

May I come in?

January 2017, has tossed us a plethora of emotions. They have run every scale from 1 – 10; positive to negative, loving to hateful, anxious to calm, trust to not trusting at all, happy to sad, and angry to “hey this is good.” Of course, I am referring to the transition that took place in our government; the departure of President Obama and arrival of President Trump. Change is always difficult and especially with the leader of your country. There are always two or more sides, most of us usually support one more than the other. After all, we want our side to win. This transition has historically been one of our countries most difficult. It has created an angry and volatile atmosphere throughout our land. We are witnessing protest after protest.

In spite of it all, we need to celebrate our nation’s system of the transfer of leadership; how smooth the United States our transition takes place. If one questions that they only need to review their World History to note how often it is not the case in many other countries.

However, beyond that, what do we do with our present situation; with our own feelings, (wherever they may fall)? Perhaps we need to follow Pope Francis’ advice “wait and see.” There are bound to be things that some will not like and others will. Remember when Obama became President; there came change and not everyone was happy.

There is something that each of us can do throughout this time of intense emotion and upheaval. We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Doesn’t that mean even through these difficult days that is what we are to be about? Remember the words of Micah; “what does the Lord require of you; to seek justice, to have mercy and walk humbly with our God.” Jesus was asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.”

We must move forward but not forgetting who we are and what we are to be about; people of love, justice, mercy and compassion. It’s a major responsibility but what discipleship in Jesus Christ is all about.

See you in worship,

Tom



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End of year celebrations

November – December 2016



The table is ready for Thanksgiving



Dinner is served



Food enjoyed by all



Thanksgiving Carpet



First Sunday of Advent candles



Up goes the tree



Charter Members



Sarah gives Tom the "goat"



Sandra Davis
 Verna Platner
 Robert Reyes, Sr.
 Joyce Ramsey
 Trudy Horney
 Lily Lim
 Ivor Franklin

February 4
 February 6
 February 13
 February 18
 February 22
 February 22
 February 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY		
Every Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Arizona Masterworks	6:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	AA	7:00 p.m.

Aldersgate Anniversary Sunday is **February 5th**, 2017.

Free admission to the Desert Botanical Garden is **February 14th**, 2017. Meet Martha Brodersen at 1:00 p.m. inside the admission area.



Please submit any March newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Monday, **February 28th**. Newsletters are handed out to those in worship on the first Sunday of each month. Those not present will have their newsletter mailed the following week.

Our Food Box Ministry gives out up to ten emergency bags of food every Tuesday morning—all food donations are welcome and canned goods are needed. Drop off all donations in the bin by the back door of the sanctuary.



Arizona Broadway Theatre upcoming play, *Jesus Christ Superstar* on Thursday, **March 16**, 2017. It is rehearsal night preview. We can get in for \$5.00 each. No drinks or food available. We can car pool like last time, so we need to have members sign up so we know how many will go.

Next Church Council meeting is scheduled for **March 19th**, 2017, in the library following Sunday morning church service & fellowship time.



YOUR GIFT IS TOO BIG FOR A BOX.

It's a living, breathing, hope-giving, money-making, fruit-bearing, women-empowering, food-providing, business-creating, fuel-generating, fiber-growing, milk-making, life-changing machine. This gift to Heifer International made in your honor is already on the move helping people around the world end poverty and achieve self-reliance.

Aldersgate Members,

A gift has been given to Heifer International in your honor.

Darlene Dominguez



LENT AND EASTER AT ALDERSGATE

Ash Wednesday March 1 – Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday April 9 – Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 13 – Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 14 – Sanctuary open for personal and silent meditation - Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Sermon Series

“Disciplines of the Faith”

Disciplines of the faith are tools that God has given us to assist in our faith journeys. These tools allow us to become closer with God in our journey; to open ourselves before God so that God can transform us. Each Sunday through Lent, I will preach about one of the Disciplines.

LENTEN STUDY

24 Hours That Changed the World

February 28 – April 11, 2017

This seven-week study is based on the newly released paperback by Adam Hamilton. He will guide us, step by step, through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in his popular, heartbreaking, and inspiring book.

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Hamilton will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion.

The study will consist of a video presentation and group discussion.

The price of the study book is \$15.00 and are available in the church office. There are several large print editions available.

Study Options Available:

Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 ** AND/OR ** Tuesdays Evenings at 5:00 p.m. (bring your sack supper.)

Don't forget Souper Bowl Donations for Justa Center.



Thank you's go out to Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Martha, John and Betty, Mark, Joyce, Trudy and our Aldersgate family for bringing all the good food for the Welcome luncheon for the NOMADS. You're the best!!
Darlene Dominguez

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