# WELCOME TO ALDERSGATE!

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<u>This Month in Mission:</u> 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 contributions 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:

# ISAIAH 43:16-21

Restoration and Protection Promised

- 16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
- 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

#### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Here to Help: There are a number of ways in which AUMC can be here for our 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 application forms with additional info on the bulletin board. Please direct any questions or requests for assistance with this process to the church office, or contact **Sherilyn Brewer**.

The **Mike Culp Cancer Assistance Fund** provides monetary assistance for cancer patients and their immediate, live-in families, to help them shoulder the financial burdens associated therewith. Covered expenses may include but are not limited to those associated with treatments, household/school expenses, outings for families/children, etc.; please direct any questions or requests for assistance with this process to the church office, or contact **Audrey Culp**.

Service Opportunity: Plentiful Harvest Kitchen is another local soup kitchen, this one located PLENTIFUL HARVEST right next to us at Covenant Presbyterian Church. AUMC picks 4 Sundays out of the year on which we will send volunteers to assist with the prep & cooking and/or serving & cleaning (two two-hour shifts). Our second chance for 2025 is finally here **TODAY** (Sunday, April 6).

We would like to make a special plea to our church family to prayerfully consider volunteering. Our turnout to these events (Plentiful Harvest in particular) has waned recently, and we really hope to turn that around this time! You can sign up for just one of the shifts, or live on the wild side and work both! For more information, please contact Janice Miller or the church office.

<u>Tell Us Your Preference:</u> the Church Guidelines have been updated, and will be ready for distribution very soon. So, we need to know how you want to receive your copy: a physical printout brought to church, or a digital file emailed to you. Please write your name in the column corresponding to your preference when you find this "sign-up sheet" on the bulletin board, too!

<u>Final Concerts:</u> Our very own Faith Nyberg has shared several dates corresponding to concerts she both playing in, and even conducting(!). She graduates in December, so these are some of the last times she'll perform for college. Ask **Steve Nyberg** for further information, including ticketing, etc.; then, let's all go and support Faith in the awesome things she's doing!

In short, the dates are: **Tuesday, April 15** at 6 AND 7:30pm at **Springfield Middle School** (conducting), **Sunday, April 27** at **4pm** in Byrnes Auditorium (performing), and finally, **Wednesday, April 30** at **7pm** at **Nation Ford High School** (conducting for her internship). Come help us support Faith and enjoy some great music, too!

A gift has been given to the Glory of God, in honor of Lyn Skews, to the March missions project (Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen), by Audrey Culp.

Join the Sunday Lunch Bunch! Bunch up at 2760 Celanese Road (RH)



**APRIL 6, 2025** 

Announcements 10:25am

Prelude

"Andante maestoso" from "The Planets" Gustav Holst/ Michael Burkhardt

\*Presentation of the Cross and Lighting of the Candles

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vv. 1, 3, 4)
(Please sing with us from hymn #383)

# Call to Worship

"We come to worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing. We come to cry out to the One who took on the clothing of humanity, who became one of us, to set free those who are oppressed. Let us worship the Lord our God, whose Spirit calls us from sorrow-filled endings to bright beginnings. Amen."

\*Hymn #126

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

\*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

"The Lenten Rose" by Diane Hannibal (ASCAP)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Holler

Offertory

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. by Paul Fey

\*Doxology #95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Hymn #388

"O Come and Dwell in Me" (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Psalter #847 (response no. 2)

Please read and sing responsively Psalm 126, led by Nancy Griffith.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21 (pg. 672 of the Old Testament in pew bibles)

Sermon

"Rivers in the Desert" by Rev. Steve Holler

\*Hymn #509

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

\*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."

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"O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross" by Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV 622 ("O Man, bemoan thy grievous sin)

*Please stand, if able.	Text in "italics & quotes" is read or sung aloud together.

# This Week's Events:

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6-5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:15am.....Sunday School
- 10:25am ...... Traditional Service
- 2/4pm ......Plentiful Harvest Kitchen

#### Monday, April 7

10am......Coffee & Conversation

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

• 6pm .....Pickers' Jam

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- 10:30am ....... United Women in Faith
- 6pm ...... Chancel Choir Practice

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

• 1pm ...... Overeaters Anonymous

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13—PALM SUNDAY

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

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

- Apr. 14—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- Apr. 17—Maundy Thursday Service/Meal (6pm\*\*)
- Apr. 20—EASTER SUNDAY
- 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)

\*\*subject to change

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 3/30/25:

Worship:	Online:	<b>Sunday School:</b>
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Norah Cordle

#### **OUR SERVICE TODAY:**

Acolyte:

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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: Brenda Hochreiter

**Next Week:** Harry Gibson

# **ARE YOU HERE?**

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



or by scanning this QR code:



Harry Gibson

# **NEW LINKS: GIVING/CHURCH APP**

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

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



There are at least 185 songs in the Bible.

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