

Aldersgate Church Council meeting was held on June 22, 2010. Bill Phillips, Chair opened the meeting Cherie Portinga gave opening prayer. Twenty Two members were in attendance. Staff and Committee reports are as follows:

Jenn Wilson - Youth and Young Adults

- **Jenn attended 7 student events in May**
- May 2 was end of year banquet for Jr. and Sr. High youth
- Both Jr. and Sr. High youth helped with VBS
- 20 Sr. High youth attended Chicago mission trip last week
- Meetings were held to plan for the two Percy Jackson themed camps to be held at Aldersgate in July
- Youth will help at Masters Table this Friday
- 13 Jr. High youth will attend the Chattanooga TN mission trip next week
- Young Adults are currently exploring late summer mission opportunities and a fall conference to attend
- The Way interns have been assigned summer and fall positions within the church (some assignments still pending)
 - Laura will be under the charge of Wendy Crowell and will be assisting with visitations as well as working with Adult Ministries
 - Jennifer will be working with Judy to maintain tote bags for children during worship and will report to Laura and Kate in order to resource children's Sunday School and programming
 - Joy will be working with Jenn to provide quality leadership for our youth and staff outreach opportunities for them

There is currently space for one more intern.

Linda Bradberry - Music Ministry

- Youth and Children's Choirs off for the summer
- Chancel Choir is seeking new members

Wendy Crowell - Congregational Care

- Jenn and Wendy are planning the third meeting of Encounter and are excited about church member response to this new ministry. Dates for future Encounter experiences are July 11 and August 15.
- Congregational Care team continues to minister in the areas of Hospital, Nursing Home and Home Bound visitation.
- Communion travel kits were purchased by Worship Committee
- Began serving communion to nursery workers during Sunday School hour
- Senior Saints kick off will be August 19 with a covered dish lunch.
- Wendy and Jill Sessions have assumed responsibility of being the staff contact persons for Adult Sunday School & Bible Studies. Pam Harwood is the Lay person contact for these ministries. Fall schedule is being assembled, if anyone interested in facilitating, please contact Wendy or Jill

Carol Sayers – Nurture

- Children's Ministries is headed by Jeff and Jeanice Barrett.
- Confirmation banquet & Zone banquet were held on May 16
- VBS was a huge success. Chairpersons were Leigh Cupp and Mary Williams. Attendance was 52-62 children each evening and average of 40 adult and youth volunteers. \$300 was collected during VBS and was donated to United Methodist Children's Home & Nicaragua mission trip
- Summer camps are being run by the Youth this year
- All Sunday School classes have teachers for the summer. August 8 is promotion Sunday and new classes start August 15
- New chair for Women's Ministry is Sue Meehan
- Camp Meeting Sunday is August 8, covered dish luncheon follows 11:00 service.

- Children's Sabbath is October 10. All children will be involved. Questions and comments should be directed to Jeff or Jeanice Barrett
- Jill Sessions and Paige Barnes are checking into the condition of acolyte candle lighters for repair or replacement.

Dave Bolyard - Outreach

- Youth and Adults are planning a mission trip to assist the Atlanta flood victims in late July or early August.
- Second bike trip will be Saturday June 26th.
- Mission trip to Gulfport MS scheduled for last week in September
- Mission trip to Nicaragua schedule for week of Labor Day

Al Stocks - Witness

- Greeting and welcoming visitors was discussed and several ideas were given on doing this.
- Faith Friends is reorganizing and restaffing
- Attendance records show 10 have visited the church this year. Five of them have received pies
- New member classes were held on May 2 and May 26, Nine member prospects attended one or both of the classes. Six church members helped with the classes. Mark and Jenn Wilson have joined!

Staff Parish

- John reported plans to hire a Children's Coordinator, 20 hours a week.
- Staff job descriptions are being reviewed and revised.
- Staff evaluations will be biannually per employee handbook.

Ed Wicker, Jr. – Finance

Financial statements through may show the Church is ahead of budget. These are the best compared to the last two years.

Church is now making monthly amortization payments of \$11,920 on the building loan of \$1,317,107. This is a 15 year loan.

Checking account balance at end of May is the best in the last three years.

Al Stocks has agreed to chair Stewardship Campaign for this year.

Rob Sherman – Trustees

- John is looking into church key situation.
- Lake property - water working well, Eagle Scouts helping at property.
- A kitchen committee has been formed.
- Judy Bentley announced there is much work to be done outside the church. Suggested a workday for the church. Bill Phillips asked John to tell Trustees to pick a day and get volunteers!

Cherie Portinga – Lay Leader

- Cherie attended Leadership UMC at Simpsonwood in May. Four persons per District may attend this conference scheduled 4 times a year in Jan, Nov, Mar and May. Focus is on Doctrine, History, Growth, Clergy/Staff. Project Cherie was assigned to was "how to regain and recoup ages 19-29. She said up and coming leaders of the church should attend this conference.
- Cherie spoke briefly about her move to Wilmington and how much Aldersgate has meant to her and her family. Bill Phillips thanked Cherie for her leadership at Aldersgate and wished her well. She received a well-deserved round of applause.

Other Business – Bill Phillips

Our Family Life Center is a mission for our church. Upward Basketball would do much to spread the word about Aldersgate. A contact person is needed to organize this activity.

John Pinson – Pastors Report

- Interfaith Hospital guests will be here July 25-August 1
- Lay Leader will be changing as Cherie will be moving
- Worship survey results are in. Will be given to Worship committee and Worship Survey team. No clear direction for the church in the survey.

- John reminded us of Aldersgate's objective as adopted in 1968: "to be a studious and worshipping community relevant to the modern age and true to the gospel of Jesus Christ, seeking to serve all people through creative involvement in service and the stewardship of life."
- We all need to agree on who we are as a church.
- We must support new church programs, have trained people in the area of Children and Youth.

John ended the meeting with prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ford, Secretary