ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION

Worship at 9am

~ Food Collection for Families Forward ~

Grief Share, 2:30 p.m., Library

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Environmental Ministries after Worship in the Senior High Room

Missions/Outreach, 10:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg, Rm 6

Grief Share, 2:30 p.m., Library

Zero Gravity (4th & 5th grades). 5:30 pm, Ed Bldg, Rm 8

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

NOTE*: Sunday Supper Second Sunday this month ONLY*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship at 9am

~ Food Collection for Sunday Supper ~

Grief Share, 2:30 p.m., Library

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship at 9am

Acolyte Training, 9:00 a.m. Library

Small Group Leaders Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Library

Grief Share, 2:30 p.m., Library

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship at 9am

Acolyte Training, 9:00 a.m. Library

Grief Share, 2:30 p.m., Library

Showing ***Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety,*** **6 pm, Sanctuary**

angst

Do you **worry** about things over which you have no control? Is life just **too hard**?

Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health challenge in the U.S., impacting 54% of female and 46% of males. Though anxiety disorders are highly treatable, only 1/3 of those suffering receive treatment. On Sunday, September 30, a special screening of the new documentary, "**Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety**" will be held in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Family Ministries and Youth Ministries, youth and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about this mental health challenge, how to identify it and what can be done. The event will feature a showing of the 56 minute film followed by a panel of mental health professionals for Q&A.

Appropriate for ages 11+ (under 11, viewer discretion advised.)

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Facility Use

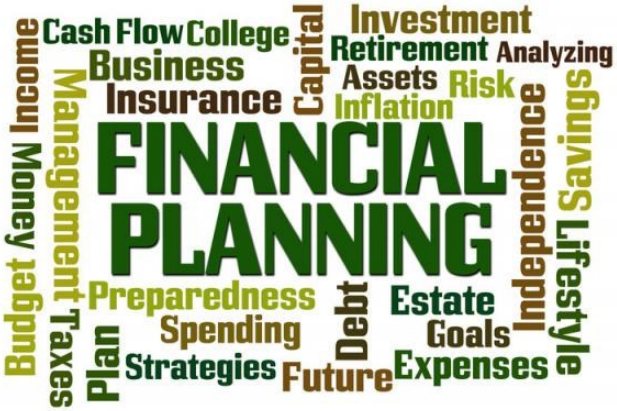
Please remember that **ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS** using the Aldersgate facility **must** contact the church office and schedule their meetings, rehearsals and events on the Master Calendar. Using the Master Calendar avoids conflicts and confusion and insures that your meeting or event is set up properly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

Stewardship Events

Jack Murrieta and Wendy Lee, Co-chairs



Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Thank God It's Wednesday Dinner- 6pm

Be our guest for dinner on Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. Greg Batson will be speaking about estate planning beginning at 7pm.

November

Financial Peace University (Details TBA)

PASTOR TIM'S THOUGHTS

Why Does God Command Us to Rest?

In our current message series "Finding a Life While Making a Living," we're exploring God's gift of work. We're also exploring God's gift of rest.

Almost everyone would agree that rest is a good thing. What surprises me is that God *commands* us to rest. This command is so important it makes God's Top 10 List (a.k.a. the 10 Commandments). In Exodus 20 God says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."

Built into God's rhythm of life is a cycle of work and rest. God takes work and rest seriously and calls us to do the same.

Eugene Peterson writes, "The most striking thing about keeping the Sabbath is that it begins by not doing anything. The Hebrew word *Shabbat* simply means quit… stop… take a break." Peterson adds, "If there is no Sabbath, no regular and commanded not-working, we soon become totally absorbed in what we are doing and God's work is either forgotten or marginalized."

Choosing Sabbath rest is how we train ourselves to take God seriously. In Sabbath rest we turn to work and say, "You are not my master. God is. I'm not trusting in you for my future. I'm trusting in God."

Ultimately, rest is a secondary issue. The primary issue is **trust**. Sabbath rest is about trusting God. Constant work and hurry is a sign that God can't be trusted. Sabbath rest is a sign that God can be.

Sabbath rest is a matter of trust. That's why in Exodus 34 God says, "Even in plowing time and harvest time you shall rest." Even in crunch time at work, you shall rest. Even when finals roll around at school, you shall rest.

God calls us to rest so that we can learn to trust God with our time, just as God calls us to tithe so that we can learn to trust God with our money.

As we celebrate Labor Day and step into the fullness of fall, here is God's invitation to us: "Set aside time for Sabbath rest, even when you're at your busiest, and see what happens. See if I can be trusted. Until you try it, you will never know."

For those who take God seriously, life isn't a market to be controlled but a gift to be received.

Rest well!

Pastor Tim

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. At times, everyone can be 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).

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!

GriefShare meets on Sundays at 2:30pm in the Church Library. GriefShare 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.

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.

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.

Youth News!

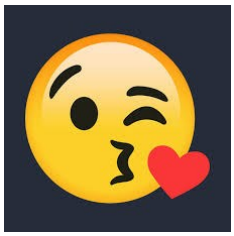
Scott Wilmoth - Youth Ministry Director

Hello Everyone!

Well, it's back to school time which means the end of summer. But what an incredible summer we had as a youth group! It all started with another incredible Youth Sunday worship service where we welcomed three new youth into the group, and we graduated three youth from the group. That was followed by an inspiring mission trip with the senior high youth to Houston, Texas then right into our youth helping to lead VBS. After VBS we had our summer camps, and we wrapped up summer with our last mission trip to the Navajo Nation in Tsaile, Arizona through Sierra Service Project. God was truly working through our youth and adult volunteers this summer, and we made some great memories together!

On Sunday August 12th, Shannon Kelly and Lesley Warren spoke about their summer camp experiences in worship, and they did a wonderful job! On Sunday August 19th in worship, Olivia Falchetti, Garrett Wilmoth, Ava Kuntz, and Chris Bell spoke about their mission trip experiences, and they also did a wonderful job! In Pastor Ken's sermon regarding missions he told us about a seminar professor of his who told his students to "go the last two feet" on their mission trips meaning to build relationships with people and not just build structures. Our youth really did go the last two feet on these mission trips, and so did the adult volunteers! Special thanks to Debbie Mulligan, Terri Rhodes, Keith Kuntz, Jeanie Dreyer, Tom Conklin, Jack Murrieta, and Rich Mager (both trips) for doing an incredible job with our youth on these

Finally, we said "goodbye" to the Kelly family as they moved to Vermont. Shannon has been a blessing to our youth group in so many ways. So glad she was able to work on team "Raise the Roof" on our Houston mission trip! Keep giving of yourself, Shannon, because God is calling you to do so! Jennifer has helped with the youth in countless ways, and her honesty, integrity, and love will be missed by all! Prayers, blessings, and safe travels to all of you! You are loved!



Blessings,
Scott Wilmoth
Youth Director

Family Ministries

Kim Wilmoth, Family Ministries Director

Acolyte Training Class Begins September 16

WHAT: About four years ago, we implemented an enhanced acolyte training experience, consisting of nine weeks of Sunday morning classroom learning, in addition to a practice session held on a Saturday. Experiencing the information on Sunday mornings has allowed us to dig deeper into the background and all aspects of what it means to be an acolyte. Topics covered include Christian symbols, the Christian year, what worship means, ritual and liturgy, the Sacraments and the order of worship. At the practice session, we learn how to light and extinguish the candles, how to assist with Communion, responsibilities during the offering…and we also cover the famous acolyte recognition program involving personalized crosses and beads!

WHO: The class is open to all fourth graders, and to any older child who may not have attended Aldersgate during the fourth grade, or who might have decided they would now like to participate, having declined earlier. The class gives a foundation on which to base an individual choice about whether to be an acolyte or not. Those who may ultimately choose not to serve as an acolyte will have a good foundation of church history, symbolism and the components of the worship service.

WHEN: Classes are held on Sundays during the Sunday school hour (9:00 - 10:00 am) in the Library except on Family Worship Sundays, from September 16 - November 18. The experience culminates in a consecration ceremony during worship on November 25. Please let our Director of Family Ministries, Kim Wilmoth, know if your child would like to participate.

Jan Hanson and Cheri Payne

If you've moved up a grade, Here is Your New Sunday School Room - Effective Immediately

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

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

Environmental Ministries

Sherri Miller, Chair

"5,500 UK churches of all denominations have embraced the shift to renewable energy."

This interesting headline is from an August 7, 2018 article that can be found on the Good News Network website. I encourage you to read it for yourself and learn about what some of our fellow Christian churches are doing to reduce their carbon footprint and utilize renewable energy sources.

There are a number of statements in the article that invite us to think carefully about our energy usage and about the way that usage affects our climate. *And* how we as a Christian congregation can be responsible consumers in our energy consumption. In a summer that has seen devastating fires throughout the State of California, we have a seemingly front row seat as to possible consequences of climate change on the environment.

As I was writing this piece, a huge wildfire - ironically dubbed the "Holy Fire" after Holy Jim Canyon - has been burning out of control for several days in the mountains of Orange County. This morning I went outside to see what it was doing.

Whoa! Saddleback Mountain was a volcano---huge, dark, billowing clouds in shades of blue-gray, rust, brown, and pinkish-orange rose high above the very center of the famous "saddle". Vesuvius, Kilauea, Mt. St. Helens…

As I stood there watching, piles of white "cauliflower" clouds suddenly appeared at the very top of the column of smoke, extending it thousands of feet higher into the sky - a mighty "pyro-cumulonimbus" cloud. A few minutes later, the white clouds sank and disappeared back into the murky smoke.

This "terrible beauty" was reminiscent of Exodus 19:18 – "Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire. The smoke billowed up like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently."

As California endures some of its worst wildfires ever, I thank our brave firefighters, and I thank the people of faith, here and in other countries, who are doing what they can to fight climate change.

Sharing Our Stories (SOS)

We are happy to announce our upcoming Sharing Our Stories gathering. Please join us on Thursday, September 20, to hear from our own Ivan Bishop. Ivan plans to explain what it is like to "live in the past." He will also "show and tell" about his heritage with a dozen or so items that are 70-100 years old and are from his own museum. Please join us at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome!

Calling for scrap paper! Aldersgate Children's Center is in need of you! We have some exciting uses for your scrap paper. And we need your help! ACC is collecting super scrap paper! Please bring the scrap paper in to the office and we will shake your hand with joyous joy and say to you THANKS!!

MISSION OUTREACH

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

Are you being called to hands-on service in God's name? Maybe an international mission trip is not your cup of tea, but there are domestic mission opportunities available as well. The August issue of the Gatepost had a detailed article about a trip planned to the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Depot West in Salt Lake City, Utah in July 2019. There's still time to sign up: $25 deposits per participant will be submitted to UMCOR by September 17. Estimated housing Expenses for the trip are $55 - $85 per person, plus transportation and food. Each participant is also encouraged to make a $50 donation toward project materials or bring kit materials for 5-10 kits. Contact the church office for more information.

Sunday Supper – Community Outreach and Service

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

Providing a healthy meal and groceries to our community.

Q: Who do we serve?

A: People who live on the streets. Some of our guests are chronically homeless - they have been living outdoors for over six months (sometimes years) and may have a disability. Others are working, living in a car, recently unemployed, kicked out of their house, going to college, trying to find affordable housing – living on the edge and trying to make it through the day and find housing.

Working families. Our families often share a house or apartment with other families, are working multiple jobs, and still need extra help each month to feed their children.

Seniors. Living on a limited income, perhaps lonely, our senior guests look forward to a healthy meal, conversation, and friendship every Sunday.

We are community. Our guests have become friends with each other and our volunteers. They notice when someone is missing and save seats for their friends. Sunday Supper is a welcoming and safe place. Our volunteers and guests are "walking the last two feet," bringing friendship and the Kingdom of God to others.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Q: Want to volunteer?

A: When: *Every third Sunday at 5:30 p.m.* Aldersgate UMC hosts dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Our partner congregations host on the other Sundays. **Next AUMC date: September 9** ***(Note: second Sunday in September only).***

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, (714)544-3653 to volunteer.

FALL FEST
FUN•FOOD•FRIENDS

A Sneak Peek at Fall Fest 2018

"Team Fall Fest" has been making great progress on setting the stage for Aldersgate to welcome the community at Fall Fest! Here's a glimpse of how things are shaping up:

Ponies + Petting Zoo – We're happy to confirm that we will have both a petting zoo and pony rides in our Fun Zone this year, in addition to your favorite attractions. Plus, a professional face painter will be there to bring joy to the little ones. And to the delight of parents, all this fun goodness will be absolutely **FREE**. No wristbands needed.

Sweet Sounds = Great Vibe – One of So Cal's hottest bands, **Tune-A-Melt** returns to Fall Fest to perform today's top tunes and yesterday's memorable hits. Their blend of classic and contemporary rock, jazz, R&B, soul and funk will surely set the tone for a festive day.

Bring Your Appetite – Two of OC's most popular food trucks will be dishing up seriously good eats: **TCW-Tacos, Churros and Wings** …and back by popular demand, **The Burnt Truck**, will rally to feed our hungry masses.

Good Times, Super Deals – The AUMC Marketplace is THE place to reserve your spot at memorable social occasions and activities. Just sign up, join in, and enjoy. Experiences already set to be offered this year include a **Sporting Event with the Pastor**, a **Beer & Food Pairing**, **Brunch at Overhill**, a **Pizza and Wine Evening**, a **Cabaret**, **Golf with the Pastor**, **Cooking Lessons**, **Flower Arranging**, a **Boat Outing**, and much more. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early …and enjoy our Express Checkout.

Prized auction items at the Marketplace include **Orthodontic Services from eOrthodontics** (up to $5,000 value), a **LaZBoy Furniture Gift Card** ($500 value), a beautiful **Nativity from Rwanda** (priceless), and an **Enderle Center Gift Basket** ($350).

If you've got something to offer at our Marketplace, Judy Dickinson would like to talk with you! You can email her at FinancialSecretary@aumctustin.org.

Local Charities Join Fall Fest – Be sure to swing by the booths of these local organizations to learn more about what they do in our community, and how you can support them: **Brain Builders**, **Family Promise**, **Operation Warm Wishes**, **Orange Grove Lodge #293 Free & Accepted Masons**, **Working Wardrobes**, **Sunday Suppers**, **UMCOR/SERRV**, **Aldersgate Children's Center**, **Environmental Ministries** and the **Santa Ana Zoo**.

Let's Do This Together – As one big, happy church family, **everyone is invited** to join in on the fun of hosting our community at Fall Fest. Look for the sign-up tables on the patio after service on September 23rd. We need volunteers …pop-up and table loans … cakes for the Cake Walk …and baked goods for the Bake Sale. Amen! See Vanessa Dulebohn for details.

Spreading the Good Word – Our campaign to promote Fall Fest will start rolling out the week of September 16th. If you can help post lawn signs, hang banners, and/or sport a sign on your car's back window, please contact the church office. Many hands make light work …and are totally appreciated!

As the countdown to October 20th continues, please hold Team Fall Fest, our volunteers, vendors, church family, guests and community in prayer. Together, may we host a blessed event that brings great joy and wonderful memories …opens hearts and creates new connections. God bless Fall Fest 2018!

Opportunities and Events

AUMC Choirs Want You!

We have some fine singers of every age at Aldersgate – and we have choirs available for every age group!

Chancel Choir: Designed for adults (including college, or high schoolers who want to sing with this larger choir), this group rehearses on Thursdays 7:30-8:45 p.m. We present music that is contemporary, classical and everything in between. You don't need to read music to sing with the Chancel Choir – just a willingness to learn your part. Rehearsals make that easy! First fall rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 6 in the Choir Room right behind the Sanctuary.

Psalm 96: Our youth choir is composed of youth in 6th through 12th grades. A fun, energetic bunch that tackles music from all genres, this group rehearses Sundays 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We generally sing the 2nd Sunday of each month. First fall rehearsal is Sunday, Sept. 9 in the Choir Room. Bring a friend!

Joyful Noise: Our children's choir is for K-5th grades, and they not only sing but also play handbells! Rehearsals are 10:15-10:50 a.m. Sundays in the Choir Room. We generally sing or play the 2nd Sunday of each month. Our first fall rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15 in the Choir Room.

Don't sing?? Come play handbells with our **Handbell Choir**! We rehearse Thursdays 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room and accept players from all levels of experience – or no experience but a desire to learn. Our first regular fall rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 13 in the Choir Room. Please email Lynn Chavdarov, Director, if you are interested in playing bells so that music is prepared for you.

Join a choir and try the view from the front: always a reserved seat, lots of friendly neighbors sitting nearby and a joyful way to experience worship!

Lynn Chavdarov, Director of Music Ministries

ISLANDS fine burgers & drinks

Children's Center News!

September Fundraiser: ISLANDS ~ Fine burgers and More

Come and join us for the monthly fundraiser to support Aldersgate Children's Center. The Irvine Marketplace **Islands** restaurant, 13762 Jamboree Road, is the place to be on **Tuesday, September 11th between 4:00pm and 10:00pm**. Just present the Islands flyer to your server (or show it on your mobile device) and Islands will donate 20% of your food and beverage purchases to help support the Children's Center! **Flyers** will be in the Sunday Bulletin just before that date or you can pick one up at the Children's Center Office. See you there! **Dine-In only.**

Opportunities and Events

Church Council Corner

Next Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 18
Watch for Details!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
The CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT DESSERT will be on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30. Table Hostess sign-ups will begin Sunday, October 28 on the patio. Please consider hosting a table for this festive, Christmas music filled evening. All proceeds go to supporting our youth's SSP trips. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Dickinson at FinancialSecretary@aumctustin.org. If you already know that you want to host a table, please let Judy Dickinson or Sally Puente know and a spot will be saved for you!

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle is a women's group at Aldersgate that meets monthly for Christian growth, devotion, charity and fellowship. Our first meeting of the year will be on September 10th at 6:45pm at Lynn Records' home. Please contact the church office to rsvp and for directions. Although most meeting don't include dinner, this first meeting will be a potluck dinner. (Last name K – Z Salad, Last name H-J Bread, Last name A – G Dessert). Our guest speaker will be Pastor Tim Ellington.

Scheduled events

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 10am to Noon (Refreshments will be served)
Join Attorney Darlynn Morgan of **Morgan Law Group** for an **estate planning talk** and discover how to make sure your wishes are carried out exactly as you want. **Even if you have an estate plan or a living trust,** new laws and overlooked items may mean your current plan is out of date or won't work as intended.

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Pumpkin Patch Tour at (Time TBD) Cost: $14 per person. The Tanaka Farms Pumpkin Patch Trip has been a favorite of children, parents and grand-parents. The tour takes about 1 to 1.5 hours. The experience includes: Wagon ride, Corn Maze, U-Pick Veggies and Pumpkin Patch. You can choose which pumpkin to take home.

Hope Circle

IT's time for our first meeting after the summer break. Hope Circle will meet on **Wed., Sept. 19 at 9:30 AM** in the newly-refurbished Fireside Room. For our program, Susan Chamberlain will lead us in exploring how Autumn can symbolize a balanced sense of well-being and a transitional period in our lives. Join us for "aha moments" filled with laughter, sharing, and new insights.

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. Contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

Church Directory Revision

Are you new to the church?
Did you miss having your picture taken for the directory last year?
Is your phone number or address incorrect in our current directory?
We are ready to do a revision of last year's directory. On Friday, Oct. 5th and Saturday, Oct. 6th Life Touch will return to Aldersgate to add new pictures to our current directory.

- If you already had your picture taken and all of your directory information is correct – You don't need to do anything.
- If you want to add your picture to the current directory please sign up at the Directory Table on the patio or go online to https://booknow-lifetouch. appointment-plus.com/yzy50b4y/
- To choose a photography session on Friday, Oct. 5th or Saturday, Oct. 6th
  - If your information currently listed in the directory is incorrect – please contact the church office to make the corrections. 714.544.3653

Opportunities and Events

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)

TGIW—Thank Goodness It's Wednesday

Regular Wednesday dinners resume on Wednesday, September 5. Schedule is 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dennis Joslyn and his crew are our first chefs. Bring a friend and join us for dinner. Good fellowship and Good food! Best deal in town.

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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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**