

Valerie Lintz

Justa Center provides many services to help homeless seniors manage their affairs while they are working on a plan to get out of homelessness. Living on the streets is risky. Older homeless folks are victims of robbery and assault at an alarming rate. Justa Center will lock up in the safe a member's important documents such as birth certificates, ID, etc., so they are safe. Replacing these documents after they've been lost or stolen is just one more problem these folks don't need. Justa Center also has small lockers where members can store extra clothing. Unfortunately the need is greater than the supply.



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**ALDERSGATE INSIGHT**  
**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2018**



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This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes  
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Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution. PRU6-470



*I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and the other members of the Church for providing such a valuable space to our program. Truly, without your openness and generosity we would not have been able to hold the group meetings. The participants spoke of how friendly they were treated and how safe they felt meeting for group.*

*Have a wonderful summer and thank you again for all that you have done!*

*Respectfully,  
Mary E. Coalson, LPC  
ElderVention Therapist  
Area Agency on Aging, Region One*

*To all my church family and friends: I miss each of you and thank you for your prayers, love, support, cards, messages and caring these past couple of months. The Lord willing, I will see you all again.*

*Love, Phyllis Soberg*

**COMING UP IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

Every Sunday	Worship Service		11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour		12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Bible Study	[begins Sept. 10]	11:00 a.m.
Every Monday	Tai Chi Beginning Class		6:30 p.m.
Every Monday	AZ Masterworks Chorale Rehearsal	[starts Sept. 10]	6:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Bible Study	[begins Sept. 11]	5:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS Meeting		9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Area Agency on Aging Special Meeting	[starts Sept. 12]	12:30 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.



Paula Carmosino.....August 1  
 Sarah Burke.....August 6  
 Faye Mills.....August 29

LaVon Ullrich.....September 14  
 Don Smith.....September 27

*August & September*



Next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in Strivings Hall. Light lunch will be provided. See you then.

Aldersgate Church Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

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 is 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. Our supporters (15 households) who shopped at Fry's between 3-1-2018 and 5-31-2018 (Cycle 2017, Qtr. 3) have contributed to the \$37.30 total donation. *Tell everyone to select Aldersgate on AmazonSmile.*



Food Pantry Update: Food Pantry shelf needs -- canned vegetables (NO green beans), meat based soups, canned fruit, beans and rice, crackers, etc. Monetary donations are acceptable, also.

Judy Peterson



Please submit any newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Tuesday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Martha Benton

# ALDERSGATE INSIGHT AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2018

Website: <http://aldersgateumcphx.org/>

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The 3 H's are alive and well at Aldersgate UMC.

Happiness, Helpfulness, and Hospitality. I have experienced all of these characteristics in abundance since July 1. Happiness seems to be overflowing on Sunday mornings. It is a reminder of when I was a child in a small country church. Back in the day, you came into the sanctuary early to make sure that you spoke to everyone before the service. You didn't need to have a planned greeting time. It was an impossibility to leave without everyone giving a hug or shaking your hand. I find the greetings amongst us genuine and heartfelt just like my childhood. One of you said to me, "I am grateful to be here". May I return the sentiment. I am grateful to be your pastor. These past few weeks have flown by. As the Song from the "King and I" goes; "Getting to know you, getting know all about you" has been delightful. I can't wait to learn more and to see how we can be about God's work together.

I find it hard to believe that our children will be returning to school in a matter of days. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a special time to bless our children and a prayer of blessing for our teachers and our schools. In the Lobby (Narthex), there will be designated activity bags for children to use during worship for when we adults get too boring for them. Quite a lot of happiness is shared here at Aldersgate.

The appreciation for helpfulness has been mentioned in our services. I just want to say again, the work to move and set up for worship, when the air conditioner conked out, was amazing. You never even called me, you all just took care of it. Thank you!!

Hospitality abounds. I have only been here 4 weeks and we have had a picnic lunch for the 4<sup>th</sup> and cake twice. What a great way to end the month by celebrating monthly birthdays. I have had family and friends visit and they have all remarked how welcoming you have been to them. As we go into the fall, hopefully with cooler weather, we will have people returning from the North. We will probably have some families looking for a church home. It would be great if you wouldn't mind wearing your nametags so that we are sure to know each other by name.

In September, we will be offering a Bible study on Monday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. I am sure that you will have some great ideas to share with me. I am looking forward to our time of discussions and learning.

May you feel the love of God surround you.

Rev. Ruth