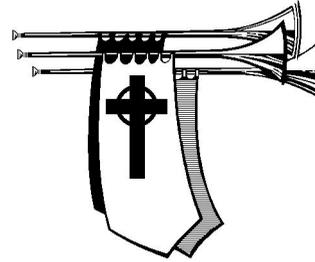


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# TRUMPET CALL

January 2019

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FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



Blessings of peace in this new year! A new year always brings this air of freshness to me, as if I am about to set off on a pilgrim journey. Mark Nepo writes, “To journey without being changed is to be a nomad. To change without journeying is to be a chameleon. To journey and be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim.”

Making our way through Advent this past December, we journeyed with Mary and Joseph to the manger and to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary and Joseph were certainly transformed by their pilgrimage of going to Bethlehem, trusting God, and becoming the parents of the Savior of the World.

This January, we find ourselves celebrating Epiphany and a season of looking to our Guiding Star, our Loving God who brings a light unto our path as we continue our journey of celebrating life together. Over the past two years, Aldersgate has experienced great change or transformation, in other words. Aldersgate is on a pilgrimage together as we seek what God is up to in our hearts and in our neighborhood.

In this newsletter, you will see a letter from our Lay Leader, Brad Belke, and I sharing about what is happening in the United Methodist Church this February. The United Methodist Church is also in a period of discernment.

During this time when the ground doesn't feel as steady as we would like, I invite you into deep prayer and spiritual practice with me. First, I invite you to pray with me for God's will for the United Methodist Church and for Aldersgate. Second, I invite you to read the Psalms with me as a practice of comfort and peace. **I will be reading Psalms 1-150: one psalm every day starting January 1-May 30, 2019 using one or more of these practices:**

*-Lectio Divina:* Read the passage. Read the passage slowly and notice which word, phrase, or image stands out to you. Why is it standing out? Read the passage again and ask how God is speaking to your heart today? Is there anything God is calling you to notice or to do? Rest in God's love.



02: Laura Hash  
13: Donnie Fisher\*  
16: Jerry Bechtle\*  
17: Chase Lubick\*  
17: Russell Robertson\*  
18: Doris Jenkins\*  
20: Kathie Johnson\*

## Anniversaries

02: Steven & Emily Keckler  
11: Ed & Norma Pangburn



**From the Pastor Con't:**

-*Floralegia*: Write down in a journal a line of the psalm that sparkles to you each day. The "sparklets" from each psalm might create a new sacred text in which God may speak to you.

-*Try writing your own psalm!*

I pray a peace that passes all understanding to rest upon Aldersgate and our surrounding community we begin our 2019 pilgrim journey.

In Christ, + Pastor Melissa

*Happy New Year* ~ *Happy New Year* ~ *Happy New Year*

The UMW met on Dec.6 at the home of Linda McElroy. It's so much fun to be at her home on holidays as she goes all out on decorating and it is always tastefully done. She also always serves a delicious lunch. Thanks Linda. We're very blessed to have you in our group.

After lunch, Carolyn opened the meeting with a reading from the prayer calendar, and from Luke 3:1-6.

We shared our joys and concerns and Carolyn read a prayer from the book "Womens Prayers." During the meeting we decided to donate money to the Rescue Mission and to the church. Also our monies donated by members for birthdays and/or in memory is sent to the Intermountain Home. The meeting was closed by the Lords Prayer.

Shirley O'Neil presented the program entitled "All Gods Creatures." She read from Romans 8:21 and talked about Wesleys love of God, love of people, and love of creation. She spoke of the relationship between the people and animals, and how God cares for all of his creation. She closed the program with the prayer of St. Francis. Thanks Shirley. Very nice program.

The UMW will meet on Jan.3, at the rec room at Columbus Plaza at 1515 Oregon Ave. Carolyn is the hostess and the meeting and program will be the budget and planning for the coming year.

Susannahs Circle will meet at 11:30 on Jan.15 at the Copper City Casino. Anyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted -Louise Flynn VP

# Reminder



Because of scheduling conflicts, it's really important to check with the church office if you have to schedule a meeting or event, so it can be added to the calendar.



January

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan. 6 - Trustees

Jan. 13- Communications

Jan. 20 - Barnabas



Please Welcome new Chair Members :  
Bonnie Cauty, Brad Belke, Vicki Kestle, Jean Frank, Joel Graff, Sylvia Marcum, Gerry Allen, Peggy Ryan, Debbie Higbie, Debbie Todd, Burt Todd, Trudi Olson, Bruce Schuelke, Kathy Davis, and Riley Lubick.  
A full list of committee members, and Positions, will be located on the bulletin.



The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for January are paid for by MT View/

Trinity UMW.

Thank you for the prayers, messages and cards you blessed me with on December 5th. The hardest day of my life the last year; but the presence and strength of the Lord, my family, and the blessings of friends who care & encourage, gives me the courage to continue moving forward in this new chapter of my life. I am truly blessed

- Pam Gilman



Dear Aldersgate Family,

It is Christmas Eve and you are on our minds. Even though it has been a year and a half since we were an active part of the church, we want you to know that you remain in our thoughts and have a special place in our hearts

Love, blessings & prayers,  
Dave & Mary

The Community Café sign up sheet is posted on the Bulletin. We are always looking for volunteers that are wanting to help serve.



## January's Trumpet Call

In Memory of:  
Cecelia Parrett  
From Lee Parrett