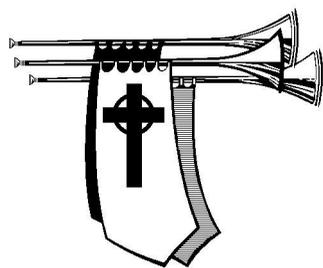


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# TRUMPET CALL

April 2022

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### Memo from Matthias

*Our Lenten Study, “Five Means of Grace” has proved to help deepen our preparation for Easter. In this study we took a deeper look at: Prayer, Searching the Scriptures, The Lord’s Supper, Fasting & Christian Conferencing. These spiritual practices help us to prepare for the Easter Moment. What exactly is the Easter Moment anyway, you may ask? Some may have grown up just accepting the Resurrection as a matter of faith but for others of us it came in a moment of an awakening. This illuminating moment can come at any time, not just on Easter morning. For Mary Magdalene, it came in a moment of a realization, when Jesus called her by name, “Mary.” Her eyes and heart were opened to the reality that Yeshua (Jesus’ name in Aramaic) had risen from the dead. This begs the question of whether or not your eyes have been opened to this Easter Moment where the resurrection is no longer an article of faith, but an actual experience of the Resurrection? Is it? This could be likened to talking about a majestic sunrise or sunset or actually experiencing it with your own eyes. Not only does Lent help us to prepare for Easter, but don’t miss out on Holy Week beginning with a Palm/Passion Service followed by a Good Friday Tenebrae Service leading up to Easter Sunday where we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. As spring comes to life all around us, may we be reminded of this New Life in Christ that is available everyday and every moment of every day, if we just open our eyes to experience the Easter Moment!*



*Grace, peace & harmony,*

*Pastor Matthias*

## APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

01: Nancy Cass  
09: Debbie Fisher  
16: Phylis Rice  
21: Alice Peterson  
24: Dorothea Vail  
25: Marilyn Paffhausen  
27: Diana Surman  
29: Ryley McLaughlin

22: Dave Andersen & Mary Harsh

06: Elaine Schnell  
09: Joyce Kuecks  
18: Cookie Jordan  
23: Dan Lambert  
24: Joyce Clemo  
27: Sherry Sullivan  
28: Sheryl Tremis



Imagine 60 - 70 people (teens and adults) descending on your church Home for a time of spiritual renewal and togetherness. We've been talking about it for awhile. What will life be like post pandemic for Aldersgate? When will things return to normal? Normal for Aldersgate means exercising radical hospitality to everyone who enters our doors and extending that hospitality out into community. On April 22-24 imagination is going to become reality as we are going to have a real opportunity to put our ideals into practice in quite awhile. **CONVO is coming to Aldersgate.**

Now, consider what it means to spiritually nourish and physically feed that many people over the course of a couple of days. Currently, menu plans and meal support teams are being assembled. There will be a "food pantry" list on the greeters table. Consider picking up an item or two on a grocery store trip. Non-perishable items can be placed in the dishwasher area under the CONVO signs. Perishable items can be delivered the week before to the kitchen. Check the shopping list and see what you can do. Let Jill Graff (406 491-1650) know what you are bringing so we don't over buy or if you would like to spend some time with us that weekend. Thank you in advance in helping to make this a memorable event for area UMC youth and friends. Terri Hartline-Belke



Aldersgate Annual Rummage Sale is back this year, it will be held **May 21st**, starting at 9 am. **Donations** for this years rummage sale will start **May 17th** at 9am on the stage of the gym. Church will be open that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 2 and Friday from 9 to noon.

### April Trumpet Call

Thanks to Mazie Stocker Webb for sponsoring the Trumpet Call!

The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for April are sponsored By Georgia Quilici. Thank you for your sponsorship!



Spring is in the air. Can you feel it? I have a sense that new life is about to explode around us. Maybe it is the warm spring weather. Maybe it is masks coming off. Maybe it is the 10 youth participating in the Confirmation and Beyond program. Maybe it is Children's Sunday School resuming. Maybe, just maybe, it is the new life that Christ promises us every Easter. As Easter people, the fresh start we receive every year on Easter Sunday does not happen for us only once a year. As Easter people, Easter and the new life it brings happens every single day. If we let it. Are you ready to be open to what God is leading us towards this spring? This year? Are

you ready to follow Jesus in new (and possibly scary) directions? If you ask Joel, he will tell you that I fight change. Change scares me. But, our savior Jesus Christ is the master of change. Jesus believed in change so much that he gave up His life for change. Surely, if Jesus can make the ultimate sacrifice for change, we can step out of our comfort zones and follow His lead. I am challenging myself to be open to (if not embrace) change this year. Will you join me? Together, and with God's help, we can do this!

The youth have been busy so far this spring with the beginning of Confirmation and Beyond and visiting the B'nai Israel Synagogue, preparing to host CONVO (the Mountain Sky Conference-wide youth retreat) April 22-24, expending their God-given energy at a trampoline park, and growing their relationships with each other and with God. There are many ways that you can help support the youth program. Just reach out to me and I'll help you find the perfect way for you to use your gifts.



God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good!

### **Youth Programs Spring 2022:**

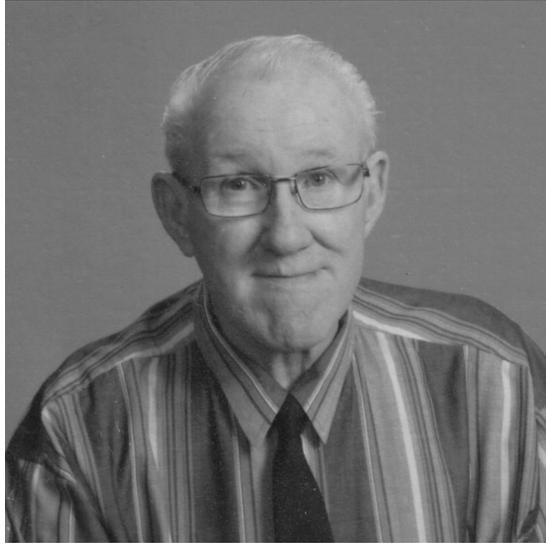
- Sunday Evening Youth Group (6-8pm): A time of prayer, fellowship, lessons, service, food, and games.
- TGIW (Wednesdays 3-5:00pm): A relaxing time of fellowship, snacks, and games for all youth.
- Alphabet Mafia (Fridays 3-4:30pm): A special time of love and support for our LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies.
- ADHD Group (Mondays 3-4:30pm): A time for ADHD and other special brains to share life hacks and support.

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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                 | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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|   |   |                     |  |   | 1<br>7:00 Men's Group<br>1:00 Bill Moulder<br>Reception<br>3:00 Alphabet<br>Mafia | 2   |
| 3<br>9:00 Adult SS<br>10:30Worship<br>6:00 Youth Group  | 4<br>11:00 Barnabas<br>3:00 ADHD Group                    | 5                   | 6<br>7:30 Women's 4th Day<br>9:30 Sandwich Ministry<br>10:30 MidWeek Reflections<br>3:00 TGIW/<br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Men's 4th day                         | 7<br>9:00 Tax Aide                              | 8<br>7:00 Men's Group<br>3:00 Alphabet<br>Mafia                                   | 9   |
| 10<br>9:00 Adult SS<br>10:30Worship<br>6:00 Youth Group | 11<br>3:00 ADHD Group                                     | 12<br>7:00 Trustees | 13<br>7:30 Women's 4th Day<br>10:30 MidWeek Reflections<br>3:00 TGIW/<br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Men's 4th day  | 14  | 15<br>7:00 Men's Group<br>3:00 Alphabet<br>Mafia                                  | 16  |
| 17<br>9:00 Adult SS<br>10:30Worship                     | 18<br>3:00 ADHD Group<br>6:00 Silver Bow<br>Youth Leaders | 19<br>7:00 Finance  | 20<br>7:30 Women's 4th Day<br>10:30 MidWeek Reflections<br>3:00 TGIW/<br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Men's 4th day  | 21<br>7:00 SPRC<br>**Trumpet Call<br>Deadline** | 22<br>7:00 Men's Group<br>3:00 Alphabet<br>Mafia                                  | 23  |
| 24<br>9:00 Adult SS<br>10:30Worship<br>6:00 Youth Group | 25<br>3:00 ADHD Group                                     | 26                  | 27<br>7:30 Women's 4th Day<br>10:30 MidWeek Reflections<br>11:00 Olive Pearce Service<br>3:00 TGIW/<br>5:30 Choir<br>6:30 Men's 4th day<br>7:00 Ad Council | 28<br>10:00 Trumpet Call                        | 29  | 30<br>9:00 Spring Clean<br>-Up at the<br>Church |

## REMEMBERING MY FRIEND GLENN GERRY

For the last 25 plus years I have been a part of the Friday Morning Men's Group here at Aldersgate. The group started as a Lenten study with Pastor Jerry Bechtle and at the conclusion of the study the majority of the group deciding to keep meeting. For the last 25 years the members of the group have had breakfast every Friday morning, discussed our study book, the scripture and our lives in general.



During that 25 years many brothers (and one sister) have come and gone from the group. Some have aged out of the group, some have moved away, some have gone home. Glenn Gerry joined the group about 20 years ago and was a regular every Friday morning. He would show up in his old pick up, limp in, and join us for breakfast. Like clockwork he was always there. Sometimes he didn't say much, or he would pass and not share anything. Other times he would share and if you were wise you would listen to his insight. No matter his verbal input you could always count on Glenn to be in good humor.

My friend Glenn Gerry passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at his home in Butte with his beloved wife Sue at his side. Last Friday was the first Men's Group I'd attended since Glenn went home. For the better part of an hour I found myself staring at his chair, his spot at our table, and I would alternate between seeing Glenn sitting in his usual spot and looking at his empty chair. An empty chair that revealed the hole in our fellowship and my heart.

In the end I let Glenn down. I promised to write a Eulogy for his funeral even though I couldn't attend, and our friend Doc was going to read it for me. In the midst of a work disaster, family and personal issues, and church work I found my bucket empty, and I couldn't write a word to my friend to say goodbye. Glenn, I apologize for not being a better friend. For being out of State when I should have been at your funeral and for not getting this Eulogy done on time.

I think I messed up and made writing this a lot harder than it had to be. I should have remembered what was important, because all I really needed to say was two things: First, that Glenn Gerry was a good man, a good friend, a good brother in Christ and our fellowship here at Aldersgate is the poorer for his absence, and second, that he is Home.

Brad Belke

### Advance Giving for Ukrainians

You can help the church in Ukraine provide for those in need. Mel Mushinski, Global Ministries In Mission Together Coordinator, whose area includes Ukraine, provided these resources. Mel also asks for continued prayers.

UMCOR will assist as possible United Methodists in Ukraine by responding to the needs of internally displaced persons through its International Disaster Response and Recovery (IDR) fund. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

#### TO HELP REFUGEES WITHIN UKRAINE: Advance # 14053A



<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/14053a/>

Administered by a Crisis Committee in Ukraine to oversee donations. For accountability, weekly reports are made to Ullas Tankler. *Although the website does not mention anything about refugees, gifts designated online for this purpose will pass through this account.* It is also possible to designate gifts for specific churches, although these funds will be held until such time it is determined that a church is able to carry out its ministry.

#### TO HELP UKRAINIANS OUTSIDE OF UKRAINE

##### UMCOR general giving Advance #982450

<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450/>

Any country receiving refugees or the Crises Committee within Ukraine can request funds. Usually, this is done by the administrative entity within each country. It is not possible to designate an online gift for a specific purpose or country. This website does not mention anything about Ukrainian Refugees but rather it is understood that some of these funds will be distributed for that purpose.

##### BY PHONE

Credit card gifts can be accepted by phone. Call toll-free: **888-252-6174** to make your gift. An Advance number is necessary to make a donation to any project.

##### BY MAIL

A check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR or Advance GCFA. On the memo line write the Advance number. Also, include the name and address of your local church if giving credit is desired by that entity.

##### Mail to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR,  
GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068



100 % goes to helping those in need!

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-Movies with a Meaning (4th Fridays 7-10pm): Thought-provoking movies with discussion to follow.

The Aldersgate Youth Program is open to ALL youth in 6th-12th grades (Aldersgate-associated or not). If you would like more information on youth meetings and events, have questions or concerns, or would like to be involved in this life-changing ministry, please contact Jill Graff at 491-1650 or [butteumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:butteumcyouth@gmail.com).

The Funeral Luncheon Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped serve or brought deserts or salads to the luncheons recently or in the past! If you are interested in continuing with this ministry or want to join in now; we would like to update our contact list with names and current phone numbers. Please either contact the church office (406-782-2425) or sign up at the greeters table.



Funeral Luncheon



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-21. There will be a short organizational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 3. Come on and all! Contact Jill with any questions.



### Spring Clean Up Day

9 am until finished on Saturday April 30th. Working on inside dusting and windows, and outside yard work at the Church.