

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/envelopes/online contribu-



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:

LUKE 22:54-62

Peter Denies Jesus

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Mother's Day this year is **Sunday, May 11**. This Sunday has been designated as a time to promote children's ministry, and to take a special offering for God's work through Epworth. **Epworth is not an apportioned item**, and it relies heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day and Work Day (held in September) to provide quality care to the 400-plus individuals in their care. Last year, our contributions helped *Epworth serve 1,677 children and families* through its statewide programs.



Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth make a difference in the lives of children and families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at: www.epworthsc.org.

Feeling Peckish?: the **United Women in Faith's** annual Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17 at 9am**. Mark your calendars; further information to come soon. (*Scuttlebutt has it that there may even be **food** at this breakfast meeting...!*)

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. If you would like to contribute, please make checks out to AUMC and designate "Pastor Gift" on the memo line. Designate envelopes/online givings similarly.

Final Concerts: Faith Nyberg has some musical dates to share! She graduates in December, so these are some of the last times she'll perform for college. She'll be conducting for several performances as well. Ask **Steve Nyberg** for further information, including ticketing. The dates are: **Tuesday, April 15 at 6pm & 7:30pm at Springfield Middle School** (conducting), **Sunday, April 27 at 4pm** in Byrnes Auditorium (supporting her boyfriend Caleb, who will be performing), and finally, **7pm Wednesday, April 30 at Nation Ford High School** (conducting for her internship). Come help us support Faith and enjoy some great music, too!

Maundy Thursday is this week! On **Thursday, April 24 at 6pm**, we will gather together around the Lord's table for a service of love and fellowship. There will be a brief, but incredibly beautiful liturgy about handwashing; then, we'll wash each other's hands, and eat! **Please Note:** we need an accurate head-count for the meal, so **please sign up** on the bulletin board!

A gift has ben given to the Glory of God in honor and/or in memory of all those who have served as pastors as Aldersgate United Methodist Church, to the Trustees fund, by Greg & Sherry Adams.

Join the Sunday Lunch Bunch at The Pump House! (575 Herrons Ferry Road [29730])

Prelude

“GOPSAL” by Matthew H. Corl
(Tune of “My Song Is Love Unknown”)

*Presentation of the Cross
and Lighting of the Candles

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”
(Please join with the choir in singing **hymn #277**)

Call to Worship

“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 Cæsar. You, the Prince of Peace, disturbed the peace. And we come to worship you. Amen.”

*Hymn #278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*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

“Let the King Come In” by Lloyd Larson

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Steve Holler

Offertory

Partita on “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” by Michael Burkhardt

*Doxology #95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Hymn #2083

“My Song Is Love Unknown” (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Psalm #118 (response no. 2)

Please read and sing responsively Psalm 118, led by Nancy Griffith.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:54-62 (pg. 87 of the New Testament in pew bibles)

Sermon

“Denying Jesus” by Rev. Steve Holler

*Hymn #280

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vv. 1, 4, 5)

*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

“Lux eoi” (“Triumphal March) by David Blackwell

*Please stand, if able.

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

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This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, APRIL 13—PALM SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APRIL 14

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 6pm Pickers' Jam
- 6pm Handbells

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 6pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 17—MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 1pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 6pm Maundy Thursday Service/Meal/Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 20—EASTER SUNDAY! CHRIST IS RISEN!

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

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

- Apr. 22—New Life Grief Support Group (2pm)
- Apr. 24—Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30am)
- Apr. 24—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Apr. 27—SPRC (6:30pm)
- May 1—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- May 7—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
- May 11—Church Council (6:30pm)
- May 12—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- May 14—United Women in Faith (10:30am)
- May 15—Men's Bible Study
- May 17—UWF Prayer Breakfast!
- May 19—Trustees (6:30pm)
- May 22—Prayer Shawl (10:30am)
- May 25—Pastor Steve's Retirement Luncheon
(after worship; be sure to mark your calendars!)

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 3/30/25:

| Worship: | Online: | Sunday School: |
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OUR SERVICE TODAY:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

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| This Week: | Harry Gibson |
| Next 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/AUMCArrival>

or by scanning this QR code:



NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP

To give online: www.aumcrockhill.com/give.

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

did you know...?

Our volunteers served meals to 321 souls this past week; 97 of those were at Dorothy Day—and 224 at Plentiful Harvest—Soup Kitchens.

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