

- **Aldersgate Church Council Meeting**

- April 28, 2010

- Chairperson Bill Phillips called the meeting to order. Opening prayer was given by Maria Newsum.
- Staff Reports were given as follows:
  - ***Children and Family Ministries - Maria Newsum***
  - Children's Council has met 3 times this year, next meeting May 12
  - Policy for drop off and pick up of children following Sunday School is being implemented
  - Maria is working with staff and volunteers for a smooth transition of her work
  - Bible Zone will complete this session with a Banquet on May 16
  - Vacation Bible School is looking for volunteers. Mary William and Leigh Cupp are co-chairing VBS
  - Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success as was the Family Fishing Rodeo.
  - Adult Bible Studies/Sunday School studies are being planned for the fall. Sunday School classes will receive a letter asking for updated curriculum information.
  - Senior Saints continue to be active. More participation is encouraged.
  - Maria thanked all for allowing her to serve at Aldersgate.
- **MUSIC MINISTRY - LINDA BRADBERRY**
- Youth Choir trip was successful.
- Children will sing on Mother's Day.
- Youth will sing on Pentecost Sunday.

- YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS - JENN WILSON
- Youth participated in a 3 day retreat, also attended a Toby Mac concert.
- Seventeen youth assisted with Seder Meal
- Book Sale \$300 for summer missions
- All Staycation events were well attended.
- Youth Dessert Theatre was a huge success, net proceeds \$900+
- Girl's Book Club continues to meet, Boy's group not active yet
- The Way has a new participant, Jennifer Davis.
- All Way members will attend the New Members Class.
- Disciple class to start soon with Young Adults, 34 week study
  
- CONGREGATIONAL CARE - WENDY CROWELL
- Wendy and Jenn are beginning Sunday evening Encounters on May 16. This event will be scheduled once a month. All in attendance were in favor of this new venture.
- Congregational Care team continues to minister to those in hospitals and nursing homes and to those homebound.
- Flower Ministry delivers flowers weekly
- Communion Ministry serves monthly and now includes serving to workers in Nursery.
- Bereavement Committee working on finalizing procedures for ministering to families who have had a death in family
- Casserole Ministry has begun, close to 20 members at present. Nine families have received meals since inception. Specific procedures for this ministry have been finalized.

Ministry Reports were given as follows:

- NURTURE - BETTY SIVAS
- Betty and Carol will work with Maria to ensure a smooth transition of this ministry.
- Judy Bentley, Worship Comm. reported Seder Meal was a success, net proceeds around \$400. 2 communion sets for homebound and 10 round tablecloths will be purchased for the church.
- Kate Metts, Sunday School co-coordinator reported Sunday School has been studying the Walk to Emmaus and also collecting shoes for Haiti.
- Summer theme is *Going Green for Jesus*. Summer teachers are needed.
- Special Education consultant observed our Sunday School classes to give feedback on handling special needs children.
- Request was made for a separate, dedicated room for Faith Village and Bible Zone. New chairs have been purchased.
- OUTREACH - DAVE BOLYARD
- Every Member in Missions scheduled for May 8, over 60 participants so far. Sites are Augusta Urban Ministries, Safe Homes, Operating Augusta Cares at Y, Interfaith Hospitality, Comfort House
- V.A. cookout scheduled for May 19 at noon
- Mission team went to Camp Glisten April 22-25.
- N. GA Conference disaster relief for flood victims needs 10 people to go to Gulfport MS Sept 26-Oct 2 to work on new homes for families who lost their homes.
- Bicycle Ride scheduled for May 22, ride from Steven's Creek Elementary School to Lake Olmstead, have lunch & return to school. Cost is \$6.00
- Nicaragua Mission trip scheduled for September 4-11.
- Augusta Urban Ministries Walk for Others raised \$7,700.

FINANCE - ED WICKER, JR.

Our bottom line is ahead of last year by \$6,000

STAFF PARISH - BETH FISHER

Applications for Lenore Holloman scholarship are being taken. Applicants must be in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Christian Education study.

Reception for Maria will be June 13 during the Sunday School Hour

Employee Handbook and Staff Job Descriptions both being updated.

Hope to hire a Family Children's Coordinator in the future.

TRUSTEES

A schedule is being developed for the cleaning crew.

Sunday School room being used for storage has been cleaned out and is available for use.

Freezer is now working.

LAY LEADER

Worship survey is now available online. Paper copies available upon request.

Survey ends May 10

NEW MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - LORI WINGROVE, FRANCES HARRIS,  
RENEE TOOLE

Planning luncheon for next year

PASTORS REPORT - JOHN PINSON

Stewardship Sunday scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November.

Due to staff changes, reorganization of Nurture, Outreach, and Witness is possible.

Aldersgate currently has an excellent staff and excellent staff support system in place.

Staff Planning meeting scheduled for May 20. Will plan balance of this year.

John gave closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ford, Secretary