

# ALDERSGATE INSIGHT

## OCTOBER, 2019

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Greetings Aldersgate Family:

This is an exciting time in the life of our church. One of the first dreams I heard from this congregation was to find a Sunday School teacher and begin a children's Sunday School again. On October 6<sup>th</sup> we were able to staff and create a children's program. We have a team of Mom's that are willing to prepare and teach. We also have two youth that are willing to help. Our team of teachers Stacey O'Rourke, Sarah Archibald, Lauren Sanders and Emma Rodriguez will be teaching on a rotation schedule. Each one will take a month and one of the others will assist.

Each week the children will come to the worship service and then leave for Sunday School after the Children's moments. The teachers will lead the group to the Conference room in the same building as the Sanctuary. At the end of the worship service the parents are asked to go to the classroom and sign out their child and then go to fellowship in Strivings Hall. We will have registration forms for parents to complete so that all children are accounted for at the end of worship.

We are also excited to say that there are plans for the children to participate in a Christmas Program for the congregation on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The month of November will be spent getting ready during Sunday School with a couple of extra practices in December.

God is Good.

Pastor Ruth

First UMC of Mesa is hosting a live-streamed question and answer session on Thursday, October 17 from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM about the recent Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection. A panel consisting of Pastor Khalif Smith and others from the Desert Southwest Conference that attended the Leadership Institute 2019 conference will discuss their experience and answer questions. Please share this information so that your community is informed. Live stream participation is available at <https://livestream.com/firstchurchmesa/LeadershipInstitute2019>. Viewers can type their questions in the live stream portal. Rev. Beth Rambikur is the live stream monitor and will ask questions posted in the live stream chat. Interested persons can also email their questions in advance to Rev. Khalif Smith at [khalif1@gmail.com](mailto:khalif1@gmail.com) so that their questions are part of the panel's discussion. The Q & A session will be recorded and available online at <https://dscumc.org/way-forward>. Resources for your church to engage in intentional conversation about the recent decisions of The United Methodist Church and how they affect the ministries of the local church continue to be added at <https://dscumc.org/way-forward/resources>. Now is the time for congregations to prayerfully discern where God is calling them to be in disciple-making ministry with their members, their community, and the world.



*For October:*

*Valerie Lintz, Victoria and Anita Villegas, Darlene Dominguez, Lauren Sanders, and Tom Kiracofe*



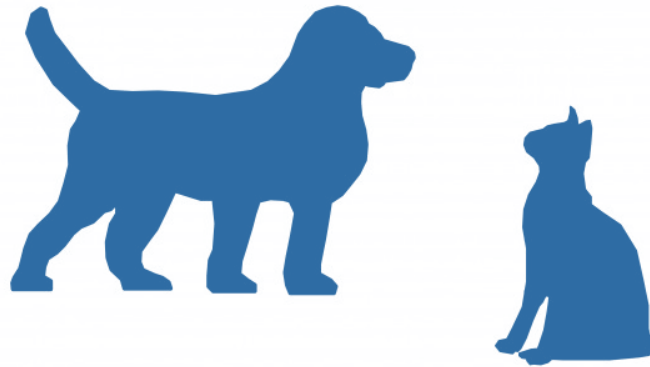
Every Sunday  
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Every Wednesday  
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Every Friday  
Every Friday

Worship Service  
Fellowship Hour  
Tai Chi Beginning Class  
TOPS Meeting  
Men's AA Meeting  
Tai Chi First 17 Moves Class  
Tai Chi Continuing Class

11:00 a.m.  
12:00 NOON  
4:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

**COMING UP IN OCTOBER**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Aldersgate UMC Courtyard

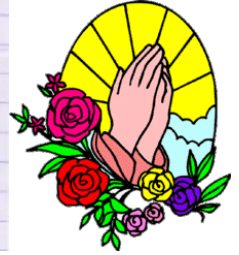
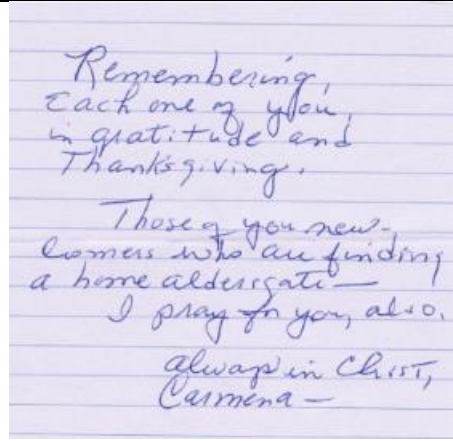
Community & Neighbors Welcome

Please bring your furry friends for Pastor Ruth to bless.

Ministers for October are:

Rev. Joel Bullock – October 6  
Amy Notbohm – October 13;  
Laity Sunday, Martha Stowe - October 22;  
Rev. Ruth Blum - October 27

Exciting Laity Sunday Worship Service on October 20<sup>th</sup> is planned with a special soloist and inspirational organ/piano/recorder music included, don't miss it!



SPRC meeting with the DS will be at 9:30 a.m. on October 22. Immediately following, Rev. N. Susan Brims will lead a congregational meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to engage in prayerful conversation about matters facing our Annual Conference and The United Methodist Church.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 27.

Fry's Rewards rebate for the period of June, 2019 to August, 2019 from 16 Households & Total Donations was \$27.84.

Our mission project for October/November will be collecting hygiene products for UMOM as they have a need for the homeless people arriving: shampoo/conditioner, soap or body wash, tooth paste/tooth brushes. FULL sizes are preferred.

We will have the UMOM Christmas Cards for sale in November.

Thanks, let's shine our light for Jesus.

Darlene Dominguez



Justa Center, a day resource center for homeless seniors, nearly became homeless itself. Donations have not kept up with the increased need for services. Then several months ago, the owner of the building put it up for sale. Area Agency on Aging has come to the rescue by purchasing the building for Justa Center. Services for homeless seniors will continue. We are still doing move-in kits. Anybody interested in helping?

Valerie Lintz

Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W. will be meeting for food events once per month, which are scheduled for each third Saturday in September, October, November and December, so let your friends and neighbors know about these sessions during the fall and spring. If you are able to volunteer to help out, please contact the church office regarding your availability.



August 8, 2019

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*"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me."* - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

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May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Handwritten signature of Thomas G. Kemper in black ink.

Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary

Handwritten signature of Roland Fernandes in black ink.

Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

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**MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS - 9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.**