

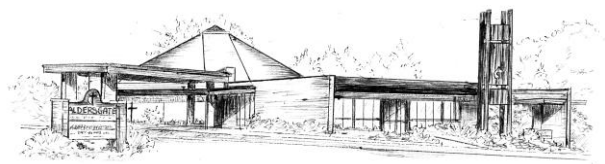
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Open Doors*



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*
10:45 Fellowship Time -- *A relaxing time with friends*

JANUARY 2022

Sunday, January 2 – Epiphany

Sunday, January 9 – First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 16 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Core Values of our church: Family, Love, Compassion.

A *Family* of God
U nited in *Love*
M oved by the Spirit of God
C ommitted to the Ministry
of *Compassion*

PASTOR'S LETTER JANUARY, 2022 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Coming out of the dark, I finally see the light now
It's shining on me
Coming out of the dark I know the love that saved me
You're sharing with me ~Gloria Estefan

One of my pet peeves is going into a restaurant to eat and not being able to see my food because of the light setting which is supposed to set the mood, whatever that means. But have you ever noticed that after sitting at your table for a while you start to get used to the darkness, and you begin to see better?

The Bible teaches us that we live in a wicked world and if we get too cozy with it, we will get used to the dark and become just like the rest of the world. This is not what God wants. God wants us to live in the light and to become a light to the world. In other words, it should be working the other way around. The world should not be changing us, but we should be changing the world. This is what the Bible says, John 12:46, *"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness."*

This doesn't mean we are to become so radical we scare everyone away, no, not at all. Remember, we are supposed to draw people to God, not scare them off. Nevertheless, don't become a part of the, using Star War language, don't become a part of the Darkside. Don't get used to the dark.

Let's pray: It is me again God. I want to become a light to the world as you are a light. So help me to not get used to the dark and help me to shine your light for all to see. Amen.

JANUARY 2022, SERMONS

January 2nd, "Encouragement, And Praise Falling From Your Lips" (Ephesians 1:15-23)

January 9th, "Jesus The Messiah" (John 20:30-31)

January 16th, "Dying For The Messiah" (Galatians 2:15-21)

January 23rd, "How Would You Recognize The Messiah?" (Luke 4:16-27)

January 30th, "What Are You Waiting For? You Are The Messiah!" (1 John 2:26-28)

2021 TOY MINISTRY

Somehow or other the Aldersgate elves have come through once again. This year 1,148 toys were delivered to 14 Rockford area hospitals and non-profit organizations. Add in at least 360 toys delivered to KIDS ABOVE ALL in suburban Chicago and those elves have been busy. We provided 1,448 toys to 15 different groups that work with kids who are not starting on a level playing field through no fault of their own. What a ministry!

All that happened thanks to the Aldersgate wood cutters and sanders and primers and painters and decal attachers, and counters and baggers and donators who are determined to keep this ministry alive.

Just about all of the discontinued models have been liquidated. There is a limited supply of Ambulances, Bat mobiles, Fire Trucks and Police Cars as we prepare for next year.

Thanks one and all.

Take a look at some of our deliveries from this year:



Here are a couple of pictures from picking up the toys at LaGrange. Don, who is pictured, is one of the guys in their Men's Group who wraps all of them.

Lisa Williams took them up to Kids Above All. They are always so thrilled to get the cars and appreciate all the hard work and love that goes into them.

Aldersgate is so loved because of the Toy Ministry and the way these gifts of cars can change a child's life.



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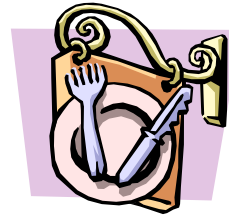
07 Ashley Goranson
08 Anna Wirtz Evans
11 Ruth Graham
11 Taylor Swartout
12 Jan Weller

17 Donovin Sims
20 Pat Clankie
21 Marylon Cole
22 Robert S. Glenny

22 Peter Weller
22 Parker Moyer
29 Alexa Sohner
29 Nevaeh Waugh
31 Nancy Whitson



**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**
20 John & Linda Ruhl



Remember In Your Prayers

Barb Hoey	Rena Borgman
Covella Weller	Mark Hoey
Ron Niday	Sandy Wenig
Don O’Hea	Karla Burrows
David Levine	Pete Weller
Bill Rhodes	Rachel Baskerville
Bev Hollar	Jack Axford
Thomas Hardwick	Connie Dorsey

Note: After the printing of this *Squeek*, there may have been others hospitalized or ill. We need your help. *Please notify the Church Office. Thank you.*



SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, January 20th is the deadline for the February, 2022 *Squeek*. Please have your articles in by this date. Thank you.



LUNCH & LEISURE

Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:30 AM
Alpine View Restaurant
1710 S. Alpine Rd.
Rockford

Sue Murr is host. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Or contact the office or Sue Murr by Wednesday, January 19th if you are attending.



FINANCE NEWS FOR JANUARY 2022

Technology and the use of it in ministry has been spoken about and discussed recently at AUMC so the following is a review of TECHNOLOGY in use at Aldersgate

In the last two years, the influence of COVID has had a profound effect on the way we function as a church, resulting in changes to our methods of reaching out. Sooo - because of suspension of indoor worship due to the virus, several projects were undertaken to enhance our technology so we will be ready when things return to normal including:

- a. Bringing in Comcast for the internet speed (200 mbs. vs. 18 for AT&T). This change was caused by our need to videotape sermons and other planned activities. The need for speed is becoming key to effectively work with video activities of editing and producing video files for emailing and other transfers.
- b. Using Comcast for our telephones.
- c. Installing a Data Bridge between the church and parsonage, eliminating a separate internet connection to the parsonage.
- d. Eliminating the parsonage telephone. Calls are forwarded to Pastor's cell phone in off hours.
- e. Upgrading the A/V system in the church to video capabilities. This expansion enables videotaping of any activities occurring in the Sanctuary. These additions include video camera and other associated equipment, all of which was professionally installed by our vendor in Platteville,
- f. In addition, the video output from the Sanctuaries camera is piped into the Fellowship Hall to enable viewing of activities in the Sanctuary.
- g. Also, the A/V system was upgraded with a new computer capable of the additional software load.
- h. The Pastor's computers in his church office and in the parsonage (at his expense) were upgraded, in a similar manner as the A/V computer, to the most current version.
- i. All the above was paid by the Trustee's earnings.
- j. One video device still needed is one that enables the video output from the camera to be sent to the Internet LIVE called STREAMING

The effective use of technology needs AV people who know how to use it. Presently we have people capable of recording, editing, special effects and putting results on UTUBE. So except from being able to transmit the video activity LIVE via STREAMING directly to the Internet, We are using technology effectively for the level we are at AUMC. But there are opportunities to use in ministry that we have yet to explore with the only limitations being our own imaginations!

JANUARY HELPERS - Lay Readers

JANUARY 2022

2- Judy Gsell-Kittel
9- Patti Wilburn
16- Jenny Graham
23- Glad Larem
30- Amy Schreiner

FEBRUARY 2022

6- Jay Alms
13- Mike O'Hea
20- Rich Thurman
27- Judy Gsell-Kittel

MARCH 2022

6- Andy Gloor
13- Patti Wilburn
20- Jenny Graham
27- Glad Larem

APRIL 2022

3- Amy Schreiner
10- Jay Alms
17- Andy Gloor
24- Mike O'Hea

MAY 2022

1- Judy Gsell-Kittel
8- Patti Wilburn
15- Jenny Graham
22- Glad Larem
29- Rich Thurman

JUNE 2022

5- Amy Schreiner
12- Jay Alms
19- Mike O'Hea
26- Andy Gloor

JULY 2022

3- Judy Gsell-Kittel
10- Patti Wilburn
17- Jenny Graham
24- Glad Larem
31- Rich Thurman

JANUARY HELPERS - AV Techs

JANUARY 2022

2 Jenny Graham
9 Monica Glenn
16 Andy Gloor
23 Mike O'Hea
31 Jay Alms

FEBRUARY 2022

6 Steve Wirtz
13 Jenny Graham
20 Monica Glenn
27 Andy Gloor

MARCH 2022

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13 Jay Alms
20 Steve Wirtz
27 Jenny Graham

APRIL 2022

3 Monica Glenn
10 Andy Gloor
17 Mike O'Hea
24 Jay Alms

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January 2022

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30	31					