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May I Come In?

The temperature is rising and the weather people keep teasing us with when the first triple digit day will arrive. How exciting, right? What it means is that once again summer is just around the corner. How fast another year has gone. It seems we were just anticipating the holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and then Easter while enjoying the perfect weather of our desert all winter long.

Summer, of course, brings more than heat. It is fun time for many, especially the younger set being out of school. There are trips, family and friend visits plus life is more casual and relaxed. Once again this year it means change at the church. Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> we will move into Kephart Hall for our worship. This is our being "good stewards" of God's creation as it allows us to stop cooling our huge sanctuary. It takes many hours and much energy to cool that space for only an hour a week. Most of us, actually, enjoyed our time in the chapel last summer. It was intimate, we felt close and our singing sounded powerful in the smaller space. But of course we will return to the sanctuary and that will be September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Another change for the summer is that I am taking the whole summer off. Some of you may be really happy over this development (sadly for those if I am reappointed I will return September 10.) Let me explain this development. Remember that when I came to Aldersgate I was retrieved from the "old retired pastor heap." I had been retired for 12 years and a number of those years escaped the heat of summer and traveled. I feel the need again for a break and "recharging." I trust that you understand. What am I going to do? About eight years ago (I lost my mind) I bought a RV (5<sup>th</sup> wheel) and truck. For most of those years I spent the summer in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Lincoln City, Oregon. This summer, like last, I'll be in Flagstaff living in my little home on wheels. I plan to spend time doing nothing, hiking, reading and planning for the new year at Aldersgate. I will be available for emergencies, as I am only a quick drive away.

Sunday worship is going to be exciting for you. Six pastors have accepted my invitation to come and fill the pulpit. I think this will be exciting for you to have variety in preaching style as well as theological differences. These preachers are good as you deserve them to be.

So let's have a great summer but until then let's have a wonderful May.

See you in worship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'John' or similar, written in a cursive style.



Felipe Lim  
Loreen Wallin  
Loida Lim  
Shirley Strivings

May 1  
May 7  
May 18  
May 26

**COMING UP IN MAY**

Every Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Arizona Masterworks Chorale	6:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Men's AA	7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No choir practice until after Labor Day. The choir will practice before church on Sunday mornings during the month of May. Special music will be offered in the summertime for worship services held in Kephart Hall.



Next Church Council meeting is scheduled for **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2017, in the Lazear library following Sunday morning church worship service & fellowship time.



Please submit any June newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Tuesday, **May 23<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

We are in the process of updating and changing the Aldersgate Food Pantry. We will create three closets with shelves so that the recipients can select the foods that they want. The recipient will then be assisted at the closets after checking in at the church office front desk. More information will be provided next month.



Please continue to use your cards for Fry's Rewards & Bashas' Thank You program. If you need to sign up for either of these, please contact the church office for assistance.

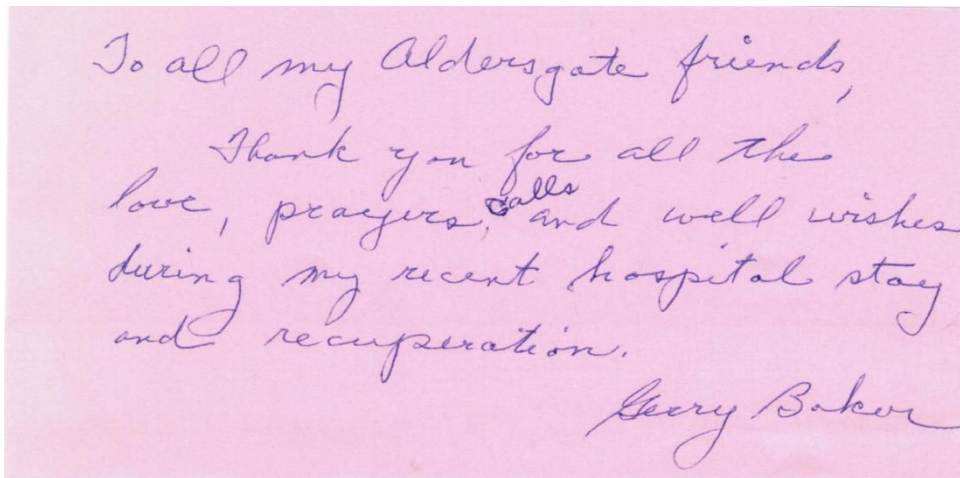
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CAMELBACK HOLISTIC PRESECHOOL: The preschool will be opening with new students on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We wish them much success. If you have relatives that are interested in this preschool, Aldersgate members and constituents will be able to get a discount on the tuition.



Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all those who sent cards, made telephone calls, and offered prayers after the passing of Jerry's mother. We greatly appreciate your demonstrations of love and concern.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Dottie Metzler

1 spatula/pancake turner	1 skillet
1 can opener	2 plates
1 blanket	1 two-quart pot with lid
2 double-bed flat sheets	2 cups/mugs
1 pillowcase	2 knives
1 pillow [NEW]	2 forks
1 sponge	2 spoons
1 dish towel	2 bowls
1 washcloth	2 glasses
1 hand towel	1 kitchen knife
1 bath towel	1 roll of toilet paper
1 shower curtain with rings [NEW]	1 paper towel roll

Last month we began collecting donations for move in kits for Justa Center. This is an ongoing project. Please come to our celebration Shower event scheduled for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring any items from the list shown below. The kits will be assembled soon thereafter. The only items which need to be new are pillows and shower curtains with rings sets. Do some outreach by telling your neighbors what your church is doing & collect any donations from them. Any items can be left in the Justa Center donation bin in the narthex or in the nursery room in Strivings Hall. Here's the list for a basic move in kit in an 18-gallon Sterilite bin:

JUSTA CENTER NEWS:

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