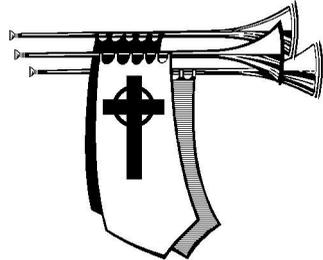


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Memos from Matthias

Well, it has been a year since I was appointed to Aldersgate UMC and I am very grateful that with all things considered, the church is continuing to be the church. Keep in mind that churches all over the country have been closing, even before COVID and the challenge continues for the church to “*Dream Like Jesus*” to be relevant today. May we continue to grow in grace and wisdom as we discern who we are called to be and what we are called to do.

- **Summer Sermon Series** is entitled, “*Words to Live By*” and if you have not already done so, I will encourage you to google: “YouTube commands of Jesus” and an hour and a half of scripture, music and inspiration will emerge for your spiritual growth. I listen to this a little at a time and not all at once for it is a great deal to digest in one sitting. If you have a favorite “*Words to Live By*” quote, scripture or song please put them in the suggestion box on the greeters table or email them to me at: [<mkrieraumc@gmail.com>](mailto:mkrieraumc@gmail.com) Thanks so much!

- **Membership Orientation** slated for sometime this summer. Please pre-register if you have a desire to explore what it means to be a member of this church while striving to be a disciple of Christ. Sign up at the greeter’s table or call/email the church office at: 406.782.2425 ... [<aldersgate@bresnan.net>](mailto:aldersgate@bresnan.net)

I will be on **vacation** July 19-26 pending SPRC’s blessing, to attend a Memorial Service and a family reunion on my side of the family near Rapid City, South Dakota.



07: Keith & Julie Carlson
18: Glenn & Sue Gerry
20: Russ & Missy Robertson

03: Jack Timmer
07: Lindsay Orr Young
09: Riley Hash
14: Barbara Aldredge
15: Dave Andersen
16: Addie Thomson
18: Jordan Richards
19: Nikki DeShazo
31: Katelyn Crummett Hoffman



06: Cindy Ruffner
09: Kathy Davis
10: LaVerne Henrich
14: Laura Weatherly
15: Mary Harsh
18: Jill Graff
19: Chuck Kestle
30: Karmen Blanthorn



Vacation Bible School
 Registration will be on July 7th from 6:30-7:30pm during an ice cream social, or by contacting the church office or Jill . A Family Meal will be served from 5:30-6:00pm and the program will be 6-8pm on July 19-22. If you would like to volunteer contact the church office (406-8782-2425) or Jill Graff at jillgraff@gmail.com or 491-1650



The youth and their families had a lovely picnic together at Basin Creek Park on June 6th. We are so excited for our new Youth Group members that have finally reached youth group age! On June 8th, several youth joined George Parret in gracing Aldersgate with



the beauty of flowers. George is such a blessing as he starts all of the flowers for Aldersgate in his home every spring and coaches the youth in planting. Flower planting is always a fun, muddy time!



Though the youth program takes a break from regularly scheduled meetings during the summer, we are looking forward to gathering several times for fun events, as well as the summer mission trip in August.



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 jillgraff@gmail.com or 491-1650.

July Trumpet Call
 In loving memory of Georgia O'Donnell From Laverne Henrich

Sponsors are still needed for the following months:

Tr. Call	Mt. Standard
Aug	Aug
Nov	Sept
	Oct
	Dec



Jaycee Ann Burke
 Court Neibauer
 Ethan Marsh
 Tyler Cox
 Colby Coppinger
 Lexi Clegg
 Kylee Ryujin



Lauren Sullivan
 Jordan Richards
 Ethan McCaughey
 Clyde "Mike" Thompson
 Hannah Banderob
 Samantha Johnston

Chyanne Robinson

Like most young people Chyanne Robinson is glad that it is summer. Summer means playing softball along with other sports and outdoor activities. She really enjoyed playing the position of first base for Dennehy Flooring in the Copper City League this season. Summer also means getting to spend more time with her large extended family. This past school year was challenging as she and her fellow classmates learned to balance in-person and remote learning. When it comes to school she would simply rather be in the classroom with her peers learning her favorite subjects of Math and Art with her teacher rather than learning from home, but sometimes "you just have to make it work."



As the daughter and oldest child of Brandon and Lara Robinson, according to her Mom, she took on quite a bit at home as well. When asked what it is like to be the sister to younger brothers, Ryder and Greyson, she said "for the most part she likes helping to take care of them."

As a part of the Aldersgate community she has served as an Acolyte, attended Sunday School and worship with her family and has gone to church camp. She really likes to sing and is hopeful of attending Vacation Bible School. As a 6th grader Chyanne is an official "middler" making it possible for her to join youth group. The thing she has missed most is getting to see everyone and she is looking forward to getting to be at Aldersgate again very soon.

MOVING FORWARD

As we come out of the Covid Pandemic our church is discussing Moving Forward; where we go from here, our goals, our plans, our hope for the future. Before the Pandemic, Aldersgate was on the move, we were growing in numbers, growing spiritually, growing in Community. Now that the pandemic is winding down, how do we recover the momentum that we lost and Move Forward?

Mitzvot.

Mitzvot is a Hebrew word that means: *“Actions taken to heal and repair the World.”* The word seems like a statement of the Way Forward, a word that presents a goal, calls for a plan, and provides us with hope for our future. A Way Forward that calls on us to Remember who we are and who we serve.

Remembering that attending church is not the end of the journey, but the beginning. Because attending church is something we do to provoke, to remind, to comfort, to inspire and to challenge. Because attending church is making the effort to walk in someone else’s shoes, because attending church is not just attending a service, church is the people.

Remembering that we are a people who live a certain way, people who pour ourselves out so that the World will be healed. Mitzvot. Healed, not by politics, not by imposing our will, but by how we pour ourselves out to others. Healed because of how we remember the poor. Healed because by our extending grace to the oppressed we are reminded daily of the grace extended to each of us. Healed by not forgetting the poor or what it means to be oppressed. Because if we forget, we would be forgetting who we are, who we aspire to be, and the Grace of God.

Remembering that as a church we stand with the oppressed (the single parent, the unemployed, the homeless, the victim of racism, the victim of sexism, the victim of ignorance) not only because it affirms them, but because It Rescues Us.

Remembering that our destiny, our future, our Joy, should be to use our resources, talents, skills, and passions to make the world a better place. Because without connections to the oppressed, we forget who

Aldersgate is destined to be.

Remembering always that Jesus is God's gift for the healing of the World, and that the church is Jesus' body, a good gift for the healing of the World.

Remembering always that a church is an organization that exists for the benefit of non-members. Because when you realize that simple truth, you can ask this question, "*If Aldersgate was gone tomorrow would Butte notice?*" "*Would we be missed?*" And in answer, we remain determined to always continue our commitment to "Aldersgate at Work" by our service to the local community.

Remembering always that here at Aldersgate that we believe in miracles and act accordingly. Recognizing that the Holy Spirit is up to something here at Aldersgate, confirming our determination to believe in miracles and to not fear failure.

Remembering to accept and integrate new people quickly.

Remembering to love the local. We know the local; we are invested in our community, the people we serve.

Remembering to always strive to reach the next person, to invite people relentlessly and unapologetically to Christ.

Remembering to focus on bringing the lost to salvation, one by one, relentlessly pursuing the conversion of people by Jesus.

Remembering to elevate the practice of giving and building a culture of generosity. By managing our finances and encouraging proportional giving, by talking about giving often and early, by asking people to give, by teaching people about the benefits of generosity, and finally by celebrating the accomplishments of giving.

Remembering to talk about issues related to handling money, and not just about giving.

Remembering that as a church family we have Two Goals:

First, to support our family, establishing a strong foundation, a place of teaching and worship, where members can be nurtured, grow, and be prepared.

Second, to support and maintain our outreach in the City, State and World, seeking the lost and helping the oppressed.

Mitzvot

-Brad Belke

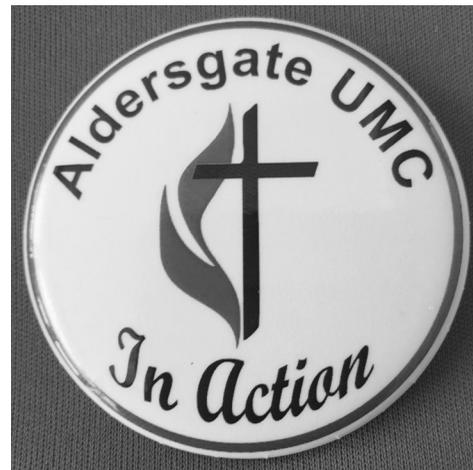
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we are the united ones, candles in our hearts burning away the darkness, until the dawn of our complete acceptance comes. And then we will be able to live free. I fear for the LGBT people, those that live in the hate states, ironically, the same states that claim they are the righteous ones. They are blinded, they are bound, they cannot see with the compassionate eye, they cannot hear with their ear. It is the greatest tragedy of our times, that those who are charged with loving others, do not do so, those who's destiny it is to lead to hope, instead drive to despair and death. Those who are entrusted with providing for the needs of the ones that are most vulnerable and are perishing, are fattening themselves instead, turning their heads from the hurting, and leaving them to die.

You cannot punish the innocent, you cannot terrorize the children who just want to be living true. It will find you, this terrible sin of hate, it will hunt you till the day you die, when you realize, that this world was only about the difference that you will make, the care you give to others, the light and love you bring to this world.

So let your candles burn bright, let your love shame them to silence, and to see the error of their ways. Darkness has taken this world, as it has many times before. Don't let it blow out your candle. Put your candle together with ours, and light a bonfire for the soul. A bonfire of love. Hot, bright, and true.

-Dawnne Woodie





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formation being dropped on us, lies being told about us, as we felt almost overcome at times by not knowing what was coming next, we feel desolate. Even this year's Montana state legislature and their determination to make it as difficult as possible to just live our lives, it has put us on alert, cautious about who we tell. But as the waves of hate break upon us, we overcome with the love of each other, standing fast and true in the light of who we are. As they try to silence our voices, in this place, in other places, even on the street with violence, or with the tactics of using money, funding, starving, stripping of civil rights that are fundamentally our rights as children of the living God, we still stay strong, we don't allow hate to consume us, and we remain resolute in the truth of who we are, courageously facing the world.

It has been a dark night for us, but day follows night surely as the tide comes in and out. Darkness will not prevail; it may for a season, but now is the time that hearts are being revealed. Hearts that say with their lips that they are love and light, and instead, are the whitewashed tombs, and other hearts that say nothing, but with the warm, compassionate glance on the street, that human touch, that mirror of the soul, confirms that there is still love in this world.

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