

**ALDRSGATE NEWS****SEPTEMBER, 2017**Website: <http://aldersgateumcphx.org/>Email: [aldersgatephx@gmail.com](mailto:aldersgatephx@gmail.com)

May I come in?

Fall is upon us even though the temperatures may not suggest it; September 22 is the official date. Schools have been back in session for weeks, family vacations over, people coming back from summer escapes from the heat (even me.) For many organizations, it is "gearing up time." It is the same for most churches that after a summer "hiatus" it is time for to get back to work (well, for the church we are never not to be about "equipping disciples to change the world." ) But, now, most are back and its time to get our church into "full swing."

Whats that mean for us at Aldersgate? When I left last June, I gave an assignment for all of us to pray for our church throughout the summer. I, also, asked that each one of us think about new ministries for our church; ways to step out to meet and serve the people of the community around us. I wanted us, we must, to think of ways that we can go beyond our church walls and not just wait for people to come to us. How can we let the community know that we teach of a God of Love and that we as church embrace that belief and welcome all people to our community. An important part in all of this is what you have discerned that God has called you to do in this our ministry.

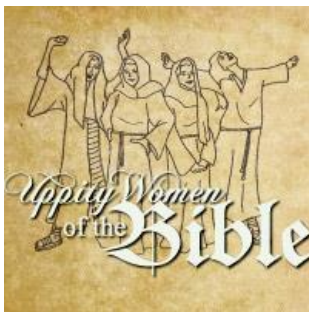
Again, Fall is upon us, we gather again and it's time for us to get to work. We have important meetings ahead of us; September Church Council and our Annual Church Conference. Bring your ideas and let's begin.

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 & 31, November 7, 14, & 21

Morning Session: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
October 11, 18, & 25, November 1, 8, 15 & 22

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## COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

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

## Announcements

Join us for our Fall Welcome Back Potluck dinner after the worship service on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** in Strivings Hall. Hope to see you there.

Arizona Masterworks Chorale practices in Strivings Hall each Monday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. during fall and spring. On Monday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>** they will have auditions at 6:00 p.m. in Kephart Hall if you wish to try-out for membership in this fine organization.

Choir practice begins again on Tuesdays in September. The first session will be on Tuesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. in the choir room. Hope to see everyone interested in singing, so join us then.

The first fall Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** after the Sunday morning worship service. A light lunch will be served in Strivings Hall and the meeting will follow.

Reaching New People Team update: Weekly devotional meetings will begin on Thursday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. at the Lilac Bakery located at the southwest corner of 28<sup>th</sup> Street and Indian School Road.

Our annual Church Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, **September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30 p.m. The SPRC will meet at 1:30 p.m. just prior to the conference. Dessert & refreshments will be available right after the conference concludes at about 3:30 p.m. in Kephart Hall.

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. It's free money, folks!!!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It's new and it's open! Our new Food Pantry began as of August 8<sup>th</sup> and by all criteria appears to be a success. We had only 3 visitors on our first week, however, the second week there were 8, some of whom came because of the feedback of our first visitors. It was a joy getting a chance to speak to our visitors and get to know a little bit about them. They all had been here before and some of their comments were that under this system, they were able to supplement what they had; a much better use of supplies. Short survey: Older visitors cook and liked the dried beans, rice and cooked cereal, while our younger visitors use the microwave more and prefer canned and dry cereal better. Biggest smiles came when they got their surprise bonus from Phyllis Soberg of small boxes of chocolates provided by her daughter. Judging by their smiles, I don't think they get treats that often. Several visitors took the Upper Rooms for reading. We're thinking of providing coffee since they spend more time with us than with the food bag system and have more time to visit. Still up in the air about this one. Also thinking of printing out simple healthy recipes. Any suggestions are welcome to make this an enjoyable experience for both the visitors and the workers. We still need volunteers for Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We only have one requirement. Be as nice as you already are. We're hoping we can get enough volunteers so you only need to be there once a month.

Judy Peterson, Chairperson and committee of one

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.

Camelback Holistic Preschool Update: Fall enrollment is in progress and classes have begun at the preschool. Admission is available for children 18-months-old through five years old. Please spread the word!



Please submit any newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Monday, **September 25<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.



*I'm sending a heartfelt thanks for all the thoughts and prayers you offered that kept me going to meet the challenges in my bump in the road of life. God loves you and so do I!*

Joyce Ramsey

Special thanks to all of those helpers that assisted in moving the hymnals, bibles and miscellaneous items that were taken back into the sanctuary after Labor Day. The sanctuary had a much needed clean-up as well.



“...and not on that TV show Daddy’s watchin’ or Billy jumpin’ on the bed or whatever Jeffy is mumbling or ...”

A little humor.....

.....Teehee!!

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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