

June 2017

Warmed Thoughts from the Pastor...

On June 4th, we celebrate Pentecost, the day the church was born. Imagine those people gathered in one room, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in their own languages, and sent out on new beginnings. They did not forget their past, they became a part of their story. In that room they took bread and gave thanks, they prepared for new beginnings. It must have been an amazing experience.

We are in our own new beginnings now. While it is difficult to end our time together, and it might be difficult to imagine this as a time of new beginnings, know the Holy Spirit is moving through it all. As I prepare to move on to New Hope UMC in Proctorville and the ministries there, I look back on my time spent with all of you. I am always amazed at the growth of the youth and the youth leaders, growth in faith and discipleship. Know that the youth ministry will continue on, moving to new levels, with the strong guidance and leadership of my successor and all the youth leaders.

*God's
timing is
perfect.*

It has been a joy to see children learning in Sunday School and to see the wonder on their faces as they experience new things. The dedication of the Sunday School teachers is a testament to the strong desire you have all demonstrated, a desire to grow up the children of Aldersgate into strong disciples of Jesus Christ. I will always remember my time spent with the Celebration Ringers and the children's bell choirs. The worship you all provide in music is uplifting, keep up the great ringing!

I wholly believe that the Children, Youth, and Family ministries of Aldersgate will continue to thrive and grow in faith, service, and discipleship. It is time to celebrate and it is time to say goodbye but it is also, as always, a time to praise and give thanks to God. Thanks for our time together, thanks for the work done, and thanks for the strength to carry on. I give thanks to God for each and every one of you, I will always remember all of you!

Blessings!

– Pastor Anthony Thomas

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, June 4 ▶ Pentecost Sunday | Wear Red

Sunday, June 11 ▶ Farewell to Pastor Tony

Sunday, June 18 ▶ Father's Day

Sunday, June 28 ▶ Join us for summer worship!

Our Staff

PASTORS

Lilanthi Ward, Senior Pastor
Anthony Thomas, Associate Pastor

SENIOR MINISTRIES

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A Scripture Second (or Two)

Acts 2:1-4 | The Living Bible (TLB)

Seven weeks had gone by since Jesus' death and resurrection, and the Day of Pentecost had now arrived. As the believers met together that day, 2 suddenly there was a sound like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them and it filled the house where they were meeting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on their heads. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages they didn't know, for the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Annual Conference

June 4 - June 8, 2017

During the Conference your pastors will not be in the office. However, should there be an emergency, you can contact the church office and pastoral care will be available to you. Please pray for your pastors and lay representatives Susan Thomas and Janet Einhart as they travel to and from Conference as well as the West Ohio Conference as we make decisions about our life together.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

During inclement weather we will inform Channel 11 and Channel 13 if we are not having worship on Sunday. For information regarding meetings, please call either the church office or your team leader.



As a part of the Traveling Light bible life group, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone that is interested in joining our summer study. We will be studying a new book by Karen Kingsbury called "The Family of Jesus." Although it is mainly a work of fiction, the writing is based on Jesus' family and the events that changed their lives. This story tells us of Joseph, Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, James, and Mary (as we might depict them today). It is a very thought provoking book that you may find hard to put down, as I have.

We meet at the home of Karen Price at 7:00 p.m. Our studies usually last about 2 hours. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, June 6th

Wednesday, July 19th

Wednesday, August 9th

Wednesday, August 23rd

Wednesday, September 13th

Wednesday, September 27th

We have already ordered the books (\$12) and they can be purchased in the office. If interested, please contact the church office. We still have time to order more books so let us know as soon as possible. The book can also be purchased at Wal-mart stores or online at Amazon.com. We will be using the book with the study guide at the back.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

– Amy Edgington



Mission Trip

Please keep those who are planning on going to Henderson Settlement in your prayers.

Adults: Don Anderson, Katie Collins, Jessica Eckenrode, Sally Finnegan, Josh Galati, Laura Galati, Tony Galati, John McKenty, Lori McKenty, Lilanthi Ward.

Youth: Jacob Bitter, Zachary Collins, Jeremiah Galati, Jonah Galati, Maria Lankey, Kevin McKenty, Olivia Matuszewski, Kendall Morse, Emma Smith, Skylar Smith, Zachary Thomas, Samuel Ward.

Children: Andrew Collins, Nathan Collins and Megan Edgington.

How can you be involved in the mission trip?

- Be a prayer partner for those going, please contact the church office if you are willing to pray daily for one of those who is going. (We need 25-26 people for prayer partners.)
- Write a note and give it to pastor Lilanthi to take with her so that each person will get a note from the church family every day. (We need about 150 notes total.)
- In honor of or in memory of your mother or father give a donation towards the cost of materials for our work at homes of those we will serve. (Our goal is \$2000)
- Purchase a mission T-shirt (\$15). The color is teal blue, and wear it on Sunday, July 9 when we will commission the 26 people going on the trip. Orders need to be in by June 4.



Outreach Ministries

West Park Place 3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

Bible Study: Wednesday, June 7 & 21 | 1:30 PM

Worship: Sunday, June 18 | 2:00 PM

NEW! Folding Chair Theater:

Monday, June 12 | 2:00 PM

All are welcome to join together in a time of worship and celebration of our Christian Faith.

– Rev. John Paschen and Team

Bob Evans (Monroe Street at Harvest Lane)

Tuesdays, June 6 & 20 | 6 AM to 7 PM

Don't only go to taste the food but taste the sweet fellowship of eating with friends and knowing that the cost of your meal is also supporting ministry at Aldersgate.

Eldersgate

Tuesday, June 27 | 12 Noon

We meet in Meinhart Hall. Please make reservations by 7:00 p.m. the Sunday evening before by calling Vicky at (419) 292-1004.

Guest speaker is Amanda Vaughn of the Wolcott House in Maumee.

Gift Cards

Order gifts cards to purchase gifts for all occasions. Stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to place or pick up your order on the dates below.

Order: June 11 Pickup: June 18

Ruth Circle

See You in September!

Have a nice summer. Information about our September meeting will be in the August Gateway.

– Jeanette Lefever

Aldersgate Ladies Book Club

Wednesday, July 26 | 7:00 PM

No meeting in June, but plan on joining us in July. We will be reviewing "Wish Me Home" by Kay Bratt.

– Sandy Garvin

Euchre Club

Friday, June 23 | 7:00 PM

All are welcome, even if you don't know how to play Euchre. Come join the fun; bring a snack or beverage to share. Coffee is provided.

Lydia Circle News!

Lydia Circle will be changing our meeting date to the fourth Monday of the month beginning in September. Thus the dates would be: Sept. 27th, Oct. 30th, Nov. 27th, Jan. 22nd, Feb. 26th, Mar. 26th, and Apr. 23rd. Adjustments will be made for holidays in Dec. and May depending on the consensus of those attending. Our format will remain the same—a short video and discussion and the obligatory eating at Methodist events. We hope this change will allow more women to attend.

Scholarship Grant Thank You

This past year, I have put in a lot of effort and hard work to make the most of my freshman year. I attend Purdue University and am studying biochemistry with the goal of attending medical school. I am honored to have received a scholarship from Aldersgate for two years in a row. This generous donation has helped me attend Purdue and pay for books and some tuition. I am very grateful for the help I receive through scholarships and the support of my church community.

The scholarship money is helping me achieve some amazing things at Purdue. I have been lucky enough to work with a professor in a cancer research lab this last semester. The lab group focuses on developing drugs for leukemia. I have also used a lot of my time volunteering at Indiana's Veterans Home. I have enjoyed getting to know some of the residents and hearing their stories. I have also been hired as a resident assistant for next year and hope to inspire other young women to reach their goals. The scholarship from the church has helped me connect to other people and make a difference at Purdue.

My goal is to become a doctor and possibly specialize in oncology. I want to work with Doctors Without Borders and go on mission trips to impoverished nations that lack medical care. The scholarship money from the church is helping me achieve my educational goals. I will pay forward the generosity that the church has shown me during my time at Purdue and throughout my life. I greatly appreciate the work the church has done to help me forward my education. I am very blessed to be part of Aldersgate. Thank you again for awarding me a scholarship and I will use it for my education and to help others.

– Alyssa Lambrecht

Friendly Center News

The Guild Meeting and Noon Luncheon is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Friendly Center. The program is "Memorial Service." Cost is \$3.00 for the luncheon and please make your reservation by Friday, June 9 to Joan Pitson / 419-476-7132.

We are planning a Garage Sale to be held at Maumee UMC on August 13-19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed! Call Martha Gross for details (419-537-9055), (419-266-4619).

SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Maumee Watershed-Monroe Street Freedom School has an opportunities to volunteer June 19– July 28, 2017

- Classroom Assistants / 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon
- Reading Tutors / 11:00 a.m.–12 Noon
- Lunch Buddies / 12 Noon
- Enrichment Volunteers / 1:00–3 p.m.
- Field trip chaperones

To volunteer go to Sign Up Genius at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48a5a82aabff2-freedom>

Native plants to this area will be used to plant a garden at the Freedom School. Donated plants are welcomed. Contact Marilyn DuFour at 419-491-8072.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Aldersgate will be helping out with a Habitat for Humanity Build this year. This is a new home build, which will be erected at 1918 Roselawn Drive. Our day at the build site will be Tuesday August 1, where we will help in finishing doors, trim, and cabinets for the new house. If you would be willing to help on this day and/or would like more information on the build, please see flyer on the bulletin board. If you would like to help but cannot attend on August 1, see Tony for information on how to sign up for another date. Finally, the build is still looking for skilled laborers to help; if you have a certified skill set and would like to help, see Tony for more information.

Age Related Eye Problems

CATARACTS

A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye which leads to a decrease in vision. Symptoms may include faded colors, blurry vision, halos around light, trouble with bright lights, and trouble seeing at night. Cataracts are the cause of half of the blindness and 33% of visual impairment worldwide.

Cataracts are most commonly due to aging, but other risk factors include diabetes, smoking, prolonged exposure to sunlight, and alcohol. Either clumps of protein or yellow-brown pigment may be deposited in the lens reducing the transmission of light to the retina at the back of the eye. Diagnosis is by an eye exam.

Prevention includes wearing sunglasses and not smoking. Early symptoms may be improved with glasses, but if this does not help, then surgery is needed to remove the cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial lens.

MACULAR DEGENERATION

Age-related macular degeneration is a progressive eye disease that causes your straight-ahead vision to become blurry. It's noticeable when you're reading, driving, looking at pictures, or recognizing people's faces. Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration is the most common and is caused by the light-sensitive cells of the macula to slowly break down, causing straight on vision to seem blurry. This symptom can be gradual and barely noticeable but it can also advance and turn into the more serious wet form. This occurs when extra blood vessels grow under the retina and leak fluid. The symptoms usually come on suddenly with blind spots and distorted vision. It's the leading cause of blindness in the U.S. for people over 65.

Risk factors for MD are:

- Age
- Race—Caucasians get it more often than Hispanics or African Americans
- Smoking will double your chances
- Genetics—people with a family history of MD

A healthy, active lifestyle promotes healthy vision.

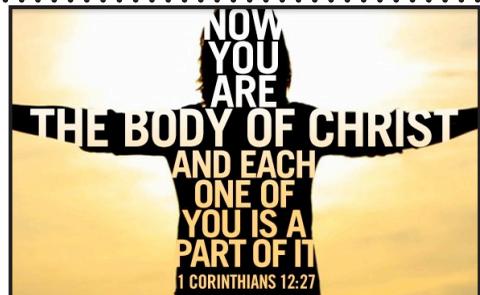
Some key eye care tips are:

- Avoid smoking
- Exercise regularly to promote good vascular function
- Eat a healthy diet—especially salmon for omega 3, and leafy greens for vitamin C, E and lutein
- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the damage of UV and HEV (high-energy visible) rays

The best line of defense is getting your yearly eye exam to detect any problems. Next month I will review other eye problems.

Take good care of your eyes, they're the only pair you have!

– Lynn Creager, Parish Nurse



Birthdays

June 1

Lynne Bittner
Logan Lanigan

June 2

Jay Merritt

June 3

Lee Maxfield
Ethan Pacholski
Doris Spade

June 4

Janice Blansett
Nelson Schulak

June 5

Alisse Lagger
Makenna Maxfield

June 6

JoAnn Newell

June 9

Sharon Whitaker

June 12

Rebecca Buchanan
Kim Jensen
Alex Merritt
Anna Belle Shepherd
Maryanne Spencer

June 14

Tom Meinhart

June 16

Kristen Hanacek

June 17

Shawn Hite

June 18

Nathan Collins
Carrie Krum
John McKenty
Chuck Snead

June 19

Madeline Kluczynski
John Mohr
Ashley Tafelski

June 24

Austyn Chesser

June 25

Sharon Black

June 26

Michael Lesinszki, Jr.

June 28

Matt Warner

June 29

Meghan Godfrey
Dale Lanigan

June 30

Katie McKenty



Christian Stewardship

Report Ending March 31, 2017

Contact Carol Marckel at (419) 509-2243 if you would like information on how to make direct debit payments for your pledged giving to Aldersgate.

Total Income

Total Income (YTD) \$90,636
Total Expenses (YTD) \$101,760
Net Income/(loss) YTD (\$11,124)

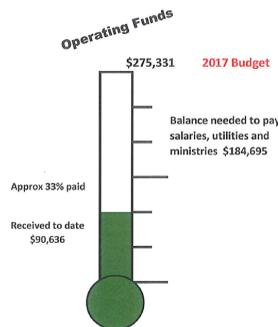
Conference Apportionments

WOC Paid (YTD) \$3,000
WOC Assigned Apportionments
(Budget) \$10,550
Balance Due \$7,550

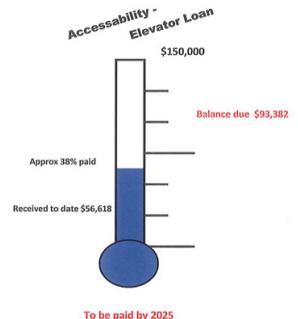
District Apportionments

District Paid (YTD) \$3,000
District Assigned Apportionments
(Budget) \$7,904
Balance Due \$4,904

As of April 30, 2017



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Average Monthly Sunday Attendance

April 2017: 184



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Worship & Study

8:30 and 10:45 AM, 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Services

Connection Groups

Call the Church Office for details

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