

# *Aldersgate Experience*

APRIL 2016



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**A PRAYER BY REVEREND DR. HOMER E. MORRIS  
CREATED FROM THE PATTERN OF THE HOUSE DIVIDED SPEECH  
MADE BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Pattern of the House Divided Speech made by President Abraham Lincoln (The House Divided Speech was an address given by Abraham Lincoln, who would later become President of the United States on June 16, 1858, upon accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination as that state's United States senator)

O God, we are lost. We no longer know where we are and what we are doing. We ask You to give us direction on what we need to be doing and how we need to be doing it. We do know that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Our nation cannot endure as long as we are polarized by differing opinions. We believe that You are creating a great future for us, as long as we are able to make necessary decisions. Help us to be able as a nation to reawaken the core values that we have cherished for so many years. Give us an appreciation for our founders, who designed a government which allows its citizens to bring new ideas to the table and to use their creative skills in the development of a more effective and efficient society. O God, heal the divisions in our balance of powers, and in the internal processes of our government. Help us, as a people, to honor the constitution of laws that we have created for ourselves. We give thanks to You for the unique activities of our republic, which continue to embrace freedom in our thinking. May we only be subject to the Constitution (In matters of citizenry) and You (In terms of conscience). We are grateful that You have placed us in this great nation. Give us Your grace to affirm Your providence over us, and accept Your will for us. Allow us to live and move and have our beings within the living God whom we serve, in this life and in the world to come.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Homer E. Morris, Senior Pastor



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Hurley	04/01	Jerry Veasey	04/14	Paul Whitaker	04/28
Irene Lothes	04/01	Kelli Colgan	04/15	Mitch Adkins	04/29
Michael Siler	04/01	Jane Korest	04/16	Emerson Hughes	04/30
Jim Wood	04/01	Michael Crutchfield	04/17	Collette Hughes	04/30
Richard Kreiselman	04/02	Logan Hill	04/17	Bill Smith	04/30
Ginger Hill	04/03	Eden Cody	04/18		
Haven Hill-Burleson	04/03	Gunnar Schoenfield	04/18		
Allen Shaver	04/03	Sharon MacLaurin	04/20		
Dell Jackson	04/04	Neil Rosemond	04/20		
Liz Crose	04/05	Lori Westbrook	04/21		
Hugh Osteen	04/05	Tim DeMaeyer	04/23		
Lori Fisher	04/06	Ivanna Anderson	04/24		
Collin Montgomery	04/07	Eddy Shipman	04/24		
Rebecca Hart	04/08	Kimberly Riggs	04/25		
Alice Osteen	04/08	Kelly Hammer	04/26		
Madison Brown	04/10	Iva Hilton	04/26		
Lucas Novak	04/10	Roy Lightner	04/26		
Bethany Taylor	04/10	Alfonso Piacentini, Jr.	04/26		
Alice Osteen	04/11	Lindsey Clark	04/27		
Tammy Closs	04/12	Anna Holland	04/27		
Lindsey Reeves	04/13	Johnny McAllister	04/27		
April Twine	04/13	Tommy McAllister	04/27		
Mike Fogle	04/14	Olivia Mitchell	04/27		
Will Leitzel	04/14	Beth Ormond	04/28		



Meals are served in the Family Life Center from 5:30-6:15 pm. Each week's menu features an entrée, vegetables, and simple dessert. Prices are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED. However, dinner will be served on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis from 5:30-6:15 pm. So come early for a tasty meal, wonderful fellowship, and a chance to participate in a Bible study or other class.

**APRIL MEALS**

**April 6th:** Helping Hands Circle \* Casseroles, Assorted Salads

**April 13th:** Haiti Mission Team \* Chicken Ramen Noodle Salad, Fruit, Croissants, Desserts

**April 20th:** Habitat \* Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Brownies

**April 27th:** Community Backpack Ministry \* Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Desserts



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Surf Shack Vacation Bible School** is coming up Sunday, June 26-Thursday, June 30 from 6:00-8:00 each night. The VBS adventure includes Creation, Miriam cares for Moses on the Nile, Baptism of Jesus, Jesus calms the storm, and Breakfast on the beach. Lots of energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super

science, cool crafts, hands-on mission, delicious snacks, great games and more. Dinner will be provided beforehand and we hope to have an adult study during the children's time.

Registration will be available online April 10th. Many opportunities are available for volunteers! If you are interested in serving, you may go online at: [cokesburyvbs.com/AldersgateUMCDurham](http://cokesburyvbs.com/AldersgateUMCDurham) or contact Jane Brannock ([jane@aldersgate.org](mailto:jane@aldersgate.org)) or Sandra Reynolds ([se.reynolds@yahoo.com](mailto:se.reynolds@yahoo.com))

Please prayerfully consider participating this year. The various areas include: a starting assembly at the Surf Shack with Snappy the Crab puppet and Skipper. We need volunteers for:

**A Puppeteer** and someone to be Skipper **our MC**.

**Surf Coaches** for Discovery Dunes (Science)

Tidal Tunes (**Music**) Recreation Station (**Rec games**)

Craft Hut, Snack Shack, and Mission Waves (**mission projects**)

We finish up at the Story Deck with **Bible Storytelling** and **reflection time**

Our traveling groups of surfers (children) will be led by **Lifeguards**. The number of groups depends on the number of children who sign up

Surf Shack is designed to introduce students to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Surf Shack VBS is based on the Bible and the gospel of the living Christ. We need everyone's help to bring this opportunity to children for Christ

Please let us know by April 4th if you can participate and what area you would like to work. There are multiple areas not listed if you prefer as well. Send me your ideas, questions, concerns and we will work on answers and solutions.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jane Brannock ([jane@aldersgate.org](mailto:jane@aldersgate.org) or Sandra Reynolds ([se.reynolds@yahoo.com](mailto:se.reynolds@yahoo.com)) 919-614-2154.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**BELIEVE**

April 3rd	The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
April 10th	Thomas Believes (John 20:24-31)
April 17th	The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)
April 24th	Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### **Milestone events: BRING YOUR BABY TO OPEN HOUSE!**

Our infant/toddler child care room is awesome with the best care givers anywhere. Come meet Dawn, Lynn and Evelyn and see what they do on Sunday mornings with our little ones. The Open House is Sunday, May 1 from 10:30-11:30 am in Room 101.

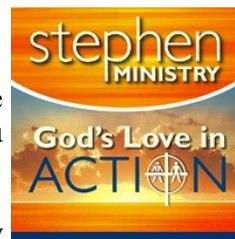
**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 FROM 12:15-1:30 PM \* 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents are invited to lunch** and a time to explore the meaning of baptism and Holy Communion. From the stories of Jesus' baptism and the Last Supper to games and activities, everyone will better understand why the sacraments are important to us as followers of Jesus. Please

rsvp to [jane@aldersgate.org](mailto:jane@aldersgate.org) to let us know if you are attending so we may plan for lunch.

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## A STEPHEN MINISTER IS A RESOURCE FOR YOU

Aldersgate UMC has a compassionate group of 8 active Stephen Ministers. They are well-trained individuals who can provide strength and encouragement to help you journey through the pain of your most difficult issues.



Megan is an example of one who benefited from a Stephen Minister. She recently moved to Durham to be with her family after ending an 8-year relationship. But within a few months, her family had to move away unexpectedly. Megan says this was one of the hardest times of her life, for not long after her parents moved, her grandfather passed away. Megan knew she needed to talk to someone about her loneliness, her hurts, and her uncertainties, but she hadn't lived in Durham long enough to develop close relationships that she could depend on. When she learned that Aldersgate had Stephen Ministers who are there to listen non-judgmentally, she asked to be assigned to one.

During their visits, Megan tells that her Stephen Minister often just listened while she talked through things—especially her feelings that seemed too risky to share with others. What Megan valued most was the acceptance and affirmation that her Stephen Minister gave her that helped her to face her emotions and work through her issues.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, or you are grieving from the loss of a job, a debilitating illness, a broken relationship, or some other difficult hardship, and you want to learn more about our Stephen Ministry program, contact Jack Snyder at 919-477-0509 Ext. 303, or at: [Jack@aldersgate.org](mailto:Jack@aldersgate.org).

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**ALDERSGATE COLUMBARIUM** As you sit in church each Sunday and look thru the windows to the left of your seat you will see our beautiful columbarium. It was a dream of many of our members for years and it is a reality today. We have 64 niches which will accommodate the ashes of 128 of our AUMC family. There are several benches to sit and reflect in the garden as well as a peaceful water feature.



We also have a memorial plaque where our members honor their loved ones who are interned elsewhere. We currently have 34 available niches which cost \$ 2,000 each. Individual half niches cost \$ 1,000 and the memorial plaques are \$ 300 each.

If you would be interested in receiving additional information about our Columbarium please email [mary@aldersgate.org](mailto:mary@aldersgate.org) and she will be happy to assist you.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT \* CLASS OF 2016

Many lifelong United Methodists have fond memories of their confirmation class. Sometime during adolescence, they met with a group of their peers, some adult leaders, and their pastor. They may have gathered weekly in the church, during a youth Sunday school class, or maybe for a weekend retreat at a campground. When the classes were complete, they then stood before their congregation, where the pastor and others put their hands on them while a blessing was said. Although confirmation is not a sacrament in The United Methodist Church, it is an important marker along our spiritual journeys. At baptism, we are initiated into the new covenant in Jesus Christ and membership in the Church, Christ's body in the world. For many, this happens when they are very young. We recognize children are members

of their human families, but no one expects them to clean their rooms or empty the dishwasher until much later. In the same way, "baptized infants are members of the Church—the family of faith—but are not yet capable of sharing everything involved in membership." The United Methodist Church's official statement on baptism, teaches that confirmation is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith. What God offers us must be accepted in repentance and faith. Confirmation and reaffirmation are our responses of commitment, profession of faith, and rededication.



### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016

ISABELLA ANDERSON, COREY COPLEY, JOANNA DE ANDRADE, KAYLEE ECKHOFF, RYAN RAY, ELI  
MCCALL, GEORGIA FISHBACK, MARGARET ANN HEALY, ELENA THOMAS, AND KEVIN DEMAEYER



## MISSY PRISSY TEA PARTY FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES  
ORIGINAL SPRING BONNET PARADE

\$5.00 ADULTS  
\$3.00 FOR 2 - 10 YEARS OLD

Over 90, under 2 Free !



### MUSIC NOTES by Nan de Andrade

Please contact Nan de Andrade, Music Minister, to learn more.  
([nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org)) or 919-477-0509 x 310

**ADULT CHOIR** Now that we've celebrated our highest Sunday (Easter) we have so MUCH to sing about! *Come on, all voices are welcome and needed!!* Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**PRAISE TEAM:** New members (singers or players) always welcomed. Rehearsals will be held at 6:15-7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Also, if you'd like to listen ahead to our Contemporary Christian music selections, give Spotify a try! It's a free app, and you can access this month's playlist by following "Nan de Andrade" and clicking on the April AUMC playlist.

### ARTS IN THE AFTERNOON

Join us for a sneak-peek at our Summer Musical, "Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holey Roof!"

Thursdays from 4:30-5:00, April 28- May 19



### Pray with us for a volunteer leader for our Sacred Dance Program!

As you know, Aldersgate has a wonderful legacy of beautiful sacred dancers contributing to our worship. We are in need of some women with dance experience or a heart for sacred dance to begin leading these groups. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Nan ([nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org)) . Resource materials/training are available! There's also a week in June for Sacred Dance leaders that we could help you attend! Let's not let this legacy die – we have young girls very interested in continuing to serve.



## MUSIC NOTES



### WORSHIP SURVEY COMING

It's a good idea once in a while to discover what you're feeling about our worship practices here at Aldersgate. We want to offer worship and music that speaks in a way that most effectively helps you to speak and hear God's word, that touches your spirit, and effectively serves as both a centering and sending influence on your life. We will be presenting a survey soon for you to fill out, to help us to know how to best serve our congregation. We hope you'll prayerfully and carefully respond.



### CAPITOL ON THE EDGE BRINGS NICAVANGELISTS TO ALDERSGATE!

**“Created” Performance by the Nicavangelists  
APRIL 10 at 6:00 PM \* AUMC Family Life Center  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**

**Please share this invitation with people you know!**

*Who are the Nicavangelists?* A ministry called Capital on the Edge, a non-profit organization located in Managua, Nicaragua, utilizes a holistic approach to assist young Nicaraguans in their life's journey, encouraging them to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. This ministry takes in at-risk youths from the streets into a talent-development-program, “the Nicavangelists.” In this program, they are given food, housing, clothing, an education and the chance to develop skills in performance arts. The Nicavangelists seek to create a bright future for these incredibly gifted youths by giving them opportunities to share their talents and culture with the world. Those who excel in the Nicavangelists program are given the chance to leave the center in Managua and tour abroad. To date, the Nicavangelists have travelled to and performed in Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala and the USA.

A group of fifteen of these youth with their leaders from NICARAGUA will be hosted at Aldersgate! This provides an amazing opportunity to widen our understanding and deepen our love for all of God's kin-dom! They will be visiting and being hosted, housed and fed here at Aldersgate from April 10-14, and will be performing a 40 minute long, street theatre production, CREATED with us and others in the area.

“Created” is the story of hope realized. We are all born into a specific context and it is our choices that ultimately determine our future happiness. The performance utilizes many different genres of music, from acid jazz, to heavy metal, punk rock, classical, charted hits, and of course, Latin music. Dance genres include Nicaraguan folk dancing, salsa, bachata, bboy, tricking (gymnastics) and modern. The youth also work with younger children sharing parables and showing them their amazing dance and gymnastic moves.

**HELP NEEDED!** We will need help with hosts, drivers, and meal providers during their stay with us. Also, if you have any school/community connections that would help us find additional venues, contact Nan at [nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org) / 919-477-0509 x 310.

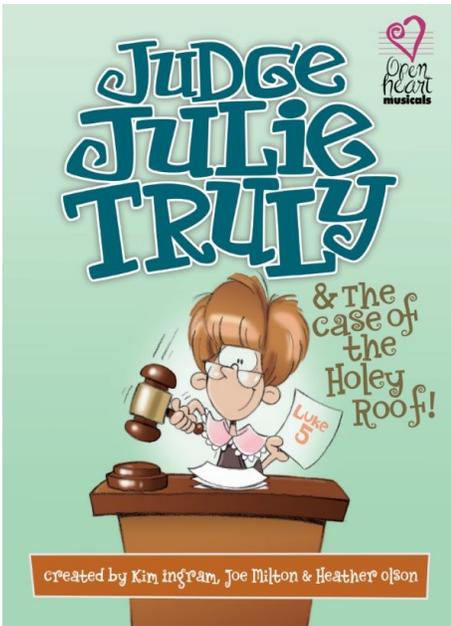
Connect and learn more about our guests from their Facebook page “The Nicavangelists,” from their website, [www.nicavangelists.com](http://www.nicavangelists.com) or watch them perform and give testimony on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW6W55SSx9E> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajm0wt3Ddv0> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dhkqy34np6Y>

## MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP

### MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP WEEK

**Date: July 11-15, 9-1pm (performance is Friday, 7/15 at 3:30 pm). Full day camp is also available. For children K-8 grades!**

**DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE, ARTS** come together with a camp full of talented kids to present:  
**JUDGE JULIE TRULY and the CASE OF THE HOLEY ROOF!**



Welcome to the courtroom of Judge Julie, where Her Honor will now hear the Case of the Holey Roof (which you might recognize as the Gospel story of the Four Friends)! Look: the courtroom doors have opened and the Bailiff is calling the court to order! Here comes our plaintiff: a grumpy homeowner accusing the Four Friends of “damaging his roof – on purpose!” Here come the defendants: “Four Famously Faithful Friends” and a Star Witness who can testify firsthand that “nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ.” The testimony from the Gospel of Luke will lead to a surprising verdict! And we will all learn how our LOVE IN ACTION can lead people right to the feet of our Savior.

The courtroom setting of Judge Julie helps children explore this Bible story in a fun and relevant way. This musical offers character parts large and small, solos and catchy songs, and lots of opportunity for set creation and choreography too. Join us for a wonderful week of Faith-Meets-the Arts!

Note: come to Arts in the Afternoon for sneak-preview of the musical Thursdays from 4:30-5:00, April 28th - May 19th

**You can register for Music and Arts Camp now** with Nan – just email [nan@aldersgate.org](mailto:nan@aldersgate.org) with the following info: Name of camper, Age and Grade Completed, Parent’s name and contact (phone, email). Also, let me know if your child is interested in auditioning early for a larger role (we’ll conduct auditions in June), and if you can help provide special snacks or want to volunteer! It’s \$60 for the half-day (write check to AUMC, memo: Music and Arts Camp).

For full-day camp option, simply register through the Camp/Weekday School.

These are our children at the Children's Choir Festival in Raleigh, February 2016.



## USED EYEGLASSES NEEDED FOR HAITI

We are collecting all used **glasses, reading glasses, prescription sunglasses and regular sun glasses** for the organization that supplies us with the glasses we take to Haiti. They are critically low on glasses for mission trip requests. This is a way we can pay them back for what they have supplied us. The glasses will be collected in a container outside the Wesley Room. Please help us spread the word to your neighbors and co-workers. People are often very interested in donating their old glasses. Contact April Perry ([aprileperry042@hotmail.com](mailto:aprileperry042@hotmail.com)) or Shelia Rittgers ([sheliarittgers@hotmail.com](mailto:sheliarittgers@hotmail.com)) for questions.



CLOTHES ARE NEEDED FOR URBAN MINISTRIES OF DURHAM - The clothes closet is empty at Urban Ministries. Gently used, almost new (or new) summer items are needed: **Pants /Shorts:** jeans, sweatpants, Dockers, dress slacks in black, khaki, navy or blue. (No Suits) **Tops:** T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts and golf shirts. **Shoes:** Casual, tennis-type, sandals, flip-flops. No high heels or dressy ladies shoes. **Belts** for men: in black, brown or navy. Donations may be left in the boxes outside the Wesley room.



ARMENIA (CHRISTMAS) SHOE BOX MINISTRY \* We are so excited that Charlotte O'Brien will be leading the Shoebox Ministry Team, but Charlotte needs a team! **We are looking for a team of three to four people to help Charlotte coordinate this mission.** We hope that you will prayerfully consider becoming one of these coordinators. If you can help, please contact Linda Jones, Missions Advocate at 919-382-3096.



CONDUIT NEWS \* One of the **Angel Basketball Teams** from Mt. Level Baptist Church, one of the CONDUIT churches, has been practicing at Aldersgate's Family Life Center since January. These 13 to 15 year-old boys played in their league's tournament the middle of March. Most of the boys on the team live at Oxford Manor or Bluefield Public Housing Community. Mt. Level provides all the transportation and coaches for this team's practices and games, as well as a younger team of 9 to 12 year-old kids that practice in another place. A minister from their staff works with them, too. All of the kids from both teams are also taken to their church on Wednesday nights for supper, Bible study, and other activities. The church runs a bus for them on Sundays, as well. It is a wonderful opportunity for these boys and girls to learn about the love of Christ and develop good lifelong skills and habits. I am pleased and grateful that my church can help by offering our facilities for this vital program. The team had a fun overnight at our FLC on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all of you who have donated your new and gently-used books to **CONDUIT's Little Free Library**. A couple from Mt. Sylvan UMC built an attractive and accessible library that looks like a little house. It is about three feet wide with two shelves. It sits on a table that has compartments below for more books. CONDUIT maintains it in the Community Center at Oxford Manor. Children, teenagers, and adults can find a book that appeals to them to take home. The idea of the national program of "Little Free Libraries" is to return the book after reading it and then choose another, but we are not requiring them to return the books. Primetimers has made a contribution for us to buy some popular books, particularly some written by African Americans.

Lee King

SPRING WORK DAY AND OPEN HOUSE AT CHESTNUT RIDGE

April 2, 2016

**Spring Work Day**

9:00 am

Lunch included for  
volunteers



Bring your family, friends, co-workers, scout troop, whoever! Bring hard working hands (with gloves) to help us make camp beautiful for spring. Projects include: Mulching flower beds, planting shrubs and painting.

April 10, 2016

**Spring Open House**

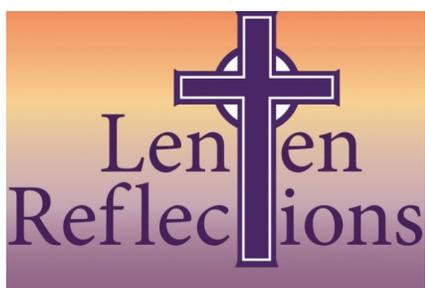
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm





## SUNDAY SERMONS - REV. DR. HOMER E. MORRIS

April 3rd * "IN CHRIST: A New Standing"	Romans 15:14-18; Romans 8:1-2
April 10th * "IN CHRIST: A New Team"	Genesis 26:2-5; Romans 12:4-6a; 16:3
April 17th * "IN CHRIST: A New Outlook"	Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 12:17; Ephesians 4:32
April 24th * "IN CHRIST: A New Creation"	Isaiah 42:8-12; II Corinthians 5:16-17



### GRATITUDE FOR LENTEN REFLECTIONS

I want to thank everyone who took time to write one of the Lenten reflections. Each one I read helped me to see how God was present in your life during a particular time and that encouraged and strengthened me in my own faith walk. I'm so very grateful to be part of a faith community that has people who share their stories because those stories are so important to building up and encouraging the body of Christ. It is through our personal stories that I am able to grasp the constant and abiding presence of God in my life.

Your stories meant a great deal to me and enriched my Lenten experience more than I could express. Thanks to all.

Barbara Atkinson

### ALDRERSGATE WEEKDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER PLANNING IS IN FULL SWING HERE AT ALDRERSGATE WEEKDAY MINISTRIES. BELOW ARE THE PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY AGE CAMPS FOR THE SUMMER. WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

**Week 1 - June 13-17th**  
"SUMMER OLYMPICS"



\$125.00 per week

## ALDRERSGATE WEEKDAY MINISTRIES PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

**Week 2 - June 20-24th**

REGISTER @ [CAMPCHSTNUTRIDGE.ORG](http://CAMPCHSTNUTRIDGE.ORG)

- CHOOSE CHURCH DAYCAMP
- ENTER CODE: ALDRERSGATE
- WEEK 2 ALDRERSGATE UMC
- CHOOSE YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITY
- \$25.00 TRANSPORTATION FEE

**WEEK 1 - June 20th - 24th**

**Week 3 - June 27- July 1st**  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
"SURF SHACK"



**Week 4 - July 4-8th**

**CLOSED**



**Week 5 - July 11-15th 1:00 pm**  
Music & Arts Camp \* FINAL  
PERFORMANCE:

Friday, July 15th at 3:00 pm

For K-8th graders – spread the word! \$60 for half-day participants; full day camp registration also available.

**WEEK 2 - July 25th - July 29th**

"WILD, WILD WEST"



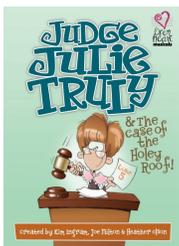
**WEEK 3 - August 1st - 5th**

"PIRATES & PRINCESSES"



**WEEK 4 - August 8th - 12th**

**JUDGE JULIE TRULY AND THE CASE OF THE HOLEY ROOF!** "Order in the court! All rise for Her Honor, Judge Julie Truly, who will now hear *The Case of the Holey Roof from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 5.*" Meet the Homeowner: He is pressing charges against the Four Friends. (They dug a hole in his roof, on purpose!) Meet our Defendants: "Four Famously Faithful Friends" who went over and above to bring their paralyzed companion to Jesus. A fun contemporary-spin on a familiar Bible story, this musical offers character parts large and small, solos and catchy songs, and lots of opportunity for set creation and choreography too. Join us for a wonderful week of Faith-Meets-the Arts!



## WE NEED MORE DRIVERS - NO SPECIAL LICENSE NEEDED



AUMC has placed a new bus in operation that does not require specialized license requirements to drive. Already, the bus has been used for a Primetimers trip, several UTH outings and transport for the Confirmands retreat.

We have several drivers who have undergone training, but we need more drivers to meet the growing needs of our busy congregation. If you are interested, please contact Glenn Reynolds ([ge.reynolds26@yahoo.com](mailto:ge.reynolds26@yahoo.com)) or the church office (919-477-0509).

When you think about AUMC's finances, more than likely numbers, commas, and decimals come to mind. Some may think of the annual budget. Others may think about monthly giving or the church's capital debt. While these are important aspects of the church's finances, they are not our most important numbers. The real story is what your generous and faithful financial support of the church makes possible – creating disciples of Christ. It is the lives touched, needs met, and relationships deepened with our Lord and Savior. Throughout the remainder of the year in addition to being transparent with how the church is operating financially, the finance committee wants to highlight a few of the numbers you make possible each month.

SHARING  
GOD'S  
GIFTS

Income thru March 31st: \$179,984

Expenses of \$ 218,151

Net loss of (\$ 38,167)

## MANY WAYS TO GIVE



One convenient way to give is to set up an EFT or electronic funds transfer. You can give a one-time gift or set up weekly, or monthly donations. You can set it up yourself by going to our [Aldersgate.org](http://Aldersgate.org) website select Mission & Giving then select on-line giving. You may also contact our church treasurer, Mary Taylor ([mary@aldersgate.org](mailto:mary@aldersgate.org)).

You can make donations to the operating budget, the capital campaign or to special ministries such as the community backpack ministry or urban ministries, or make a special memorial gift.

Another way to give is by donating shares of stock. We use the United Methodist Foundation and Morgan Stanley to assist us with gifts of stock. If you are interested in this option just contact Mary Taylor by email at [mary@aldersgate.org](mailto:mary@aldersgate.org) and she will give you or your stock broker the necessary paperwork to transfer the stock.

## APRIL LAY ASSISTANTS

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>WELCOME STATION</b>	<b>LAY READER</b>
<b>8:15 Service</b>				
<b>4/3</b>				
	Chick Hinton Richard Riggsbee Mary Tom Roberts Katherine Siler	Jeff Sturkey -m Sharon MacLaurin-o	Jeff Sturkey	Burton King
<b>4/10</b>				
	Phil Stancil Mitch Adkins Myrna Umphlett Rebel Umphlett	Pat Stancil -m Ed Osteen-o	Pat Stancil	Richard King
<b>4/17</b>				
	John Field Ed Osteen Linda/Paul Jones	Mitch Adkins -m Richard Riggsbee-o	Mitch Adkins	Barbara Atkinson
<b>4/24</b>				
	Doug/Carole Morris Kathy/Carl Chmielewski	Jeff Sturkey-m John Field-o	Jeff Sturkey	Pattie Porter
<b>9:30 Service</b>				
<b>Greeters = Main Door Only</b>				
<b>4/3</b>				
	Gene/Cynthia Bell	Denise Thomas	Denise Thomas	Terri Ray
<b>4/10</b>				
	Margie Muir Sue Allison	Jane Bahor	Jane Bahor	Mary Taylor
<b>4/17</b>				
	Mary Taylor Anne Finch	Margie Muir	Margie Muir	Denise Thomas
<b>4/24</b>				
	Steven Fishback Denise Thomas	Anne Finch	Anne Finch	Lisa Dye Janes
<b>11:00 Service</b>				
<b>4/3</b>				
	Roy Swaringen Bill Smith Ginger Hawkins /Tammy Closs	Audrey Turley-m Kay Edwards-o	Audrey Turley	Al Piacentini
<b>4/10</b>				
	Paula Veasey Pam Boatright/Jan Howe Debbie Fletcher	Lee King-m Nancy Gaither-o	Lee King	Julie Reo
<b>4/17</b>				
	Kimberly Riggs/Suzi Caudill Michele Tucker/Ronnie Oakley	Paula James-m Gary James-o	Paula James	Janie Howell
<b>4/24</b>				
	Ronnie Oakley/Ginger Hawkins Ed Osteen/Debbie Fletcher	Janie Howell-m Rusty Grimm-o	Janie Howell	Roy Swaringen

## NURSERY MINISTRY

8:15, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

**NURSERY TEACHERS ARE:**

**LYNN WILFONG, ELLEN WHISNANT AND DAWN ECKHOFF.**



## ACOLYTE

8:15 AM SERVICE

**4/3 JOANNA De ANDRADE**  
**4/10 MARGARET ANN HEALY**  
**4/17 KAYLEE ECKHOFF**  
**4/24 MEADOW SNYDER**

11:00 AM SERVICE

**4/3 ALLIE RAMIREZ/ELAYNA BOUCK**  
**4/10 CAMERON NYE**  
**4/17 MCKAYLE NYE**  
**4/24 EDEN CODY**



An acolyte is a person who assists the presiding minister/pastor in worship and carries out certain duties, including candle lighting; carrying the processional cross; holding or getting items the pastor needs at baptisms, Holy Communion, and other worship acts. Acolytes may be children, youth, and adults.

## ALTAR GUILD

**JUDY ALFORD, SUSAN PARHAM**  
**PAM BOATRIGHT**



Altar Guild assures the worship space and supporting materials are prepared for worship.

## TRUSTEE FOR MARCH

**DAVID SHAFFER**



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