot, individuals and groups gather, assemble, package, and store relief supply kits for future use. In addition, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in other service projects in the Salt Lake Valley area. UMCOR Depot West offers opportunities to serve as short-term mission teams as well as weekend opportunities for local volunteers/groups. We are eager to count you among the many who have made a difference in the lives of countless people who are in need throughout the world."

Gary and I spent the week working with about twenty other United Methodist volunteers from churches in: San Diego, California; Ruidoso, New Mexico; and Spokane, Washington. Some volunteers spent the whole week working in the depot, either assembling hygiene kits or utilizing the sewing room to create beautiful patchwork wraps with pockets for homeless people in the area.

Others of us took breaks from kit assembly by volunteering at the LDS warehouse (where donated goods are sorted for their thrift store), at the Habitat for Humanity Restore (a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center), and at a Habitat for Humanity build site. This last experience was amazing - working in a house, hearing about the good work Habitat is doing in the area, and learning about the innovative building materials they are using to make their homes energy-efficient as well as beautiful.

It was an incredible week, filled with the joy that always comes from working together to do God's work. Gary's high point was the opportunity to do electrical wiring in a Habitat for Humanity home and the chocolate milk at the LDS dairy in Welfare Square. High points for me were the worship service with communion (yes, there is an altar in the depot!) and the Pallet Prayer that is prayed every time volunteers have filled a pallet (stocked with 28 boxes, each filled with 24 assembled hygiene kits). While we were at the depot, we prayed this prayer 5 times, over a total of 3,360 hygiene kits. Each time, we ended the prayer with our grateful hands on the boxes, saying: "When the earth rocks, UMCOR rolls!" Amen.

A Word from Our Missionary in Cambodia

Greetings from Cambodia!

I was recently notified from the Global Ministries (GBGM) that Aldersgate UMC decided to support me through the Advance of Global Ministries. I'm so grateful that I'm not forgotten but remembered by you and church! This is not only encouraging but affirming for my work. Thanks be to God and thanks to Aldersgate UMC congregations.

I'd like to ask you to keep my wife and two little girls in your prayer as well. You can see how my family has been adjusted in Cambodia at our family blog www.Dreamcambodia.org and also the newsletters of my ministries on the website.

Again, thanks so much for your support and prayers!
I hope to continue to share the good work of God in Cambodia with you and your church.

In Christ,
Andrew

Rev. Andrew Lee
Country Coordinator for the Methodist Mission in Cambodia
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Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

MISSION OUTREACH

CorazÓn House Build

Saturday, October 13, 2018

"Since 1978, CorazÓn has been committed to building community by strengthening families, enabling service, promoting self-sufficiency, and inspiring mutually beneficial relationships across borders… By partnering with us to build a home you are helping us partner with one of our CorazÓn families, and helping them build a house in 1 day." (www.corazon.org)

Missions and Outreach is sponsoring a CorazÓn house build in Tijuana on Saturday, October 13, 2018. We are partnering with three other churches: Faith UMC, Abundant Life Korean UMC, and University UMC, who will be helping with the cost and/or volunteers. Because of your generous donations to Fall Fest and our Adult Mission Trip Fund, Aldersgate will be able to contribute financially to the build. We are also hoping to get 12 youth or adults to participate.

On the day of the build, we will meet in the Tierra Nova Plaza parking lot in Chula Vista, CA at 6:00 a.m. (We can also set up car-pooling opportunities from Aldersgate to Chula Vista if that would make it easier.) There will be a bus from the parking lot to the house building site in Tijuana and back to the parking lot. We start building about 8:00 am and finish the house with a closing ceremony with the recipient family by about 4:30 pm.

For those of us who have participated in previous CorazÓn builds, we know how rewarding it is to see a family who may have been living in a car, or on the streets, to have a home of their own. A CorazÓn build is truly a way to be God's hands and feet in the world. Please check out the CorazÓn website for more information about CorazÓn and the good work they do.

There will be sign-ups for volunteers on the patio on each Sunday in June. After you sign up, you will be asked to register as a volunteer on-line. Our build is called Aldersgate UMC & Networks (for the purpose of registration), and we are already on the on-line calendar.

For those of you who are unable to go to Mexico but would still like to participate, we will be offering opportunities to contribute to a Housewarming Gift for the recipients of the house. Look for more information in September.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in this important and rewarding work. Thank you!

Opportunities and Events

Children's Center News!

Please join us at the Café Rio Mexican Grill Restaurant (across from AUMC) on Wednesday, June 20th. We're looking forward to you joining us for another ALL -DAY event filled with fun, fellowship, and great food! So come out and enjoy a variety of delicious made from scratch Café Rio menu options! The Children's Center receives 20% of sales generated by Aldersgate. Simply present the Café Rio flyer available at the Children's Center Office. See you there!

SOS REPORT - Sharing Our Stories with Mariam Corbett

Mariam spoke to a full house on May 17. There were 25 of us wanting to learn more about Mariam. This is a partial list of what she shared:
-Born in Oceanview, Delaware to a family of 7.
-She remembers a very church-centered life in which her mother was especially active.
-Mariam's father was a Fire Chief.
-She lived on a farm where she enjoyed raising goats and turkeys. She helped raise money in town for others and played Donkey Baseball with other churches.
-Her mother's motto was "If you want something, work for it." and Mariam did. She sold blackberries, helped deliver milk, mowed lawns, went crabbing, and peeled potatoes at a local restaurant.
-Mariam was salutatorian at her high school and played basketball and baseball there.
-She has a bachelor's degree in math which led to teaching math at the 7/8th grade level.
-She worked at General Motors as an account clerk and at Lockheed as a programmer, manager, and data base administrator. Have you seen the movie Hidden Figures? Well, Mariam can relate in that Lockheed provided no bathroom for women either.
-Mariam married in 1967 and raised two children. Her husband was a gourmet chef by hobby.
-Another career step with IBM led to being a data base administrator for Honda. Mariam loved working with handicapped people. This included quadriplegic, deaf, and blind.
-In 1995 Mariam was sent to China where she helped establish the largest bank in China. She worked 17 years at IBM and, after retiring, consulted on her own.
-Mariam has been active in church most of her life. She wonders "Where would we be without our faith?" She greets each day thinking about helping others and asking "Who can I help today?"
This is a glimpse into the loving, active life of Mariam Corbett.

Our next SOS gathering will be September 20th when we welcome Ivan Bishop.
See you then.

Opportunities and Events

Elizabeth Circle in June!

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle's last meeting before our summer hiatus will be *Rejoicing in Books* on Monday, June 4th. Every year we share a few of our favorite books from the past year. We will each submit a written list with a synopsis of each book, then tell the group about 2 or 3 of the books. Some people bring books that they have finished and want to pass on to someone else. Join us for a potluck (A-K Dessert, L-V Salad, W-Z Bread) at Lynn Records' home.We begin at 6:45. Lynn will be the leader and Barbara Rhodes will lead devotions.

Hope Circle

Hope Circle will be having their annual June luncheon outing on Wednesday, June 20 for good fellowship and good food. Join them at 11:30 AM at the 17th Street Grill, 17320 17th Street, Tustin.

Hope to see you there.

Moments of Grace

Anna Ferraro Music Concert

Sunday, June 10, 2018
Concert 2:00 to 3:15 PM ~ Reception 3:15 to 4:30 PM

Anna Ferraro recently returned from her honeymoon in Europe where she played piano at several venues including La Mére Poulard piano bar on Mount Saint Michele, France; duets with pianist André Quesne in Normandy, France; at La Buca jazz club in Milan Italy and the pipe organ at the Cattedrale Metropolitana di San Pietr in Bologna, Italy. This inspiring adventure with her husband Dean Gray - they were married in January this year - is shared with images and video footage within her new concert Moments of Grace featuring many familiar singers and instrumentalists from her spiritual families.

This concert features a farewell vocal performance by Pastor Karin Ellis before she transfers to La Canada United Methodist Church as their new senior pastor, and a duet by Senior Pastor Ken Suhr with his wife Sunnie Suhr. There will be jazz pieces, praise songs, traditional choral harmony, a poem, an organ composition, plus a 2017 arrangement of a familiar hymn. The event is in the Aldersgate sancuary with a welcoming wedding reception immediately after in the Fellowship Hall that is open to everyone. Please, we do not need any gifts other than your presence!

Opportunities and Events

Sunday Supper

Supported by proceeds from Fall Fest, your donations, and the loving labor of our volunteers.

Grocery Collection – Food Needed: On the **third Sunday of every month**, we collect items that we cannot get at the Food Bank. The items we need are listed below. NOT NEEDED: peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, and pasta sauce; we get those items free from a federal program

NEEDED: Canned tuna and chicken, juice boxes, fresh fruit, cereal, and ready-meals such as Hormel Compleats, Dinty Moore stew, Chef Boyardee meals (photos below).

Sunday Supper has served thousands of weekly meals over the last seven years. Participants are seniors, families with children, men and women who live on the streets. The people we serve live on a limited income and their lives are complicated. They know that for a few hours each Sunday they will be served a delicious meal and treated with respect. There are no eligibility or ID requirements.

In addition to supper, guests may select from a variety of take home groceries and hygiene items. Our once-a-week meal and grocery market distribution seeks to support those families and individuals who do not have enough to eat.

When: *Every third Sunday at 5:30 p.m.* Aldersgate UMC hosts dinner. Our partner congregations host on the other Sundays. **Next AUMC date: June 17 (Father's Day)**

Volunteers: Over 35 volunteers prepare and serve supper each time. New volunteers are always welcome! Youth must be 13 or older. Contact the church office to volunteer, (714) 544-3653.

JUNE JOY EVENT

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministries

Join us for a one hour long wagon ride around the farm. Learn from tour guide about the farming methods and history.
See how fruits and vegetables grow.
Pick and eat strawberries from the strawberry patch. Each person will receive a one pound basket of strawberries to take home.

You can drive yourself to the farm located at 5380 ¾ University Drive, Irvine or meet at the church parking lot to carpool to the farm. The date is June 14 at 1:00 PM. The cost is $14 person.

You can be a Heifer Volunteer at the OC Fair!

Thank you to those who supported Heifer International previously with Aldersgate as a volunteer at the Orange County Fair Heifer exhibit. Heifer would love to have you volunteer again at this year's fair. If you haven't done this before, it is an easy and fun way to support this worthwhile organization.

(Check out their website at www.heifer.org.)

The Heifer exhibit will only be up for opening weekend and the first week of this year's OC Fair, from July 13, to July 22, 2018. The available shifts are listed below.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, please email Frances Hale at frances.hale@heifer.org to get the required forms, details about the training, and volunteer information. You can send the forms back to Frances by email or by snail mail at 997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91106. **If you attended a training in the last two years you do not need to be trained this year. If you need to be trained, there are three training opportunities available:**

Saturday, June 23, 12:30 - 1:30 at Wilfrid's Episcopal Church in Huntington Beach;
Tuesday July 10, 7 - 8pm at University UMC in Irvine; and
Thursday, July 12, 7-8 pm at Fullerton First Presbyterian.

If you have two friends who are also interested in helping out, you can volunteer together by adopting a shift. Please be sure let Frances know the names of your friends when you submit your forms so that she can schedule you all for the same shift. ***Shifts are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis, so reserve your dates today!***

As a reminder, the Heifer office will supply you with an admission ticket and parking pass for each day that you volunteer. They will include a 4-page volunteer guide with information on the exhibit and policies of the fair with your tickets.

Let Frances know if you have additional questions.

Available Dates: *The number of spaces available is in brackets.*

Sunday, July 15	10am-1pm [3], 1pm-4pm [3], 4pm-7pm [3], 7pm-9pm [3]
Wednesday, July 18	12pm-3pm [3], 3pm-6pm [3], 6pm-9pm [3]
Friday, July 20	12pm-3pm [3], 3pm-6pm [3], 6pm-9pm [3]
Saturday, July 21	1pm-4pm [3], 4pm-7pm [3], 7pm-9pm [3]
Sunday, July 22	10am-1pm [3], 1pm-4pm [3], 4pm-7pm [3], 7pm-9pm [3]

Thank you for your interest and support! Missions and Outreach

Opportunities and Events

Aldersgate Church Family: The attached letter was sent to the families served by our Children's Center several weeks ago. Please keep our search for our new Children's Center Director in your prayers. Thank you.

Aldersgate Children's Center

April 18, 2018

Dear Aldersgate Children's Center Parents:

Greetings on behalf of Rev. Ken Suhr and the Children's Center Advisory Board. We are writing to share with you that Jackie Kush, our Children's Center Director, has submitted a letter of intent to retire effective October 31, 2018.

We are excited for Jackie as she prepares to transition to this new stage of her life, and we know you will join us in celebrating her ministry among us. We will be planning a true recognition of Jackie's 22 plus years with us later in the year. Please watch for those details.

Even as we plan to send Jackie off in style, we recognize what a great loss this will be for our Children's Center. The Advisory Board and the Staff Parish Relations Committee of Aldersgate United Methodist Church are already working to identify the next Director of our Children's Center. Jackie has been a strong and able leader over the years and we want to ensure that her legacy is affirmed by finding the right candidate to fill the Director's position.

The position has already been posted in a number of venues. Should you know of someone who might have the education, skills, experience and passion for guiding the ministry of our Children's Center, please speak to Jackie. She can give you a copy of the position posting for you to share with the person you have in mind. We will continue to accept resumes through June 1, 2018.

Change is never easy, but we trust that God is present with us as we prepare for this one. It is our goal to continue the loving, strong, and vital ministry with children that has been a hallmark of our Children's Center since its inception. Thank you for your prayers.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken Suhr, Senior Pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Gail Kendall, Chair, Aldersgate Children's Center Advisory Board

Mail

These Notes were received from our Family Promise guests who were with us during the first week of May.

Family Promise of Orange County
Building Community, Strengthening Lives

Thank you! We appreciate you opening your congregation to provide hospitality to our families. – Maria

Gracias, mil gracias! No tengo como agradecerles por su tiempo su dedicacion por prestornos un ogar donde dormer para mi familia. Muchisimo gracias a cada uno de ustedes. Dios los bendiga. – Familia Zepeda (*Translation: A thousand thank yous. I don't know how to thank you for your time and dedication for bringing my family a place to sleep. Thank you so much to each and every one of you. God bless you. –Zepeda Family)*

My kids and I are so glad and thankful for the hospitality you have given us. Also thank you for those special dinners on Mother's Day and the day we went to Ruby's Diner. We had never been there before; the kids have good memories about it. "God is Love." Thank you for sharing love. – Carina, Leo, Rafa, Rodri May

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Thank you for Donation of Costumes:

Dear Children's Ministry Committee:

I wanted to send a very special thank you for the costumes that you so graciously donated for Royal Family Kids Camp. We take about 50 kids from the foster care system to camp where they can let go of their troubled lives and just be kids. Many of these kids have been abused, abandoned and neglected. They've been in multiple individual or group homes and have zero possessions. Our camp is a faith-based camp and we do our best to plant seeds in these kids' hearts and share with them that God loves his children so very much.

We have an activity center where the kids do woodworking, make arts and crafts and play dress up. The boys love the action figure costumes and the girls typically love the fancy gowns. The costumes that you donate will be so beautifully received and I know the kids will love them.

Special thanks to Sue Conklin who heard two of our Royal Family Kids Camp child placement coordinators speak and found it in her heart to want to do something. The costumes are truly a gift and we are blessed by your generosity.

We'd love your prayers for our week at camp (June 17-22). Sending our love, prayers and blessings as you prepare for your Vacation Bible week coming up.

Thank you again!

Margaret Walker Scavo, RFK Camp Director
North Hills Church

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Sunday Schedule

* Worship at 9am *
* Childcare provided for infants & toddlers starting at 8:30am
Christian Education for children offered after Children's Moment in worship *

ALDERSGATE MOTTO

"We're Here for Good"

Purpose:

To welcome, accept and equip our community to share Christ's love in meaningful service.

We are guided by these principles:

- **Faith grounded in Scripture**
- **Spiritual Curiosity**
- **Gratitude**
- **Inclusion**
- **Meaningful Relationships**
- **Accountability**
- **Love and Grace**
- **Prayer**