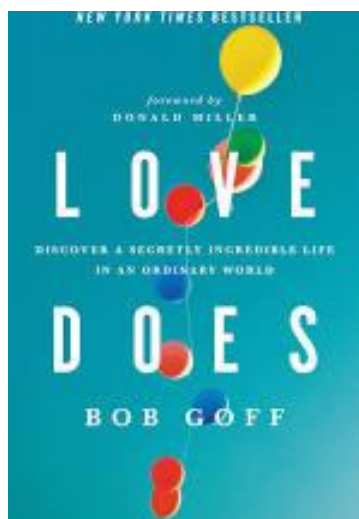




Warmed Thoughts from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we enter fully into a liturgical season called Lent. It is the highest season of our church calendar. This is a time of preparation for the death and ultimately the resurrection of Jesus whose sacrifice redeems us and God’s grace in the resurrection that promises us new life. Many of us enter into this season contemplating what acts of self-denial we will participate in to prepare our hearts for the coming Holy Week. It is a time for spiritual renewal and there are many avenues that help us reengage in the personal relationship with God through Jesus. Journaling, daily Bible readings, Bible studies, fasting, and accountability groups are just a few of those ways.



This Lenten season our Bible study will be on Bob Goff’s book, “Love Does.” It’s a deeply personal look at the radical evidence and demands that real love, brotherly love, is. What I enjoy about this study is what it doesn’t include. It isn’t about the nagging and critical look at what love isn’t. It doesn’t dwell on the ways that we often fail to love one another but focuses only on the endless possibilities of what love does and invites us to come along. We are meeting for these studies on Wednesdays beginning March 4th at 12 noon and 7:00 and continuing through April 1st. I invite you to come along for the fun, renewal and hope offered in this study. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to secure a book or you can get yours online at Abe Books, Amazon or wherever you buy your books. I can’t wait to join you in this study.

<p>WORSHIP TIMES</p> <p>Sunday mornings:</p> <p>☪ 8:30 AM Worship is Communion and Meditation in the Chapel.</p> <p>☪ 10:45 AM Worship is a Family service in the Sanctuary. During the school year, our choirs and praise band, The Fire Within, provide inspirational music.</p>	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>☪ Mar 1 Communion Sunday</p> <p>☪ Mar 8 Daylight Savings Time begins</p> <p>☪ Mar 13 Community Meal 5-8 pm</p> <p>☪ Mar 15 Youth and Family Lunch noon</p> <p>☪ Mar 22 Protocol of Reconciliation 4:30 pm</p> <p>☪ Mar 23 Lydia Circle 7 pm</p> <p>☪ Mar 24 Eldersgate Lunch noon, \$3</p> <p>☪ Mar 26 Women’s Community gathering 6 pm</p> <p>☪ Mar 27 Euchre 7 pm</p> <p>☪ Mar 29 Blessing of the Nursery and Nursery Shower</p>	<p>YOUTH & FAMILY</p> <p>Thank you to all who participated in the February Bake Sale and Auction. We were able to raise \$132 for our Mission trip. You have more opportunities coming up with our lunch in March, car wash and lunch in April, and May brings another car wash and dinner! You can also sponsor a youth to help fund their mission trip. Contact Katie Collins.</p> <p>Mar 8 down payments of \$222 are due for the Sr. High Mission trip</p> <p>Mar 15 Youth & Family Lunch noon</p> <p>Mar 29 Sunday Funday Electronics night – bring your handhelds or Switch and play games</p>
<p>(419) 473-1294 Church Office Telephone</p> <p>(419) 473-1295 Church Office Fax</p> <p>(419) 474-7144 Precious People Preschool</p> <p>E:office@aldersgatetoledoumc.org</p> <p>W:www.aldersgatetoledoumc.org</p> <p>S:facebook.com/aldersgatetoldoumc</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Connection Groups – Call the church office for details. See inside for additional worship and fellowship opportunities.</p>

<p>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</p> <p><u>March 1</u> Greg Hite Kevin McKenty</p> <p><u>March 2</u> Kevin Crowl</p> <p><u>March 3</u> Frank Scherer</p> <p><u>March 4</u> Carter Depew</p> <p><u>March 5</u> Richard Corliss</p> <p><u>March 8</u> Rose Bodeman Nikki Tafelski</p> <p><u>March 9</u> Darla Cully</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p>	<p><u>March 10</u> Elliot Boerst Emma Smith</p> <p><u>March 11</u> Tom Blansett</p> <p><u>March 12</u> Morgan Anderson Corey Baker</p> <p><u>March 13</u> Al Davis Kenneth Samples</p> <p><u>March 15</u> Stephanie Cole Benjamin Dawson</p> <p><u>March 16</u> Kevin Kramer Lillian Thomas</p> <p><u>March 17</u> Karen Allison</p>	<p><u>March 19</u> Alexis Tafelski</p> <p><u>March 20</u> Sara Allen Makynna Crowl</p> <p><u>March 21</u> Jason Brobst</p> <p><u>March 24</u> Dan Baxley</p> <p><u>March 25</u> Jan Kennedy</p> <p><u>March 27</u> Tatum Boerst Joe Wertz</p> <p><u>March 29</u> Kyle Garner</p> <p><u>March 30</u> Kara Helle</p>	<p>OUR STAFF</p> <p>PASTOR Rev. Melissa Steinecker</p> <p>SENIOR MINISTRIES Barbara Myers and John Paschen</p> <p>CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR Katie Collins</p> <p>STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER Larry Godfrey</p> <p>CHANCEL CHOIR & CELEBRATION RINGERS DIRECTOR Jacob Smith</p> <p>ORGANIST Judy East</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Alana Danko</p> <p>CUSTODIAN Becky Buchanan</p> <p>PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR Tiffany Davis</p> <p>GATEWAY EDITOR Debbie Myers</p>
<p>ELDERSGATE POTLUCK LUNCH</p> <p>March 24th at noon. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The guest speaker will be Jamie Forbush from Nature's Nursery. Call Vicky with your reservation, 419.292.1004.</p>	<p>PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL</p> <p>It is hard to believe that preschool will be ending in just three months and that our new school year is just around the corner!</p> <p>Since opening our doors here at Precious People Preschool, we have served over 500 students with the love and support of YOU, the church family.</p> <p>Please consider helping us finish up the school year by providing special snacks for the students and their parents during their events for Dads and Moms. First we need 5 dozen donuts and 3 gallons of milk/juice for <i>Donuts with Dads on March 26th</i>, followed by 5 dozen muffins and 3 gallons of milk/juice for <i>Muffins with Moms on May 5th</i>.</p> <p>By providing these donations you are helping the Preschool provide fun activities that promote family involvement while showing Preschool families that you care for them and their child.</p> <p>Sign-up sheets for donations will be located in the Narthex.</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>	<p>THE FRIENDLY CENTER</p> <p>The next luncheon meeting is March 10th at noon. Lunch is \$3. Call Joan Pitson at 419.476.7132 or e-mail at pitsonj@yahoo.com. Program will be D.A.R.T. presented by Tammy Smith.</p> <p>We received Thank You notes from all of the families that received toys and food baskets donated by Aldersgate UMC.</p> <p>As a fundraiser we will be working concession stands at the Huntington Center and we need volunteers. – Joan Pitson</p>	
<p>WEST PARK PLACE</p> <p><i>Upcoming Events with Our Friends at West Park Place (3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH)</i></p> <p>Worship: March 15th – 2:00 P.M. April 19th – 2:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer Circle: March 4th – 2:30 P.M. April 1st – 2:30 P.M.</p> <p>Folding Chair Theater: March 9th – 1:00 P.M. April 13th – 1:00 P.M.</p> <p>All are welcome to join together in a time of worship and celebration of our Christian Faith.</p> <p>Rev. John Paschen and Team</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>Report ending December 2019 Total income YTD.....\$17,024.68 Total Expenses YTD...\$30,505.56 Net Loss (YTD).....(\$13,480.88)</p> <p>Conference Apportionments WOC paid YTD...\$1,000.00</p> <p>District Apportionments District Paid YTD...\$700.00</p>	<p>ALDERSGATE LIBRARY</p> <p>Each time I finish a good Christian book that I've purchased, I put it in the church library. Last month I purchased a two volume set by Ted Dekker, <i>The 49th Mystic</i> and <i>The Rise of the Mystics</i>. Ted Dekker is a New York Times Bestselling suspense, science fiction, Christian author. This series has touched me in a profound way that gives new understanding to my relationship with God and what He wants from me. My problem was that these books are not ones I want to give away (to the library). Therefore, I went back to the store and purchased another set for the library. I hope they also talk to you. –Lois Garber</p>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>Average Sunday worship attendance in January was 125.</p>		

MWD Listening Post: Aldersgate UMC

Sunday, March 22, 2020 - 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Aldersgate UMC

You have probably heard about "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation" the latest proposal to help our Denomination work through the stalemate regarding the long debated human sexuality issues. It, like any other petition, will be debated, probably amended and voted on at General Conference this coming May in Minnesota.

Scot Ocke, the Maumee Watershed District Superintendent, will share with you more information about "Protocol" and the other proposals, both before and after General Conference. Before General Conference we are offering listening posts in six (6) locations around our District on three (3) Sundays this March. Please RSVP on Sign-up Genius (couples/groups can sign up at once - just enter the number attending) or contact the District Office with your preference of place and time by **March 1**.

We will then circle back to do similar listening posts after the General Conference so as many as possible know their options and responsibilities as leaders in the Conference and local church. Thank you for your attention to this important information. In the meanwhile, remember that Jesus is Lord of the Church and His mission for the church is to share Jesus' grace and love with as many people as possible. Whatever happens, this is our mission!

Location Name:

Aldersgate UMC

Location Address:

4030 Douglas Road Toledo OH 43613

Contact:

Michelle Robinson

Email:

mrobinson@wocumc.org

Price:

Free

Registration is a little confusing. Go to Maumee Watershed website, click on events. Check off the Church you will be attending and scroll down to the bottom of page and click register. The information box will then come up for you to fill in, then hit enter. If you do not have a computer, you can call the Maumee Watershed office at 419-897-9770 to register.

We need greeters to pass around microphones and greeters for the doors and Hospitality Volunteers for Sunday, March 22 at Aldersgate. If you are able to assist, please contact Tamara Bennett, 419-351-3777 or the church office 419-473-1294.



Blessing of the Nursery

Sunday, March 29th, 2020

***Reception after Worship
In Meinhart Hall***

419-473-1294

Nursery Needs

Diapers in all sizes
Baby Wipes for Sensitive Skin
Desitin Ointment
Disposable Changing Pads
Disposable Gloves
Hand Sanitizer
Small Plastic Garbage bags
Trash Can with lid
Hamper
Clorox Anywhere Clean-Up Wipes
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Fitted Crib Sheets
Baby Blankets
Please No Used Toys