



THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

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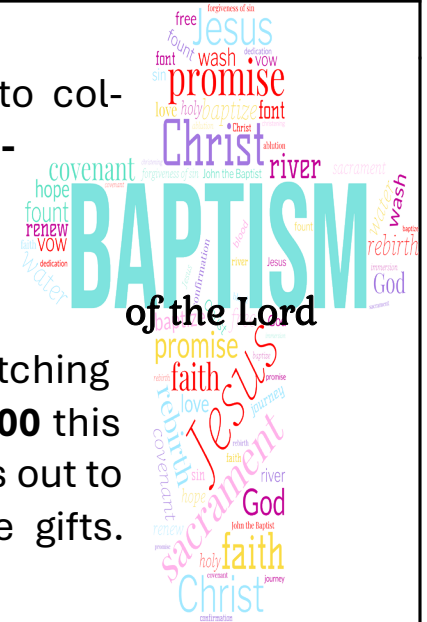
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JANUARY MISSION PROJECT



This month's mission project is to collect funds for **Heifer International**. You may know it as "the Heifer Project." Heifer international does incredible work around the world, helping provide opportunities for self-sustenance to the impoverished.

Right now, Heifer Int'l has a quadruple(!!!) contribution-matching campaign ongoing. Thus, we have set a goal of raising **\$1,000** this month so we can have a \$4,000 impact. Please make checks out to AUMC. Note "missions" on memo lines/envelopes/online gifts. Thank you for supporting the missions work of Aldersgate.



Diane Barfield is now our **Social Media Coordinator**. Please pass along pictures and announcements so that we can let the community know how active and busy we are! Text Diane at **(917) 447-1708**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

ISAIAH 43:1-7

Restoration and Protection Promised

43 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



The cold grip of winter is upon us, and with it comes a huge increase in the number of people who need a safe, warm place to sleep at night. Bethel Shelters provides such a place, but they (as with most such aid facilities in the region) are greatly overburdened by the demand every year. So, along with other area churches, we will act as an overflow facility from **7pm to 7am** nightly, beginning the evening of **January 26** and ending the morning of **February 9**.

This will be Aldersgate's third year in a row as an overflow shelter during the worst part of the winter months. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. There will be onsite security and protocols to guarantee the church's safety, and that of our guests as well.

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God, in memory of John Threatt, Fred Littenberg, and Harvey Mayhill, to this month's missions project, by Sherilyn Brewer.

A gift has also been given to the Glory of God, in memory of John Threatt, to the budget, by Betty Hunt.

A gift has also been given to the Glory of God, in memory of Lee Ann Ussery, by Randy & Sarah Smith.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Now that it's a new year, we have brand-new sign-up sheets for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, and Blessing Box. Now's a great time to learn the ropes! We will teach you what you need to know, but you can also find descriptions of these roles' duties next to their sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

N.B.: *we still have almost no volunteers for this year. We've added pens to the board... So, go sign up! Thanks!*

PSA: If you have not picked up a copy of the Christmas Wishes flyer, please do so before you leave. There is a stack in the narthex, which will be disposed of this week.



Our first chance to serve at Plentiful Harvest Kitchen in 2025 comes pretty quickly, on **Sunday, January 26**. Plentiful Harvest is an extremely important area ministry fighting the good fight against the food insecurity faced by so many people in our community.

Hot meals are cooked and packed into take-away trays, then distributed. The prep/cook shift begins at **2pm** and runs until **4pm**, when the serve/clean shift

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up by next **Sunday, January 19**. Thank you to everyone who helps to, as Pastor Steve puts it, see the face of Jesus in our community via volunteering for Plentiful Harvest.

The new year brings new schedules, and we have a few more changes this time. The Young at Hearts will be moving to bimonthly meetings. The first meeting of the year will be **Fri-day, February 14**, at **11:30am**. Further details to come. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon.



JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH!



**1435
Riverchase
Boulevard**

Announcements

10:25am

Prelude

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

Robert A. Hobby

***Presentation of the Cross
and Lighting of the Candles**

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship

The heavens open. The Spirit descends. Jesus emerges from the water. A voice echoes, “This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Jesus is named. Claimed. We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed. Can it be so? Let us worship the One who names and claims us still. Amen.

***Hymn**

“The Lily of the Valley”

2062

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostle’s Creed”

881

***Gloria Patri**

“Glory Be to the Father”

70

Young Minds Time

Audrey Culp

Congregational Response

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

arr. Dallas Bolin

Jesus loves the little children—all the children of the world! Red and yellow, black and white; they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world!

Anthem

“Christ Has Come!”

Stan Pethel

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Steve Holler

Offertory

“Be Still, My Soul”

Jean Sibelius/Chris Rice

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 95

***Hymn**

“Be Still, My Soul”

534 vv. 1, 4

Responsive Psalter Reading

Psalm 29

761

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7 (O. T. pg. 672)

Donna Hauenstein

Sermon

“I Am with You”

Rev. Michael Jarrell

***Hymn**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

708

***Benediction**

Rev. Steve Holler

***Congregational Blessing and Amen**

“Make Us One, Lord”

Carol Cymbala

Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow, so the world will know: We are one in You.

Postlude

“Lily of the Valley”

arr. Mark Hayes

This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 9:15am—Sunday School (In-person & Online)
- 10:25am—Traditional Service (In-Person & Online)
- 6:30pm—Church Council

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 10am—Coffee & Conversation
- 6pm—United Methodist Men

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6pm—Pickers' Jam

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 6pm—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 1pm—Overeaters Anonymous
- 6pm—Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- *8:30am—Seventh Day Adventists
- *3pm—Seventh Day Adventist Youth
- 5:30pm—Chili Cookoff!

*La Iglesia Adventista del 7° Día, cuyos eventos son primariamente hispanohablantes.

Coming Up:

- (Sunday, January 19—regular Sun. School/Worship)
- Jan. 20—Trustees
- Jan. 23—Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30am)
- **Jan. 26—Plentiful Harvest Kitchen (2/4-6pm)**
- Jan. 27—SPRC (6:30pm)
- Jan. 28—New Life Grief Support Group (5pm)
- **Jan. 26 to Feb. 9 — Bethel Shelters Overflow**
- Feb. 2—Miata Club (12pm)
- Feb. 5—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (9am)
- Feb. 6—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Feb. 10—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- Feb. 12—United Women in Faith (10:30am)
- Feb. 14—Young at Hearts (11:30am)
- Feb. 16—UWF Spaghetti Luncheon (12pm)
- Feb. 20—Men's Bible Study (6pm)

AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRY BY OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR WITNESS.

OUR PRESENCE 1/5/25:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
56	12	5

OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Ushers:	Greeter:	Altar Guild:
Please sign up!	Please sign up!	Bruce Farrington Nancy Griffith
Crucifer:	Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield	
Acolyte:	Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson	
Blessing Box:	Please sign up!	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week:	Harry Gibson
Next Week:	Harry Gibson

ARE YOU HERE?

If so, welcome—in-person and online! We hope you have had a great start to the New Year. Can't believe it's already here!

New year, new us; along with the updates we're making to our online suite, we are introducing new ways to record your attendance at worship services. You can fill out the attendance pads in the pews, scan the QR code below, or use the following link:

<https://bit.ly/AUMCAttendance>



(or click [here](#) if viewing this online!) Please note the other changes, especially involving Giving. Thank you for your patience as we get everything up and running.

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