

Aldersgate Church Council meeting was held November 15, 2011. There were 24 in attendance. Council Chair Bill Phillips opened the meeting with prayer.

Staff/Committee reports are as follows:

STAFF PARISH - BETH FISHER

Our new Church Administrator, Lynda Williamson, will start December 1.

Currently there are 2 living in the Way House and 3 in the Life House. Two applications have been received for the Way house. In January a schedule will be prepared for the interns' volunteer hours.

Staff evaluations will be completed by December 31.

Staff Love Offering will be highlighted in December.

SPR and John are reviewing Vision and Mission statement for Aldersgate.

FINANCE - Bill Phillips for Ed Wicker Jr.

For October our bottom line shows a net income of \$15,000; year to date shows a negative of \$21,600. This is a budget negative; we have not spent more than we have collected.

Our attendance for all 3 services is down 3.6% from last year, 11.5% less for Sunday School.

STEWARDSHIP - AL STOCKS/JOHN PINSON

Due to the mix up in mailing pledge cards, our commitment deadline has been extended. As of today 56 pledge cards have been turned in with pledges totaling \$308,000. There will be follow up letters the week after Thanksgiving thanking those who pledged and encouraging those who did not to do so.

MUSIC MINISTRY - LINDA BRADBERRY

Linda taught us a short song that will be sung at the Military Dinner on Wed. Nov. 17.

New hand bell choir is being formed, if interested see Pam Dutch.

She presented the holiday music schedule for December; highlight will be the December 11 concert with three churches, performance here at Aldersgate.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE - WENDY CROWELL

Congregational Care Fair was held on October 16 and 15 new volunteers signed up to be on this committee.

Senior Saints will attend the Roger Denning Memorial Concert and lunch on December 6. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wendy introduced Lynda Spaulding, certified yoga instructor, who explained a new yoga program she would like to begin at Aldersgate, hopefully in December. A motion was made to start this program, seconded and passed by Council.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES -JULIE LEWIS

Bible Zone - Fall Bible Study is Dare to be a Daniel.

Children and Youth Sabbath on October 2 was a great success.

Over 400 were in attendance at Trunk or Treat on October 30.

Advent Workshop was held on November 13, the new Youth Praise Band performed 5 songs, tables were set up with various Christmas crafts for the children to work on and a fellowship meal followed.

Birthday Party for Jesus will be on Sunday, December 4.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS - SHELLEY MARTIN

Pumpkin Patch was a great success - over 1,200 pumpkins were sold for receipts of over \$4,700. 25% of this will be for scholarships for various youth activities. Bill mentioned he sold 2 on the last day for \$20 each! Shelly thanked all who volunteered.

TRUSTEES - CELESTA SARGENT FOR ROB SHERMAN

Trustees are addressing roof leaks in the Sanctuary and also problems with the bathroom floor in the Life House.

HOSPITAL VISITATION - JIM SHOWMAN

Jim has 4 new members for this ministry. He said the Bereavement Committee will be meeting on November 16 and they have 2 new members.

MISSIONS - GENIE SPEARS

Aldersgate has 175 names for the Action Ministry White Christmas drive. All gifts are due at the church by December 4. Volunteers are needed for delivering gifts on December 10.

Military Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Wednesday, November 16 here at Aldersgate.

Mission Trip to Guatemala is scheduled for June 21-30, 2012.

Every Member in Mission will be Saturday, May 5.

Christmas visitation to the VA will be December 16 at 6pm. This is our 9th year of participation.

PIE MINISTRY - DONNA FORD

To date we have made contact with 16 first time guests and have delivered 8 pies.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - DAN HAMILTON

Goal is still to have 50 new members by our 50th Anniversary in September 2012. Church growth is on track with last Charge Conference report.

All committees are right on schedule. Branch Carter and Ryan Martin are working on a video recording and will be interviewing members for the video.

Sue Meehan announced makeup date of December 13 for 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Retreat at Camp Bishop Gravatt January 6-7, 2012. Guest Speaker is Rev. Katie Strals. Cost is \$80. Reservation slips are on table by A16 for the Retreat as well as applications for Heart to Heart Sisters.

Sue and a committee are looking into other activities for 2012.

NOMINATIONS - JOHN PINSON

Nominations has filled most positions for 2012, a few remain to be filled. John is encouraging active Leadership participation.

UPWARD BASKETBALL - MIKE HARRISON

Mike has the Director brochure, participant brochures ordered, but not in yet. Mike will be making lots of calls and sending emails to get volunteers. Season will begin early January and will work around church calendar events that have already been scheduled for 2012.

PASTORS REPORT - JOHN PINSON

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 and 7 pm. Offerings at these services will go to Missions. Please so indicate on your check or envelope.

No Sunday school on December 25 and only one service at 11:00.

John gave overview of Bishop's Report "A Process for Becoming a Vital Congregation."

He left us with this thought: Why does Alders gate United Methodist Church exist, what impact would there be on the community if we closed our doors?

John closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ford, Secretary