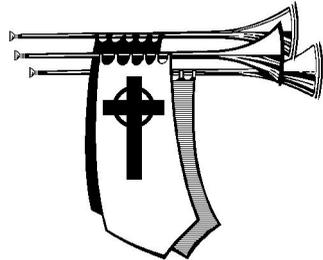


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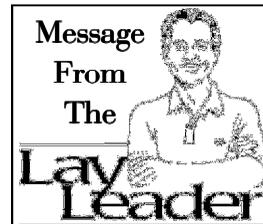
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Being Martha

I am sure you all remember the story of Mary and Martha with Jesus. Martha was working to feed Jesus and the Disciples and Mary was sitting at the feet of Jesus. Quite a quandary for most of us because we so often feel that we need to be Martha, need to serve and we may forget what is most important. I hope that during the last few months of construction we have managed to be both Martha and Mary. I have to tell you I have been worried about this and hope that we have done as Jesus would guide us. Now a report on what the Martha's among us have been up to:

I. Parsonage:

- A. The lawn has been transformed from a dead wasteland to something to be proud of. I suspect that by mid-summer 2020 it will be a show piece.
- B. Issues with the sprinkler system have been addressed.
- C. Every inch of the main floor has been painted.
- D. All the hardware on the cabinets and drawers have been replaced.
- E. The floor in the kitchen and bathroom have been replaced.
- F. The main bathroom is almost completely rebuilt, new cabinets, new tub, new counter, new toilet, new fixtures.
- G. The kitchen counters have been replaced.

II. Church:

- A. Every window in the church has been upgraded and replaced;
- B. Almost the entire basement has been repainted;
- C. The floors have been re-carpeted or cleaned up;
- D. The west wall of the gym has been replaced;
- E. The office has been repainted, re-carpeted and new office furniture is in place;
- F. A new roof is on the gym;
- G. The nurse's office is completely remodeled;
- H. The drain field north of the church has been renovated; and
- I. The kitchenette in the choir room has been redone.



October Birthdays

03: Lynne Ayers	09: Lexi Brandon
03: Joel Graff	21: Debbie Todd
03: Janet Ralph	21: Duane Christiansen
03: Ole Wenger	24: Debbie Higbie
06: Daniel Peters	24: Tyler Kingsbury
07: Isaac Hoffman	27: Sitota Graff

October Anniversaries

09: Burt & Debbie Todd	16: Barry & Laruen Kippen
27: Chuck & Vicki Kestle	27: Bob & Sheryl Tremis



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW met on Sept. 5, at the Boulevard Fire Department. Carolyn Goody was the hostess and served a lunch of lasagna and pickled green beans. Shirley O'Neil provided dessert. Thanks ladies for a very good lunch.

Carolyn opened the meeting with readings from Exodus 12:14-28 and 1Peter 2:11-17. She also read from the prayer calendar.

After the meeting, Louise presented a program of readings on believing, and on love.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 3 at noon, at the home of Linda McElroy. Linda is the hostess and Lynn Laurendeau will present a program.

Susannahs will meet at 11:30, Oct. 15, at the Copper City Café. Join us!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Flynn VP



**Aldersgate
Prayer
Chain**

Please consider being part of our church's prayer chain. If you would like more information, call the church office or Cherilyn Lambert @ 565-8718.



The UMW will be hosting their Annual Non-Bazaar Fundraiser instead of their regular meeting on November 7, and will meet at Christina's at noon.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Being Mary:

- We have tried to be faithful in our ministry. We have worked hard to stay in weekly contact with our shut-ins and members in the hospital.
- Sunday services have been a blessing and we have heard wonderful messages from numerous speakers giving us insight into not only a part of their spiritual story but testifying to the strength of the laity at Aldersgate.
- The Youth Group is going great, (see Jill's article) and we expect the group to continue to grow and prosper as we work with Jill.
- Barnabas has stepped up and is working hard.
- We are getting ready for Advent (see Advent article).

I think we have been very successful "Being Mary". Pastor Evelyn Erbele told us after the service in September that she felt Aldersgate had a "sweet, sweet spirit" and that she and her husband Terry felt right at home with us. I know she was sincere because we heard from other churches that she told them how much she enjoyed her time in Aldersgate.

Other News: The Bishop and Cabinet will be joining us for a table talk, soup and bread on January 15th, 2020 . Mark your calendars.

Music: The good news is that not only is Fred back from his summer job, but that Frankee Angel is planning to be back at Aldersgate as well. This is great news for the choir and music at Aldersgate and we look forward to the coming year with high expectations.

Advent: It is September while I am writing this, but I can tell you that we have already begun work on the Advent program for 2019. The Advent series is entitled "What Child is This" and features appearance by Mary, Joseph, the Heavenly Host, and various wise men and shepherds.

There will be singing, and music and worship has already met about the decorations for the church. We want this Advent season to warm our spirits and remind us of God's great gift. Join us for the holidays starting Sunday December 1st, 2019.

The Christmas Eve Service will take place at 5:30pm on Tuesday December 24th at Aldersgate. Hope to see you there.

Meeting with the District Superintendent: On Sunday September 29th we had a meeting with Jan Witman the DS for Western Montana. She talked to us about the search for a pastor and indicated that they may find someone on a part time basis to help a couple days a week as needed in the near future.

We also discussed the current conflict with the Book of Discipline and the LGBTQ issues and a lot of questions were answered in what was a candid and frank discussion.

We had 40 members attend the special meeting and all the feedback was very positive so we would like to thank the DS for making time to review the future of the church and denomination with us. Jan did encourage us to contact her further if we had other questions, so if you think of something let me know.

THANK YOU: Thank you, Thank you. For all of you who have pitched in with the renovations and repairs over the past 3 months thank you. I would name you but I am scared I would miss someone so all I can offer you is my blessing for your dedication and hard work.

Brad Belke

October Trumpet Call

In loving memory of
Mary Rolich and
Audrey Mortensen
from John & Becky Rolich

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November Trumpet Call

In loving honor of
Family
from Carol Orr



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Youth Group News

The youth program is off to a great start! The youth LOVE their new youth rooms. They are so grateful to each of you who put in time, energy, finances, donations, or prayers to make a place where they feel special, safe, and loved. We started our year with a farewell ceremony for our old youth room, followed by a blessing of our new youth rooms. The first meal shared in the room was a love feast (communion).

This year, I want to build stronger connections between the youth and the congregation. Thus, I encourage congregants to volunteer to be my second adult at our Sunday evening or Monday afternoon meetings. No preparation or special

skills needed. Everyone who has attended in the past has thoroughly enjoyed their time with the youth.

Youth Group: Every Sunday evening from 6-8pm (excluding holidays)

TGIM (after school program): Every Monday from 3-5pm (school days only)

Youth Sunday School: 1st and 3rd Sundays from 10:30-11:30am

Our youth program is open to all youth (Aldersgate associated or not) in the 6th-9th grades. If you have questions or are interested in helping chaperone one of our events, please contact Jill Graff at 491-1650 or jillgraff@gmail.com.

Fall Yardwork?

The youth want to give back to the congregation by helping those who want assistance in preparing their yards for winter. Weather permitting, groups of youth will be ready to rake, prune, or do whatever you need during the afternoon of Sunday, October 13th. Please signup at church or contact Jill Graff at 491-1650 or jillgraff@gmail.com.

Tithing

Have you ever thought about giving as worship? We know that singing, prayer and thanksgiving are worship, but did you ever consider the act of giving an act of worship? The proportion of your income that you give back to God is an indication of how much you trust God to provide for your needs.

There is a story of giving and uncommon faith by a woman in Mark 12:41-44 NIV:

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

The poor widow was willing to give everything because she knew God would provide for her, she had trust and was rewarded beyond measure.

Two and a half years ago Aldersgate as a congregation stepped out in faith and purchased a parsonage as requested by the Conference. It was a daring decision, a gigantic step in faith and God rewarded our faith with a gift from Shirley Permann that allowed us to renovate our church home for the foreseeable future.

Now is not the time to forget how we have been blessed. The fact is that the daily expenses of operating the church, power, water, salaries, telephone, internet, supplies, etc., are still incurred on a daily basis. It is our obligation to continue giving in accordance with God’s blessing and our faith to meet the daily expenses that allow us to operate Aldersgate.

Please be generous as we enter the holiday season and give not out of obligation, but out of faith as an act of worship.

Brad Belke



October 20 - Pastor Dave Andersen will be preaching here at Aldersgate

November 3 - All Saints’ Sunday

If you’ve lost a loved one during the past year, please call the office with the name and dates.

Dec. 1—Dec. 22 - Advent Sundays

Plans are underway for Advent Season

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30



November Birthdays

01: Ron Kuecks

06: Carol Rhoads

10: Cherilyn Lambert

20: Larry Davis

23: Bev LeProwse

26: Bob Tremis

29: Julie Kruger Tressider

04: Jake Olson

06: Isla Rose Thomson

12: Kathy Bechtle

23: Carol Brown

25: Glenn Gerry

27: Mickey Quilici-Lawrence

30: Julie Brandon

November Anniversaries

08: Tom & Katelyn Hoffman

12: Jerry & Kathy Bechtle

08: Ed & Mary Lo Wolstein

29: John & Laura Hash