

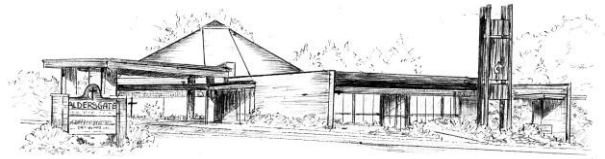
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*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*



Aldersgate Church...United Methodist

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Church Office Hours

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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On Monday, April 5th, the Church Office will be closed for Easter Monday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

APRIL 2021

Thursday, April -1 – Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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*

April, 2021

This Old Temple: The Upgrades You Want



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1 Cor. 6.19)

With Spring on its way, you may want to consider some upgrades to the Temple of God. Oh yes, do I need to remind you, you are the Temple of God.

Spring is a perfect time for upgrades; especially with Easter just around the corner. Historically this was the time in the church when new converts would prepare for the cleansing baptism waters as well as a time of training in the Christian faith. With new life popping up all around us, it is a great time for an upgrade of the Temple.

Where do we start?

First Step: Don't Ditch Your Old Stuff. Have you ever noticed all the new-fangled ideas for upgrading your Temple, which usually consists of tearing down the old? Actually, this is not needed. God built your Temple to last for eternity with a few small adjustments along the way. Certainly, there comes a time when the old Temple isn't conducive for new styles of worship, but whoever said you had to completely renovate the old Temple? Instead, learn how to make those small adjustments that will serve as a workbench for supporting some of those new contemporary models that come along the way. As one craftsman said, "...*strive to excel in them (your gift) for building up the church*" (1 Corinthians 14. 12).

Second Step: Think Inside The Box. Keep in mind you are the backbone of the Temple: the stronger the better. When the Master Carpenter said, "*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church*" (Matthew 16. 18), he was not only speaking of Peter, but he was talking of you and me. We are all the building blocks for the Temple; we are dovetailed and glued together to give strength and continuity to God's Temple. This is really important to understand as you plan your upgrades. The strength of the Temple is found in the Temple where the Holy Spirit resides. You and your church family are the Temple of God.

Third Step: Choose The Right Fixtures. Have you ever walked into a Temple where there were no fixtures? This can really take away the beauty of your Temple. Fixtures are really important. Consider adding a fruitwood like Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). All of these fixtures can really brighten up the Temple and make it look inviting.

All in all, these are some excellent steps when considering your upgrades. For best results, don't forget to refer to your manual, the Holy Bible. You can easily purchase them at a local bookstore or find them in your local Temple.

Easter Blessings,
Brett



READINGS FOR APRIL

April 1 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

April 4 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or
Mark 16:1-8

April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18



SERMONS FOR APRIL 2021

April 4th “Nail Scarred Hands”
April 11th “Judging And God's Grace”
April 18th “Seeing With Eyes Of Faith”
April 25th “Pleased Indeed”

KIDS CLUB NEWS

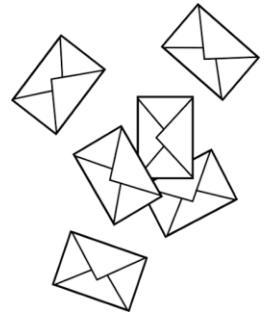
Our next Kids Club Zoom will be April 16th at 3:00 pm. We would like to invite any Aldersgate children or grandchildren to join us. The session will last about 45 minutes & includes songs, a story, puppets, Bible verses and prayer/share time. It is geared to elementary children. If you are interested, please contact John Ruhl at john@johnruhl.com.

ALDERSGATE GETS A LETTER

“I would like to Thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards and letters, gifts and support through this difficult time.

Healing is going good, continued prayers for a smooth transition using a prosthetic are welcome.

Thank-you,
Pete Weller



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02 Jane Gray
03 Peyton Schap
04 Samantha Maurici
05 Larry Paladino
06 Debra Levine
07 Megan Zimmerman

08 Sam Wilson
08 Doug Graham
13 Ron Niday
13 Bud Haynes
16 Jerry Lang

16 Geoff McNames
16 Derek Dimke
23 Natalie O'Hea
24 Devin Alongi
27 Mary Ewaldz

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ANNIVERSARIES

08 Jon & Beth Boettner



ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN APRIL MEETING

The Aldersgate United Methodist will meet in person for our meeting on April 15, 2021. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tables and chairs will be socially distanced and please wear a mask.

Our program will be our Call to Prayer & Self-Denial program, "She Leads – Empowering Women to Make a Difference". This program encourages women to step out in faith and bring the love of Christ into a hurting world through their prayers and selfless giving. Coralee Hardwick will present the program.

At our March meeting we began to contemplate discontinuing our unit. Please give this some thought and be prepared to discuss at our April meeting.

NO RUMMAGE SALE THIS YEAR

There will not be a Rummage Sale of any kind in 2021. The United Methodist Women are giving serious thought to discontinuing the rummage sale due to lack of help. Please do not bring any items to the church for the rummage sale. If you would like to have a garage sale at your home and donate some of the sales to the church it would be appreciated. Thank you for your support over these many years.

Remember In Your Prayers

Those in the congregation, who are experiencing physical or emotional distress.

Barb Hoey Hank Hollar
Rena Borgman Covella Weller
Mark Hoey Ron Niday
Sandy Wenig George Franklin
Don O'Hea Cloe Sturner
Karla Burrows David Levine
Pete Weller Jennifer Hardwick Martin
Linda Earlywine Jean Hackenburg



Cindy Fisher's brother, Bob, recovering from surgery
Barb Hoey's niece Mandy, recovering from surgery.
Susan Bernasek, recovering from surgery.
Phyllis Manrod for a biopsy and surgery.
Also please pray for people around the world, especially those suffering with Corona virus.

For medical and health workers, first responders, and volunteers

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.*

Thursday, April 15th is the deadline for the May Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. The *Squeek* has to be ready to print on Wednesday the 23rd and it takes a little time to arrange the articles to fit each page. The *Squeek* will be mailed/emailed on Thursday, April 22^h. Thank you.

TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR APRIL 2021

Well, after a slow start, the Toy production for 2021 is finally getting started. The start actually came from 60 left over BIG RIGS from last year that George Franklin finished and now they are out for painting and the rest of the manufacturing operations

But the goals for 2021 have been started also. On Thursday, March 18th, George Franklin and Jon Boettner made a trip to Menards where they purchased twenty, eight-foot Poplar boards. With the Toy blank size mostly 6.5 inches, each 8-foot board will produce 14 blanks. So the twenty boards were divided up with George taking four and another four to Bill Rhodes. These four boards will produce 56 toys. George is making the Fire Trucks and Bill is making the Police cars. The plan is to farm out some of the cutting-related operations to others, but until blanks are cut for that purpose, Bill and George will do the complete blank (except maybe routing, drilling the axle holes and sanding – more on that later). Meanwhile Jon is cutting blanks and will distribute the layout work to others before they go to – yes, George and Bill! Altogether the twenty boards will produce 280 toys.

Let's get back to the 60 BIG RIGS. Thirty each of those have been given to Jean Hackenberg and Gene Skoglund to paint and sand.

In the meantime, Jan Weller of the Memorials, has been asked to transfer the last of Pastor Doug Williams Memorial money to the Toy Ministry where it was intended to go. Consequently, the Ministry may be in need of funding later this year.

As always, may GOD BLESS ALL that are involved in this fulfilling ministry'

Jon Boettner



APRIL FINANCES (As of February 28th)

The following information is taken from the March email that members of the Finance Committee will receive.

FINANCE REPORTS:

BUDGET FOR 2021 – Grand total is \$202,821 (ADJUSTED)

INCOME EXPENSE

MONTHLY INC-EXP (BUDGET) FOR	FEB 2021	11,010.00	26,369.70/ (Apport Arrears 8,750)
	FEB 2020	11,491.95	16,550.68
YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2021	34,392.86	-36,733.11
LAST YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2020	37,127.95	30,411.08
MONTHLY INC-EXP (DESIG)FOR	FEB 2021	7,147.04	3,428.00
YEAR TO DATE (DESIG)	8,192821	4,692.00	

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 2/28/2021

CURRENT CHECKING CDM	11,793.14 (reconciled)
Balance for the budget is:	7,137.26
BUILDING CHECKING CDM	24,722.67 (reconciled)

DESIG – BELL CHOIR, YOUTH, COFFEE HR, TOYS, MISSIONS-2020 SPEC.SUNDAY, CROSSROAD KIDS

1,328.24	58.00	0.00	82.18	1,139.05	.00	1,495.29
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DISCRETIONARY FUND:489.00*, PRAYER SHAWLS: 64.12 ADVANCED GIFTS 2020: 00
FEED STARVING CHILDREN: 00
MISC. DESIGNATED: 823.76

TOTAL DESIGNATED: 4,655.88

CURRENT AND BLD FUND RECONCILIATION REPORTS: Keith reported both accounts are in balance.

TRUSTEE REPORT: FINANCE REPORT, STATUS OF : Managed-FEB 834,226,

TREASURER'S/ASSISTANT COMMENTS:

FINANCE SECRETARY: Stewardship results

(2021 results) Cur:43 @\$70,026 Bld:15 @ \$7,043 Mis: 11 @\$3,132: TOTALS: \$80,200
(2020—results) Cur: 59 @\$90,008 Bld: 17 @ \$9,640 Mis: 13 @\$5,284, TOTALS \$104,932
(2019 – results): Cur: 58 @\$99,327 Bld: 17 @ \$10,576 Mis: 15 @\$8,102 TOTAL: \$118,005

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2021 BUDGET: It has been decided that the 2021 Budget be a repeat of 2020 with adjustments for Pastor Brett's Salary. A copy for review is attached. To that end, the N.I. Conference sent word that health insurance will remain at 2020 levels.
2. Apportionments: we will also keep these at the 2020 appealed level. Budget approved at Church Conference 12/9/20.
3. Finance Committee membership will also remain the same next year as 2020.
4. We are in the process of upgrading the A/V System with the addition of video. This includes a new A/V computer and MediaShout software. Down payment made , Equipment on order, installation scheduled in EARLY MARCH. 2021. Installation completed March 10th and 11th including video feed to the Fellowship Hall.
5. Concerns about income expectations in 2021 if Pandemic continues and Rummage Sale and Corn Boil are cancelled.
6. Stewardship and pledging: The results given above are better than the first pass (February Finance article) and the hope is that those who did not pledge in 2021 will continue to give at 2020 rates. There are member changes causing the giving drop: one death, three moves out of the area, one leaving for another church and one health issue. The total drop from 2020, including those just mentioned, was \$22,868, the amount of those just mentioned was \$14,640. BUT, we have an income problem. Suggestions?? .
- 7 FYI: ALL Finance Committee members have Pledged! THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Jon Boettner, Finance Chair



April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 UMW Meeting 1:00 pm Squeek Deadline	16 Kids Club Zoom 3:00 pm	17
18	19	20	21 A.W.E.D. 6:00 pm	22 Squeek	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	