

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## A message from Pastor Sarah

It's almost hard to believe that, one year ago, Aldersgate began a new season in its legacy of ministry to Southern Illinois. And two years ago, the dream of a new Methodist denomination officially came to life. As I sat in the pews during our Celebration Sunday service, and as we shared communion, I imagined the saints of Aldersgate's past and wondered if 160 years ago, those faithful charter members would have imagined the legacy of ministry that has affected thousands of people, born through their faithfulness. During the service, as I glanced around the sanctuary and watched a new generation lift hands in worship, I tried to imagine the ministry they would lead decades from now and the fruit it would bear. It seemed beyond my imagination.

In the last few weeks, we've celebrated 16 people making professions and commitments of faith through the waters of Baptism. Nine adults made professions of faith as new members of Aldersgate. And two people would surrender their lives to Christ in quiet moments at the altar, following our worship services.

God has been so very faithful to Aldersgate. I am confident that as we commit to faithfulness to Him in this new season, He will continue to unfold blessing upon blessing to this church family. I firmly believe that "much fruit" is coming, and that we'll be reaping a bountiful harvest of transformation together.

May it be so.  
Pastor Sarah

*Pastor Sarah*

## WEEKLY WORSHIP & LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

### 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

HAPPY

# Mother's Day

Download the Church Center App!

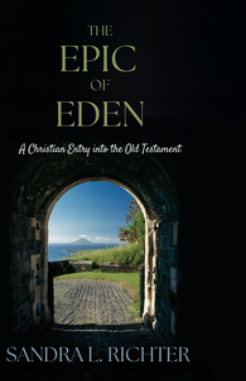


GET THE APP!



A book study on  
**THE EPIC OF EDEN**  
By SANDRA L. RICHTER

Starting  
MAY 6th at 10AM  
In the Blue Room  
All are welcome!



Sign up in our App now!

**young adult  
taco night**



35 & under

LA FIESTA - MARION. IL  
TUESDAY, MAY 28TH - 6:00 PM

SIGN UP IN THE APP!



**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.

**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

*Men's*  
**BREAKFAST**

FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, MAY 11th, AT 8:00 AM  
ETHOs at the Citadel, 504 Tower Square Plaza, Marion.

SAVE THE DATE!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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

SIGN UP HERE



**Marion Aldersgate Church  
at Third Thursday**

**Volunteers Needed!**  
May, 16th 2024

Help us share Christ's love with our community! Marion Aldersgate Church will be participating in the Marion Connects Third Thursday events in downtown Marion. Their next event May 16th! We will serve our community delicious sweet tea and lemonade!

If you're interested in volunteering, please email [chaw@marionaldersgate.org](mailto:chaw@marionaldersgate.org)







# HIGHLIGHTS



Meet our new Serendipity Senior Ministries Leadership Team! Lynda Laningham, Sandy Simpson, JoAnn Swafford, and Jone Smith.

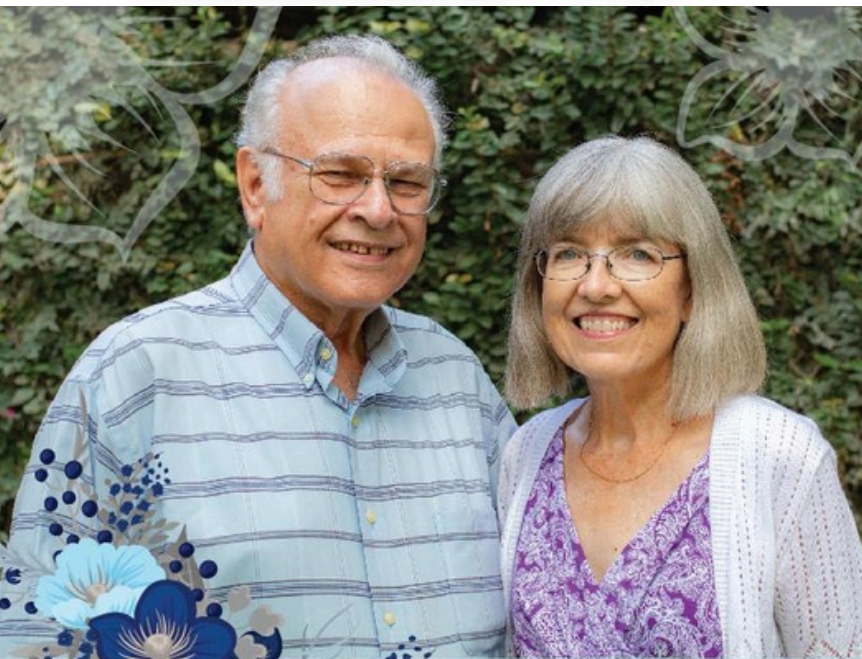


Our Missions Committee serving at the Come and See event for Churros and Chocolate! It was a great night filled with fellowship and the powerful word of God.



A great photo from our Shepherds Team Quarterly Training night! We are so thankful for the dedication and hard work of this team and for the safety and care they provide to our congregation.

# MISSIONS



## Paul & Judi Utley

Campus Crusade for Christ  
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Paul and Judi are involved in many different ministries—Prayer, Jesus Film, Music, Teaching and Disciple-making. Paul also serves on the boards of Grace International School, The Juniper Tree, Global Recording Network and the Voice of Peace.

Thank you so much for continuing in prayer for us. If you would like to invest in our ministry financially, here's how— Mail a check to: "Cru" or "Campus Crusade for Christ", P.O. Box 628222, Orlando, FL 32862-8222. (Please include on a separate slip of paper for Paul and Judi Utley's Acct.# 0053992)





# BAPTISM SUNDAY<sup>4.28.24</sup> & WEDNESDAY<sup>5.1.24</sup>



Celebrating the gift of baptism!

*Thank you!*  
A special THANK YOU to Tina Benesh of SOUL Photography and Beth Shaw of Be&Co Photography for capturing these beautiful moments!



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# CELEBRATION SUNDAY<sup>5.5.24</sup>

Celebrating our 1 year anniversary as a Global Methodist Church!



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# 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.

### 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*

**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*

- M 01 Mike Reel
- A 02 Callahan Roper
- Y 03 Roger Jeter
- 04 Sally Dodge
- B 09 John Payne
- I 12 Mary Marks
- R 15 Sherry Smedshammer
- T Jack Midence
- H 19 Bruce Griffith
- D 20 Brian Fisher
- A Katie Swinford
- Y Rodney Laningham
- S 21 Tammy Wood
- 23 Carolyn Winters

QUILTERS GONNA QUILT  
**QUILTING B'S AND WANNA B'S**  
**MAY 14TH - 11:30AM-3:30PM**  
**(LUNCH PROVIDED)**

## Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

We are needing volunteers for May 28, 29, 30, 31. 9:00AM to 12:30PM. Please contact Lynne Redden.

## Wednesday Ministries on Pause for the Summer!

All Wednesday night activities, other than our student ministries, will be on pause for the Summer! Students will continue to meet. We'll see you this fall!

**MAY**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 13 Ron and JoAnne Swafford
- 30 Riley and Katie Swinford