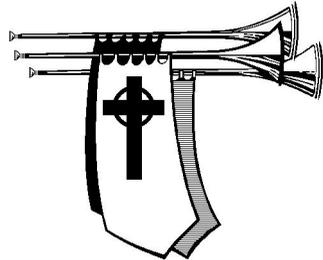


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TRUMPET CALL

January 2020
**ALDRSGATE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
1621 Thornton Ave., Butte - 782-2425



Welcome to 2020! It's the season of revelations... God revealed to humankind. It's also a time of new beginnings, fresh starts and epiphanies. Let's dive in. We will begin the new year with Epiphany Sunday on January 5. Let's explore together what it means to have a living encounter with God by way of the magi experience. On Sunday, January 12, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a day to remember we are all baptized, blessed and called by God. These two special Sundays prepare us for the work ahead as we recognize the image of God within us.

Beginning Sunday January 19, Aldersgate UMC will start a new sermon series entitled "Fred Says! The Wisdom of Mister Rogers." For five weeks we will explore various topics based on the lessons and insights of Protestant minister and educator Fred Rogers. Pull those cardigan sweaters and sneakers out of the closet and garb up for worship. We'll discuss timeless topics of faith, forgiveness, honesty, acceptance and more through the eyes of wise teachers of old and wonderful sages of all ages.

In the giving spirit of Mister Rogers, Aldersgate Youth Group will have a Sweater Drive in January and February. Donations of new and gently loved sweaters (all sizes – babies to grown-ups) will be accepted. Please ensure all items are freshly washed and in good condition. The youth group will then donate the sweaters to local organizations and individuals in need.

Epiphanies abound in the stillness of winter, if only we silence our minds and invite the warmth of the holy one into our hearts.
Peace -
Pastor Sue





Aldersgate UMC held their Annual Charge Conference on Sunday, December 29 with Pastor Sami Pack-Toner (Helena) presiding. All order of business was approved which included; Pastor Compensation for 2020, Lay Leadership Nominations, Membership Role Updates and Aldersgate commitment to 100% of Mission Shares in the coming year. Recognition was given to Lay Servants and Lay Leaders. Pastor Sue presented a report of 2019 celebrations. A special thanks to all who participated and to Pastor Sami for traveling to Butte to assist us in our leadership process.

Thank you to all the people that baked cookies and making the cookie share such a success! And Thank you all who stayed and made it special for all the children!



THANKS
from the
HEART

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to whomever played Santa for my husband and me.

Sincerely,
Heather and Crispin Marsh

January Trumpet Call

In Loving memory of
Cecelia Parrett, with love
from Lee Parrett



The Saturday ads in the
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Trinity UMC



Stepping Up: Look at all the help. There are always eager hands to help no matter what the project is. Watching carefully the last six months I am stunned by all of the people who make a Sunday morning service work. Thank you for all you do.

Our Staff: Thank you to our paid staff. They all went above and beyond and were instrumental in our success.

Giving: One of the key spiritual disciplines is tithing. Thanks to all of you who open your wallets/purses every month, so the doors of the church stay open and our ministry in the community continues.

New Pastor: We all welcomed Sue McNicol as our interim part-time pastor this December. She will take over most of the Sunday duties starting the new year. If you haven't had the chance to greet her, please do so.

Thankful: I think our family at Aldersgate has a lot to be thankful for this year. I know I am thankful for all of you.

Brad

- 02: Laura Hash
- 16: Jerry Bechtle
- 17: Russell Robertson
- 20: Kathie Johnson



- 13: Donnie Fisher
- 17: Chase Lubick
- 18: Doris Jenkins
- 20: Sharon Smith

02: Steven & Emily Keckler



11: Ed & Norma Pangburn

Valentine Dinner

12th annual Valentine's Dinner will be held February 8th. Dinner will be served at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Please contact Marylyn Shovlin at 560-7421 to RSVP, or Heather at 782-2425.

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.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

WHAT A YEAR 2019 WAS AT ALDERSGATE.

We may have started slow, but we sure finished strong and it looks like 2020 will be even better. Let's review:

Messages: With the loss of the pastor in June numerous members and guests stepped up and delivered extraordinary messages on Sunday mornings throughout the second half of the year. We have a talented congregation and I have arranged for a lay person to deliver one message a month through June 2020, so if you have something on your heart, let me know.

Attendance: Attendance has been good. Most of the members who had been missing are back and everyone seems happy with our progress. Now that our situation is stable again it is time to grow. Invite a friend or family member to join our family at Aldersgate and let's pack the place on Sunday mornings.

Growth. That is how it works you know. People don't come to church because they see an ad in the paper or a sign. They come because someone from the church tells them what it is like to be part of a family at a church like Aldersgate and then invites them to join us. So, pick someone and ask them to join us.

Renovations. Look what we did. The church didn't look as good new as it does now and a lot of it was accomplished by your hard work. The list of volunteers who worked on the painting, construction, repairs, cleaning and decorations is long and I want to thank everyone who took the time to help. What we have accomplished is nothing short of amazing.

Parsonage: The parsonage is updated and ready to serve for the foreseeable future, thanks to everyone who pitched in.

Sunday School: If you have not been downstairs for the children's Sunday School you need to take a peak. They love the new facility and equipment and are preparing the children for the future.

Youth: Look what was done in 2019. I'm sure you have all read Jill's article, so you know they are on the go every week.

Music: What can I say, give an ovation to Fred, Frankee, and the choir for all they add. By the way, if you can sing the choir can use a couple more voices.



Youth Group News

November and December found us busy having fun and serving those in need. In December, several youth participated in a CPR/AED course so they are better able to serve if there is an emergency. Youth also served the hungry by helping sort food at the Emergency Food Bank during the Thompson Food Drive. Thank you to all who were able to donate socks for the sock drive. On December 16th, youth delivered the socks to the Butte Rescue Mission during TGIM (our after-school program). The youth were blessed by the opportunity to hand out the socks to residents and see

the joy that a gift as simple as socks can bring. The youth also served our special-needs neighbors and friends at the annual SPARCS Christmas dinner and dance. It was a lot of work, but well worth the effort due to the huge smiles we got to see. So that everyone can bring the Light of Christ home with them on Christmas Eve, the youth decorated battery-powered candles for everyone to take home. In January, the youth look forward to running a sweater drive in honor of Mr. Rogers and serving meals at the Butte Rescue Mission. On top of all of these service projects, our amazing youth continue to excel in school and share their gifts through Speech and Debate, Band, Choir, Wrestling, Art, and more!

We are looking forward to our Second Annual New Year's Eve Lock-in. We will have an "Escape Room" experience, games, a Night Watch service, food, and hopefully a little sleep!

Come January, we are going to try some new things with our Sunday evening Youth Group. We will have new groups called "High School Highs" for youth in high school and "Middle School Moments" for youth in middle school and 6th grade. These meeting times will allow youth time with their age-peers to talk about what is going on in their lives and have more age-appropriate discussions. We will still have Youth Group for all ages to continue building our relationships and develop mentor/mentee relationships between all ages of youth. TGIM will continue every Monday that school is in session. Our January and February schedules will look like:

-Sundays, Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2, and Feb 16:

Sunday School (10:30-11:30am)

High School Highs 5-6pm (bring a sack dinner)

- Youth Group 6-7:30pm (all ages)
- Sundays, Jan 12 and Feb 9:
Middle School Moments 5-6pm (bring a sack dinner)
Youth Group 6-7:30pm (all ages)
- Sundays, Jan 26 and Feb 23:
Family Day (No Youth Group - spend time with your family)

Thank you for your continued support of our youth. Your support is truly changing lives in such beautiful ways! Please watch for signup sheets to be passed through the congregation for opportunities to get to know your youth at meetings and events. Our youth program is open to all youth (Aldersgate associated or not) in the 6th-12th grades. If you have ideas, questions, or are interested in helping chaperone one of our events, please contact Jill Graff at 491-1650 or jillgraff@gmail.com.

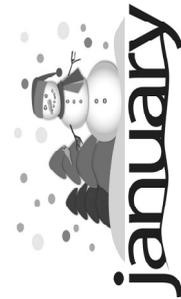


You are invited to join us!
for
Table Talk with Bishop Karen
Oliveto
& the Cabinet of the Mountain
Sky

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
1621 Thornton
Butte, Montana

Our meet and greet begins at 5:30. A
Soup and Bread Supper will follow at
6:00 with the Bishop and Cabinet.
Come by any time.

RSVP to Heather at (406) 782-2425
aldersgate@bresnan.net



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9AM Adult SS 10:30Worship/ Children's SS/ Youth SS 5:00 HSH (YG)	6 3 PM T&EM 6 PM Yoga	7 11 AM Barnabas 7-9 Square Dancing	1 NEW YEAR'S Day	2 10:00 AM Trumpet Call 11:30-7 Voice Lessons 5:15 PM Women's 4th	3 7 AM Men's Group	4
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