



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!



Today's Lesson from Scripture:

ACTS 11:1-18

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Thank You! Thank you to everyone for helping Aldersgate United Methodist Church support Epworth Children's Home. Your contributions for the annual Mother's Day offering will go a very long way in helping them help hundreds of children in South Carolina year in and year out. For more information



Epworth

Children's Home

about Epworth, visit online at: www.epworthsc.org.

N.B.: We will collect funds for this throughout the month of May. Please designate as "Epworth."

A gift has been given to the Glory of God, in memory of Hope Carter, to the parsonage renovation fund, by Parker Carter.

Thank You! The **Blessing Box** supply closet is **has been refilled** since our last announcement! Thank you for joining the fight against hunger in our community. It never stops, though; therefore, a list of suggested items for purchase has been shared in this past Friday's email again; you can also access it by going to the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/Blessing-Box-Suggestions>, or via this QR code.



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 with us and have some fun! **Please sign up** on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect each week.



A Lunch to Retire On: Next **Sunday, May 25**, we are holding a luncheon in honor of Pastor Steve and Sissy, and in celebration of their entering into retired life... and we need a headcount. So, please sign up (sheet on the bulletin board) **TODAY** if you plan to attend next week!

Please note: this will be a potluck meal, with the church providing the meat and a cake for dessert; we are asking everyone to please bring a side dish.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by the

AUMC United Women in Faith, in honor of their annual Prayer Breakfast.

The daisy is associated with the Virgin Mary's humility, chastity, and innocence;

the red rose is a timeless effigy of love and purity; and the pink carnation

symbolizes the tears that Mary shed at the crucifixion.



A Gift from Us All: 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!



(2215 India Hook Road)

Plentiful Harvests Need Plentiful Hands

Please sign up to help at Plentiful Harvest Kitchen on **Sunday, June 22** via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Details to come.

Prelude

*Chorale Prelude on "LAßT UNS ERFREUEN" by John Barr
("All Creatures of Our God and King")*

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

*Prelude on "DIX" arr. by David Christensen
("All Things Bright and Beautiful") ("Prelude and Toccata on Dix" mvmt. 1)*

Call to Worship

"Return to the Lord. Leave behind all the pain. Leave behind all the hate. Come back to your true life. Return to the Lord. Abandon your sins. Abandon your fears. Come back to repentance and hope. Return to the Lord. Hope is here, for the Lord is near. Let us bless the name of the Lord together. Amen." (Based on a prayer by Lisa Frenz)

***Hymn #547**

"O Church of God, United" vv. 1, 2, 4

***Affirmation of Faith (#188)**

"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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" setting by John Rutter

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Holler

Offertory

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by C. Martin & C. H. Gabriel
Sue Wilbert & Jim Kiley, duet*

***Doxology (#95)**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Hymn #92**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" vv. 1, 3, 5

***Psalter #861**

*Please read and sing responsively **Psalm 148**, led by Norah Cordle.*

Scripture Lesson

Acts 11:1-18 (pg. 130 of the New Testament in pew bibles)

Sermon

"What God Has Made Clean" by Rev. Steve Holler

***Hymnal #548**

"In Christ There Is no East or West" vv. 1, 2, 4

***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:
WE ARE ONE IN YOU!"*

Postlude

*Toccata on "DIX" arr. by David Christensen
("All Things Bright and Beautiful") ("Prelude and Toccata on Dix" mvmt. 2)*

**Please stand, if able.*



This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, MAY 18—5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am.....Traditional Service
- 4:30pm.....UNITY
- 6:30pm.....Church Council

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 10am.....Coffee & Conversation
- 6:30pm.....Trustees

TUESDAY, MAY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 6pm.....Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 22

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

FRIDAY, MAY 23

SATURDAY, MAY 24

SUNDAY, MAY 25—6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am.....Traditional Service
-Holy Communion
- 12:00pm.....Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Steve and Sissy

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

Coming Up:

- May 27.....New Life Grief Support Group..... 2pm
- June 1.....SPRC.....6:30pm
- June 2.....Missions..... 6pm
- 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

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:
62	6	5

OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Acolyte:	Norah Cordle	Harry Gibson
Altar Guild:	Bruce Farrington	Nancy Griffith
Blessing Box:	Audrey Culp	Sherilyn Brewer
Crucifer:	Harry Gibson	Steve Barfield
Greeters:	Chris Dodd	Please sign up!
Ushers:	Cindy Shuff	Dave Shuff

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week: Al Quarles

ARE YOU HERE?

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

<https://bit.ly/AUMCAttendance>

or by scanning this QR code:



NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP

To give online, click here/navigate to:
www.aumcrockhill.com/give.



To download the new church app:

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

did you know...?

Lazarus isn't the first person to have been raised from death. The son of Zarephath's daughter is the first recorded. (1 Kings 17:21)

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