

Messenger

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Aldersgate Day



May 24th is an important day for Methodists. At a society meeting on Aldersgate Street on May 24, 1738, something happened that changed the nature of Methodism. At Aldersgate, John Wesley had an experience which altered the shape of his entire ministry. The Holy Spirit performed His miracle that night. John Wesley described that event by saying “My heart was strangely warmed.”

Though Wesley was already a 35 year-old ordained priest in the Church of England, he marked this as the day of his true Christian conversion. And afterward, he began preaching that everyone should experience God’s grace in this way. This was the beginning of the Methodist revival that eventually gave birth to our own Methodist Church today. In a sense, May 24th is the birthday of Methodism.



SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9-12 noon Methodist Market



23. Tatum Reeves
 24. Linda Ketchum
 Stella Melton
 26. Elsie Patterson



15. Mr. & Mrs. Tim Richards
 Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Burnham

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Greeters Angie & Archie Edgar
 Terrye Layne & Helen Tenhet
 Scripture 1 John 2:15-17
 Sermon **“Resist the World”**
 Flowers Ardis & Wallace Russell

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY

21. 7th Sunday of Easter	John 14:15-21
22. When the Spirit comes	Acts 1:6-14
23. The Lord is King	Psalm 95
24. A spirit of wisdom	Ephesians 1:15-23
25. Jesus prays for us	John 17:20-26
26. King over the nations	Psalm 47
27. Humble yourselves	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Prepare to Be Empowered

Contrary to common perception, Jesus’ disciples weren’t frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They “all joined together constantly in prayer” (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas.

After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and “enabled” (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ’s death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church’s birthday.

“A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community,” writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. “These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them.”



Hiskidz and Bible in Life

This week we are beginning a new series in Sunday school called **How Believers Live**. This Sunday's lesson, "Sharing and Doing Good," is the story of Dorcas. She helped the sick, the poor widows and orphans. She was always willing to help those in need.

W.O.W. Wednesday

****If there is anyone who would be interested in helping teach a children's Bible study on Sunday or Wednesday nights, please contact Tera Smith. I would love to offer other nights for a children's Bible study, but I will need extra help.**

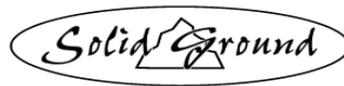
Summer Activities are in the works, so be watching so you can mark them on your calendar.

Vacation Bible School

I am working on a tentative date for Bible School in late June. However, VBS cannot happen without volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Tera Smith or the church office. We will reach out to those who would like to help. Bible School is such a fun and important part of being a child. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS.

Youth Sunday School

As we move into the month of May, we will begin a new series called **How Believers Live**. This Sunday our lesson, "Problem Solving Made Easy," compares our physical body with our gifts. Paul reminds us that problems are solved when we work together.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group has come to an end. We will still be meeting for bi-monthly activities outside of the church. Several outings and gatherings will be happening throughout the Summer. I know we all stay busy during the summer, but let's continue to spend time together as a youth group.