



# Heartbeat

The Church With The Warm Heart



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

**Promise Homes** .....*providing intellectually disabled individuals loving homes and services to support personal growth since 1994.*

### PROMISE HOMES

**Promise Homes, formerly United Methodist Residential Alternatives, was founded in 1994 by a group of advocates from the North Alabama United Methodist Special Camps. Promise Homes serves the entire community, providing quality family-style housing for adults with developmental disabilities. The purpose of Promise Homes is to provide not just a place to live, but a real family where intellectually disabled adults can live as independently as possible with pride and dignity. Promise Homes currently operates nine homes, six in Decatur, three in Gadsden, as well as a community day training facility in Decatur. Plans are also underway for a new home near Bluff Park United Methodist Church in Birmingham. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, Promise Homes depends on charitable donations for many of its residents' needs. The generosity of our Promise Homes partners ensures our residents needs are met and their lives are rich and fulfilling.**

For more information or to donate, please visit [www.promisehomes.ws](http://www.promisehomes.ws).

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Would you like to join us to Relay for Cancer? Aldersgate is forming its 8th team for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The Relay will be the night of May 6th, 2011. We continue to do this to support those in our church and families who are battling this disease and to honor those who lost the battle. We do this to raise money for American Cancer Society's programs - research, education, advocacy, and service. Funds will be raised by individual fundraising and by some team projects. Each team member will also walk during the 12-hour Relay at John Hunt Park. Everyone of us has been affected by cancer in some way, so consider if this is a way for you to help fight this disease. Remember that there will be more than 1.3 million new cases diagnosed this coming year. If you are interested in joining us, call Connie Carter at 883-8353.



Sharing The Church with the Warm Heart Invite cards are available at our Connect Centers today for you to take the amount that you will hand out to someone you meet, or a friend, neighbor, co-worker, co-student, or relative, and invite them to join you in worship at Aldersgate. Freely you have received, freely give.



JOIN US FOR ALDERSGATE'S  
ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF!

Saturday March 5th!

Bring your best pot of chili and a dessert or salad to the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. The three top recipes get awards!

Enjoy

great food and fellowship!



**Annual Chili Cook-off Supper and Missions Celebration!**

Are you deep into the post-Super Bowl blues? March Madness can't come soon enough? Want to pig out with great food and snacks one more time before you start your diet? Then come join us on Saturday, March 5th for great food, fun, and fellowship. Our annual Chili Supper Cook-off is a great way to meet new folks in the Church and have fun trying out everyone's chili recipes. Young and old get to be "tasting judges", and the winners get fun and goofy prizes. Awards are given for the **hottest chili**, **best tasting chili**, and **most original chili**. *Your price of admission: One pot of your best chili, plus a salad or dessert. We provide the rest. After we get our bellies full and pick the winners, we'll also celebrate some of our missions from last year, mission plans for this year, and some of Aldersgate's young adults serving in the mission field. There is no sign-up, but please mark it on your calendar so you remember - March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. See You There! Call or email Pete Black with any questions (883-7368) [ablacks@knology.net](mailto:ablacks@knology.net). If you want to try a successful chili from a past Chili Cook-off, look for a recipe listed elsewhere in this newsletter!*

**CASSEROLE PICKUP**

If you ordered casseroles from the Relay for Life team, they will be ready for pickup in March. They will be available from the side door of the church kitchen on the following dates: Chicken Manicotti and Layered Mexican Bake on March 6th, and King Ranch Chicken on March 13th. We thank you again for supporting our mission for the programs of the American Cancer Society!

**HAP Thanks You**

Aldersgate has again responded to the needs of our community with donations on Souper-Bowl Sunday. HAP is so appreciative of the delivery of food last week. We delivered 485 food items for the people in need. There were 278 cans of soup plus 207 other food items. The youth stepped up and brought 132 cans to help with this food drive. The need will always be there, so thank you again!

**Scouting Ministries Sunday—**

We will celebrate and honor our Boy and Girl Scouts in all services on Sunday, March 6. If you are involved in a Scouting group, please wear your uniform that day.



**18th Annual Rummage Sale**

Saturday, March 19

8 AM – Noon

I hope everyone has cleaned out their closets, garages and attics of good, saleable items and saved hangers, small boxes and grocery bags. You can begin dropping off items in Sunday school room 10 on Sunday March 13(during evening activities) through Wed.

March 16. Beginning Thursday, March 17, items can be left in the Fellowship Hall. We will

begin preparations, Wednesday, by setting up tables in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:00 PM. On Thursday and Friday, we will be setting out items and pricing between 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to help. Stay all day or only an hour, depending on your schedule. A perk of helping is that you may shop as you work. Call me to arrange pick up of large items. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Weathers, (256) 880-1644

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

All women are invited to participate in our UMW circles which meet each month September thru May. You do not have to be a member or UMW or Aldersgate to attend. Circle Meetings for the month of March are as follows:

Friendship Circle- March 15th 7pm in the Disciple Center

Susannah Circle - March 17th at 9:30am in the Disciple Center

Deborah Circle - March 17th at 7pm at the home of Emily Blevins

Bread Circle - Please contact Heather McIngvale at [hmcingvale@gmail.com](mailto:hmcingvale@gmail.com) for more information.

Mark your calendar for March 25th for a special event! UMW will be hosting a women's Lenten service of Prayer and Self-Denial: Give a Gift of Love. Supper and entertainment by the B-Team Angels. More info coming!

You are invited to the **annual UMW prayer breakfast at Trinity UMC**, featuring Harriet Jane Olsen, Deputy general Sec of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, on Saturday March 26th. Registration will begin at 8am and the breakfast and program is from 9- 11:30am. Preregistration is required. Contact Betty Horne at 256-883-1467 by March 11 if you wish to attend. Nursery is provided at no cost to you.

Bread Circle - We are still having a hard time finding people to sign up to host/program in the Bread circle. If you would like to help or sign up to host, please contact Heather McIngvale.

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### **Bread Video Volunteers Needed**

The Bread video crew is looking for volunteers with art and computer experience to help with slide production for the contemporary services. We are currently using ProPresenter 4 software. No knowledge of the program is required, but a propensity for learning software is encouraged. We run on a Mac based system, so the volunteer would need to own and be familiar with a Mac OS. Some knowledge of design and visual arts is desired, but limited training is available.

Please contact Vicki Kendall if you think you might want to join up or if you have questions.

[vicki.kendall@aldersgate.ws](mailto:vicki.kendall@aldersgate.ws) or call 256-883-2082.

2010 End of the Year Giving Statements are now available at the Connect Center in the Narthex.
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## What exactly is Stewardship?

According to Dr. Charles Stanley, Financial Stewardship is "... the way in which you use your resources to provide for your needs and for the needs of God's kingdom." He describes Stewardship as far more than money and material goods; it involves our resources, which include our talents, experiences, creative ideas, energy, time, spiritual gifts, and much more. Basically, "Your resources encompass the total you."

When we joined the Methodist church we vowed to serve Christ through Aldersgate, with our Prayers, Presence, Giving, Service, and Witness. These vows encompass our relationship with God and worship of Him, our involvement in His work through service to others, and our sharing the blessings He has given each of us.

How do we serve Christ with our total selves? Here are a few ideas:

**Pray** for family and friends, for our pastors and congregation at Aldersgate, for our community, for our nation. Pray for God to grow us each as individuals, families, and as a church making us sensitive to where He is working around us and for us to join Him in that work.

**Worship** God through the traditional and contemporary services offered at Aldersgate. Also, there are many small groups to get involved with; each designed to meet you where you are in your spiritual journey.

**Give** of the blessings God has given you. Aldersgate's physical building, the worship services and activities that take place in that building, the outreach supported through Aldersgate, and the apportionments given to the North Alabama Conference all require financial resources. Prayerfully consider your financial gifts to God and pray that He will use those gifts to reach others and grow His kingdom.

**Serve** God through Outreach. There are many opportunities for service offered through Aldersgate - Habitat for Humanity, Good Neighbors, Mission of the Month, working with the Youth (just to name a few) - or maybe there are needs in the community that are dear to your heart. Ask God to show you where He is working around you and join Him in that work.

Be a **Witness** for Christ by sharing your faith with others. Whether at home, in church, at work, or out in the community, remember that Christ lives within each of us and we are called to be witnesses for Christ so that, through Christ, others might come to know Him.

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### Online Methods of Financial Giving

Do you and your family use online banking? Ever pay bills using Bill Pay? Maybe some of your bills are set up on an auto-draft system and are paid from your account automatically each month. The convenience offered by online banking can be applied to your financial gifts to Aldersgate as well.

Most banks and credit unions offer electronic payment services like Bill Pay and automatic bank drafts, which in some cases can be set up and activated from your home computer. If you are interested in using either of these methods for your regular offering to Aldersgate contact your financial institution for details. You may also contact the Finance-Stewardship Manager at the church (883-9062) for assistance.

Additional information for other types of financial gifts can be found on the church's website:

<http://www.aldersgate.ws/>

(Select: "About Us" and then the "Financial Giving and Reports" option from the menu)

Additional online methods of giving will be available on our website in the near future.





## March Birthdays

- 1 Rosemary Dailey  
Jan Jeter  
Nikki Bailes
- 2 Joe Servick  
Cassie McCord
- 3 Sam Huffstetter, Sr.  
Jenny Puckett
- 4 Charlotte Iseldyke  
Debbie Elliott  
Mandy Macomber  
Emily Evans  
Caroline Cotton  
Ashley Hill
- 5 Nan Hi Tibbetts  
Chuck Janus  
Jessica Johnson  
John Hekenschnieder
- 6 Steve Edwards  
Joshua Davidson
- 7 Karen Edwards  
Zachary Westendorf
- 9 Orlando Fabre  
Yvonne Young  
Kathryn Young  
Cala Hatcher
- 10 Adam Cornell
- 11 John Smith  
Fran Holder  
Anna Broach

- 12 Bill Dickson  
Jeremy Fisher
- 13 Glenda Martin  
Greysen Blumkin  
Patrick Cornell
- 15 Bob Westerfeldt  
Laurette Smith  
Trey Dickerhoff  
Jonathan Byham  
Summer Bolin
- 16 Cathy Saik  
Casey Albritton  
Ashley Tarquine
- 18 Dale McCauley  
Emily Cox  
Zachary Inman  
Erin McCollum
- 19 Dick Leiby  
Ann Henley  
James Fleming
- 20 Mandy McGilvary  
Clayton Smith
- 21 Kathleen Billingsley  
Sharon Rickman  
JoAnne Patterson  
Bert Young, IV  
Kristen Sealy  
Christine Williams

- 22 Melody Glenn  
Laura Quattrochi  
Michael Quattrochi  
Kyle Vellacott-Ford
- 23 Tsinina Crauswell  
Mike Albritton
- 24 Billy Broach  
Betsy Keller  
Brittani Berbette  
Emma Sapp  
Sophie Sapp  
Malcolm Buster
- 25 Scott Rawls  
Jozef Wasson
- 26 Carolyn Ottman  
Hamil Miller
- 27 Hannah Henderson  
Emma Keller
- 28 Anita Myers  
Susan Askew
- 29 Wanda Combs  
Craig Smith  
Kimberlee Morton  
Aaron Wiggs  
Daniele Butner
- 31 Neill Myers  
Janella Butner  
Katie Edwards  
Micah Shivers

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Pastor - Todd Henderson  
Pastor - Todd Owen  
Pastor - Pat Mahan  
Pianist/Organist - Rebecca Bundy  
Director of Music/Organist - Michael Gimenez

**Mon - Thurs 8:30 to 3:30**

**Office Hours:**

**Sunday School 9:45 AM**

**Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM and 11:05 AM**

**Traditional Worship 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

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