



THE PULSE

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MANNA @ 8:30AM | SANCTUARY

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY @ 10:30AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL |
Our contemporary service featuring the 3X Grace Band.

SANCTUARY SERVICE @ 10:30AM | SANCTUARY

Those serving this Sunday:

Manna:

Jim & Glenda Martin, Tim & Karen Cotton

Traditional:

Ushers: *Mike Albritton, Bob Carson, Diane Carson, Mike Wesley*

Bible Reader: *Jan Jeter*

Bread for the Journey:

Mike James & Team

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP

Attendance 12/9

8:30	Manna	60
10:30	Traditional	127
10:30	Bread	103



Sunday, December 16

6:00pm Neighborhood Caroling

This is not for singers only! Everyone is welcome to join. Meet in the Disciple Center by 6:00, and we will head out to the streets immediately surrounding the church. Return to the Disciple Center and enjoy some hot chocolate, cider, and treats.

Thursday, December 20 at 7:00pm

"The Longest Night Service"

The holidays can be a sad and lonely time for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, a job, a divorce, or who simply struggle to find joy in the holiday season. This service is for anyone who is grieving and needs space for quiet contemplation and prayer.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord"

**5:30pm - Traditional - (Sanctuary),
8:00pm - Bread for the Journey (Fellowship Hall)
11:00pm - Traditional (Sanctuary)**



Sermon Series:

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord"

**Advent III - December 16
Luke 3:7-18**

Do/ Zephaniah 3:14-20;

**Advent IV - December 23
Luke 1:39-55**

Welcome / Micah 5:2-5a;

**Christmas Eve - December 24
Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20**

Arrive

**December 30th
Wesley Covenant Services**

**8:30am (Sanctuary)
Traditional Service with Holy Communion**

**10:30am (Fellowship Hall)
*A unique service of prayer and preparation for the New Year
with prayer stations and Holy Communion.***



Flower Calendar for 2019

The 2019 calendar for Sanctuary flower arrangements is ready for sign ups. If you would like to sponsor flowers for our Sunday worship, please email Jessica Johnson at jjohnson@aldersgatehsv.com with your name, date requesting and any special reason/event. Cost is \$50.



**The church office will close at:
3:30pm on Thursday, December 20th for the
Christmas/New Year's Holiday**

Office will reopen at 8:30am on Wednesday, January 2nd

PASTORAL CARE | If you have or know of a pastoral care need, please notify the church office or any of the pastors. The Pastor on Call will provide or direct the appropriate caring response.

Tuesday's: Tim Tatum 256.529.2999
Wednesday's: Sherill Clontz 256.508.3760
Thursday's: Lydia Locke 256.426.0070

Friday-Monday:
December 14-17 Tim Tatum



AUMC KIDS!

Hello AUMC!

What a busy, fantastic weekend! We are so, SO proud of all the kids who participated in the Cantata! They were patient during practices, committed to learning the music and their speaking parts, and they did so well both nights. Huge thank-yous to Ms Kathy, our Children's Music Director, Gwyn Williams for co-writing the play and working with the children, Dennis Clements for co-writing the play/conducting/coordinating all the things, and Jodie Clements, who worked with the children on their lines, organized practices, and made sure all the details were taken care of. We are truly surrounded by rockstars! Please take some time this week to tell these people how much they are appreciated.

This upcoming Sunday morning, the children and youth dancers will perform their dance to "Joy to the World" in both 10:30 services. Dancers can come to Sunday School at 9:15, and Ms. Allyson will get them from there so they can change into costumes and do a couple run-throughs before the services begin.

This weekend is our official last AUMC Kids meeting of the year (already?!). We will meet at 4:30 in the children's classrooms for a Christmas movie, "The Star." Snacks will be provided. After the movie, we will join youth and others at the Disciple Center (the house across the parking lot from the church) for church-wide neighborhood caroling. Be sure to bundle up!

12/16 - 10:30 am Services - Children's Dance Performing
4:30 Kids Christmas Movie Night, "The Star"
6:00 Neighborhood Caroling (meet at the Disciple Center)

12/24 - 5:30, 8:00, 11:00 Christmas Eve Services (nursery available for 5:30 service)

12/23 - 9:15 Sunday School, no evening activities

12/30 - No Sunday School or evening activities - regular Sunday night programming resumes in January

This Sunday marks the second week of Advent! We love this season in the life of the church, because in the midst of the busyness of the holidays, we take moments to pause, wait, pray, and anticipate. We will have Advent wreaths available for families to take home this Sunday, along with a devotion and an Advent Faith Practices Calendar. You're invited to use one, two, or all three as helpful tools for guiding family faith discussion, prayer, and practice in the coming weeks.

Shoutout to everyone who signed up to be in the nursery this month! Our babies love making new friends, and they want to get to know YOU! The sign-up for

December is now live, and includes slots for our special services during advent, including the 5:30 Christmas Eve service. Follow this link to get on the SignUp so we can look forward to having you: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AA4AB23ABF94-nursery1> Thank you in advance for investing in the lives of our children.

Show of hands, who has tried out the app Parent Cue yet??? We're loving it. If you aren't familiar with Parent Cue, here's the scoop: You enter the names and ages of your child (or multiple children, grandchildren, teenagers, etc), and each week it provides a short bible verse to say or memorize together, phrases for parents and kids to repeat throughout the week ("Who keeps his promises? God keeps his promises"), and age appropriate info on the phases of childhood; for instance, on the four-year-old's profile it describes how kids this age are chatty and their vocabulary and language skills are exploding. If you scroll down all the way to the bottom of the child's profile, it tells you how many weeks left until graduation. This isn't meant to freak us out, but rather to put in perspective these "long days, short years" we have with our children, a gentle reminder to make the most of each day, even if some days you are only able to repeat the week's bible verse during time together in the car. We're loving this app so far, and if you try it out too we would love to know what you think!



Come Join us and Celebrate !

Susannah Circle: They will have their Christmas brunch to share Thurs. Dec. 20th in the Disciple Center at 9:30. Bring something to share for the brunch and join us for fellowship. They will be collecting for the Pastor's Discretionary fund. For more information contact Patsy Doty 256-881-9039 or Betty Home 256-883-1467.

Deborah Circle: They will be having their annual Christmas cookie exchange Thurs. Dec. 13th at Debra Bocking's Home 10022 Dunbarton Drive at 7:00. Each person needs to bring 3 dozen cookies to share. For more information contact Rita Friday 256-883-8487 or Christy Kindred 256-883-9269.

*Thank You
So Much*

With Love and Gratitude

Santa and I want to thank everyone at Aldersgate for filling shoeboxes this year and for donating to Samaritan's Purse / Operation Christmas Child...you are amazing!!!! You filled 98 boxes and donated almost \$300 toward the cost of packing and shipping the boxes, so well done, good and faithful servants!!!!

We wish you and your families a VERY Merry Christmas, and God Bless You, Every One!

**With love and thanks,
Mrs. Claus**

AUMC Birthday's



December 1-31

- December 2: Fran Cornelison
- December 3: Nathan Cornell, Brock Halverson, Courtney Lee
- December 4: Jacob Kirk, Patricia White
- December 5: Sallie Brandon, Donna Edwards, Mike James
- December 6: Stephen Cutten, Joey Hough
- December 7: Peggy Hearn, David Whitmore, Sarah Whitmore
- December 8: Dennis Clements, Bob Davidson
- December 9: Adam Wofford
- December 12: Kayscie Rousseau
- December 13: Phil Patterson
- December 14: Pete Black, Jim Edwards, Monica Smith
- December 15: Ellen Brady, William Makowski
- December 16: Margaret Pelham
- December 18: Kenneth Shaver, Kellie Shorter, Linda Thompson
- December 20: Maryjon Moore
- December 21: Brandon Rousseau, Arthur Zimmerman
- December 22: Bill Carter, Carla Makowski
- December 24: Savannah Bonner
- December 25: Ginger Young
- December 26: Carol Bullock
- December 27: Lynn Dowling
- December 28: Carolyn Wright
- December 29: Tim Callins
- December 30: Autumn Rose
- December 31: Russell Perry



Come Learn Spanish With Us!

Are you interested in learning a foreign language? Maybe you would just like a refresher course. As for me, I have tried to learn Spanish in the past, but have only picked up bits and pieces over time - never enough to communicate very effectively.

Starting in January, Aldersgate will be offering a Beginning Spanish class taught by Naida Fabre. Mark your calendars:

Beginning Spanish (no experience required)
Beginning January 5, 2019
Sundays 5:00 - 6:30 (childcare is provided)
Led by Naida Fabre
Cost is TBD

Additional information will be provided soon. If you have questions, please contact Naida Fabre (mnfab712@gmail.com), Jim Shivers (shiversjk@gmail.com), or Sherill Clontz (883-9062)



DECEMBER Missions of the Month- **FIRST STOP**

The mission of First Stop is to encounter homeless people where they are, connect them to important services, and to empower them to independent,

sustainable living. There are many ways to partner with First Stop:

***Volunteer - Volunteer groups provide clients with a hot meal almost daily at our Stokes Street facility.**

***Donate Clothing and Personal Care items. Please make sure items are clean and serviceable.**

-Gloves, Blankets, Socks and Coats, small soap, small shampoo and conditioner, small deodorant... for many more ideas, go to <http://www.firststop.org/needs.html>

There will be a collection box just inside the Choir Room.

***Donate money - First stop has a dedicated team of professional case workers who meet with clients to identify needs, develop an individualized plan for progress, and help monitor and facilitate adherence to the plan. We maintain laundry, shower and mailbox facilities...**

To learn more, read the description in Pulse or visit www.firststop.org

AND

Reaching Indians Ministries International (RIMI)

RIMI's mission is to reach the unreached people groups in India, South Asia, and around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, especially the poor and marginalized including Dalits, rural women, and slum children.

Established in 1993, RIMI's key program areas are: Evangelism and Church Planting, Leadership Development, and Compassion Ministries.

RIMI's partner in India operates Mission India Theological Seminary (MITS) and oversees a network of over 1,000 indigenous missionaries, 28 Bible schools, and 14 Mercy homes serving over 500 children.

This year about 500 students will be trained to become tomorrow's influential leaders for transforming South Asia and beyond.

RIMI's God-sized dream is to:

- * Equip 100,000 Christ-like Leaders**
- * Establish 20,000 Disciple-making House Churches**
- * Care for 10,000 Children**

**HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ANNOUNCEMENT**

HAP is in the next round for the Laughlin Service Funeral Home competition for \$45,000 in grants to celebrate their 150 years of service to families!

Now we need You to vote for us! You have a chance to help HAP be a part of receiving these grant funds by ranking the projects you would like to see receive funding from Laughlin.

Use this link Laughlin Service Funeral Home & Crematory - Grant Giveaway Voting Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSFH150>

Voting will be available from December 6-13, 2018. You can vote as often as you like, and we hope you will share the post and the link with your friends so everyone can vote!

When you visit the poll, you will see a brief description of the organizations and their requests. Please rank them in order.

We would appreciate you ranking Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) #1.

THANK YOU!

See what's happening on our social sites:

