

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

EASTER OFFERING CELEBRATION!!

We are so very excited to share that our Easter offering, collected to help pay down the debt on our property, was wonderfully successful. In these few days of Lent, you have given, \$28,371! All of that gift will be payment on our debt, helping us to avoid a coming interest increase, and (when paid off) regain budgeted funds assigned to the mortgage payment. The Pastors, Staff, and Finance Team can't thank you enough for sharing in this mission and reflecting Christ like generosity in the way you give. If you would like to make additional donations to the mortgage, you are welcome to do so by indicating on your gift. Thank you Aldersgate!



A message from Pastor Sarah

Something's in the air; allergens for some, the churning winds of spring thunderstorms for others, the sweet smell of rain, and a freshly cut lawn. Spring is in the air. So is resurrection. When the disciples realized what was stirring, their grief turned to joy - and their joy was uncontainable. Their whole lives spilled over with the testimony of Jesus and the salvation resurrection offered. The way they lived, the things they spoke of, the way they carried on the miraculous work of the Spirit all declared resurrection. Their joy was uncontainable and absolutely contagious; multiplying the movement of God exponentially.

See, joy is contagious. And we have reason to celebrate at Aldersgate. The joy we each experience in knowing Christ and the gift of His salvation is multiplying in our ministry together. Each week, we rejoice in welcoming guests and visitors in worship, several people are responding to the desire to join Aldersgate in membership, and members who have been distant from church are finding their home with us again. In the coming weeks, we will celebrate our first anniversary of being Global Methodist Church with a special celebration Sunday and share in the joy of people coming to Christ with baptism Sunday. Life and joy are in the air!

I hope you take a moment to look around for all the signs of resurrection among us. Most importantly, I pray that the joy of the resurrection finds ways to multiply through you!

Pastor Sarah

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WEEKLY WORSHIP & LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE:

Wednesday Night Worship:
6:30PM - Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship:
8:30AM - Traditional Worship
10:30AM - Contemporary Worship



- ✓ Register for events
- ✓ Donate in the app
- ✓ Check-in to church
- ✓ Update contact info
- ✓ And more!



Download today

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COMING SOON

SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Download the Church Center App!



GET THE APP!

The Church: DEFINED

WHO WE ARE VS.
WHO WE SHOULD BE

Marion Aldersgate

BAPTISM

SUNDAY

APRIL 28, 2024

Sign up in the app or use the QR code

Thrive Family BINGO Night

APRIL 12
6:30PM-8:00PM
IN THE ALC (GYM)

B	I	N	G	O
8	28	33	46	68
11	17	45	52	74
6	29	FREE	58	71
12	22	38	49	63
3	19	41	60	64

GOT YOU COVERED

DIAPER MINISTRY

HELP US HELP THEM

Thrive is taking diaper donations for the **Got You Covered Diaper Program** through **Sunday, May 5**. This ministry provides diapers to those in desperate need here in southern Illinois. There currently is a need for sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as pull-ups. Any brand other than Parent's Choice or Luvs accepted.

Please place diapers on signed table in the lobby.

Shine T-Shirt Night!

April 26, 2024
6-8pm

Register on the app to pay for your shirt and reserve your spot. Registrations must be made by **April 10th**.

SAVE THE DATE!

SCUBA

giving into friendship with god

JULY 8-12
9AM-12PM
AGES 3 1/2 - 5th GRADE

SIGN UP HERE

MAY 5TH

Celebration Sunday

CAKE IN THE ALC (GYM) BETWEEN SERVICES

MINISTRIES & EVENTS




Marion Aldersgate Church at Third Thursday

Volunteers Needed!

Help us share Christ's love with our community! Starting April 18th, Marion Aldersgate Church will be participating in the Marion Connects Third Thursday events in downtown Marion. We will serve our community delicious sweet tea and lemonade!

If you're interested in volunteering, please email cshaw@marionaldersgate.org



Join us to learn about the ministry of Aldersgate, and how to find your place as members of our community.

NEW MEMBER CLASS
APRIL 14TH & 21ST

You can sign up, or indicate your interest on the church center app, under "sign-ups!" or, use the QR code.




Marion Aldersgate Church Women

April 4, 2024
1:00PM
Bereans Classroom

Ann Warner will present the program on "Helping Students in Africa Afford Education"

RSVP by contacting Frances Pierce at: fbpierce44@yahoo.com or call at 618-889-7880



CALLING ALL

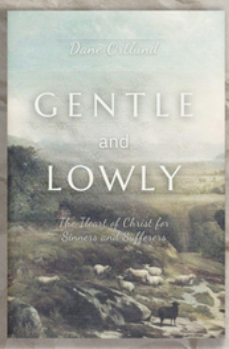
MOMS

OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS

9AM-11AM

BRING A BRUNCH DISH TO SHARE

New Thrive Study:

GENTLE and LOWLY

The Heart of Christ

Wednesdays, April 3rd - May 15th
6:30PM in Good Shepherds Classroom (Room 7)

Taught by Russ Williams and Liz Haas based on the Dane Ortlund book "Gentle and Lowly".

Email rwleadership@gmail.com to RSVP.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

Men's

BREAKFAST

FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, AT 8:00 AM

ETHOs at the Citadel. 504 Tower Square Plaza, Marion.



Guest Speaker: Stephen Price
\$10 per person for breakfast. RSVP to Russ Williams at 618-694-6586 or rwleadership@gmail.com

MONTHLY AT MAC



Connection Points

Nursery:

Infants to 4 year olds during Sunday School and Services on Sunday mornings.

Children's Church:

Located in the ALC (gym) for ages 3 1/2 (if potty trained) to 5th grade during 8:30 Service, Sunday School and 10:30 Service on Sunday mornings.

Jr. High

Teacher - D.O. Carlson
Room 25

High School

Teacher - John Fletcher
Room 26

Homebuilders

Oldest class in existence at Aldersgate, Studying from the Wesley Bible Curriculum
Teacher - Wally Dodge
Teacher - Jim Turner
Room 29

Sisters & Friends

A place for women of any age to connect and share a love of God's Word.
Teacher - Sharon Johnson
Room 24

Thrive

Adults 30-50
Thriving through Adulting
Teacher - Beth Dailey
Room 27

Young Adults

H.S. Grad. - 29ish
Teacher - Morgan Brave
Room 23

Sunday School Classes

Bereans

A class for retirees
Room 8

Disciples

50+ using Wesley Bible Curriculum
Room 21

Seekers

A class for any age that is interested in the true meaning of the scriptures.
Room 28

Good Shepherds

A Class open to all ages with an emphasis on scriptural integrity.
Teacher - Sharon Atchison
Room 7

QUILTERS GONNA QUILT
QUILTING B'S AND WANNA B'S
APRIL 9TH - 11:30AM-3:00PM
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

Wednesday Night Meals:

Please be sure to sign up for the upcoming Wednesday Night Meals on the signup sheet located inside the ALC (gym) door when arriving each Wednesday evening. If you are not able to sign up the week prior, please call the church office to give them your number of meals.

Thank you, Aldersgate family, for your kind words of support, prayers, and donations for my nephews, Jettson and Roman. Our family is so blessed to be surrounded by your love and encouragement during this time and we pray for these strong little guys as they come home from the NICU and undergo further testing. Your continued prayers are appreciated. We can't thank you all enough! #ShawStrong
- Corryne Shaw and Family

- 01 Kristen Fowler
Jan O'Keefe
- 02 Bay Dannells
Beth Hamer
Aiden McGuire
Somer Slone
Jaxon Walker
- 03 Joan Smith
- 04 Terry Mathias
Sarah Simpson
Phyllis Smedshammer
- 05 Sally Pearce
- 06 Judi Kay Main
Joe Reinhard
Ashlyn Zeigler
- 07 Taylor Reaney
Kinley Slone
- 08 Madalyn Dunning
Anita Stotlar
- 09 John C. Capel
Lance Hasler
Sara Wanck
- 10 Maizlee Brave
- 11 Hannah Zeigler
- 12 Cal Dunning
Presley McClellan
- 13 Carolyn Capel
Frank Haas
- 14 Bob Jackson
- 15 Larkin Hasler
- 17 Dani Jacquot
- 21 Mary Ann Jacob
- 22 Bill Nielsen
- 23 Autumn Richey7
- 24 Wally Dodge
Frank Rentfro
Liam Webb
- 25 Judy Lemmon
Helen Hotzke
- 26 Phyllis Dutton
Camron Gates
Tyler Gilliam
- 27 Treva Cole
- 28 Cara Cox

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

- 04 Raymond and Mary Jo Trimble Jr.
- 09 Deon and Debbie Randall
- 10 Randy and Amanda Stanley
- 13 Scott and Michelle Malone
- 13 Don and Joan Smith
- 19 Russ and Rocio Williams
- 29 John and Somer Slone



MISSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS



Easter Egg Hunt 2024!



Socks of Love, Special Thank you!

To all the individuals and groups who participated in the annual SOCKS OF LOVE sock and underwear drive for area children in need. We raised 983 sets of socks and 215 pairs of underwear. This year we had 3 churches participate in helping with the sock drive, **Marion Aldersgate Church**, Lake of Egypt Christian Church and First Methodist Church of Carrier Mills. The donations were taken to Survivor Empowerment Center serving 5 locations and to Nights Shield in West Frankfort. Thank You all again for helping keep warm feet for children throughout Southern Illinois!

The Trustees and many many others have been busy around the Church Grounds this past month. Spring is here and our beautiful property is being cared for by so many. We are so thankful for the teams of people who have worked to trim bushes, power wash concrete, place rock, trim trees, mow grass, sort closets and work to beautify our wonderful facility. God is Good and we are his handiwork!

MISSIONS

Missions Moment: Mission Trip to Baldwin, Louisiana UMCOR Sager Brown | September 21-28, 2024

Providing emergency supplies both nationally and internationally, UMCOR SAGER BROWN has met the needs of thousands through the years, and has done so through the help of volunteers, such as Marion Aldersgate in the past. Aldersgate's volunteers packed flood buckets (supplies for flood clean-up), clothing, building supplies, sewing projects and grounds maintenance at Sager Brown. The work is all age appropriate. Besides the work we will take time to tour the area of this Gulf Coastal area, eat at Cajun restaurants, fishing on banks of UMCOR waterway and take a swamp tour on the bayou. We leave Saturday September 21st and arrive in Baldwin, Sunday September 22nd; returning home the same route and arriving home of Saturday September 28th.

TOTAL COST OF TRIP IS \$500 PER PERSON. TRIP LIMITED TO 7 ADULTS. SIGN-UP DEADLINE—MAY 12th
Contact Aldersgate Church Office to sign up. (Sponsored by the Aldersgate Mission Team)

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

As I look back over the events of Mission Conference 2024, I think we could have called it a Missionary Homecoming 2024. All the missionaries we heard from have deep ties to Aldersgate and 4 of them grew up right here in front of us! What an honor and privilege to walk alongside these men and women as they proclaim the Word of God to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). May we continue to be faithful to send workers into the harvest!

Many of you have asked how you can support our missionaries and the work they are doing beyond your faithful prayer support and words of encouragement. Over the last few decades, Aldersgate has supported a number of growing missions and individual missionaries. We are so thrilled that this year many of them were able to join together in one place for our 2024 Missions Conference. Many of you and some of our community were able to witness the Fire of God at work within them through their testimonies and conversations.

Aldersgate takes seriously its commitment to spread the Gospel of Jesus throughout the world both locally and abroad. As part of our vision and practice of discipleship over many years we have established a covenant community of support by sending each of our 10 missionaries \$300 a month. If we do the math, that adds up to \$36,000 per year. If you would like to give an extra offering to help make this possible, you can donate directly to the church and designate it for missions. If you would like to donate to a specific missionary, you can find a direct link to their ministry and giving page by using the QR code provided on the missions board, located just outside the sanctuary, or visit the missions section of the church's website.

If you need more information please don't hesitate to call me!
Tammy Payne 618-889-3335.