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THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE


**DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT**

This month's mission project is to help bring warmth to the children of our local communities. We have decided to make a "Mitten Tree" for the December project; however, we're looking to collect more than just mittens! Any cold weather clothing items, such as gloves, scarves, toboggans/tuques, etc., can be donated! The tree will be set up in the Narthex for the rest of the month. As always, you can also choose to make financial contributions. Please be sure to make checks out to AUMC, and indicate missions on the memo line. Likewise, please designate envelopes/online giving similarly.




Diane Barfield is now 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**.

The next meeting of the **New Life Grief Support Group** is **this Tuesday, December 17 at 5pm**. This group is open to everyone in our church family, and anyone whom you feel could use a little extra love and care on their grief journey.



**2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**


Scan this QR code to go to the online 2025 Pledge Campaign form webpage. Please contact the office if you need assistance.



**CAROLING!**

It's been several years since we last went caroling. So it has been suggested that we gather at the church at **5pm next Sunday, December 22**, and take some Christmas Joy to our shut-ins in the form of song! Anyone who wants to join is welcome. No sign-up required. Call the church office if you have any questions.

**JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH**



489 South Herlong Ave.

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

It was a big hit last year, so we've brought back the Christmas Wishes flyer. All you need to do is choose a graphic from the list provided on the handout, add a personal message (if desired) to your church family, sign your/your family's name at the bottom, and return the form (you can place it in the offering plate, if you wish). These messages will be compiled into a flyer and distributed at the Christmas Eve service. *[N.B.: If you don't have one of the forms, or need another, there is a stack of black-and-white forms in the Narthex. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board if you need to see the examples in color.]*

**TODAY IS THE DAY TO TURN THESE IN. If you can't yet, please call the office ASAP!**

<p><b>NURTURE/MEMBER CARE</b></p> <p>Nurture/Member Care is comprised of many volunteers from throughout our congregation that work to ensure that all members, including shut-ins, those in the hospital, rehab and nursing facilities, or those who simply need the voice and words of encouragement on a regular basis, are recognized.</p> <p><b>There is always a need for more volunteers in one or more of the following ministries. Contact the coordinators to volunteer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Meals for Bereavement or Hospitalization:</b> Fran Threatt</li> <li><b>Prayer Shawl:</b> Margie Perry</li> <li><b>Card Ministry:</b> Betty Portis</li> <li><b>Visitation:</b> Donna Hauenstein</li> <li><b>Transportation:</b> Dallas Bolin</li> <li><b>Phone Ministry:</b></li> <li><b>Email Ministry:</b></li> <li><b>Prayer Partners:</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>OPPORTUNITES TO SERVE</b></p> <p>We've recently posted brand-new, squeaky-clean sign-up sheets for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, and Blessing Box, for 2025. Now's a great time, going into a new year, to learn the ropes! We will teach you what you need to know. If you're curious about what is entailed in these roles, you will find descriptions of them next to their sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. These are crucial to the smooth operation of our worship experience, and the Blessing Box ministry. Please consider signing up!</p>
	<p><b>SAYING THANKS</b></p> <p>The holiday season is the perfect time to say "thank you" to our Aldersgate church staff for their presence and excellent service throughout the year. To show our heartfelt appreciation, a love offering is being collected until Christmas Eve. Please place your gift in the offering plate, drop off in church office, or put in outside drop box located next to middle set of church doors. Checks should be made to AUMC and designated for "staff Christmas offering." Thank you, —Staff Parish Relations Committee</p>

Announcements			10:25am
Prelude	Partita on “IN DULCI JUBILO”	James Vivian	
*Presentation of the Cross and Flame “Vom Himmel...”			Excerpt
Lighting of the Advent Wreath			Bill & Diana McMillan
Call to Worship			
God comes! So, don’t let go of all the reasons to rejoice. We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy. God comes! So, don’t stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving. We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence. God comes! So, don’t stop giving your hearts to God. We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.			
*Hymn	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	238	
*Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostle’s Creed”	881	
*Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father”	70	
Young Minds Time			Audrey Culp
Congregational Response	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”	arr. Dallas Bolin	
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!			
Offertory	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	arr. Bill Wolaver	
*Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	95	
AUMC Chancel Choir’s Christmas Cantata	“Behold the Glory” (See insert for details)	Stan Pethel	
*Hymn	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	196	
*Benediction		Rev. Steve Holler	
*Congregational Response	“Make Us One, Lord”	Carol Cymbala	
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	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	arr. Mark Hayes	

This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Traditional Service  
⇒ Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata!
- \*2pm—Seventh Day Adventist Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 10am—Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 5pm—New Life Grief Support Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 6pm—Men’s Bible Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- \*8:30am—Seventh Day Adventists

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Traditional Service
- **5pm—Meet at Church to Go Caroling!**

Coming Up:

- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6:30pm)
- Dec. 25–26—Church Offices Closed for Christmas
- Dec. 29—5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday **Carol** Sing (during worship)
- Jan. 1, 2025—Church Offices Closed for New Year’s Day
- Jan. 2—Men’s Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 8—United Women in Faith (10:30am)
- Jan. 11—United Methodist Men Workday (9am; details TBA)
- Jan. 13—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- Jan. 16—Men’s Bible Study (6pm)

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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 12/8/24:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
60	10	3

OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Usher:	Greeter:	Altar Guild:
Audrey Culp	Fran Threatt	Bruce Farrington Nancy Griffith
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson	
<b>Blessing Box:</b>	Karen S., Diane E., John/Donna H.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

<b>This Week:</b>	Al Quarles
<b>Next Week:</b>	Harry Gibson

