

# BE A BELL RINGER THIS YEAR!

The Salvation Army relies on Saint Mark to provide reliable bell ringers during the holidays. **Thanks to those of you who have stepped up so far! There are still eight two-hour shifts left to fill on all four days:**



**Mondays, November 21 & November 28**  
**Between 10:30 am - 8:30 pm**  
**@ Belk**

**Saturdays, December 10 & December 17**  
**Between 9:15 am - 7:15 pm**  
**Seneca Ingles**

Please [click here](#) to contact **Jane Harlin** if you are interested. Families, couples and individuals are all welcome!

Being a bell ringer is fun and very easy. All you have to do is stand by the bucket, smile, ring the bell with all your heart and thank everyone who drops something in the bucket!



## REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED FOR ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Until recently, Saint Mark disciple, **Marlene Edlund** has served as Saint Mark's Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry Local Church Representative. Marlene has done a great job and we thank her for her time and service. **We are in need of a replacement for Marlene as soon as possible.** Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry (ASNM) is a ministry of the SC Conference of the United Methodist Church that provides homes for adults with developmental disabilities. ASNM does not receive funds from apportionments and depends on contributions. Please see the "job description" for this **volunteer** position below and **let Pastor Todd know if you would like to serve in this way.** Thank you!!

### Responsibilities and Requirements:

Church representative will be ASNM's liaison for sharing updates, news, and engagement opportunities related to the organization and the industry within the church community.

- Communicate progress and challenges to stakeholders (e.g., district volunteer coordinators, ASNM)
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to handle confidential or sensitive information with discretion
- Basic computer skills
- Requires a passion for serving those with disabilities and their caregivers
- Learn about the ministry by reviewing the ASNM brochure and website, <https://www.aldersgatespecialministry.org>
- Assist the church community in learning about the ministry
- Complete Church Representative Survey in a timely manner
- Has representation as a member of the Saint Mark Service/Missions Team

# Response to Racism

A Task Force in the Anderson District  
UMC



Our goal: To build bridges,  
to grow personally, and to call  
ourselves to take action together  
to make a difference.

We are in search of participants to join this year's task force on Our Response to Racism. Last year was our inaugural year and it was a huge success! All participants experienced growth, learned about themselves, learned more about others, and had meaningful conversations about racism.

We will meet for 5 sessions beginning in October and ending in March. We are looking for 10-12 members. Our sessions will likely be a mix of in-person and virtual (via Zoom). Our session topics are below:

- Session 1, Introductions and Building Trust
- Session 2, Sharing and Studying History of Racism
- Session 3, Discovering our Unconscious Biases
- Session 4, Storytelling
- Session 5, A Call to Action

Will you join us? Do you know others who would benefit from our work? Contact Jeff Fogle, District Lay Leader, at 864-230-1137 or email [jrfogle@bainc.com](mailto:jrfogle@bainc.com)

