

# WELCOME TO ALDERSGATE!

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*This Month in Mission:* The **United Methodist Committee on Relief**, also known as **UMCOR**, is our missions focus this month. UMCOR is one of the most active branches of the UMC. They handle natural disasters where they happen, when they happen—sometimes, you’ll even see Early Response Teams on-scene before local/state officials can respond. They help with situations like Hurricane Helene, too. All that said, UMCOR is a massive entity, and has a ton of overhead! So, we are once again collecting only financial contributions for this project. Please make checks out to AUMC; designate memo lines/etc. accordingly, “missions.”



Diane Barfield is 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 Lesson from Scripture:*

### **JOHN 20:19-29**

#### *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

#### *Jesus and Thomas*

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Mother's Day this year is **Sunday, May 11**. This Sunday has been designated a time to promote children's ministry and take a special offering for God's work through Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item** and relies heavily on offerings received from churches like ours. It provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma from abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On **Sunday, May 11**, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the

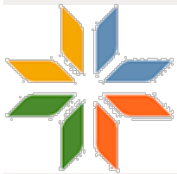


Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering.

**Epworth**

For more information about Epworth, visit online at: Children's Home [www.epworthsc.org](http://www.epworthsc.org).

**Feeling Peckish?:** the **United Methodist Men** are blessing us with another one of their world-famous breakfasts! It's Cinco de Mayo themed, since the breakfast is **NEXT Sunday, May 4**, beginning at **8:30am**. We hope to see you there.



**But wait, there's more!** The **United Women in Faith's** annual Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17** at **9am**. Mark All women of the church are welcome and invited! (Men aren't cool enough, we guess.)

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God in memory of Ella Jane Mes-ser, to Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen—and in memory of Phyllis Meinhart, to the AV fund—by Margie Perry. A gift has also been given in honor of Sissy Holler, to UMCOR (mission project), by John & Donna Hauenstein.*

**May I Have this Dance?:** Do you like to dance? Do you want to dance? But you don't have a partner\*, or have no experience with dance at all? And you can confidently count to 8? (Heh, musicians only need to count to 4!) Well, you're in luck; the illustrious Chris Dodd will be holding Line Dance Classes starting on **Thursday, May 8** at **6pm**! No experience, no partner\*, basic counting skills. If that's you, come line up and have some fun! Experienced dancers welcome, too.

*(\*Even if you do have a partner. You'll just be put at opposite ends of the line. No hard feelings.)*

**Tell Us Your Preference:** the Church Guidelines have been updated, and will be ready for distribution very soon. It is being made available as a physical OR digital copy. Let us know which you would prefer (or, if you'd like, both!) via the sign-up sheet you will find on the bulletin board.

**A Gift from Us:** As we all know, our wonderful, awesome, amazing, incredible, kind (...you get the idea) Pastor is wrapping things up to begin his life in retirement. We would like to send him and Sissy off with a gift to thank and honor him for his leadership these nearly eight years. We are therefore asking for monetary contributions to go toward this gift. Please make checks out to AUMC and designate "Pastor Gift" on memo lines/envelopes/online givings.

**Join the Sunday Lunch Bunch** at **Sonny's BBQ!** (2781 Cherry Rd, Rock Hill [29730])

Prelude	“Hail Thee, Festival Day” <i>by Daniel Burton</i>
*Presentation of the Cross and Lighting of the Candles	<i>Voluntary on “VICTORY” by Robert Lind</i> <i>(“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”)</i>
Call to Worship	“Sisters and Brothers in Christ, come in celebration and awe. We shall hear a story, our story, with power to change the world. The disciples shall run. The stone will be rolled away. The tomb shall be discovered. The shout will be raised: “Empty!” And nothing, by such grace, will ever be the same again. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”
*Hymn #2115	“Christ Has Risen” vv. 1 & 4
*Affirmation of Faith #881	“The Apostle’s Creed”
*Gloria Patri #70	“Glory Be to the Father”
Young Minds Time	Audrey Culp
Congregational Response	“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	“Rejoice! the Lord Is King!” <i>setting by Bone/Scifres; arr. Suggs</i>
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer	Rev. Steve Holler
Offertory	“LUX EO!” <i>arr. by David Blackwell</i> <i>(“Light of the Morning Star,” hymn tune by Sir Arthur Sullivan)</i>
*Doxology #95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
*Hymn #420	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” vv. 1 & 4
Psalm #150 <i>(response no. 1)</i>	<i>Please read and sing responsively Psalm 150 (hymnal pg. 862), led by Susan Floyd.</i>
Scripture Lesson	John 20:19-29 <i>(pg. 115 of the New Testament in pew bibles)</i>
Sermon	“Believe!” <i>by Rev. Steve Holler</i>
*Hymn #452	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
*Benediction	Rev. Steve Holler
*Congregational Blessing and Amen	“Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow, so the world will know: <u>WE ARE ONE IN YOU.</u> ”

Postlude

Recessional Postlude on “Nun danket alle Gott” *by Paul Fey*

\*Please stand, if able.

Text in “italics & quotes” is read or sung aloud together.

# This Week's Events:

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27—2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am.....Traditional Service

## MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 10am.....Coffee & Conversation

## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 6pm.....Pickers' Jam
- 6pm.....Handbells

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 6pm.....Chancel Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, MAY 1—MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 2

## SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 8:30am.....Seventh Day Adventists\*
- 3pm.....Seventh Day Adventist Youth\*

## SUNDAY, MAY 4—3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:30am.....Cinco de Mayo-themed Breakfast Fundraiser  
(thanks to the AUMC UMM!)
- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am.....Traditional Service

\*Servicios religiosos hispanohablantes, aunque nadie lea estas palabras.

# Coming Up:

- May 7.....Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen..... 9am
- May 8.....Line Dancing w/ Chris Dodd! ..... 6pm
- May 12.....United Methodist Men ..... 6pm
- May 14.....United Women in Faith ..... 10:30am
- May 15.....Line Dancing w/ Chris Dodd! ..... 6pm
- May 15.....Men's Bible Study ..... 6pm
- May 17.....UWF Prayer Breakfast! ..... 9am
- May 18.....Church Council ..... 6:30pm
- May 19.....Trustees..... 6:30pm
- May 22.....Line Dancing w/ Chris Dodd! ..... 6pm
- May 25.....Pastor Steve's Retirement Luncheon
- May 27.....New Life Grief Support Group ..... 2pm
- May 29.....Line Dancing w/ Chris Dodd! ..... 6pm
- June 1.....SPRC ..... 6:30pm
- June 4.....Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen..... 9am

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

## OUR PRESENCE 4/20/25:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
66	12	7

## OUR SERVICE TODAY:

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Norah Cordle	Harry Gibson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Bruce Farrington	Nancy Griffith
<b>Blessing Box:</b>	Christi Cherry	The Hauensteins
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Harry Gibson	Steve Barfield
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue van Dyke	Please sign up!
<b>Ushers:</b>	Nancy Griffith	Regina Friedman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

<b>This Week:</b>	Brenda Hochreiter
<b>Next Week:</b>	Harry Gibson

## ARE YOU HERE?

If so, please let us know! You can do so  
 through our website, using  
 this link:

<https://bit.ly/AUMCArrival>

or by scanning this QR code:



## NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP

To give online: [www.aumcrockhill.com/give](http://www.aumcrockhill.com/give).

To download the new church app:  
<https://mobile.myamplify.io/landing/xK4J>.

did you know...?

Only one miracle is recorded in all four  
 Gospels. (Do you remember this from last week?)