

Aldersgate UMC Council Minutes
October 30, 2011

Present: Rev. Pamela Ledbetter, Harold McCorkle, Bill Click, Ella Messer, Mike Sturkie, Steve Nyberg, Hope Carter, Brenda Hochreiter, Louise Thomas, Fran Threatt, Lyn Skews, Janie Matson, Wayne Miller, Emilie Miller, Deb Nahikian, Max Marks, Ray Lautzenheiser, Bill and Florence Bower.

Wayne Miller opened the meeting in the absence of Stan Rose, Chair. Pastor Pam Ledbetter opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were presented and corrected. A motion by Fran Threatt to accept was made, seconded by Lyn Skews. The motion stands approved.

Finance/Stewardship: Steve Nyberg reporting. The committee met last Thursday and reported in giving we are quite a bit under budget but for the last few months we have been bringing in enough to meet what we are spending. The Apportionments will come out of today's offering. We have very little cash on hand. We have been bouncing between \$1000 and \$5000 cash on hand. We have not yet had to dip into savings. The insurance claim for hail damage to the roof has not been completed but it is expected to happen in the very near future. Our out of pocket expenses for this upgrade in shingles will be about \$5500. The trustees will report on future upgrades that are being discussed.

The 50th Anniversary loan is now standing at \$25,622, thanks to many special gifts. The pledges for the 50th Anniversary fund are about \$8500 down from what was pledged. We have had to take about \$3400 out of the operating budget to pay down the 50th Anniversary loan since the pledges have not come in. We approved using the building fund of \$5200 to cover any overages on the roof repairs.

Ella Messer asked that we have a print out of our standing with our pledges. This might help remind people that they made a pledge and have not kept up with it. Steve will ask Tom to do this and put them in the hall for members to pick up.

The youth are really keeping their spending under control. Their spending has been well under budget. It will be really tight for the rest of the year. Summer giving was down as always. Hopefully, the difference will be made up in the fall. If we could pick up on the 50th Anniversary giving that would give us \$4000-5000 right there.

Hope Carter asked about the \$77.96 in the Children's Mission fund. Pastor Pam added that this was the money collected during children's story time. The teachers will be asked to find out where the children want the money to be given.

We will have Pledge Sunday on November 20 and Pastor Pam will have Harvest Sunday the week before to hand out pledge cards.

Trustees: Harold McCorkle reporting for Mike Sturkie. Mike should be thanked for the outstanding job he has done in negotiating the roof repairs. The roof is to be repaired sometime in December, earlier if Mike can get it done. There is a roof leak in the kitchen and the roofer is to come and do a temporary repair until the roofing job is completed. We have also installed a culvert under the ten foot gate on the back of the parsonage lot. We have not yet received a bill from the man who placed the culvert and we need to pay him. He spent the better part of a day digging, placing the culvert and covering it back up. If we pay him \$100 the total cost of this project will still be less than \$300. The trustees have been gathering prices for gas logs for the fireplace at the parsonage. We have some prices but have gone no further. The tree that needed to come down at the parsonage has been taken down and hauled away. Pastor Pam added that we currently own our copier in the church office. We are paying \$1250 a year for maintenance. The copier is now broken again. The company has a part on order.

Lay Leader: Bill Click reported no report. He wanted to add that at this time we have no applications for the Mike Culp Cancer Fund. A person or family may receive up to \$1500 a year to help with expenses.

Epworth Representative: Dixie Click: No Report

Staff Parrish: No report

Outreach: No report

Missions: Brenda Hochreiter reporting. In August we participated in the Back the Pack program of School District 3. In September we supported the Winthrop Wesley Foundation with supplies. They were very grateful. In October we supported the Crop Walk. We raised \$170. We need to work on getting more people involved. Upcoming activities will be assisting the Girl Scouts with their shoe box campaign, the John's Island Stocking project for December and we have been informed that one of the churches that helped support the Wesley Foundation has pulled their financial support and so we have come up with \$250 to assist them and we will try to give more to get them through the year.

Communications: No report

Education: No report

Senior Adult Ministries: Louise Thomas reporting. We have taken the responsibility of one of the homes for ten girls at Epworth. We took Halloween decorations and party fixings to the girls. In December we will do the same thing for Christmas. We have changed our leadership direction by allowing our leader to serve only 3 months at a time. Coordinator will be Linda Beard. Janie Matson will cover the first three months. April-June will be Lyn Skews and Hope Carter. We need to find someone for July-September. John and Fran Threatt have October-December. The seniors are making their annual trip to Myrtle Beach on November 16-18. Their Christmas party is scheduled for December 16 at 6 PM at Thursday's Too with a \$25.00 buffet and gift exchange game.

Youth Ministries: No report

Family Ministries: No report

Children's Ministries: Fran Threatt reported that the October Trunk or Treat was again a success. December 18 will be the Children's Christmas Play. It will be presented at both services.

Sunday School Superintendent: No report

Membership Secretary: Lyn Skews reported that since she began this position, we have had one baptism and five members transfer out.

Church Historian: No report

Boy Scouts: Wayne Miller reported that the annual Round Up in September in all the area schools was very successful. At this time we have about 46 Cub Scouts and 10 Boy Scouts. Scout Sunday is scheduled for February 5th.

Girl Scouts: No report

United Methodist Men: Wayne Miller reported that the Bar B Q is scheduled for this coming Saturday. We need to push the sales. RHHS Booster Club men will assist us in the Bar B Q and then next spring we will allow them to use our facilities to hold a Bar B Q fund raiser here. We will be publicizing this event by banners, flyers, newspaper, website, and Cable 3 ads. The ladies of the church will make homemade brownies for the plates.

United Methodist Women: Janie Matson reporting. Our many thanks to the men of UMM for putting up holders for the banners in front of the church. The way they put them up we can use 6-foot or 9-foot banners. It is so easy now to put up banners announcing special activities here at Aldersgate. We are winding down our year with a budget meeting tomorrow. We are still looking for a volunteer for the office of president. The Vendor Fair was a great success. In the newsletter there is a thank you note from one of the vendors.

UM Youth\ Youth Director: Emilie Miller and Deb Nahikian reporting. We have a regular attendance at functions of 8-10 young people. Next weekend we will be attending the Renaissance Festival in Charlotte. For the third year we will be going to the Revolution for Youth in Columbia in March. Cost is \$35 per person plus the motel and food. We will use what we have in the budget for registration and then the parents can pay for the lodging and food. CCC is scheduled for June 17-23. Deposits are due by December 1. We will have fundraisers later to offset the cost per student. It will probably be a spaghetti dinner in February and then something else in the spring. We are also planning a trip to Lake Junaluska, NC tp ski in January. Wayne Miller reminded us that we do have monies in the budget to assist with cost. On Youth Sunday we recognized Emilie with the Good Samaritan Award. Deb announced her resignation effective in August 2012.

Long Range Planning: No report

Pastoral report: Rev. Pam Ledbetter reporting on the upcoming events for the rest of the year. Thank you for all your support of all the things we do here at Aldersgate. Especially for all the support to the young families and the things they do for the children of this church. Harvest Sunday will be on November 13 and we are trying to find a speaker to help with that and we want to set up a harvest table and need help doing that. Pledge Sunday will be the following Sunday, November 20. That evening we will participate in the Community Thanksgiving Service at Lakewood Baptist Church. Donations will be given to the charity of their choice and we will also bring non-perishable food items for the food bank. There will be a light meal following the service provided by the women of Lakewood. November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent. Before that date we need to decorate the church. I am asking for volunteers to help this. On December 4 we will have a regular service schedule and then come back in the evening for a night of Christmas music and refreshments. On December 11 the choir will present its Cantata at both services. December 18 the children and youth of the church will present a Christmas Pageant for both services. December 24 our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service and Communion will be held at 6 PM. On Christmas morning, December 25, we hope to have breakfast and then a very informal service for all. January 1 I will be out of town and Don McCraven, one of our lay speakers, will preach. Please come out and support him. Kathy James will be here on Saturday January 7 to lead us in a planning session for the leaders of our church and anyone else who is interested. The following day we will consecrate the new officers in our church. After church today June McCall's grandson, Eric, who is preparing to be a minister, said the most wonderful thing to me. He said that this church has the warmest, upbeat spirit. That really made me feel good about Aldersgate.

Wayne asked Bill Click to close our meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Ella Messer and Janie Matson