



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:

LUKE 24:1-12

The Resurrection of Jesus

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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...!*)

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.)

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.

*The beautiful flowers have been placed
in the chancel today in honor of*

Richard Griffith
*on his next
29th Birthday.*



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.

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God in memory of Ella Jane Messer, and in honor of those who volunteer for Dorothy Day/Plentiful Harvest Soup Kitchens, to UMCOR (mission project), by Fran Threatt.

Prelude	“VICTORY” by Alan Bullard	
*Presentation of the Cross and Lighting of the Candles	“In the Garden” <i>(Please join with the choir in singing hymn #314 vv. 1 & 2)</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 #302	“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vv. 1–3, 6	
*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	“Christ Is Arisen, Indeed!” by Natalie Sleeth	
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Steve Holler
Offertory	“Jesus Is Lord” by Matthew H. Corl	
*Doxology #95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	
*Hymn #322	“Up from the Grave He Arose”	
Psalm #98 <i>(response no. 1)</i>	<i>Please read and sing responsively Psalm 98, led by Susan Floyd.</i>	
Scripture Lesson	Luke 24:1-12 <i>(pg. 90 of the New Testament in pew bibles)</i>	
Sermon	“An Idle Tale” by Rev. Steve Holler	
*Hymn #303	“The Day of Resurrection”	
*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	“Shine, Jesus, Shine” by Christopher Tambling	

*Please stand, if able.

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

This Week's Events:

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

- 9:15am..... Sunday School
- 10:25am Traditional Service
- 2pm Seventh Day Adventist Children*

MONDAY, APRIL 21

- 10am..... Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

- 1pm Memorial Service for Ella Jane Messer
- 2pm New Life Grief Support Group
- 6pm Pickers' Jam
- 6pm Handbells

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

- 6pm Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 24—MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 27—2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 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—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 25—Pastor Steve's Retirement Luncheon
(after worship; be sure to mark your calendars!)
- May 26—SPRC
- May 27—New Life Grief Support Group

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:
66	12	7

OUR SERVICE TODAY:

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:

This Week:	Al Quarles
Next 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/AUMCAttendance>

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...?

Only one miracle is recorded by all four Gospels. (Do you know which one?)

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