



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


I have been reviewing my John Wesley theology and am still surprised by the simplicity in his message. One of my favorite quotes is at the heart of what it means to be a Wesleyan. John Wesley said, "Do all the good you can, while you can, for as long as you can, to as many as you can." and "to do no harm." Those have been the heart of the decisions that have been made during the pandemic.

As an Administrative Board and a collection of key leaders we have made the decision to put off returning to the sanctuary until our COVID numbers in Lucas County indicate that it is safe for us. We are aware that many still want to return and we are grateful for your patience as we continue to provide worship on-line through Facebook live, YouTube, on the radio and in person in Meinhart Hall.

In addition we are offering a Bible study on Wednesdays at 2:00 and Prayer meetings in the Chapel and on Zoom on Wednesday nights. Every other Tuesday is Food Pantry day and the Precious People Preschool is meeting Monday-Friday in the morning. In addition, the Boy Scout Troop and FAAD (Families After Addiction and Death) have resumed meeting weekly. These are small steps toward a larger goal. Again, we are grateful for your continued patience while we safely move toward a more "normal" worship experience.

Finally, I am convinced that God has this situation in hand and we can trust Paul's words in Romans 8 that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. "Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." And I will add not even COVID. In this month where we pay attention to the things we are grateful for, may we hold fast to these words as God's plans are revealed. Pastor Melissa

<p>YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>Jr. and Sr. High Youth groups meet from 6-7 PM. The Sr. High is studying a Bible study called <i>Feed the Dog</i>.</p>	<p>ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE Sunday, November 8 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>(419) 473-1294 Church Office Telephone (419) 473-1295 Church Office Fax (419) 474-7144 Precious People Preschool E:office@aldersgatetoledoumc.org W: www.aldersgatetoledoumc.org S: facebook.com/aldersgatetoledoumc</p>
<p>FRIENDLY CENTER</p> <p>Sally Finnegan is the new contact person. November will have a bake and a craft sale. They are collecting unwrapped Christmas gifts for the kids. She will pick up baked goods at the church on Monday, November 9 at 7 pm.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>As we continue to manage our lives through the pandemic, it is important that information from church committee meetings be available to all. To make this easier, the chairpersons of each committee are being asked to send a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the church office.</p>	<p>BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER</p> <p>Joyce Goodyear will be 90 years young on November 17. Shower her with birthday cards. Please send cards to: Joyce Goodyear 5679 Monroe St. # 104, Sylvania, OH 43560</p>
<p>November 10's meeting is at the Center at 11 am and December 8's is at the house due to the cost of running the center.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY MEAL</p> <p>Drive Thru Only Friday, November 13 5-8 PM</p>	

<p>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</p> <p><u>November 1</u> Tara Kuron Beth Snead</p> <p><u>November 2</u> Todd Anderson Orlo Cully Tyler Smith Denise Sparks</p> <p><u>November 5</u> Jeff Whitaker, Sr.</p> <p><u>November 7</u> Heather Davis</p> <p><u>November 8</u> Isabella Redner</p> <p><u>November 9</u> Katie Collins</p> <p><u>November 10</u> Bob Bradner Caylen Crowl</p> <p>Happy</p>	<p><u>November 12</u> Dave Neuendorff</p> <p><u>November 13</u> Brycen Dawson Michael Knott</p> <p><u>November 15</u> Thomas Black James Bucher Noah Feudi</p> <p><u>November 17</u> Joyce Goodyear Brenden Limpf Lilian Wietzykowski</p> <p><u>November 18</u> Laura Galati Kendall Morse</p> <p><u>November 19</u> Scott Sheppard</p> <p><u>November 21</u> Devon Mertes</p> <p>Birthday</p>	<p><u>November 22</u> Paisley Dreyer</p> <p><u>November 23</u> Janet Gorsuch</p> <p><u>November 24</u> Sharon Cox</p> <p><u>November 25</u> Kimberlee Anderson Jeff Morse Jeff Whitaker, Jr.</p> <p><u>November 27</u> Alan Hazlett Richard Maxfield Judy Scherer</p> <p><u>November 28</u> Joel Keaton</p> <p><u>November 30</u> Braelynn Dawson</p> 	<p>ALDERSGATE STAFF</p> <p>PASTOR Rev. Melissa Steinecker</p> <p>SENIOR MINISTRIES Barbara Myers & Rebecca Grohowski</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 Jennie Matuska</p> <p>GATEWAY EDITOR Debbie Myers</p>
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SENIOR MINISTRIES

Barbara Myers and Rebecca Grohowski are working together to continue the senior ministry programming at Aldersgate. During the current hiatus of activities they're making plans for 2021.

PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL

Precious People Preschool's new school year brought on a few changes. We would like to welcome Miss Jennie Matuska to the preschool as the new Director. Miss Jennie has been a part of the Precious People Preschool parent group for 5 years and we are happy to see her in this new position.

We'd also like to congratulate Miss Violet Bohn on her new position as Lead Pre-Kindergarten Teacher. Miss Violet is not new to the Pre-Kindergarten room as she has been the assistant teacher for the past few years. Miss Tiffany, our previous Director and Lead Pre-Kindergarten teacher, has decided to step away from her roles in the Preschool to follow new adventures. Miss Tiffany was a wonderful asset to the preschool, and we hope she continues to stop by and say Hi!

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is looking for volunteers to work at the food pantry on distribution days and to pre-pack bags the day before. More hands make light work. Contact with Katie Collins 419-345-3539.

We have changed our distribution days to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. In November the food distribution days are November 10th and 24th, 11-1 and 4-6.

PRAYER GROUP

Pastor Melissa is hosting a Zoom Prayer Group each Wednesday at 7 pm. Sign in to Zoom at 919 1507 2404 passcode: 864501

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.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

- In Person
- By Mail: 4030 Douglas Rd Toledo 43613
- On-line using bank Bill Pay

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

This year we would like to provide 20 families with a Thanksgiving meal who are guests at our food distributions.

I am asking for donations of the following items:

- 20 Turkeys
- 30 12 oz. gravy
- 20 boxes of stuffing
- 20 5lb bags of potatoes
- 20 16 oz. cans of yams
- 20 boxes of brownie mix
- 20 cans of green beans
- 20 cans of corn
- 20 packs of frozen dinner rolls
- 20 packs of eggs
- 20 1 gallon milks

Donations can be placed on the table in the main hallway or if giving money to purchase food, please indicate it is for Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for all you do to help feed and care for our community during this time.

Pastor Katie