

# ALDRSGATE NEWS

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May I come in?

It has now been two weeks since I returned from summer hiatus. I had a wonderful time this summer; hiking, reading, visiting with friends and enjoying the cool temperatures of Flagstaff. I appreciated the time away, the pastors who were willing to come and preach for you each Sunday and you who kept the church moving and in ministry throughout the summer weeks. Your warm welcome when I returned with the wonderful luncheon and fun stories (at my expense) meant a lot, thank you.

Now, as I am writing this our Annual Church Conference is days away. This is the second conference Aldersgate has had since your return to the church in November of 2015. You have been amazing returning and beginning again. You are a tough and determined group (wow, have I found that out.) We have had to restart and "bring it all together." This was difficult for me, too, as I had been retired for so long that it was beginning again for me; re-learning, trying to update and get back into the groove. Oh, yes, there were things I forgot (still do), stuff I didn't do, things you think I should, some of you are excellent in pointing these items out to me. There are times I get frustrated and you do too. I have to remember I am part-time and remind you of that as well. I note many things that could be and should be done, you do to. But I can't do it all and neither can you. I continue to ask forgiveness and for your patience when these omissions etc. occur.

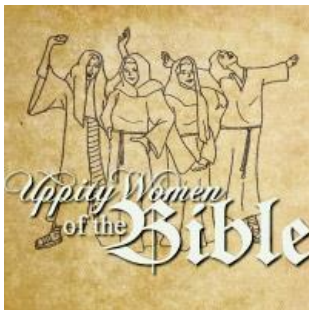
Together, we continue to work on this ministry open to discovering what God is calling our small and aging band of Christians to do. We have the faith, we have the courage, we have the commitment. It is exciting to be about our Lord's business and as we do wonder "what does Lord have in store for us?"

See you in worship,



## New Fall Bible Study with Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom will be leading the study Uppity Women of the Bible a series featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents thoughtful discussion of Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith. Each session will present a short video followed with discussion.



There will be two opportunities from which you can choose:

- Evening Session: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
October 10, 17, & 24 [No session on October 31],  
November 7, 14, & 21
- Morning Session: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
October 11, 18, & 25, November 1, 8, 15 & 22



Valerie Lintz  
 Darlene Dominguez  
 Mark Kirkham  
 Tom Kiracofe

October 13  
 October 23  
 October 26  
 October 27

### COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Every Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Masterworks Chorale	6:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Choir Practice	4:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Men's AA	7:00 p.m.
Every Thursday	Devotional @ Lilac Bakery	10:00 a.m.

Bible Study with Pastor Tom begins October 10<sup>th</sup>



Aldersgate's Information Class: If you have found Aldersgate community a place where you feel comfortable, a place for spiritual growth and direction or maybe it offers you peace and freedom each week from the rush of the world; then I invite you to learn more about Aldersgate and the United Methodist Church. You are invited to an information class on Sundays October 8 & 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the office conference room. After these sessions, perhaps you may decide to become a member of Aldersgate, which is a way to support our church and its ministry in mid-town Phoenix. Membership is not required to join this class.

Choir practice begins @ 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday in October -- so join us then.

Another mission project is being planned. I got connected with UMOM, which took over the Tumbleweed Program for homeless teens. I asked, "what can Aldersgate do to help?" They have requested providing this program with full-sized products such as shampoo, deodorant and liquid body soap, which can be bought at the local dollar stores. Mark **October 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Kephart Hall for putting our donations together. Let's let our light shine for Jesus.

We finally received a big thank you from Heifer International. In May, Heifer International called me with a special buy one and get one free for the same amount. I couldn't refuse a deal like that, so for \$120 we paid for one goat and also got a pig. I'm sure you made some families very happy. Thank you Aldersgate family for always being so giving! Also, thank you to everyone for making the Welcome Back Potluck for Pastor Tom so successful. A special thanks goes to Sarah Burke, John & Betty Brown, Mark Kirkham, Linda Harmon, Gail Everts and Lee Smith. We are very blessed to have Pastor Tom back helping Aldersgate do what God has called us to do. We've come a long way, but we have lots further to go. Don't forget Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. to take time to pray for Aldersgate and Pastor Tom. There is power in prayer when we do it together.

It's "Shoebox" time again!!!! We had many happy get-togethers last year to put these boxes together. We're going to "shift gears" to make it a little easier. This year, we ask that you put your "shoebox" together at home. Buy what you want and fill one (or more) shoeboxes. Get your box and items ready for November, the packing date will be scheduled soon. We'll wrap the boxes that day and get them ready to ship while having some snacks and seeing what we brought to send to UMOM.

- 1) One standard-sized shoe box.
- 2) Items. Pack for a girl or boy. Ages 2 to 14. Select an age and sex.
- 3) Items can be toys, stuffed animals, games, clothing, hygiene items or school supplies.
- 4) You may include a note and a picture of yourself and remember to say some prayers while preparing the box.
- 5) The \$9.00 postage fee per box will be paid for by the Smith Mission Fund in the Foundation.

Please note: Do not include candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as guns, knives, or military figures; seeds, chocolate or food, liquids, lotion, medication or vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans.

Start your mission project today!!!! Questions??? Call me at [602-765-4337](tel:602-765-4337), Phyllis Soberg.

Reaching New People Team update: Weekly devotional sessions meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Lilac Bakery located at the southwest corner of 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road (2747 East Indian School Road).

Be sure to join in the Thanksgiving Carpet project that Martha Brodersen has started on the round table in the narthex. It will be exciting to see how that progresses to it's final completion.

Rebate Update: Both Basha's and Fry's offer the church a rebate on any purchases made by a church member, their families, a friend or neighbor - as long as they are registered. If you shop at either of these stores, or have children who do, even if it's only once a year, please call me or stop me at church so we can register you. We use this money for our after-church get-togethers and special events. Additionally, we have a similar arrangement with Amazon through the AmazonSmile program. See Martha in the church office for information on this rebate to the church. We received \$46 from Fry's recently -- it's free money, folks!!!



Food Pantry update: Food Pantry shelf needs -- peanut butter, jellies, canned vegetables [NOT green beans!!]



Please submit any newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Monday, **October 23<sup>rd</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.

Life Line Screening is going to be in Strivings Hall on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Aldersgate has been specially selected to participate in a limited-time offer for our members, as a **THANKS** for supporting our community preventive health efforts!! If we generate five signups, Life Line will make a \$300 donation back to our church. In order to receive exclusive member pricing and count towards this special program, participants **MUST** pre-register, so contact the Church Office if you want to be screened.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** after the Sunday morning worship service.

Rummage Sale is currently scheduled for Saturday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** so start gathering your used items for donation to this sale. [Please do not contribute any large items or furniture.]

Newsletter: Pastor Tom wants to "*Name the Newsletter*" so, we are having a contest to name our monthly newsletter. Please submit your recommendations to the church office. Back in my high school days (in the 70's!!) my MYF newsletter was the Aldersgate Aardvark! Some suggestions to consider are Aldersgate Announcements or Aldersgate Alerts or Aldersgate Happenings or Aldersgate Express.....I'm looking forward to your witty contributions!

Martha Benton

Camelback Holistic PreSchool update: I went back to school this week & helped the preschool. I work Thursdays and Fridays. The children are loving, smart, very energetic & have lots of questions. I was very impressed the way Emma (the director) conducts her class, I needed to have more laps, two at a time was all I could handle. This is something God put in my heart to do, so I'm very happy & blessed to be able to do this.

Darlene Dominguez

If you would be interested in getting a City of Phoenix Senior Cab Fare Card for reduced transportation rates, please contact the church office for an application and order form.

Our great organist. Dave Rowe, preparing to play the new organ console recently:



*Special correction to the directory: telephone number for  
Valerie Lintz is 602-740-8805.*



Valerie Lintz

Please donate any of these items.

For the creation of the basic move in kit in an 18 gallon Sterilite bin, we pack the following items: 1 NEW shower curtain with rings, 1 bath towel, 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 dish towel, 1 sponge, 1 NEW pillow, 1 pillowcase, 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 1 can opener, 1 spatula, 1 skillet, a 2-quart pot with lid, 2 plates, 2 cups, 2 knives, 2 forks, 2 spoons, 2 bowls, 2 glasses, 1 kitchen knife, 1 toilet paper roll, and 1 paper towel roll.

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