

THE PAPER

SUNDAY, May 4th, 2025



ALL PAID OFF:

We're giving thanks to God for an incredible end to a long journey! After years of dedicated and sacrificial giving, the mortgage on the Dutton and Malone properties are PAID IN FULL, avoiding the May 1st balloon! Through our Easter offering this year, we received \$65,902.78, allowing us to pay of the \$46,468.18 balance, and reimburse the extra \$14,999.45 to our Building Fund. In addition, \$9,425.53 was given to our Mission Fund, supporting our eleven mission partners around the world. In 2016, Aldersgate leadership dreamed about future possibilities for ministry and purchased the Dutton property and Malone property for \$617,300. Last Easter, the mortgage balance was \$262,900. We are overjoyed and give thanks to God for the ability to pay off these properties completely and dream of new ministries still ahead! Thank you, all of you, for your generous and sacrificial offerings that gave like Jesus. To God be the Glory!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHANGE:

Please make a note and spread the word! Due to a change in community activities, we're shifting our end of year schedule for all Wednesday Night Ministries. Our last Wednesday Night Ministry and Meal of the school year will be Wednesday, May 7th. Kids Awards, Chime/Bell Performance, and Store will happen that night too! Then all Wednesday Night Ministry will be on pause for the summer. We apologize for the change of plans, but hope you plan on joining us for one more night of celebration! (Dinner will be BBQ, Baked Beans, and Ice Cream Bars.)

REGISTER FOR BEULAH CAMPS:

June 15 – June 21 **Beulah Youth Institute** is for students who were in the 7th-12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. The camp cost is \$340 per student. Aldersgate will cover \$145 of your student's registration fee.

June 23 – June 26 **Beulah Bible Camp** is for students who were in the 4th – 6th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. Camp cost is \$275 per student. Aldersgate will cover \$112.50 of your student's registration fee.

June 27 – June 28th **Beulah The Beginning Camp** is for students who were in the 1st – 3rd grade in the 2024-2025 school year. Camp cost is \$165 per student. Aldersgate will cover \$70.00

If you need help getting your students registered for any of these camps, contact Debbie Randoll drandoll@marionaldersgate.org or Clint Benesh cbenesh@marionaldersgate.org. All camps are located at Beulah Holiness Camp in Eldorado IL.

QUILTING B'S & WANNA B'S

Plan on joining us on Tuesday, May 13th from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, in the Good Shepherd’s Room for a day of quilting. A small group of Aldersgate quilters meet to make quilts for our home-bound and hospitalized. If you already quilt, or want to learn how – plan on joining us!

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:

Get ready for the summer event that points kids to Jesus! Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 14th - July 18th, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. Help your kids grow in friendship with Jesus! Children 3 ½ years to completed 5th grade are welcome. Scan the QR code or go to our church app to register.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Hospice has awarded: Larry Bemederfer received the Butterfly Award for someone who goes above and beyond for Hospice, Jodi Reinhard received an award for 15 years of service and Beth Hamer received the 100 Hour Club award. Thank you for your service to and dedication to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for our Grief Support Group, starting June 16th and running for six weeks. Every Monday at 10 am, gather in Good Shepherd's room to share, connect, and find solace with others who understand the journey of loss. Our welcoming environment encourages open conversation and healing as we navigate this challenging time together. You don't have to go through this alone--come and be part of a community that cares. We look forward to seeing you there!

SERENDIPITY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Serendipity will head to Giant City, Tuesday, May 20th. We'll share a Homestyle Fried Chicken Dinner for \$20 a person. We'll meet at the church at 10:30 am to head to Giant City, and stop at a local orchard after for dessert. Reserve your spot in the Church App, under Sign Up's. Or contact JoAnne Swafford at 618-889-1199.

PRAY FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Great Lakes Conference of the GMC will be holding their Annual Conference in Spring Arbor, Michigan June 11th – 13th. Our Conference leadership is inviting us to join them in covering conference in prayer. We would love for you to sign up for a one-hour slot during their 55 Hour Prayer Vigil, and pray for God to lead and guide our work of conferencing. Scan the QR Code to sign up for a spot!



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