

# TRUMPET CALL

November 2021

ALDERSGATE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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## Memos from Matthias

**\*Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness:** During November we will not only be giving Thanks for all of life's blessings, but we will be offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness as we contemplate who we are called to be and what we are called to do in 2022 and beyond. Sunday, November 21 is our Celebration Sunday, giving THANKS for all that you have given and will continue to give so we continue in vital and vibrant ministry in the years to come! Thank you for offering your gifts in service to our community and beyond! Your generosity is deeply appreciated by all!

**\*Vacation:** November 23-November 28 ... Just so you know I will be in Colorado celebrating Thanksgiving with family. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office or our Lay Leader Brad Belke for support.



08: Tom & Katelyn Hoffman  
 08: Ed & Mary Lou Wolstein  
 08: Glenn & Nellie Callaghan  
 22: Bob & Barbara O'Brien  
 28: Doc & Cookie Jordan

01: Ron Kuecks  
 06: Carol Rhoads  
 10: Cherilyn Lambert  
 20: Larry Davis  
 23: Bev LeProwse  
 25: Glenn Gerry  
 27: Mickey Quilici-Lawrence  
 29: Julie Kruger Tresidder



04: Jake Olson  
 06: Isla Rose Thomson  
 12: Kathy Bechtle  
 23: Carol Brown  
 23: Dena Hamry  
 26: Bob Tremis  
 28: Richard Haedt  
 30: Julie Brandon



**\*Happy Thanksgiving!** We all know that we are to give THANKS year round, but we really focus on having an "attitude of gratitude" in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your life is thank you, it will be enough."

## November Trumpet Call

In remembrance of Hoot Gibson  
~from Family

The Saturday ads in the  
Mt. Standard for  
November is sponsored  
In memory of LeProwse  
Family from Bev LeProwse



If you would like to sponsor the Trumpet call, or the Montana Standard Ad, please call the office at 406-782-2425. Below are the available months as of this writing. Due to rising costs, we are asking for donations of \$40 to sponsor either of these.

Tr. Call	Mt. Standard
Apr	Jan
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**Annual Church Charge Conference** is December 2nd at 5:30 pm. Zoom will be offered. Please RSVP with the



church office if you plan on attending either by Zoom, or in-person, by November 30th.



In October, we were reminded that life doesn't always go as planned, but as followers of Jesus Christ, we always have hope and a place to turn for strength. Many of our planned youth events were modified, cancelled, or postponed due to the Graff family's quarantine. We still gathered together, but via Zoom. Some in-person meetings were cancelled. Our yard work service project was postponed a week and Youth Sunday was rescheduled. However, through it all, we love and support each other.

The youth worked hard on Sunday, October 24th helping some members of our church family prepare their yards for winter. We were definitely tired and dirty when we were done, but giving back feels so good! We are now looking forward to our Halloween Party on Halloween (6-9:30pm) and Youth Sunday on November 14th.

**-Sunday Night Youth Group:** 6-8pm every Sunday; fellowship, lessons, service projects, and games

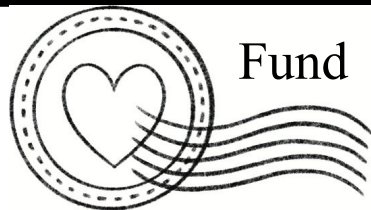
**-Sunday School:** 10:30am on 1st and 3rd Sundays; a time to explore faith within our daily lives

**-TGIW:** 3-5pm on all Wednesdays school is in session; simply a time for fellowship and relaxation

**-LGBTQIA+ Support Group:** Contact Jill for times; a time of fellowship, acceptance, and fun for LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies

**-Confirmation and Beyond!** Spring 2022; A fun time where youth will dive into their faith and what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist

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](mailto:jillgraff@gmail.com) or 491-1650.




With your help, this year we have been able to help a member of the congregation with housing, and other members of the community with things such as food, gas, power bills and entrance into a rehab program. Funds are running low, in a season of need, if you would like to donate to this fund, please note "Love Fund" on your donation.



"I decided to give everyone on my list a 3-D printer and let them make their own gifts."

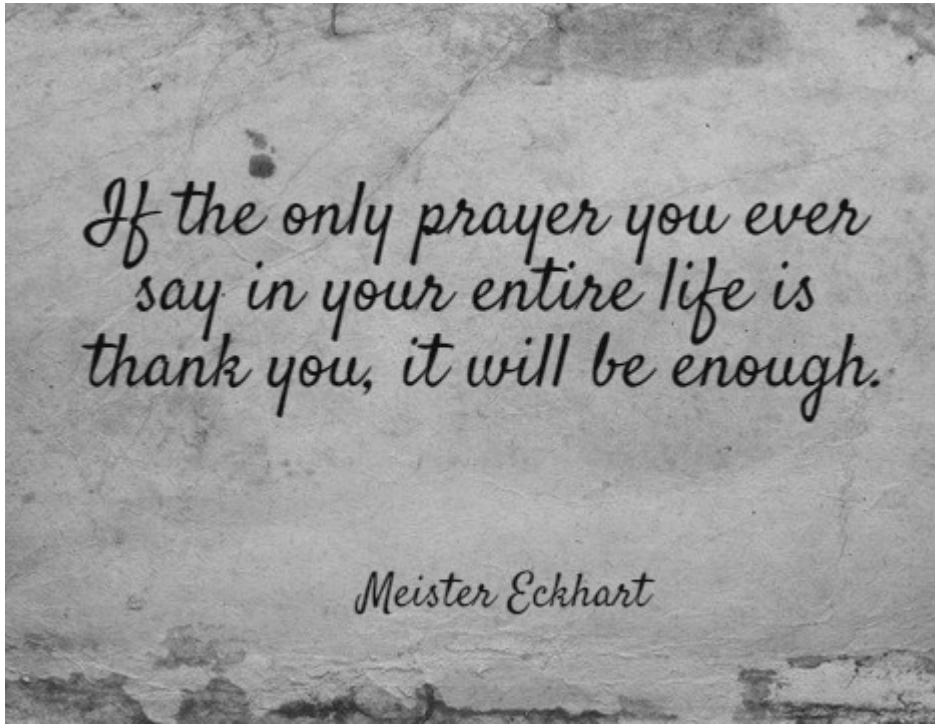


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 7 9:00 Adult SS 10:30 Worship/ Children's SS/ Youth SS 6:00 Youth Group	8	9 7:00 Trustees Mtg 7:00 Community Choir	10 7:30 Women's 4th Day 9:30 Sandwich Ministry 10:30 MidWeek Reflections 3:00 TGIW 5:30 Choir 6:30 Men's 4th day	11	12 7:00 Men's Group 3:00	13 9:00 Women United In Faith livestream
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21 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship 6:00 Youth Group	22	23 7:00 Community Choir	24 7:30 Women's 4th Day 10:30 MidWeek Reflections 5:30 Choir 6:30 Men's 4th day	25 **Trumpet Call Deadline** THANKSGIVING Day 	26 7:00 Men's Group	27
28 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship	29	30 7:00 Community Choir	**No Barbados Meeting this month			

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**\*First Sunday in Advent** is November 28th which is also United Methodist Student Sunday with offering. This offering provides loans and scholarship funds for United Methodist college, university, and graduate students.

Grace, peace & harmony,  
Matthias



Women United in Faith livestream even on November 6, 9-12:30 “Are You Weary?” If you would like more information call Peggy Ryan at 406-565-0529.







Our little band of “Jesus seekers” is embarking on the second half of the first season of the TV streaming series of “The Chosen”. (Boy that was a mouthful!) We have this series on DVD.

The series is a historical fiction work that depicts certain aspects and events in the life of Jesus. We have encountered the healing of Mary Magdalene from whom seven demons were cast out as we read in Luke 8:1-2; Nicodemus, one of the leading Pharisees who met with Jesus by night and had the famous conversation about being born again (John 3:1-12); and Mary the mother of Jesus. We have witnessed Jesus calling his disciples Simon Peter and brother, Andrew; brothers James and John; and the tax collector, Matthew. This is the same Matthew and John who wrote two of the gospel accounts and Simon Peter who wrote two of the New Testament epistles. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter was written to “exiles scattered to the four winds, not one missing or forgotten” and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter was written to “you whose experience with God is as life-changing as ours, all due to our God’s straight dealing and the intervention of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (Scriptures from the Message Bible)

We’ve been to the wedding at Cana where Jesus did his first public miracle of turning water into wine; at the seashore when Jesus asked Simon Peter and Andrew, after an all night fishing expedition where they caught nothing, to cast their nets again and Jesus multiplied the fish to the point of almost breaking their nets; and we have been hearing teachings and seeing miracles.

As we have contemplated what these episodes have meant to us, here are some of the comments. ” The series opened my eyes to the cultural background of Jesus’ time and customs.” “This series has introduced me to the people in the bible—suddenly coming alive—and Jesus especially—full of laughter and almost teasing. You didn’t have to know anything—just follow “Him”.” “The stories stimulated my imagination so much more than what is presented in (the black and white words on the page) of the gospel, creating a sense of awe and wonder.”

“The series has brought me closer to Jesus, but has also shown me a different way to observe others.” “Jesus’ understanding and cares for human feelings and daily activities. He truly cares about every aspect of us and I was struck by His hesitancy to begin what he had been called to do, even though He had been preparing His whole life. How often do I hesitate?”

And onward we journey!!!

~Judy Reel

Years ago, a pastor told the SPRC committee that even a successful church will start to die when the talking (complaining) starts. When members begin complaining about the service, or the pastor, or the hymn selection, or this staff member or that staff member, or the lay leader, or this person or that person, etc., the end was in sight.

She asked that we commit as members of the family at Aldersgate to not talk (complain) and to intervene if we observed someone else engage in unproductive talk. She mentioned an old WWII poster that said, “Loose lips sink ships” and translated it for us to – “loose talk kills churches”.



Recently I have observed an increase in unproductive talk (complaining) at Aldersgate. Someone complained about this or that and the complaint was repeated to someone else, and by someone else and pretty soon it is the talk of the church.

I understand that Covid has helped isolate us, frayed nerves and tempers and frankly just made all of us prone to complaints and even anger. But this is not who we are as either as a congregation or a family and it needs to stop before we cause harm. If you have a legitimate complaint come tell me, or Lauren Kippen or Pastor Matthias. The three of us are tasked by the Book of Discipline to listen to complaints and deal with problems. We will gladly hear you out and see if there is a reasonable resolution to any real problem.

This is the solution required by the Book of Discipline and is clearly scriptural. On the other hand, if you are talking (complaining) outside the required protocol your conduct is not appropriate and may result in a conversation with your lay leader. I have been lay leader for about 10 years, and I have never had to speak to a member of our family at Aldersgate and I hope that I am never put in that position.

We all need to commit to guard our tongues and work together towards our common goal, remembering always who we serve.

Brad Belke~Lay Leader