
March 14, 2017

Dear Aldersgate Sisters and Brothers in Faith,

Thank you for your faithfulness and your dedication to the work of Christ in and through Aldersgate!

Your generosity has borne fruit! Here are some examples of what's been happening this past year and why your support is so important:

- ✓ 20 - 30 youth participate in the combined youth groups (Club 345, Middle and High School), and seventeen youth are going to the district retreat this weekend.
- ✓ New service opportunities abound during our annual trip to Lazy F Camp to help prepare the camp for the summer camping season.
- ✓ Church events are well attended by the surrounding community with 50 at the Christmas Bash, 82 at Vacation Bible School, 130 at the Easter Celebrations and over 200 at the Fall Festival.
- ✓ The preschool has been invigorated with new leadership and vision as we continue to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment. 175 children attend our preschool from 150 families.
- ✓ We will experience our first Mission Sunday, coming soon on April 23, where we each will have an opportunity to "reach one" in service.
- ✓ Healthy, vibrant worship & praise ministries.
- ✓ Consistent strong leadership.
- ✓ In search of an associate pastor to help grow Aldersgate!

Communication is key as our growth continues. The Core Leaders continue to listen to you and conduct church business as transparently as possible using the Common Table to solicit your questions, concerns, and hopes. As part of that communication we ask that each and every person involved here at Aldersgate pray, not only for God's help and support in our respective lives, but also in the way we each seek to support this Body of Christ, with the overall vision of support coming in the forms of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

We strive to grow as a church based upon the four pillars we have defined; in Faith, Love, Health and Service. And we continue to seek to be a vibrant and inclusive Christian community. And it's happening. As we start planning for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, stewardship becomes the "fifth pillar" in our vision. So as you prayerfully consider your giving this year, please remember that it is through the growth in our faith, the deepening of our relationships of love, and the ever-increasing health whether physical or mental, that we are able to offer ourselves in service to others. And we are called to offer ourselves in service to others – remember "Each one, reach one."

Celebration Sunday (the day we bring our pledge cards to church) will happen on Palm Sunday, April 9th. There will be opportunities to bring them forward at both services. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact either one of us. We are praying for you and for the future of Aldersgate.

Very Sincerely:



Melinda Lilley
Chair of Stewardship and Finance



Rev. Brad Beeman
Lead Pastor

My/Our plan to give for offering ourselves in service:

Annual Operating Budget

\$ _____

- weekly monthly quarterly annually

Capital Campaign/Kitchen Remodel

\$ _____

- One-time donation in 2017

- To be given over two years

(new donation or in addition to previous)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Name _____

Please check the areas of ministry you would like to learn more about, that you are not currently involved in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings & Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment / Green |

Other areas of interest: _____

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