



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It turns out that July and August brought us a roller coaster of events. After starting to return to indoor worship, the infection rates in Lucas County returned to "red" status and we felt that it was important to move to outdoor and online worship. We are so grateful for your continued patience as we are concerned about worship and the impact that COVID has had on our spiritual health. We have heard your laments and desire to return to indoor worship. That and the fact that we are approaching cooler weather led us to rethink limited reopening. We have looked at best practices and have reopened in-church worship in Meinhart Hall. As you may know, we still are unable to sing, but music remains a crucial part of worship. To continue to do this means that we must follow all the safe practices including wearing masks at all times while in the building. In the midst of this, we have been busy. Busy with the food pantry, the Men's group has been active in providing community meals, Precious People Preschool is preparing for their opening and we are beginning to see our core groups using the building on a limited scale. That being said, we have even more to look forward to this fall. Again, thank you for your continued support and investment in this community. Your generosity has allowed us to continue to be a place of relief and comfort for many.

Pastor Melissa

### ALDERSGATE FAMILY,

We want to thank all of you for visits, prayers and cards. In the difficult time it meant more than you know.

Don's message to everybody:

**"Get your colonoscopy".**

Blessings,

AnnaMae Bailey and Family

### Dear Aldersgate members,

Thank you for remembering Florence's special birthday. Your thoughtful "bouquet of wishes" helped make it very festive.

The Neuendorff family

**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.**

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### ELDERSGATE

**The Eldersgate luncheons are cancelled for the rest of the year. We hope to see everyone in 2021.**

**COMMUNITY MEAL  
Drive Thru  
Friday, September 11  
5-8 PM**

<p><b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p><u>September 1</u> Carolyn Kramer Jim Pelton Wes Piehl</p> <p><u>September 2</u> MaryWhether Smith</p> <p><u>September 3</u> Joe Krum</p> <p><u>September 4</u> Dave Lahmers Rhonda Lahmers</p> <p><u>September 6</u> Vergie Johnson</p> <p><u>September 9</u> Dorothy Collins</p>	<p><u>September 12</u> Zach Schoen</p> <p><u>September 13</u> Nina Lambert</p> <p><u>September 14</u> Bill Bradner Cindy Lambrecht Kay Merritt</p> <p><u>September 20</u> Deb Crowl Barbara Oehlers</p> <p><u>September 21</u> Joyce Beavers Andrew Collins Jaden Feudi Carol Lanigan</p> <p><b>Happy</b></p>	<p><u>September 22</u> James Brobst</p> <p><u>September 24</u> Taryn Steiner Abigail Van DerZwan</p> <p><u>September 26</u> Carol Lager</p> <p><u>September 27</u> Vickie Christiansen</p> <p><u>September 28</u> Grace Keaton Pamela Sparks Jeri Stetler</p> <p><u>September 29</u> Mary Ann Bell</p> <p><b>Birthday</b></p>	<p><b>ALDERSGATE STAFF</b></p> <p><b>PASTOR</b> Rev. Melissa Steinecker</p> <p><b>SENIOR MINISTRIES</b> Barbara Myers</p> <p><b>CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR</b> Katie Collins</p> <p><b>STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER</b> Larry Godfrey</p> <p><b>CHANCEL CHOIR &amp; CELEBRATION RINGERS DIRECTOR</b> Jacob Smith</p> <p><b>ORGANIST</b> Judy East</p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b> Alana Danko</p> <p><b>CUSTODIAN</b> Becky Buchanan</p> <p><b>PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR</b> Tiffany Davis</p> <p><b>GATEWAY EDITOR</b> Debbie Myers</p>
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The UMM Chicken Bar-B-Q on August 29 was a great success. **Thank you** to those who helped or bought dinners. If you were there it was very different this year with drive through only, masks and social distancing and we wondered many times if we could have the BBQ and considered not having it at all. But after much discussion we decided to have it and thanks to your generous support we sold all but 20 of the 300 we ordered. It was so wonderful to see the responses from many who bought and how appreciative they were that we had the chicken BBQ this year. Thanks to all you wonderful workers. Some of you have days of work, not just hours, in this project and you all do it year after year. Such great people we have at Aldersgate church.



The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee regretfully announces the retirement of Rev. John Paschen from the Senior Ministries and, on behalf of the entire congregation, we want to thank him for his years of devotion and dedication to Aldersgate, Eldersgate, West Park Place -- and just about everything else! We will all look forward to the day when we see John and Ruth back in worship.