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## Youth News!

by Scott Wilmoth, Youth Co-Director



2012 is off to a great start! Our youth have enjoyed the great outdoors (even though it was a little cold) with a trip to the tide pools in Little Corona and a hike around Irvine Park that included some rock climbing and a visit to the Orange County Zoo. When we get outside like that we want to emphasize God's wonderful creations to the youth and let

them appreciate what God has shared with them and why it's important that we take care of it. We also watched a good little movie called "Dolphin Tale". It's a great story of perseverance and love and it led to great discussion.

The youth also finished up an incredible Bible study of the Ten Commandments. We took an in depth look at how God has commanded us to live our lives, and we realized that these commandments are hard to live up to. We asked each other tough questions and challenged ourselves each week to do something positive (like honoring your mother and father by telling them "I love you" without them saying it first or remembering the Sabbath by being silent with God) to recognize that these commandments still have meaning in our lives today. We definitely grew in our faith and understanding of what it means to be person of God, and we can't wait to begin our next Bible study series called "Get on the Ride" written by Matt Neely.

This month we have our Snow Trip! We are so excited! The trip will cost \$50 per person (plus extra if you are going skiing or snowboarding). The trip will be from Feb. 18th-20th and it is guaranteed to be a blast!

It's never too early to start planning for summer, and we have our summer camp dates available already. Elementary Camp is July 15-20th, Junior High Camp is July 22-27, and Senior High Camp is July 29-August 4. Kim Wilmoth is a dean for Elementary Camp and Elisa and I are deans of Senior High Camp. Mellisa Astbury and Megan Gavitt will be first time counselors at Elementary Camp this year and they will do a great job! We are so excited for them!

February 26th between services we will have our Confirmation Kick-Off meeting for our confirmands (7th graders) and their parents. We will meet in the Fireside Room. Another great time to have more youth become members of our church!

We have another great year with so many ways our youth can continue to grow closer to each other and grow closer to God. Thank you all so much for your love and support.

Blessings,  
Scott



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***...Our Presence...***

**Worship and Sunday School Attendance**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>
1/1	175	20
1/8	259	55
1/15	232	43
1/22	317	48
1/29	293	43



Please remember that **ALL GROUPS** using the Aldersgate facility **must** contact the church office and schedule their meetings, rehearsals and events on the Master Calendar. Using the Master Calendar avoids confusion and conflicts and also insures that your meeting or event is set up properly with the necessary equipment.

Our facility is in **constant** use both internally and by outside groups. What you see on the Sunday bulletin calendar is only a small portion of the events and activities that are occurring during the week.

In addition, it is **VITAL** to remember to close and lock all doors and windows when you adjourn. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our property secure!

**Church Office Hours**

Monday -Thursday:

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



In September 2010, a broad cross-section of our congregation's leaders came together and developed a three-year strategic plan for Aldersgate. An important task for every organization is to set and review the goals that guide us. Last month, the Church Council, under the leadership of Wendy Lee, met to review the five goals we had set.

We began by reviewing both the mission and vision of Aldersgate UMC. Our mission is the same one that guides our work as a denomination: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is how we see ourselves living out that mission, and it is one that I proposed at our 50th anniversary celebration in 2009: that Aldersgate UMC give birth to a new church by 2019.

We then spent time reviewing our progress towards achieving the goals and objectives for 2011. Those goals are:

- Develop and Communicate Mission and Outreach Opportunities
- Increase Adult Educational Offerings
- Develop More Opportunities for Connecting with and Outreach to Community
- Develop Young Adult Ministries
- Plan and Institute Diverse Worship Service Offerings

We determined that we had made progress in each of these areas. For example, we have greatly increased our activity in mission and outreach to the community. Our first Fall Fest was not only a great success in raising funds for our ministries, but in connecting our church members with others in the local community. Our youth led the way with their mission trip to the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona last summer. Sunday Suppers has grown into a very successful feeding program for the hungry as we work with our partners at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

There are also areas where we wish to focus more attention. We have added a new goal for 2012: to develop a long-term financial strategy that will support the growth of Aldersgate. The Church Council will identify a committee of leaders to review our stewardship and develop a plan to grow our financial resources in order to support the growth of our ministries. Other 2012 priorities include: more hands-on mission and outreach opportunities for adults, classes on parenting and interfaith understanding, and a Summer Theater program (under the direction of Allison Horner) for children, youth and young adults.

Our church is a vital part of the Body of Christ, and we are continually seeking new ways to serve our community and the world. Thanks for being part of the Aldersgate community as we seek to grow in our Christian discipleship together.

Rev. Greg  
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# Celebrating Scouts



On Sunday, February 12, the United Methodist Church recognizes scouting programs with Scouting Ministries Sunday. Anyone who has ever been involved in scouting is encouraged to wear their uniform and be recognized during worship on that Sunday.

Aldersgate is pleased to now be an official sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 819 and they will be participating in worship and officially welcomed to the facility. They will hold their pack meetings as well as banquets and derbies at Aldersgate during the year.

2012 is also a special year for Girl Scouts, who are celebrating 100 years of scouting. The mission of the Girl Scouts is "Building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place".

Congratulations to everyone that makes a commitment to be part of these great organizations!

# Karin's Quotes

The faith question for this month is, "How does Christ love me, and how do I show my love for Christ and others?" In this month, when the country will celebrate love on Valentine's Day, we, as Christians, need to remember that the love we have comes from God. In his book, Bread for the Journey, Henri Nouwen writes this about love:

*What can we say about God's love? We can say that God's love is unconditional. God does not say, "I love you, if..." There are no ifs in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity and is not bound to any time-related events or circumstances. Does that mean that God does not care what we do or say? No, because God's love wouldn't be real if God didn't care. To love without condition does not mean to love without concern. God desires to enter into relationship with us and wants us to love God in return.*

*Let's dare to enter into an intimate relationship with God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love.*

God has loved us before we were even born, and God will continue to love us after we die. This love was shown to us through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. And Christ continues to love us and guide us along the way of faith. So, remembering that we are loved completely and wholly, how do we share this love with others? How do our actions, our words, our prayers, and our lives reflect this unconditional and amazing love? May we take the time to ponder these questions, and find joy in the answers!

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Karin*



## CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS!

### FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER



Please join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a flavorsome fundraising event! Come out and enjoy something delicious from the CPK menu on Thursday, February 23rd between 11:00AM-9:30PM for another day of great food and fun! CPK is located at the Tustin Market Place. The Children's Center receives 20% of sales generated by Aldersgate. Simply present the California Pizza Kitchen flyer available at the Children's Center Office. See you there! Dine-In or Take-Out.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to all of you who join us in fellowship each month in support of the Children's Center. Our total profit for 2011 was \$2,146.00!!

We wish to thank the Aldersgate Families who displayed their Christmas cards on the Christmas Card Tree that was located in the Narthex. Your generous donation of \$438.50 went towards the Children's Center Scholarship Fund. You have enabled us to provide daycare for families in need of financial assistance. Your support of our program is truly appreciated.

Love and Blessings!



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# FINANCIAL FACTS

**2011:**

- Income of \$635,000 was 97% of a planned \$652,000
- Pledges at \$494,000 were 98.6% of a planned \$501,300
- Expense of \$654,000 was 97% of a planned \$675,000
- Planned use of reserves was \$23,000, but only \$11,000 was needed to balance the income and expense shortfalls shown above.
- 100% of our apportionment payments of \$81,500 to the Cal Pac Conference were made.

**2012:**

On January 9th, the Administrative Council approved an operating budget for 2012 of \$683,000:

- Income of \$668,000 with pledges of \$492,000
- Expenses of \$683,000 with increases being, basically, taxes, insurance, and health care
- Planned use of reserves of \$15,000
- Apportionment payments (included in expenses) of \$84,000

**2012 Pledge Campaign Results**

The final results of the Called to Generosity Campaign, headed by Cheryl and Todd Waterson, were 168 families or individuals pledging \$474,000. 71 of those increased their giving by 19% over 2011. There were 39 new pledges, which is a record. There was an additional \$26,000 in responses to the November letter requesting “over and above” consideration for 2012.

Norm Henke,  
Financial Secretary

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## ADVENTURERS

On Thursday, January 19, 2012, we *finally* had our “Re-gifting Gift Exchange” that was originally planned for December 2011! We had a really nice turn out. Bob Elliott was able to attend with Jane and we were blessed with their lovely daughter from Colorado. There was enough food to feed a “salivating” army, fantastic conversation and a Re-Gifting Gift Exchange, with

*minimal* gift stealing. Each person left with something they could either “re-gift” or most of us actually *LOVED* our chosen gift(s).

It was a battle for the chocolates between Jack & Bob and they agreed to “share”, half each. Pollie found one particular gift something she “wanted to keep” and, by the look in her eyes, we knew she meant business. Some were tricked by the box, or wrappings, to choose a gift that had nothing to do with what they assumed was in it. There was one gift in a “Christmas Wine Bottle Bag” that Pat Herrick finally opened just to find out “if it was alive”...it ended up being a fuzzy teddy bear (not live). Jack chose a box with a Hawaiian Hula Girl on it and Patty didn’t hold it against him because he couldn’t have chosen the gift because of the “girl on the box” since it was not facing him when he picked it. There were many more laughs but not enough space to list them all. By the feedback on the “comment cards” *EVERYONE* had a great time so I hope you consider putting Adventurers on *your* calendar in the future.

For the rest of 2012 we have changed to the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in April, July, October** (*same time: 11:30am-1pm*). This should hopefully avoid scheduling conflicts with other groups or busy times of the year. I have been deeply contemplating unique and fun things for us to experience in 2012 and I hope more people will be joining in.

Yours in fellowship,  
*Mary Keough*

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## A Special Request



As you may know, Melanie's kidneys are failing and she is down to 14% function. She is in need of a kidney transplant, but so far, none of the family donors who have stepped forward have been successful. Therefore, we are reaching out for your help.

Not everyone is a good match or candidate for kidney donation. Some of the basic rules are that the donor must be between 18 to 65 years old. Body Mass Index (BMI) should be under 35. Type O blood is required to donate to Melanie since she is type O (it doesn't matter if positive or negative). Other blood types can still apply to be part of a UCLA paired kidney exchange program and if approved, Melanie would still benefit.

If you have any questions about being a kidney donor, you can call UCLA's living donor line at 866-672-5333, or check out their website at [www.transplants.ucla.edu](http://www.transplants.ucla.edu).

If you or someone you know would consider donating a kidney to Melanie, please complete and submit a donor form located on the UCLA transplant website at: [www.transplants.ucla.edu](http://www.transplants.ucla.edu)

Once on the site:

- Select "Transplant Information"
- Select "Kidney" from the drop-down menu.
- Scroll down that page and select "Living Kidney Donation".
- Scroll down that page and you will find various forms, including a "Donor Intake" form, which must be printed, completed and Faxed to UCLA if you are interested in donating. Be sure to indicate that the person you are donating for is Melanie Ackerman, date of birth 7-12-1991. There is also a "Donor Information" document on this same page which gives good information about being a kidney donor.

If you or someone you know feels called to be Melanie's kidney donor it would be awesome! We appreciate you spreading the word. If you have any questions, or suggestions for getting the word out, please call Melanie's mom, Carol at 949-929-0023.

Thank you very much,

Carol & Melanie Ackerman

## Organ Donation Policy of the United Methodist Church

**"Organ Transplantation and Donation** - We believe that organ transplantation and organ donation are acts of charity, agape love, and self-sacrifice. We recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and other tissue donation and encourage all people of faith to become organ and tissue donors as a part of their love and ministry to others in need. We urge that it be done in an environment of respect for deceased and living donors and for the benefit of the recipients, and following protocols that carefully prevent abuse to donors and their families."

**Social Principles of the United Methodist Church**

## Family Ministries

By: Kim Wilmoth

### Collecting money for Good Samaritan Box

During the month of February, the children of AUMC are collecting money to buy gift cards for the Good Samaritan fund. The church office received many requests for people needing help for food, gas, bus passes, etc... and the need keeps getting greater. The Good Samaritan box has a variety of gift cards to help people in need.

Each child received a box on Sunday in Sunday school. In the box is also a "task" sheet of ideas kids can use to help fill the box. The boxes are due on February 26.

Once the money is collected, the Zero G group and I will go and purchase the gift cards to add to the box.



Thanks to the efforts of Robin Sexton, we were able to send 15 boxes to the Operation Christmas Child distribution center in Irvine. From there they were distributed all over the world. The package my family turned in ended up

going to Abkhazia.

Once it arrives in its final destination, and the shoe box gets into the hands of a child, many things happen....(From the Samaritan's Purse website)

- Lively, fun event for children
- Creative Gospel presentation by local churches and ministry partners, where appropriate
- Shoe boxes are given to children unconditionally
- Soon after an OCC distribution event, the local churches and ministry partners may offer The Greatest Journey (TGJ) to the children participating in OCC in many of their communities.

## Save the date!

"Family and Friends CPR Course" is a 2-hour non-certification course hosted by the Family Ministries Committee on Saturday, April 21st at 1 P.M in our Fellowship Hall.

Course is appropriate for as young as ten or eleven years of age, as long as the student can "understand what they are doing and when and why they would use a skill to demonstrate that skill effectively."

Attendees must also have the strength to perform compressions.

Cost is \$5 per person.

Sign-ups begin the 1st Sunday in March, on the patio between services.

Final deadline to sign-up and pay is Sunday April 1, 2012-- no foolin'.

**Can you find the names of 16 books of the Bible in the paragraph below? Answers will be in the March Gatepost. Good luck!**

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.



If you are in need of prayer for yourself, a family member or a friend, you are invited to contact:

**Karen Pinney**  
**Prayer Chain Coordinator,**  
**at (714) 542-5936.**

All prayer requests are placed in the church prayer book and the staff and pastors pray for these people weekly. To respect the privacy of those in need, we publish only the names of those who give us permission to do so. Let us support you in prayer!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the prayer chain, please contact the church office.

## Remember these people in your prayers.

*We Rejoice . . .*

... in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ

*We grieve . . .*

...with Stuart Walley and family at the death of his sister, Kathy Gail  
 ...with Teri Babb and family at the death of her aunt, Tessie Schargenberg  
 ...with Scott Dreyer and family at the death of his step-father, Robert Reando  
 ...with the Stribbling family and friends at the death of Candace Stribbling

*We pray for . . .*

...Peace, Our military personnel and their families, Jeanie Barber, Laura Dennison, Ceil Kirby-Morgan, Lindsay Calderon, Dolly Kaplan, Marcia Viglione, Pat and Tom Ewald, Carol Hodge, Allison Horner, Ruth Smith, Jeanine Kitrell, Lynn Austin, John Boyer, Lois Jean Little, Mike Cahill, Sherian Nuzzo, Joann Beard, Dennis Bruckler, Carol Spivey

*Our Homebound Aldersgate Family:*

Eilleen Murray, Jenni Chatterton, Bunny Clark, and Margaret Percival

*Extended Family:*

Nancy Calhoun, Midge Gaylor, Max Wilford, Robert Jensen and his family, Debby Shaiman, Charline Babb, Emmalyne Symonds, Gail Hawes, Peggy McGonigle, Carol Parrish, Lisa Hastlehurst, Barry Turner and family, Jason Baron, Lily Balmages, Jason James, Leslie and Don Gorman, John and Kathy Harl, Kurt Dudley and family, Steve, Bob, Hal Buist, Marvella Fehling

## Prayer Shawl Ministry...



...meets on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** Wednesday evenings of the month at 7:00-8:30pm in the Senior High Room. If you are interested in being part of this important and meaningful ministry, please feel free to attend a meeting—even if you have no experience, there are knitters and crocheters willing to help those that are just getting started. Childcare is available during the summer and can be arranged during the school year with advanced notice.

Phyllis Gavitt is the Coordinator of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please feel free to contact Phyllis if you have any questions or need further information about the group.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It is a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

**Meets weekly, Wednesdays, 7:00pm,** in the library.

For more information contact Elsie Hale at 714-838-4111 or Mary Lynn Norby at 714-832-4678.

## BeFriender Ministers



BeFriender Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

**BeFrienders are now able to provide Holy Communion to the homebound.** Please call the church office at 714-544-3653 if you are interested. Contact the church office or Rev. Greg if you would like to explore having a BeFriender Minister meet with you.

## *Gifts of Giving!*

We want to share with you the incredible gifts of giving that have taken place at Aldersgate this past year. When we think of giving, we want to include the gift of service. We are doing a great job of reaching out to the community and we sometimes forget that it takes many hands and heart to keep the Aldersgate church campus running smoothly. With that in mind, we want to say a HUGE thank you! It would be impossible to list everyone, but we are so very grateful to all the ushers, the counters, the choir, the acolytes, liturgists, committee members, office volunteers, parent volunteers, Sunday Supper volunteers, Isaiah House volunteers, Wednesday Night Dinner volunteers, youth group members who serve lunches to the homeless, Sunday School staff and volunteers, the children and parents of Aldersgate Children’s Center who gave generously to Operation Christmas Child and Canyon Acres and also prepared “manna bags” for those in need. We are thankful for the Adopt A Family participants and the volunteers who make sure our food donations are delivered to the appropriate centers. This is just a beginning of a long list of gratitude for YOU!!

Our Record of Giving for 2011 included the following items:

Easter Offering .....	\$6827.00
Disaster Relief & Grace Children’s Hospital	
The Neighborhood La Vecindad .....	\$600.00
Seeds of Change, Long Beach	
Thanksgiving Offering .....	\$3193.00
Remote Area Medical & No More Malaria	
Christmas Offering .....	\$7574.00
Families Forward & Friendly Center	
Christmas Card Tree .....	\$438.50
Alternative Christmas Market .....	\$3616.00
Romeo Del Rosario .....	\$2500.00
Covenant Pledge	
<b>Total Record of Giving for 2011 .....</b>	<b>\$24,748.50</b>

This is amazing! We appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you.

## Families Helping Families Blanket Drive



With our chilly winter weather we are reminded that some people go without warm blankets to comfort them. Please join us in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blanket Drive for Families Helping Families. Blankets were on the list of top 5 items requested by the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Orange.

We will be collecting blankets throughout the month of February. We will use our big blue tub to collect them on the patio between services. Blankets of all sizes are welcome, but usually twin or crib size are the most frequently requested. The blankets do not need to be new, but we ask that they be clean and in good condition.

We thank you in advance for helping us help others in our local community.

The Adopt a Social Team: Nancy, Pat, and Sue



MISSION OUTREACH

## Sunday Suppers Program Growing

Many thanks to the wonderful Sunday Suppers volunteers! Every third Sunday, a team of 35+ volunteers arrives to serve our community. All the volunteers bring gifts and graces, from shopping, to cooking, to setting up, to handing out groceries, to cleaning up, to serving the guests. A friendly smile and a conversation are such blessings to our guests. Lori Ebright proposed a craft table for the children and it is a hit. The parents love it and the table is busy. In January she brought books to read to the children and then gave them a book to take home! The spirit of the guests and the volunteers is humbling. Christ is present.

**February Date Change:** Please note that we are serving Sunday Supper on the second Sunday, **February 12**. This is a one-time-only change. In March, we will go back to the third-Sunday schedule. We continue to collect groceries on the third Sunday of the month, even in February.

**Tustin Community Foundation** filmed our January 15 Sunday Supper service for the Mayor's Inaugural Dinner. The Foundation gave a \$1000 grant to St. Paul's to support the program and is very interested in this amazing ecumenical effort. St. Paul's is using the grant to buy groceries from Second Harvest and to upgrade kitchen equipment.

To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Ann DiPlacito at 949-857-2398 or [diplocito@aol.com](mailto:diplocito@aol.com).



Celebrating Doyle's 96th Birthday!

## Sunday Suppers Needs You Call for Volunteers and Groceries

On the third Sunday of every month, 30 Aldersgate volunteers prepare and serve a healthy meal to guests at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In one year, our guest numbers have grown from 35 to 95.

With the more guests, our needs have grown. Here is how you can help.

### MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have over 40 people on our volunteer roster, but with 30 or more people needed every time, our roster must grow. You don't have to volunteer every month and you can try a different job each time. Little time is required and you'll feel such a lift from helping. Friends, neighbors and co-workers are welcome, too.

- **Setup team**, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. - Set the tables, set up beverages, and organize groceries for distribution
- **Food Preparation**, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. - Assist the chef with all food preparation, including chopping, mixing, sautéing and sharing cooking ideas.
- **Beverage servers**, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m. - Set up the beverage service table and serve early guests. Pour beverages during dinner.
- **Food servers**, 5:10 – 6:30 p.m. - Serve guests beverages; take plates to the tables and clear tables. Interact directly with the guests. Some servers help with grocery distribution at end of meal.
- **Food plating**, 5:10 – 6:30 p.m. - Dish up food for the servers. There is an art to this!
- **Clean up team**, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. - Wash dishes, clean up kitchen, help take down tables and chairs.

### GROCERIES NEEDED

We are collecting groceries the **third Sunday of the month** - especially needed are non-perishable high-protein items. **See the list below.** After dinner, our guests line up to select groceries to take home. Second Harvest used to supply much more for this program, but their shelves are emptier than ever and so we are relying more on donations from the congregation. We serve many families with children who are between jobs or trying to make their paychecks stretch. If we all bring one item each month, we would be able to provide much for our neighbors in need. The next collection is **Sunday, February 19.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canned Fruit</li> <li>• Boxed Juices</li> <li>• <b>Peanut Butter*</b></li> <li>• Jam, Honey</li> <li>• Spaghetti Sauce</li> <li>• Canned Tomato Products</li> <li>• <b>Ravioli / Canned Pastas*</b></li> <li>• Chili, Stew, Hearty Soups</li> <li>• Pasta, Pasta Mixes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac &amp; Cheese</li> <li>• Plain Rice , Rice Mixes</li> <li>• Crackers, Healthy Snacks</li> <li>• Canned Beef, Chicken</li> <li>• <b>Tuna*</b></li> <li>• Cereal</li> <li>• Canned Vegetables (Carrots, Mixed, Spinach)</li> <li>• Beans (Baked, Refried, Black, Kidney)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cup-O-Noodles*</b></li> <li>• Dried Milk</li> <li>• Fresh Fruit</li> <li>• <b>Toilet Paper*</b></li> <li>• Tissues</li> <li>• Baby Food, Baby Formula, Diapers (Medium and Large)</li> <li>• Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Disposable Razors</li> </ul> |
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**\*Items in high demand—remember smaller cans are preferable as opposed to “family size”.**

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, when the season of Lent begins. Traditionally, this day is seen as the last day to celebrate before one enters the season of Lent when prayers of confession, meditation, and fasting are encouraged. It has also been a tradition to have a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday as an effort to get rid of all sugar, fat, and other sweets before Lent.

To celebrate this day, the church staff is hosting a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled feast as we begin to prepare for Lent!

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT

There will be two opportunities during Lent to experience worship in a new way. On Sunday, March 4, with the help of the BeFriends, we will have a **Healing Service** during our regular Sunday morning worship service. It is also a Communion Sunday, so as people come forward for Holy Communion, they will be invited to participate in an act of healing through the anointing of oil. Then on Thursday, April 5, we will incorporate elements of **Taize** worship into our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM. We hope you will be able to participate in these special worship services!

## AUMC Staff in Prayer

During the Lenten season, the staff of Aldersgate has made a commitment to pray for every member of the church. Each week a group of members will be selected. We will contact each member either by email or phone to ask if there are any specific prayer requests that we may lift up. By Easter, every member of Aldersgate will have been remembered in prayer by the staff of the church.



## 2012 Lenten Study

During the season of Lent, the Rev. Greg Batson will lead a series entitled "24 Hours That Changed the World". Written by Adam Hamilton, this book guides us, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life. It is accompanied by a DVD that travels through the Holy Land to visit the sites where these events took place.

This series will begin on Wednesday, February 29th and will continue for six weeks: March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4. We will meet at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Childcare will be available.

## SCENICROOTS



Scenic Roots is a sister duo which combines old-time mountain melodies, bluegrass drive, Irish traditions, and down-home humor. They will take you on a scenic journey as they weave their many musical influences together to create a unique blend of roots music. You'll feel like you've gone back in time to the days when folks gathered on front porches to play and sing together.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a Scenic Roots concert. A free-will offering will be taken and their CD's will be available for purchase.

Scenic Roots is guaranteed to take you on a musical journey unlike any other.

Opportunities Await

## “Thank Goodness It’s Wednesday” Night Dinners



A huge **THANK YOU** to Dennis Joslyn for arranging cooks for the spring and for cooking for three Wednesdays in a row in January. We’re still in need of cooks for February!

Cost for dinner is \$5 a person or \$15 for families. Contact Dennis Joslyn to sign up to be a cook — [djoslyn@cox.net](mailto:djoslyn@cox.net).

## Women’s Circle Updates

Hope Circle will meet on Wed, Feb. 15, at 9:30 in the Fireside Room. Hope to see you all there.

Elizabeth Circle will meet at Cheryl Hartley’s home on Feb. 6th at 7 p.m. Helen will give the program on “Pure Water for the World”. It will be an overview of the water situation globally and some of the solutions that are happening around the world.

Living Faith will meet at the home of Fran Laster on Tuesday, February 14, at 1:30pm. Barbara Belitz will be our speaker. Don’t forget to bring Valentines. RSVP to Fran Laster at (714) 648-0898.

## WOMEN’S RETREAT

The AUMC annual Women’s Retreat will be on Feb. 4-5 at the Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. Sahra Tanikawa, Marni Davis, Kim Wilmoth, and Rev. Karin Ellis have worked together to plan a wonderful experience for each attendee. In addition to amazing fellowship, incredible food, and renewing rest, we will be exploring how God transforms our lives and our spirits in the midst of “in-between,” or transitional, times in our lives. Please keep us all in your prayers, and we ask that our hearts, eyes, and spirits will be opened to a deeper understanding of God!



Do you like to travel and enjoy the fellowship of meeting old and new friends? Then join us for some fun filled, exciting and interesting tours. (Tours are with the Santa Ana Elks Lodge). Upcoming tours include:

- ~ **Catalina Overnight, June 11-12, 2012** - \$225/pp Catalina Flyer, 1 night at Pavilion Lodge, Casino Tour & Flying Fish Tour (Day 1), Glass Bottom Boat Tour (Day 2) Deposit \$75/pp
- ~ **Nova Scotia & Canadian Maritimes, July 11-19, 2012** - \$2729/pp, 9 Days
- ~ **Italian Vistas, October 6-18, 2012** - \$4819/pp, 13 Days

To receive a complete Itinerary for the tours or to get on our e-mail list to receive additional information on upcoming Day Trips, Plays, Over Night & Extended Tours and Last Minute Travel openings, **please contact Jim Tobin at 949-533-4959 or [elktravel@cox.net](mailto:elktravel@cox.net)**.

## KNOCK, KNOCK...



Who Was There?

## THE UMM FEBRUARY PROGRAM

On Saturday, February 11th, The Aldersgate Men are hosting one of the Ministers in our greater church family, the Rev. Ron Faux, Jennifer Kelly’s Dad.

Ron will share with us stories of the many “knocks” he answered as he sought his life’s work, such as short order cook, Fuller Brush salesman, and possible Social Studies teacher, all preceding his decision to finally answer the Lord’s.

He is now a “retired” UM Pastor, having served, with distinction, churches in Arizona, 23 years in Hawaii, and most recently in California. He’s an Air Force veteran, served as a police chaplain, Dean of several camps, and on the Board of Ordained Ministry.

He is a world traveler, a gardener of some repute, and will, no doubt, prove to be an inspiration to our group. Breakfast is at 8:00am and Ron’s program between 8:30 and 9:30. RSVP to [bgriss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgriss@sbcglobal.net).

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

9 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School is provided during the 9am service, childcare provided during the 10:30 service.

### February Faith Question:

**How does Christ love me, and how do I show my love for Christ and others?**

## February 2012 - Worship Opportunities

### **February 5, 2012**

#### **"Souper" Bowl Sunday**

Rev. Greg Batson, preaching

Mark 1:29-39

Holy Communion, Food Donation Sunday



### **February 12**

#### **Scouting Ministries Sunday**

Rev. Greg Batson, preaching

Mark 1:40-45

Joyful Noise Choir Sings in Worship

***Sunday Suppers at St. Paul's Episcopal Church***



### **February 19**

#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

Rev. Karin Ellis, preaching

Mark 9:2-9



### **February 22**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Service - Imposition of Ashes

*Psalm 51:1-17*



### **February 26**

#### **1st Sunday in Lent**

Rev. Greg Batson, preaching

Mark 1:9-15

Miracle Movers Dancing in Worship

