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DECEMBER 22, 2024

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

LUKE 1:39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIME ADJUSTMENT

Please note that the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Holy Communion takes place at **5pm** this year, rather than **6:30**, in keeping with several such meeting time changes being implemented lately. We want our members and attendees to be comfortable driving here for worship!



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS MESSAGES

If you still have not turned in your form for the Christmas Messages flyer, <u>call the church</u> <u>office tomorrow morning</u>. In order for Dallas to have time to create the flyer, no further submissions can be accepted after 11am tomorrow (Monday, December 23).



A gift has been given to the Glory of God, in memory of Hope Carter, to the budget, by Bruce & Robin Farrington.

A gift has also been given to the Glory of God, in memory of Harvey Mayhill, to the budget, by Ray & Yvonne Lautzenheiser.

HERE TO HELP

There are a number of ways in which AUMC can be here for its family members when they need help. The **Edith Bailey Assistance Fund** provides monetary assistance for individuals/families with unmet essential needs, and is available for members and regular attendees of AUMC and their immediate, live-in family. The fund pays vendors/service providers directly, so there are some documentation requirements. There are forms that both provide more information on these requirements, and act as the official applications to receive assistance. These forms can be found affixed to the bottom left corner of the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please direct any questions or requests for assistance with this process to the church office, or contact Sherilyn Brewer.



We Hope you will know Peace, Joy, and Love this Christmas! From the staff of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

CAROLING!

It's been several years since we last went caroling. So it has been suggested that we gather at the church at **5PM THIS AFTERNOON**, and take some Christmas Joy to our shut-ins in the form of song! Anyone who wants to join is welcome. Please be sure to arrive at church prior to 5pm so the group can leave together.

SAYING "THANKS!"

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

JOIN THE SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH!



129 Oakland Ave. Suite 110

10:25am Announcements "Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland" **Prelude** J. S. Bach, BWV 659 ("Savior of the Nations, Come") *Presentation of the Cross "St. Louis" A. D. Miller and Lighting of the Candles "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Mike & Karen Sturkie **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Call to Worship Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own! Rejoice in the Lord! Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over! Rejoice in the Lord always! Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love! Rejoice in the Lord, always! Again, we say rejoice! "Savior of the Nations, Come" *Hymn 214, vv. 1, 3, 5 *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! Anthem "Creation Will Be at Peace" J. Paul Williams & Anna Laura Page Rev. Steve Holler Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Offertory "Wexford Carol" Mark Hayes *Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" 216, vv. 1, 4 *Hymn **Responsive Psalter Reading** Psalm 122 845, Response 1 **Audrey Culp Scripture Lesson** Luke 1:39-45 (N. T. pg. 56) Sermon "Leap for Joy!" Rev. Steve Holler *Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" 240 *Benediction Rev. Steve Holler *Congregational Blessing and Amen "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. Meditation on "DIVINUM MYSTERIUM" Postlude Michael McCabe ("Of the Father's Love Begotten")

This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- (In-person & Online)
- 10:25am—Traditional Service
- (In-Person & Online)

5pm—Caroling!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

10am—Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY!

Merry Christmas! Church Offices Closed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

*8:30am—Seventh Day Adventists

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29—1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

- 9:15am—Sunday School (In-person & Online)
- 10:25am—Traditional Service (In-Person & Online)
 Carol-Sing! (5th-Sunday Hymn-Sing, Christmas Edition!)

*La Iglesia Adventista del 7º Día, cuyos eventos son primariamente hispanohablantes.

Coming Up:

- Dec. 29—Celebration of Life for Fred Littenburg (3pm)
- Jan. 1, 2025—Church Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 10—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (9am)
- Jan. 2—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 4—Memorial Service for Harvey Mayhill (Time TBA)
- 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)
- Jan. 17—Young at Hearts (11:30am)
- Jan. 18—Chili Cookoff!
- Jan. 23—Prayer Shawl Ministry (10:30am)
- Jan. 27—SPRC (6:30pm)
- Jan. 28—New Life Grief Support Group (5pm)
- Feb. 2—Miata Club (12pm)
- Feb. 5—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (9am)
- Feb. 6—Men's Bible Study (6pm)

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministry by our <u>Prayers</u>, our <u>Presence</u>, our <u>Gifts</u>, our <u>Service</u>, and our <u>Witness</u>.

OUR PRESENCE 12/15/24:

Worship: Online: Sunday School:

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OUR SERVICE TODAY:

<u>Usher:</u> <u>Greeter:</u> <u>Altar Guild:</u>

Bruce Farrington

Audrey Culp Fran Threatt

Nancy Griffith

Crucifer: Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield

Acolyte: Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson

Blessing Box: Karen S., Diane E., John/Donna H.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week: Harry Gibson

Next Week: Brenda Hochreiter

2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Included in this bulletin as a physical insert is a letter from the Finance Committee and a pledge card for 2025. Please see these items for more information. The main point of this message is to share this related QR code; scan it to go directly to the online 2025 Pledge Campaign form:



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