



# *ALDERSGATE NEWSLETTER JUNE & JULY 2011*

The joy of resurrection made a life changing impact on the lives of the disciples. Doubt transformed to belief. Regret became love in action. The teachings of Jesus developed new revelations as the disciples reflected on the reality of the empty tomb.

Forty days later everything changed again. With the words –All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Matt.28) Jesus ascended into heaven. Another moment of glorious revelation. The disciples had to be filled with wonder and amazement.

Now what? I wonder who asked the question first. Now what? They made a choice in that moment. We should gather and pray. So they gathered together to pray. One day. Two days. Three days..... Nine days.

On day ten, they were still praying. It was the day of Pentecost. –And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2: 2-4)

Empowered by the Holy Spirit they began the hope found in the resurrected Christ. The Book of Acts record that those who proclaimed Christ turned the world upside down. We know Christ today because those disciples waited, prayed and ordered their lives around the command of Jesus that told them to Go.

On October 2010, we took a few shovels and turned over some dirt to mark the beginning of the Multipurpose Community Center. On June 12, 2011 we will gather in the new gymnasium to dedicate Phase I of a beautiful building to the glory of God. On that day, the day of Pentecost, we will gather to worship and pray for God’s Holy Spirit to bless and consecrate the MCC. As we gather, may God inspire our hearts and guide our minds and our decisions to fulfill the great commission through the fabulous resource of the MCC.

There may be a moment that we find ourselves wondering, Now What? As the great commission has guided us in the past, now we wait in anticipation to see how we can live the great commission through the God given tool of the multipurpose community.

May we spend time praying for God’s guidance that we may live the great commission. May the feel of God’s love flow through Sissonville into the world as we seek to live faithfully.

Pastor Brad and Pastor Stephanie

## Worship Celebrations

There will be many wonderful worship experiences through June and July.

June 12	Pentecost Celebration and Building Dedication
June 19	Father's Day
June 26	Vacation Bible School Sunday
July 10	Rev. Tom Clark, coordinator of WV Volunteers in Mission, will be with us. He will share God's word and about Duncan and Grace's trip to Scotland which he will be leading.
July 24	Laura Allen, director of Communications for the West Virginia Annual Conference, will be sharing.
July 31	Nicholas Naylor will share in Gospel Music throughout worship.

## Youth Opportunities

As the summer heats up, there are some cool youth group opportunities coming up. Here are some special events planned for the youth.

In June, the youth will be helping with Vacation Bible School, June 19-24. Please attend the special training on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM.

King's Island and Spirit song – one day trip, Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost for the ticket is \$45. Contact Pastor Brad by June 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to go.

Swim Party/Back to school bash will be Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Greg and Betty Jo Payne's.

Be sure and stay attentive to the church garden. You can tend the garden whenever you are available.

Family Ministries is planning a youth lock-in for this summer. Watch for more details.

Summer opportunities you can still take advantage of:

**Spring Heights:** Summer camps are available June 19-July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 17-August 5 for youth, including Adventure Camps and custom camps where you pick a custom schedule of fun activities. Check more details at [www.springheights.org](http://www.springheights.org) or Facebook. The Pocatalico Cooperative Parish has some scholarship aid available. Cost for a week at camp is \$250.

**Camp CJ 2011**, July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at Camp Summers in Hinton, WV. Check em out on facebook for more information (Camp CJ).

## Lay Leadership Team

The Lay Leadership Team is a group that is tasked with the privilege to help connect people with leadership possibilities in the life of Aldersgate. They are also responsible for helping persons connect with emerging ministries and needs.

The Lay Leadership Team will be meeting during the July Once A Month Meeting Night. Please keep the team in prayer as they meet, pray and discern. If you are sensing that you want to serve in a ministry area in the church, please seek out a member of the Lay Leadership Team:

Jean Wilson	Becky Funk	Candy Kister	Curt Caldwell	Debbie Messer
Kay McClanahan	Terri Ray	Valerie Burns	Betty Kirby	

## Worship Team

**Flowers for the Altar**-You are invited to purchase flowers to place on the altar table each Sunday.

The cost is \$25.00. If you are interested in ordering flowers, please contact Charlotte Myers or the church office.

**Acolytes** – If your child would like to be an acolyte for the morning worship service, please call Lynn Bostic at 304-988-2272 in the evenings.

## **Facilities Possibilities**

As our space grows, our need for space for the various ministries of Aldersgate and our community grows. We want to hear what your needs are in your ministry area as a comprehensive plan is developed. On **Sunday, June 5**, you are invited to bring a covered dish to share in a meal after Sunday School. Then you will be invited to share what your ministry area space needs are and to hear what other ministry groups need. Every ministry group must be represented. This is vital. If your group is not present, your needs will not be known. This information will be compiled and shared and prayed through. A plan will be developed, then shared with the group again for discernment, prioritization and refinement. This is step one in a process to be good stewards of all the facilities that God has graced us with at Aldersgate.

## **Adding to a Dream with Blocks and Mortar Plus Determination and Faith**

From 1963 - 1965 God's vision for Aldersgate began to be realized with a Fellowship Hall and space for the congregation to park. More of that vision was realized from 1983-1985 with the completion of the Sanctuary where we gather to worship each week. From the beginning a third phase of this dream was envisioned. It has culminated in the Multipurpose Community Center which is currently being constructed. Since our ground-breaking on October 3, 2010, the Phase II shell was added to the initial project. By our June 12<sup>th</sup> dedication the gymnasium will be complete and the shell for the kitchen, bathrooms and music room will be constructed. This 1.1 million dollar project is being funded by the generous giving of our congregation and community. The initial fund drive began in 2006 and the fund drive we are currently in support around half of the cost. The church has borrowed \$600,000 for the completion with hopes of paying this off over the next seven years. In addition, we have wonderful news to share. The efforts of the Fund raising Committee have already brought in \$56,235 along with promises of \$23,720 coming from naming opportunities. It is hoped that these naming opportunities will greatly assist in funds for the kitchen, bathrooms and music. Eight to ten Grants are being written now that have good potential for bringing in additional funds.

The next two weeks will bring the project to completion:

June 8 – June 11: Gym floor installed, final cleanup, and set up for Dedication Ceremony.

June 12: Dedication Ceremony for Multipurpose Room.

## **MCC FUND RAISING**

The MCC Fund Raising Team wants to thank the congregation for its support. It would also like to remind everyone of the upcoming gospel sing/pig roast/purse auction on August 6 and rummage sale (with the United Methodist Women) August 12/13. Please mark the dates on your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about them. The congregation's help will be appreciated in preparing for both events.

During the past seven months, through everyone's involvement, fund raisers including \$4,703.20 from the Pittman Estate sale have resulted in \$56,235 being deposited in the MCC account. The team has a goal of \$100,000 before the end of this year. With your help and God's blessing, this is a realistic and attainable goal. God had a plan for building the MCC and for paying for it. If you would like to be a member of the fund raising team, we would love to have you. If not, just keep praying and supporting us.

Please be reminded of the Naming Opportunities. This is an excellent way to honor or memorialize someone through a lasting legacy, while assisting in completion of the MCC. See a listing on the church bulletin board or contact any fund raising team member for details.



## Purse Auction

Do you have purses, totes, make-up cases, children's purses or wallets that you no longer use? We would like to have them for the Purse Auction on August 6<sup>th</sup> during the pig roast and gospel sing. We also need items to put in the purses. Personal items – combs, nail files, etc. Also, script cards for \$10 to Wendy's or Subway, or of course, cash to purchase items would be great. Give to Cheryl Kingrey or call her at 304-993-6739.

## Rummage Sale – August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

The United Methodist Women's rummage sale is coming up. This year, the Fund Raising Group of the Building Committee is joining the UMW for this sale. All proceeds from this sale will be split evenly between UMW and the Fund Raising Group. Please save your GOOD, USEABLE items for this event. Bring your items on Mon., Tues., and Wed. No items will be accepted after Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up, sorting and pricing every evening from 6:00pm until ?.



Good food, fellowship, and most important precious memories were all found at this year's Mother-Child Banquet. The unofficial count was 83 mothers, daughters and sons! We owe many thanks to Michelle Smith and Tracy Ferrell for their expertise in decorating for the banquet. It was perfect. The prizes were wreaths donated by Dena Taylor in memory of her Mother. They were beautiful. We also want to thank Pastor Stephanie for "volunteering" to do the program. It was great. And of course a special thank-you to the UM Men for being the best cleanup crew around. They are indispensable. As you can see it took many people to make the banquet a success. God blesses each of us with special talents that can be used to bring glory to His name.

**Mission** - We are thrilled to support another of our own- Grace Montgomery on her mission trip to Scotland. We are so proud of you.

**Hubbard Hospice House** - Many people travel great distances to visit with loved ones who are at the Hubbard Hospice House. Many times families in crisis forget to take care of themselves and eat. There is a Family Snack Basket Program that is provided through donations. The UMW made a contribution to this essential program.

**Graduates** -We are so proud of our graduates and honored them with a devotional book during the May 22, Sunday service.

**Reminder:** Mark your calendars for the Rummage Sale on August 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. This promises to be the biggest and best sale but we need your help in order for it to be successful. We will need helpers to sort and price and workers during the sale. Please see Sue McClung or Susie Povick if you would like to volunteer some time to this very worthwhile project. Proceeds will go to the MCC building fund.

**Next meeting: June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.** Program- Pat Caldwell. Hostesses – Janie Bailey and Talma Coffman  
We hope to see you!

Every day is a gift from God.

Susie Povick  
UMW President



## Sawdust Gang

The Sawdust Gang is a group of persons who put their faith in action by helping out others with building repair and building needs. They have recently received many requests to help in various areas. They need more people to come alongside them as they meet these needs.

Can you give a few hours, a day, a weekend, to use your skills to impact a family for Christ? Do you have friends who enjoys working with their hands but aren't connected to a community of faith?

The Sawdust Gang is looking for more men and women to join in this fun and needy ministry. If you would like to learn more about how you can serve in this area, please contact Ron Bennett at 984-1054.



## Food Pantry

*"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhearted toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land."* Deuteronomy 15:11

Would you like to be involved with the Community Food Pantry ministry? Helpers are needed for all of the following functions:

Picking up bread on Tuesdays

Delivering leftover bread to shelters on Friday mornings

Working on Thursday evening

Helping with monthly food deliveries from Mountaineer and Huntington Food Banks

Preparing boxes of food prior to Thursday

If you have any questions, please call Judy Stanley at 304-984-1572, Kay Canterbury at 304-984-9301, or Tammy Payne at 304-984-1511.

**PLEASE BRING CANNED MEATS DURING JUNE AND JULY.**

May God have the Glory!

## Crafting Night

On Friday, June 10 beginning at 6:00pm, Aldersgate UMC will host a Crafting night. Bring a snack and drink to share. We will gather in the fellowship hall and you can stay an hour or two or you can stay until midnight. Hope you can be there to join us. The date in July will be July 8.



## MUSIC NEWS SUMMER SINGERS

It's that time of year to begin listing people for special music for the summer months. Check out the upcoming and be ready to enjoy and worship.

June 19 Men's Quartet  
June 26 VBS Sunday  
July 3 Clifford Kees  
July 10 Tom Brown/Bagpipes  
July 31 Nicholas Naylor  
Saturday, August 6---Pig Roast---Variety of singers  
August 28 The Believers Quartet

<p><b>NICHOLAS NAYLOR</b> <b>Sunday, July 31, 2011</b></p>
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I am still looking for someone to fill the open Sundays, if you have suggestions or someone you would like to hear, let me know.

**Kanawha Valley Ringers** will present "A Salute to Disney" Thursday, June 9 (7:30 pm at the LaBelle Theatre in South Charleston) and Sunday, June 12 (3:30 pm at the Alban Theatre in St. Albans) Admission is free.

**The Raleigh Ringers of Raleigh, North Carolina** They will be at Christ Church United Methodist in Charleston on Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 pm as part of their annual summer tour. This world renowned group is making a rare stop in Charleston. They truly take handbell ringing to the maximum level and continue to raise the bar for our fine art. If you have never seen the Raleigh Ringers, you are in for an unbelievable display of talent and the world's largest collection of handbells. Tickets are \$12 prior to the concert date at \$15 at the door. You may order tickets from Dale Miller, 1408 Gilbert Drive, Charleston, WV 25302. Please help us pack the house for this concert.

Sue Humphrey  
Music Director

### Aldersgate Grads for 2011

**Joseph "Joey" Payne** is the son of Gary and Tammy Payne and brother of Gary. Joey will graduate from Sissonville High School. He plans to attend Fairmont State University majoring in Nursing and has joined the Marine Corp Reserves.

**Jessica Ewers**, daughter of Steve and Kim Ewers, sister of Josh, will be graduated from West Virginia University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology with an emphasis in Aquatic Therapy. She will also be graduated from the WVU Honors College on the same weekend. Jessica plans to continue her education by attending WVU Graduate School toward her goal of gaining her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2014. Jessica was the recipient of the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Adam Michael Burns Memorial Scholarship and wishes to thank Dana and Valerie Burns for all that they have done to help her live her dreams. She hopes to make the Burns' and her parents proud by using their support to help ease the pain and suffering of others.

**Kristin Black** is the daughter of Byron and Julia Black. She has two younger brothers, Will and Byron Patrick. She graduated from Sissonville High School in 2007. After high school, she attended West Virginia University. She has graduated from WVU in the Honors Biology program with a minor in Art. She will be starting medical school at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in August.

**Megan Elizabeth Patton**, daughter of Eric and Amy Coberly and sister of Nicole Patton and Emma Coberly will be graduating with highest honors from Sissonville High School. She's a four-year member of the SHS volleyball team, plays the piano and has become quite a talented painter. She will be attending Marshall University in the fall studying Speech Therapy.

**Casey DeMarco** son of Bill and Karla DeMarco of Shepherdstown, WV graduated from WVU with a degree in Broadcast News Journalism, his desire is to become a sports writer. He is the husband of our very own Emily Myers DeMarco and son-in-law of Charlotte Myers. Their future plans include heading to Brooklyn, NY.

**Nick Slate** is the husband of Candice Slate, son of Larry and Judy Slate and brother of Trevor. He is graduating with his master's degree from Marshall University. His degree is in Technology Management with a concentration in Information Technology. Nick maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout a curriculum that included business- and technology-centered courses. Nick plans to continue working as an Instructional Technologist at Marshall University. Nick is involved with many aspects of the church's media and worship ministries and has recently begun helping with the children's ministries.

**Kalli A. Taylor** daughter of Brenda Taylor, granddaughter of Bernard and Jean Whittington. Graduated from Michigan State University in August 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Advertising. She will begin a new job this month.

**Lindsey Goff** is the daughter of Jason and Starlena Goff. Granddaughter of Patt Goff and the late Bernard Goff. She has one sister, Kaylee. She is currently employed with Edgewood Summit and enjoys spending time with the residents there, She is graduating from Sissonville High school and will be attending WVU to pursue her dream of becoming a Nurse Anesthetist. While attending Sissonville High School Lindsey was a part of the volleyball team and Academic Honorary. She will be graduating with a 4.25 GPA and has received the Promise Scholarship.

**Katy Cunningham** is the daughter of Amy Lilly and Tracy Cunningham. She is a graduate of Sissonville High School. Played varsity volleyball all four years, Team Captain of the successful SHS Volleyball team the past two years, the very volleyball team that set a school record for the most wins in a season and went to the State finals. Katy also made All-Cardinal Conference Team her senior year.

**Kaitlyn Jean Weekley** is the daughter of Tracy and Susan Weekley. Granddaughter of Jean Wilson. She is the twin sister of Megan and the older sister of Allyson. She will graduate with honors from Sissonville High School. She has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Christian Youth Fellowship. Kaitlyn played volleyball her freshman year. She will be attending WVU in the fall and currently is undecided on her major but it will be in the medical field. Kaitlyn will receive the Promise Scholarship as well as an annual scholarship from Association of Energy Services Contractors.

**Megan Weekley** is the daughter of Tracy and Susan Weekley. Granddaughter of Jean Wilson. She has a twin sister, Kaitlyn and younger sister, Ally. She has attended Aldersgate since the age of seven and been a member since the age of twelve. Megan played volleyball all through middle school and high school. During the past year, the volleyball team set a school record for the most wins in a season and went to the State finals. She also has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Christian Youth Fellowship. Megan will graduate with honors and plans to attend Marietta College to study Petroleum Engineering in the fall. Megan has received the Beverly Ellis Alumni Scholarship, 2011 Marietta College Legacy Grant, the Deans Scholarship, and the Promise Scholarship.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT - APRIL 2011

<b>Tithes and Gifts</b>	\$ 18,148.95
<b>Designated Gifts</b>	
Building Fund (MCC)	\$ 16,624.00
Pledges and Gifts	\$ 4,754.00
Bob Evans	\$ 437.00
Memorial Bricks	\$ 3,700.00
Mountaineer Statue	\$ 2,500.00
Naming Rights	\$ 5,000.00
Wheelbarrow	\$ 139.00
10-10-10	\$ 74.00
Service Auction	\$ 20.00
Food Pantry	\$ 748.32
Memorials	\$ 300.00
Pastors' Contingency Fund	\$ 100.00
UMCOR	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Designated</b>	<b>\$ 17,847.32</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 35,996.27</b>

### Wednesday, June 15th Meeting Night Schedule

5:30	Trustees (Parlor)	Worship (Music Room)	Prayer Team (Sanctuary)	
6:15	SPRC (Parlor)	Finance (FaithWeaver)	Childrens Ministry/VBS (Faith Village)	MCC Building Committee (Fellowship Hall)
7:00	Administrative Council (Fellowship Hall)			

### Wednesday, July 20th Meeting Night Schedule

5:30	Trustees (Parlor)	Worship (Music Room)	Prayer Team (Sanctuary)	Lay Leadership Team (Pastor's Office)
6:15	SPRC (Parlor)	Finance (FaithWeaver)	MCC Building Committee (Fellowship Hall)	
7:00	Administrative Council (Fellowship Hall)			

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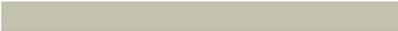
*Welcome to Aldersgate United Methodist Church*

Our Church is located at 6823 Sissonville Drive just down the road from Sissonville High School. Look for our sign and then up the hill! You are always welcome at Aldersgate.

Worship Service 10 AM    Sunday School 11:15 AM

[www.AldersgateWV.org](http://www.AldersgateWV.org)

## **Dedication Sunday June 12, 2011 at 10AM Morning Worship**

  
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