

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The church office** will be closed from 12/24 through the rest of the week and again on 12/31 through the rest of the week.
- **Today's insert** is for the Bishop's Christmas Offering on December 24. Please use the envelope in your December packet, or envelopes in the pews.
- **If you would be interested** in reading one of the Scripture lessons on Sunday, December 29th, for the Service of Lessons and Carols, please contact Pastor Tom.
- **A reminder** that 2024 contributions will be due on 12/29.
- **We have several new items for the holiday season.** Stop by the Equal Exchange Counter and investigate new products. Everything is reasonably priced! There is a wide variety of items to be given as gifts. Our best seller is the variety of fresh organic nuts. We take orders so please contact Judy or David Melton so that we can have your preferred items together.
- **Scout Troop 349** is excited to announce a shoe drive to benefit global micro-enterprisers through funds2org.com! We are collecting gently used shoes to support over 4,000 families, many of which are women-owned businesses, in countries like Haiti, Cambodia, and Botswana. These micro-entrepreneurs clean and repair the shoes, then offer them to their local communities, creating opportunities for sustainable income and lifting families out of poverty. Did you know that 70% of the world's population relies on repurposed shoes and clothing? Your donations can make a real difference! A collection bin is located in the Marketplace inside Door #3. Thank you for helping us provide a hand-up to those in need around the globe. For questions or to collaborate on future projects, feel free to reach out—we're happy to help!
- **Supporting Aldersgate Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** If you are 70½ or older and own an IRA, you can make a tax-advantaged charitable contribution to Aldersgate UMC through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD allows you to direct funds from your IRA to a qualified charity, and it can count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) without increasing your taxable income. This is a wonderful way to support the ministries of Aldersgate while potentially reducing your tax burden. Consult your financial advisor or IRA custodian to learn more or to initiate a QCD today. Thank you for helping us ensure that **Love Reaches All!**

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Janet Altman, Susan Altman, Ron & Beverly Arnold, Noel Ball, Stephen & Barb Berkey, Lynette Beyer, Steve & Barbara Cassady, Ryan Chenoweth, Merle Cikra, Del & Mary Cortner, Steve Dale, Ellen, Peggy & Terry Funk, Marcia Gregg, Roberta Hackett, Jo Huber, Bob Jones, Beverly & Ernie Kissinger, Glenn LeBrecht, Nick & Cass Litwinko, Debbie Massey, Chris Needler, Keith & Cindy Nettleton, John & Judy Newberg, Lucas Newell, Jan Newell, Jack & Tommy Richter, Lynn Tarbell, Jo Voirol, Janet Wirick, Linda Worrick, the homeless, children in need, Inasmuch Ministry, Aldersgate Academy children, staff, and parents, those serving in the military, caregivers, Jewish nation & its people/Palestinians

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December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Advent

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE **BOLD: ALL SPEAK** *ITALIC: WORSHIP PARTICIPANT*

PRELUDE "Waiting" Joel Raney
 Aldersgate Singers & Orchestra
 Stephanie Wagner & Tammy Low-Soloists

VIDEO WELCOME

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *Krizon Family*
Reader 1: Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of love.
Reader 2: Joseph trusted God's call, embracing love that risked much for the sake of the Savior.

All: As we light this candle, we embrace the love of Christ, who came to dwell among us.

Reader 1: This light reminds us that love is at the heart of God's mission in the world.

All: We are called to live as people of love, sharing God's compassion with all.

Reader 2: Let us open our hearts to the new love that Christ offers.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, teach us to love as you have loved us.

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25
 Liturgist: Bill Johnson

ONE: This is the gospel of the Lord
ALL: Praise to you Lord, Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Comfort and Joy" Joseph Martin
 Aldersgate Singers & Orchestra

SERMON "The New Love"
 Pastor Tom Ream

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*PRAYER RESPONSE "Doxology"
 to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 8

THE LORD'S PRAYER **(Words on Screen)**

COMMUNION "A Celtic Silent Night" arr. Patrick Tierney
 Aldersgate Singers, Extoll Handbell Choir, Ilona Orban-violin
 IN MEMORY OF JAN GOINGS' BROTHER, PAUL REED

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*HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Please be seated*
 "Lord We Greet Thee" arr. Bob Krogstad
 Aldersgate Singers & Orchestra

**Phyllis Lahr - Organ, Kenneth Xiaoling Jiang - Piano, Ilona Orban & Jackie Soto-Violin, Susan Ensley-Viola, Chris Minning-Cello, Nancy Calhoun & Ann Donner-Flute, Kris Bachmann & Susan Devito-Clarinet, Rachel Gripp-Oboe, Sally Hinkle-Teegarden-Bassoon, Rachel Picazo & Dick Karkosky-French horn, Tony Strebige & Margaret Danevicz-Trumpet, Marcus Farr & Micah Roddy-Trombones, Ted King-Tuba, Zachary Brown, Emily Hernandez & Cutter Mask-Percussion*

ON THE CALENDAR

Week of Sunday Dec 22nd-Saturday Dec 28th

BIBLE STUDIES

• Important Words Study Sunday 9:30a Room 133

MINISTRIES

• BSA Troops 349B & 349G Monday 6:30p Down Under
• BSA Cubs 3349 Tuesday 6:30p Down Under
• Aldersgate Academy Mon-Fri 6a-6p Academy

REHEARSALS


SUPPORT GROUPS

• AA Monday 7:30p Room 133
• Alanon Mon/Tues 7:30p Room 131

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

• Preschool Prodigies Thursday 10:00a Room 200

~Christmas Eve Service at 7pm on December 24th. The service will be live streamed on the Aldersgate YouTube channel and Facebook.~



Weekly Reflection Question

What would be different in your life if you could fully embrace the new found love in Jesus?

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Income:\$12,835

In-Person Attendance:126

Online Live Worship Views:50

Flowers at the Cross

