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Jennifer's Last Sunday

On Sunday, July 22, Jennifer Kelly, Church Administrator, announced to the congregation that she is resigning her position effective August 10, 2018 due to her family's imminent move to Vermont.

Jennifer has served our congregation with grace and love for the past 9 years, and she will be sorely missed in her administrative and creative roles here at Aldersgate. We know that she and her family will be a blessing to her new community.

Jennifer's last Sunday in worship will be Sunday, August 12. Please plan on joining us for a cookie reception as we celebrate the Kelly family. Watch for information about love gift and love note collections for Jennifer.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 - 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION

Worship at 9am

~ Food Collection for Families Forward ~

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12—12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUMMER CAMP REPORT

Family Worship at 9am—Children ages 4th grade & up remain in worship with their families

Environmental Ministries after Worship in the Senior High Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 - 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUTH MISSION. REPORT

Choir Pop-Up Sunday 8:15 am

Worship at 9am

~ Food Collection for Sunday Supper ~

Sunday Supper, 5:30pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26– 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY SUNDAY— Sunday School classes move up to the next grade level. See Article pg 7

Worship at 9am

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Facility Use

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!

What is happening at Aldersgate?

To understand what is happening at Aldersgate, it is important to understand what has been happening in society and in our United Methodist Church. Society has changed dramatically, but the Church has remained the same. Not only has the membership steadily declined in United Methodist churches since the 1960s, but the median age of its members has risen. The median age in the United Methodist Church is 58. The median age of an Orange County resident is 38.

The UMC has seen a steady membership decline in a region with steady population growth. The Southern California population in 2010 was about 24M. It is projected that the population in 2025 will be 29M, and in 2050, 39M. When hearing this data at a recent town hall, someone said, "I won't be here in 2050." Yes, but Aldersgate, God willing, will not only be here, but may it be thriving and giving new life to individuals and new communities in 2050. While challenges are present, opportunities do abound. The raw data shows that we are strategically poised to make a difference in our region.

Bishop Grant Hagiya said, "If we were a corporation and we saw these figures, we would double the amount of our resources and energy to reach these new people." The Cal-Pac New Ministries is looking for new ways to reach new people, and more pointedly, New Ministries is looking for leaders and churches with a vision and a desire to reach new people. In fact, with the closing and selling of UMC buildings, New Ministries has $2M in the bank... but we lack vision and leadership. Bishop Grant has been daring, exhorting, compelling pastors and churches to change and pursue new ways. The Bishop has dared us to... innovate, experiment, and take risks.

The "best-case scenario" in most UM churches seems to be that the church likes the pastor, is happy with the ministries, the church grows a little, and then, the pastor is moved. The worst-case scenario is that the church doesn't like the appointed pastor and they ask for a change. As we, Pastor Ken and Pastor Tim, find the current "best-case scenario" less than compelling, the dare of the Bishop to try something different and new becomes more compelling.

What if the "best-case scenario" is different? What if the best case is that people *existing* inside and outside the church find *life* by truly connecting, growing, and serving? What if members are equipped to be ministers who lead ministries, and ordained pastors and staff focus on equipping the leaders of ministries and mobilizing the overall movement? This is actually the way that the Church first started and how the Methodist movement began.

Saying "Yes" to the Bishop's Dare

So, here is how Pastor Tim ended up at Aldersgate. Pastor Karin asked to be moved two years prior to be appointed as a full-time Senior Pastor. However, she decided to stay when a different pastoral change occurred. After helping Aldersgate through another pastoral transition, she felt that it was time for her to go. Pastor Ken felt that Aldersgate UMC has a great foundation of love (love for God and people), and that Aldersgate could be a strong foundation to launch something new. Pastors Tim and Ken then asked the Bishop and the District Superintendent if they would appoint Pastor Tim to Aldersgate to build a gift-based, pastoral team that could strengthen existing ministries and start new ministries. Pastor Ken asked Aldersgate's SPRC to approve a full-time pastoral appointment to strengthen Aldersgate and reach new people in new ways. Because of the confidentiality of the appointment process, the overall vision and plans were not communicated to other leaders and members of the church. Pastors Tim and Ken asked New Ministries to financially support the strengthening of Aldersgate and the development of new ways of reaching new people.

Daring to Try Something New

So, here is what we are daring to do.

- **Daring to...** develop a clear discipleship pathway that enables people to truly connect, grow, and serve in fruitful and fulfilling ways… as well as providing a clear way for people to help others through their discipleship pathway.
- **Daring to...** strengthen Aldersgate... to be a cradle-to-grave family church that has inspiring worship services and life-changing small groups.
- **Daring to...** reach new people (the "nones" and "dones") with new/old ways (fresh expressions, house churches) that meet weekly in smaller groups and monthly for larger celebrations filled with testimonies, good teaching,

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and collaborating.

A planning/discernment team has started meeting to discern our next steps.

Pastoral Roles and Responsibilities

For Aldersgate and The Fresh Expressions

Pastor Ken will lead in visioning, organizing, and mobilizing

Pastor Tim will focus on teaching and equipping

Pastor Ken- Lead Pastor- focused on good soil, movement, transformation, right living

Pastor Tim- Teaching Pastor- focused on good seed, moments, inspiration, right thinking

If you would like to know which pastor to call regarding a specific ministry, concern, or need, please contact one of the pastors or the church office.

So, what is happening at Aldersgate?

We have clarity amidst uncertainties. We are a work in progress.

We are trying a pastoral, gift-based, team ministry model where people are nurtured and equipped to pursue God's dreams for their lives... through the strengthening of the current ministries of Aldersgate UMC, and the starting of "fresh expressions" for new people.

What every member can do to make this dream a reality.

Pray... for the pastors, leaders, members, and unconnected.

Dare... to truly *CONNECT* (show up for worship as much as possible), *GROW* (join a small group or start regularly talking with people to live more like Jesus), and *SERVE* (find out your passions and gifts and use them to bless others).

Grace, Honesty, and Encouragement... What we are daring to do together is not easy. We will face challenges, and we will need each other. We all need *grace* (accepting one another's faults and assuming the best in others), *honesty* (openness about our own faults and honest feedback to others), and *encouragement* (breath courage into one another and give each other the boost that we all need).

In God's grace and abundant hope,

Pastor Ken and Pastor Tim

Aldersgate Discernment Team

On July 23, a group of eleven (Pastor Ken, Pastor Tim, Cathy Standiford, Elsie Hale, Dave Stuart, Danielle Murrieta, Jeremy Davis, Dave Kendall, Gail Kendall, Don Rohrbaugh, and Suzzi Marquis) gathered in the Aldersgate sanctuary to pray and listen to God's guidance and voice.

Pastor Ken opened with a prayer of invitation to the Holy Spirit, and then led the group in singing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Pastor Tim shared a teaching moment identifying the difference between planning and discerning, and reflected on the importance of clarifying the right questions, acknowledging and understanding current reality, and other key aspects of discernment.

The group then reflected on the comments and questions raised at the town hall meeting on July 22, looked over the results of the recent all-church survey, and individually shared their thoughts on the vision, important topics or concerns, and anything they sensed God saying to the group.

As the gathering came to a close, the group was asked to reflect at home on some "next steps" of what God may be asking them to do personally, as a discernment group, and what God may be asking of us as a church. Please feel free to talk to any one of the eleven, and please be in prayer with these individuals. The group will gather and discern together again on August 20.

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.

NEW PROGRAM Starts 8/18

We've scheduled ***Loss of a Spouse*** **for Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 pm** in the upstairs library off the back parking lot. There is discussion plus a video featuring expert Christian counselors, authors and pastors. Participants will receive a take home booklet with devotional materials that help people find hope in God's Word and grief recovery exercises plus journaling prompts. Come join us.

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.

Youth News!

Scott Wilmoth - Youth Ministry Director

Hello Everyone!

What an incredible summer we have had so far! We've gone on two mission trips, sent many children and youth to our summer camps at Lazy W Ranch, and had 30 youth help out with VBS! All done in service to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ! Early in the summer 19 senior high youth and 5 adults went to Houston, Texas to help with Hurricane Harvey relief work. This is the first time our youth have been on a disaster relief mission trip, and we had many first time experiences. We saw houses abandoned since the storm, we heard stories about survival during the hurricane, we hung dry wall on a house together, and we worked in humidity we've never felt before. Thank you to Keith Kuntz, Rich Mager, Terri Rhodes, and Debbie Mulligan for joining us in the adventure, and thank you to Parkway UMC, Rev. Matt Neely and Mak Percival, and Attack Poverty in Rosenberg, Texas for housing us and setting up the work for us. It was truly an amazing experience! Amen!

Right after we returned home from Texas we volunteered for VBS! 30 youth helped lead stations and lead groups throughout our campus. Miss Kim does an incredible job organizing the event, and it's so great to see the entire church come together to serve the children of our church, our pre-school, and our community! Thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers (over 90 in total) who helped make VBS successful again this year!

After VBS was time for summer camp! Many of our children and youth attend each camp as both campers and volunteer leaders, and we even have three program interns serving at Lazy W, too. Our youth and leaders grew in their faith as they continued to learn about God and Christ in many unique ways. We then took our junior high youth to the Navajo Nation in Tsaile, Arizona for their mission trip through Sierra Service Project (SSP). We had a great time serving the Native American people, and learning about their history and culture. We were able to grow in our relationship with God and be the hands of Christ to these great people! Thank you to Jack Murrieta, Rich Mager, Jeanie Dreyer, and Tom Conklin for joining us on this trip!

On August 12th our youth will be speaking about their summer camp experience, and on August 19th they will be speaking about the mission trip experiences during worship so mark your calendars. It's going to be great!

Our youth continue to connect, grow, and serve the people of our church, community, and the world, and we thank the people of AUMC for your constant love and support! Amen!

Blessings, Scott Wilmoth

Family Ministries

Kim Wilmoth, Children's Ministries Director

Sunday, August 12

Join us for an

Ice Cream Social and Movie Night!

6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

- Make your own Ice Cream Sundae!
- Sing some VBS songs! Watch Moana on the big screen
- Bring a blanket or low chairs for seating

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 26

To all parents of Sunday School Children…. Your child will begin attending a new Sunday School class Sunday, August 26th, if their age or grade level for the Fall is different from their current class. Children will begin the morning in worship (9:00) and will be dismissed to their classrooms after the children's moment. September 9th, children 4th grade and up will participate in Family Worship the 2nd Sunday of the month.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery & Toddlers thru age 2.....Children's Center – Green Room
Preschool Ages 3 – Pre K.....Children's Center—Blue Room
K & 1st Grades.....Children's Center—Purple Room
2nd & 3rd Grades .....Education Building—Room 8
4th & 5th Grade.....Education Building—Room 5

ALSO ON Sunday 8/26:

Following worship and Sunday School on Sunday, August 26th join us for our Fall Kick-Off Potluck! Bring your favorite dish!

• Food! • Felowship! • Crafts! • Missions!

We will be putting together baskets for Family Promise. The items for the baskets will be purchased with money raised from VBS.

Watch for more details in the E-connection and Bulletin

FAMILY WORSHIP

Info for Parents of 4th and 5th graders…

As the parents of 4th and 5th graders, your child has the opportunity to participate in family worship. The second Sunday of each month all children, 4th grade and up, stay in worship with their families. As worship is foundational for the Christian life, this is a great opportunity for children to deepen their faith through the experience of worship.

It may be helpful to think of questions you can ask your children about their experience of worship afterwards: ● Which hymn was your favorite this morning? ● What do you think was the main point of the sermon? ● Was there a time in the service where you really felt God's presence?

Worshipping together as a family can open up the doors for discussion and it teaches children that church is a place they are welcomed. It is helpful to consider that children grow spiritually by participating in the worship life of the church. Children also experience the world through their bodies and make meaning about these experiences through their senses. Children have a strong need to belong. What better place for children to know they are valued than in their faith community! We want them to know they have a place where they can experience God's unconditional love.

Calling all 4th and 5th graders……Join us for...

ZERO GRAVITY

….nothing holds us down! You know, gravity is that thing that keeps us to the ground. It's what pulls us to the ground when we fall. But with God and the love of God, nothing can keep us down. So join us for pizza, (let me know of allergies) games, and fellowship (that's getting to know everyone and hanging out). Overall, it's just going to be a good time! SUNDAY, September 9th from 5:30 – 7PM Education Building, Room 8

TOPIC: Fun Games & Newspaper Madness

MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Trip Opportunity to UMCOR Depot West, Salt Lake City, Utah: July 15 – 19, 2019

Submitted by Joyce Stenberg

For the June Gatepost, I wrote an article called "When the Earth Rocks, UMCOR Rolls!" The purpose of the article was to tell you about the rewarding experience that Gary and I had volunteering at the UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April. Well, we liked it so much that we are going back, and we want to invite up to 18 of you to come with us!

For those of you who have done mission trips before, you know how rewarding those experiences can be. Those of you who haven't had a mission trip experience may think that this is not your thing. You may think that you are too young, or too old, or not skilled enough, but this particular mission trip experience has something for everyone. Although this will most likely be an adult mission trip, with the purpose of providing an easy mission trip opportunity for first-timers, this could be a multi-generational experience; youth are invited to work at the depot (with a parent or guardian if they are in elementary school).

During our visit in April, all the volunteers were seniors, and many had been coming to UMCOR Depot West for years. Many of the older folks spent the week assembling health kits. A few of the older ladies spent the week sewing wraps for homeless kids. For those who want a change, there are several opportunities in town. Gary and I worked at a Habitat for Humanity build, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, and at the LDS warehouse / thrift store (these are detailed in the previous newsletter article). Wednesday afternoon is free for sight-seeing.

To reserve a week at UMCOR Depot West, the fee is $25 per person, to be paid by participants. Our week has been penciled in, but the church will need to send our registration fee by the end of August. Lodging will be at Hilltop House, a house owned by Hilltop UMC in Sandy, UT (15 miles from the depot). The cost for lodging is a donation of $50 - $100 per day for the group, which will be divided up among participants. The house has a full kitchen, so we can make breakfast, prepare lunch for the depot, and cook dinner (or eat out). The house also has two bedrooms upstairs, a downstairs room that can also be used for sleeping, a bathroom on each floor, a laundry room, TV, ample parking, and an RV space (with no hook-ups). The total cost for a week at UMCOR Depot West will be $55 - $85, plus transportation and food.

Since resources are limited at UMCOR Depot West, monetary donations for project materials are suggested (donation of $50 per volunteer is recommended) and/or kit resources (5-10 kits per volunteer) for processing in the Depot. Missions and Outreach will be using our funds and/or donations to cover the cost of the donation or will be coordinating a kit collection.

I will be sending this article as an email to several groups in the church, hoping that as small groups you can encourage each other to accept this opportunity to be God's hands and feet in the world. Gary and I are excited about returning to UMCOR Depot West next summer, and we hope that many of you will decide to give this mission trip thing a try. You will be glad you did!

For more information, contact the church office.

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FALL FEST

FUN•FOOD•FRIENDS

IT'S FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR A "NEW" FALL FEST

BIG changes are in the works for our 8th annual community event

On Saturday, October 20th, family, friends and neighbors will celebrate Fall Fest. To welcome our community and honor our commitment to **CONNECT**, **SERVE** and **GROW**, we're making some wonderful changes:

New Attractions – We're hoping to add a petting zoo and pony rides, in addition to our usual "Fun Zone" favorites, like the bungee jump, bounce castle and other attractions. We'll have games, a professional face painter, and we're working on a Cornhole Tournament– so brush up on your skills!

FREE Admission + FREE Fun – Admission to Fall Fest is always free. This year, all attractions will be too. **NO wristbands needed**!

Welcome Local Non-Profits – We'll have booths for non-profit organizations to promote their programs and let visitors know how they can volunteer. Look for charities we know and love like Family Promise, Sunday Supper, Working Wardrobes, Heifer International and UMCOR, as well as groups like MaxLove, Santa Ana Zoo, Blind Children's Learning Center, Ronald McDonald House and more.

A New Shopping Experience – **The AUMC Marketplace** will be THE place to reserve your spot at a unique hosted gathering, fun adventure or an awesome event. "Experience packages" have always been popular and will be the focal point at our Marketplace this year. For silent auction fans looking for a great deal on goods and services, the Marketplace will offer a handful of selected items that you will be able to bid on …or buy on the spot.

Express Checkout – Great news …No waiting in a long line to pay for an "experience package!" Just sign up, **pay on the spot** and enjoy the rest of Fall Fest.

Calling All Hosts – Many of you have talents, interests and/or favorite events that would be great to share with others. Please consider what you can offer as an "experience package" at the Marketplace. Do you like to entertain? Can you host a class? An event? A fishing excursion? A hiking group? A camping trip? Do you have season tickets? Can you donate a service? Judy Dickinson would love to talk with YOU!

Fall Fest Sponsorships Needed – Our sponsorship drive is in full swing, and Don Rohrbaugh can help you decide where your contribution will make the biggest difference. All donations are welcome as we work to evolve and grow the Fall Fest experience for everyone. As in the past, 100% of the proceeds from Fall Fest will be distributed to missions, outreach programs, and the Aldersgate Children's Center.

Fall Fest 2018 will be a day that brings joy and smiles to all who attend …and will enable us to grow together as a church family. The Fall Fest Committee is prayerfully laying the groundwork that will allow our congregation to host another amazing event together, and to be a blessing to the Tustin community.

Stay tuned for more Fall Fest details. Questions? Fall Fest Chair, Barbara Kuntz, can help!

Opportunities and Events

Children's Center News!

Please join us at **Wahoo's** for the "catch of the day" fundraiser! Join your Aldersgate Family on **Monday, August 20th** for an ALL Day Event at the **Wahoo's** restaurant located at 13791 Newport Ave. in Tustin. **The Children's Center receives 20% of sales generated by Aldersgate. Simply present the Wahoo's flyer available at the Children's Center Office.**

See you there! Dine-In or Take-Out from 10:30 am- 9:30 pm.

No Thursday Rehearsals this summer. Next regular rehearsal will be September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

FINAL POP-UP SUNDAY CHOIR DATE August 19.

Meet in the choir room at 8:15am to prepare for the 9:00am service. All who would like to sing are welcome!

Summer BBQ

Wednesday, August 1

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Patio

2019 ZOE Trip to Rwanda

Aldersgate will be returning to Rwanda in 2019 to visit the orphans we support through the Zoe program. This trip is also a wonderful opportunity to see Zoe in action in the lives of thousands of orphans. Find out more about ZOE at *wearezoe.org.*

We will be leaving February 6 and returning February 14. If you are interested in participating and want to learn more, please join us for an information session on **Sunday, August 19 from 10:30-11:30 a.m**. in the Fellowship Hall. At this session you will learn more about what is involved in a trip including the cost.

Opportunities and Events

Sunday Supper – Community Outreach and Service

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

Giving thanks for Sunday Supper Saints

We lost two Sunday Supper Saints in July.

Michael Klein, a long-time AUMC member, was a steadfast volunteer and supporter of Sunday Supper. Through the many-year course of his decline from Parkinson's Disease, he volunteered, even when it got hard. His giving heart, gentle spirit, big smile, amazing determination, positive attitude, and patient acceptance inspired both volunteers and guests. Michael blessed us all.

Harlan Perez was a homeless guest at Sunday Supper from the time we opened our doors eight years ago. In the words of the Reverend Deacon Laura Siriani at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, "Harlan was known as the 'Prince of Tustin.' He was the go-to person and knew all the ropes for anyone on the streets. Sunday Supper became his church." He touched our lives and is at peace in the arms of God.

Emmanuel – God is with us through the suffering and sadness. We pray that Sunday Supper will continue to be "church" for our guests and volunteers.

About Sunday Supper

Sunday Supper has served thousands of weekly meals over the last eight 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: August 19**

Volunteers: Over 35 volunteers prepare and serve supper each time. *New volunteers are always welcome!* Youth must be 13 or older.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministries

Smart Phone Training for Seniors

When: August 22, 2018 from 10am to Noon.

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church Junior High Room

Aldersgate Youth will be available to assist

Just because seniors have cell phones doesn't mean they know how to use them. Bring a friend and find answers to these questions and many more…

How does this thing turn on? • What's an app? • Who is Siri? • How do I text? • How do I use the phone to help me find a route to a location? • How do I use the phone as a directory with my contacts? • How do I create a greeting for my phone? • What is Bluetooth?

Upcoming Events: September 19, 2018—Estate Planning, Living Trusts, Asset Protection, Medical Directives
October (Date TBD) ----------Tanaka Farms Pumpkin Patch

Be the Hands of Christ Opportunities For Service

AUDIO-VISUAL SUPPORT

Doug Bell, our Sound and Multi-Media Director, needs back-up assistance for providing audio/visual support to our worship services.

With training from Doug, could you fill in occasionally in his absence? We are seeking 3 or 4 people to be trained – Adults or Youth.

Please contact the Church Administrator at (Admin@aumctustin.org)

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.

SOS Update
Please mark your calendars on Thursday, September 18, for our next Sharing Our Stories gathering.
We will welcome Ivan Bishop and look forward to seeing you all at 10:00 in the Fireside Room.

GREETERS

I so enjoy being greeted when I arrive at church Sunday morning. I also enjoy welcoming people to church when I am at the Welcome Center. We are seeking people to be greeters at the Welcome Center and at the side entrance to the patio. Welcoming everyone who comes to church is a most important ministry but what a return the greeters receive: smiles, compliments, a shared story, laughter. If you are comfortable with high fives or shaking hands or hugs or smiling and saying "I'm glad you're here", you are qualified to be a Greeter.

On your greeting Sundays, you will welcome people from 8:30-8:55. If you would like to sit while greeting, chairs will be provided.
For the next three Sundays I will be at the Connection Center so that you can sign up to be a greeter. It is my hope that two families, or two couples, or four individuals will sign up for each week so that whether you enter from the parking lot by way of the Welcome Center or enter from the left side of the patio, you will be greeted, and when we have visitors they can be escorted to the sanctuary to be introduced to an usher.

Thank you for being part of this ministry!
Florence Martin, member of The Connection Team

SAVE YOUR NEWSPAPERS!

The Chancel Choir newspaper drive resumes this fall! Watch for details of where to drop off your newspapers for the Choir to turn into a recycling center. Funds raised will support special musical events and needs of the music ministry.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**