



JUSTA CENTER NEWS:

Justa Center provides many services to homeless seniors, including spiritual support for those who choose. Rev Geri Bast is at Justa Center Mondays and Thursdays to provide pastoral counseling and lead a Bible study. She tells me that Bible study is always a surprise as new folks are always showing up and members who have moved into housing leave. On Sunday morning, she leads a worship service in the chapel. Please keep her ministry in your thoughts and prayers.

Valerie Lintz

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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We are throwing a celebration for mothers on
 Saturday, May 12, 12:00 - 2:00 pm.
 Join us for lunch in Strivings Hall.

Invite your daughters, daughter in-laws, granddaughter's
 or sons to the celebration. Also, bring a photo of you and your
 mother to share with others or you and your daughter/son.

Reserve your spot by May 7th by calling the church office or
 call Darlene at 480-785-5208 or Betty Brown 602-840-9582

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Updated Wednesday Morning Helpers
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon

FIRST WEEK	Betty Brown & Gail Everts
SECOND WEEK	Sarah Burke & Darlene Dominguez
THIRD WEEK	Betty Trabue & Sue Teel
FOURTH WEEK	Gerry Baker & Bill Erickson
FIFTH WEEK <i>[when needed]</i>	Lorraine Hughes & Jim Simmons





Pastor Tom with JC after her baptism.



Palm Sunday Children

Food Pantry Update: Food Pantry shelf needs -- canned vegetables, meat based soups, canned fruit, beans and rice, crackers, etc. Monetary donations are acceptable, also.

Judy Peterson



Announcements

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 family members who do, even if it's only once a year, please call or stop at church so we can register you. We use this money for our after-church get-togethers and special events. There were (17 households) who shopped at Fry's between 12-1-2017 and 2-28-2018 (Cycle 2017, Qtr 2) that have contributed to our \$39.09 total recent donation.



Please submit any newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Tuesday, **April 24th**.

Martha Benton

Justa Center Project:

Some of the boxes prepared for Justa Center recently.



COMING UP IN APRIL/MAY

Every Sunday	Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Masterworks Chorale Practice	6:30 p.m.
Every Monday	Tai Chi Beginning Class	6:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Church Choir Practice	4:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Area Agency on Aging Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Men's AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Every Friday	Tai Chi First 17 Moves Class	9:00 a.m.
Every Friday	Tai Chi Continuing Class	10:15 a.m.



April and May

April

Lee Smith

April 16

May

Felipe Lim

May 1

Loreen Wallin

May 7

Loida Lim

May 18

Shirley Strivings

May 26

Attention Committee Members: If you are scheduled to provide after worship service refreshments, please drop the items off before the church service and Darlene Dominguez will arrange for the serving and also the hall clean-up afterwards. Thanks!

April 8 & 15 - Finance

April 22 & 29 – Lay Leader/Education

May refreshments will be determined at the Council Meeting.

ALDERSGATE INSIGHT

APRIL & MAY, 2018

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May I Come In?

I'm sitting basking in the afterglow of our Easter celebration; reminded me once again "Christ has Risen!" With that message at heart I think about Aldersgate. I hope that you share with me that Holy Week was meaningful and special. Palm Sunday was exciting as we actually had a palm waving children's processional. Hey, that's great because we have enough children to do that now. In fact, last Sunday, Valerie had nine children in her class during worship. Fantastic! Our Easter was a joyful celebration enhanced by our choir. For the past few weeks we have had more in worship attendance than on our membership rolls, incredible. We are having many visitors with a number returning. We have more men, more diversity and younger folk; THIS IS EXCITING! We must continue to be open by receiving them with a warm welcome which includes inviting them to fellowship time after service and **include** them in conversation.

There were also several other events that made our Holy Week an exciting and meaningful time. The Camelback Holistic Preschool in conjunction with Aldersgate hosting an Easter egg hunt. It was thrilling to see so many children, parents and grandparents in the quad having fun. While at the same time was our church's distribution of produce through the Borderlands ministry. We served 99 units. While doing that, we offered invitations to our Easter service and had a number of families visit us through that invitation.

There is new life at Aldersgate, an energy and excitement. Christ has Risen! Our facility looks great. The trustees have worked hard, the NOMADS did an incredible job while they were here and the repair of the parking lot have made our church look like we are proud of who we are; come visit us.

I'm bragging about you; I suppose I shouldn't be doing that but I can't help myself. I'm proud of you. But, we can't; rest there is much to do. Our District Superintendent, Susan Brims, has asked us to do a "Process of Potential and Vitality." Oh, dear, here we go again. But, wait times have changed just in the past couple of years; this is probably a good thing. Let's get behind her, wait behind us, and let's look at our potential and our vitality in order to grow in our ministry for the Kingdom of God in our community.

Good work faithful servants.

See you in worship,



Reminder: Thursday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. meet with the District Superintendent in the church library. Bring the worksheets that were provided in the March 14th letter from Pastor Tom.