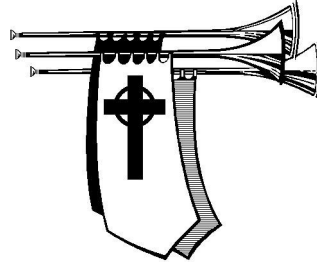




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 03: Joel Graff
 03: Janet Ralph
 06: Daniel Peters
 07: Isaac Hoffman
 09: Lexi Brandon
 10: JoAnn Piazzola



Birthday Blessings

21: Debbie Todd
 21: Duane Christiansen
 24: Debbie Higbie
 24: Tyler Kingsbury
 27: Sitota Graff



Midweek Lipreaders - a Lay-led Bible study - will reconvene October 10th at 10:00 am to begin our new book - "Growing Fruits of the Spirit". The study is based on the Apostle Paul's discussion of the Fruits of the Spirit. Anyone who enjoys good conversation and black Methodist coffee is welcome to attend.



Check out our new
 website:
aldersgatebutte.org



Seth's Message

We continue our series of articles about how our church works. Each month we will look at one of the ministry teams, who is on the team, what they do, and how often and when they meet.

Last month our focus was the Committee on Finance and Memorials. This month our attention is on the Barnabas Committee.

The focus of this group is on the members and friends of Aldersgate; specifically, those who are shut-ins or are residing in our care facilities. The work of this group is to visit these individuals and share the love of God and the care of Aldersgate people. Cards and well-wishes are written at each meeting and plans are always made to find ways to meet those who are now unable to travel outside of their home. In their own words, "we wish to bring them a feeling of belonging and an unflinching faith. It is important that we bring them a little sunshine, a break in any lonesomeness, an avenue to express any occurrences that bring them happiness or unhappiness that they need to express. Our visits are a chance for them to talk, to reminisce, or express whatever they are pondering."

Barnabas are the card-writers of our community. This lost art continues as members of Aldersgate receive cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and special events.

Meetings for the ministry of Barnabas are on the first Monday's of the month at 11 am. Members of this team are Jean Frank (chairperson), Peggy Ryan, Carol Brown, LaVerne Henrich, Cherilyn Lambert, Anita Richard, Carol Rhoads, and John Rich.

Next month we will look at the ministry brought to us by the Member / Nurture Team.

Seth

Sermon Series

THE FORCE IS WITH YOU ... This iconic phrase comes from the movie franchise of *Star Wars*. The "Force" is this mysterious entity that exists in the galaxy; helps one trust in their feelings; and allows an individual to connect with people throughout the galaxy. Now *Star Wars* is fiction but many think of the FORCE as the equivalent of our Holy Spirit. We will use the genre of this very famous franchise to learn more about the third-person of God.

Our final Sunday of September begins a new series brought to us by two authors: Brene Brown and Leah Pritchard. Please read the article about the corresponding bible study for more information. The series is called LIFE CHANGING LESSONS and the titles are based on phrases from author, Brene Brown.



THE FORCE IS WITH YOU

October 6th – "Solo"

October 13th – "A Disturbance in the Force"

October 20th – "I'll Never Join You"

LIFE CHANGING LESSONS

October 27th – "The Story I Tell Myself," looking at John 20.19-31

WORTHY IN JESUS BIBLE STUDY

On October 27th we begin a 5-part series led by the author and lecturer Brene Brown. She has authored more than 10 books, provided lectures on *The Oprah Show*, TED Talks, and You Tube, and is an inspiration to many. You have probably heard of Brene Brown or at least one of her phrases and just did not know it.

Leah Pritchard is a Christian, a mom, and a wife of a missionary. When she was in China she found herself in a very lonely position. She picked up one of Brown's books, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, and was transfixed. The book seemed to answer so many of the difficult questions she was asking. Brene Brown is a Christian and one can find references to scripture and God and a relationship with Jesus throughout her work; but that is not Brown's entire focus. Pritchard decided to take Brene Brown's important work and turn it into a Bible Study. In fact, the study book is called *Worthy in Jesus: Unofficial Study and Discussion Guide for the Gifts of Imperfection*.

So, starting on the day of the LIFE CHANGING LESSONS series, we will start our lessons with Pritchard and Brown. Classes will take place during our regular Sunday School hour from 9:00 to 10:00 and then we will offer the same course immediately after church and end around 1 pm. This is to accommodate the changed youth schedule that that now meets in the early afternoon.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 9:00 Adult SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 4:00 Harvest Dinner	7 11:00 Barnabas	8 6:30 Square Dancing 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Mining City Choir	9 8:00 Women's 4th Day 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Men's 4th day	10 10:00 Midweek Lipreaders 4:00 Girl Scouts	11 7:00 Men's Breakfast	12
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August Financials

Total Spending:

Year to Date Budget
\$129,725

Year to Date Actual Spending
\$149,096

Total Giving:

Year to Date Budget
\$127,601

Year to Date Actual Giving
\$103,823

For the year, spending is exceeding income, impacted by our expenses from last winter. Please don't forget your church home and consider an extra gift to help us with our deficit.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Archie Bunker (if you are under 50 and don't recognize the name, google it) used to sing the theme song for the TV show, "All in the Family" with his tv-wife Edith. The theme song was called "Those Were The Days," and lamented how things in the old days were better than now. As I age, I find myself sometimes remembering those old days with nostalgia.

Things like being able to shop in Butte (Herbergers, Sears, Hillsteads, Weins, Richards & Rochelle, JC Penney, Albertsons, Buttreys, Bob Wards, Fran Johnsons, Phil Judds, and on and on) and not have to leave town to shop except at Walmart. I remember restaurants that were a pleasure to dine at like the Top Deck, the Bronx, the Acoma, Lisa's Lamplighter, Rays Place, Taco Johns (Potato Oles), the Road Runner, Mings, all gone and missed by me (especially Mings). Even when I think about the law business, I tend to remember certain Judges, Clerks and Court personnel perhaps more fondly than I should.

Why? Why do we romanticize about the past and try to remember the good old days? You know if I stop and think about it, were those old days really so good? When I really think about those days, I recall we didn't have any money to shop with or eat out with anyway. So, did stores and restaurants really matter? And was work better? It probably wasn't, although I think we had more characters at the Courthouse then than we have now.

I was reading a column by Pastor Weber the other day and she said people who long for the good old days are stealing from themselves. She said we need to stop "longing for what is gone and notice more deeply every good thing that is now." Good things like kids and grandkids, friends, and family, all the things we ignore or downplay when we romanticize the past. She went on to quote Ecclesiastes 3, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens;" I guess she is right; we do need to look around and see what's new, watch to see what's happening now, and then willingly and joyfully take part in every new thing.

On the other hand, I might trade a grandkid or two to have Mings Moo Shu Pork again. Amen.

Brad Belke



Thanks to your donations, we were able to donate 43 backpacks and tons of school supplies to 4 different schools.

The Montana Tech Food Drive is looking for donations

such as:

- Broth (chicken and beef)
- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Oatmeal
- Instant potatoes
- Instant rice
- Canned goods
- Instant Ramen
- Pasta
- Crackers
- Canned chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Peanut butter
- Jelly or jam
- Shelf stable snacks

Upper Room Update

You may have noticed that our Upper Room Daily Devotionals have been arriving late or, at times, not at all. We received a letter in mid-July informing us of delays, and it seems the issues have not yet been resolved. I have reached out multiple times and received mixed responses—some indicating the devotionals would arrive soon, while others went unanswered.

As of October 1st, I was informed that the November/December devotionals should be here by October 15. Hopefully this means they will arrive in time for our upcoming needs.

I appreciate you for your patience and understanding.

- Kariann

NEW YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

Youth Group returns on Sunday, October 13th starting at 3 pm. This is not a typo. Youth Group will now be meeting in the early afternoon and end around 5-ish with a meal (although not every Sunday). Kid's Group will start on November 3rd at 4pm and end with a meal each first Sunday of the month.