



May 11, 2025

## WELCOME TO ALDERSGATE!

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*This Month in Mission:* You may be familiar with Pilgrim's Inn. From their website: "*Pilgrims' Inn has been a part of the landscape of Rock Hill, South Carolina for over 40 years, striving to end homelessness and hunger in the lives of our community's most vulnerable people.*" They provide a voice for the voiceless, and safe shelter for the unhomed.

The immediate need is for FOOD; we've heard their shelves are "practically empty." There are cards with suggested (needed) items to contribute to this project; our greeters have them, and they're on the Narthex table. Thank you for supporting this mission!



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:

## ACTS 9:36-43

*Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**TODAY WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR EPWORTH**

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children, youth and families served by Epworth through all of its programs. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about



**Epworth**  
Children's Home

Epworth, visit online at: [www.epworthsc.org](http://www.epworthsc.org).

*N.B.: we will accept these contributions throughout the entire month of May. Please designate as "Epworth."*

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God in memory of Ella Jane Messer, to the church budget, by Art & Anne Honeycutt, Betty Hunt, and William & Linda Rhodes; and to the A/V fund, by Parker Carter.*

**Urgently Needed:** The **Blessing Box** supply closet is **very** depleted; so, we are once again asking for contributions of food items. Our lovely greeters this morning made available a list of suggested items; that list can also be found online at the link in Friday's email, or by going to the following URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/Blessing-Box-Suggestions>, **or** using the QR code to the right.

*For your convenience, we have temporarily posted this QR code on the table in the Narthex.*



**May I Have this Dance?:** Chris Dodd is holding Line Dance Classes **EVERY Thursday at 6pm!** No experience/partner needed; basic counting skills recommended. If that's you, come line up and have some fun! *("Experienced dancers welcome, too, I guess!" –Chris Dodd, probably)* **Please sign up** on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect each week.

**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.

*The flowers displayed in the chancel have been provided by Sharon Rose in honor and in memory of all the mothers who have cared for us, taught us, sacrificed for us, and loved us.*

**A Gift from Us:** As we all know, Pastor Steve is wrapping things up to begin his well-earned retirement. We would like to give him 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. Make checks out to AUMC and designate "Pastor Gift" on memo lines/envelopes/online givings.

**Join the Sunday Lunch Bunch!**

(630 Tinsley Way)



**Final Reminder!** Don't forget the UWF is holding their annual prayer breakfast this **Saturday, May 17!**

*Musette on "ROYAL OAK" by John Barr  
("All Things Bright and Beautiful")*

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” v. 1, R, R**  
*Please join the choir in singing verse 1; then sing the refrain again.*

*"Jesus, you were loved by the poor and the outcast, but you were a threat to people with power. You stood against the Temple, so you were a threat to the Sadducees. You healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners, so you were a threat to the Pharisees. You claimed titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King," so you were a threat to Caesar. You, the Prince of Peace, disturbed the peace. And we come to worship you. Amen."*

## “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

## “The Apostle’s Creed”

## “Glory Be to the Father”

Audrey Culp

*“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!”*

**“A Home of Grace”** *by Joseph M. Martin*

Rev. Steve Holler

**“Jesus Loves Me” setting by Wendy L. Stevens**

## “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart” vv. 1, 5

Please read and sing responsively **Psalm 23**, led by Peggy Palmer. (Response no. 1)

Acts 9:36-43 (pg. 128 of the New Testament in pew bibles)

**“All It Takes Is a Miracle”** *by Rev. Steve Holler*

“Rescue the Perishing” vv. 1, 2, 4

Rev. Steve Holler

*"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!**"*

*Meditation on “WOODWORTH” by Elizabeth A. Krouse  
 (“Just As I Am , Without One Plea”)*

*\*Please stand, if able.*



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## This Week's Events:

### SUNDAY, MAY 11—4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; Mothers Day

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

### MONDAY, MAY 12

- 10am.....Coffee & Conversation

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 10am.....United Women in Faith
- 6pm .....Chancel Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 1pm .....Overeaters Anonymous
- 6pm .....Line Dancing w/ Chris Dodd!
- 6pm .....Men's Bible Study

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 9am .....UWF Prayer Breakfast!

### SUNDAY, MAY 18—5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am.....Traditional Service
- 6:30pm.....Church Council

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

## Coming Up:

- May 19.....Trustees.....6:30pm
- May 25.....Pastor Steve's Retirement Luncheon ... 12pm
- May 27.....New Life Grief Support Group..... 2pm
- June 1.....SPRC.....6:30pm
- June 4.....Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen..... 9am
- June 5.....Men's Bible Study..... 6pm
- June 8.....Holy Communion..... 10:25am
- June 9.....United Methodist Men..... 6pm
- June 11.....United Women in Faith..... 10:30am
- June 19.....Men's Bible Study..... 6pm
- June 22.....United Women in Faith Sunday..... 10:25am
- June 24.....New Life Grief Support Group..... 2pm
- July 2.....Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen..... 9am
- July 6.....Musicality Ringers Concert..... 3pm

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**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 5/4/25:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
61	12	6

### OUR SERVICE TODAY:

<b>Acolyte:</b>	Norah Cordle	Harry Gibson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Bruce Farrington	Nancy Griffith
<b>Blessing Box:</b>	Audrey Culp	Sherilyn Brewer
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Harry Gibson	Steve Barfield
<b>Greeters:</b>	Fran Threatt	Please sign up!
<b>Ushers:</b>	Cindy Shuff	Dave Shuff

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

**This Week:** Brenda Hochreiter

### ARE YOU HERE?

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

<https://bit.ly/AUMCAAttendance>

or by scanning this QR code:



### NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP

To give online, click here/navigate to:  
[www.aumcrockhill.com/give](http://www.aumcrockhill.com/give).



To download the new church app:

<https://mobile.myamplify.io/landing/xK4J>.

*did you know...?*

*Jesus wasn't an only child. He had half-siblings: at least four brothers and two sisters.*