

“Growing Stronger Roots-Spreading Our Branches”

“Loving God – Loving Neighbor”
(The Jesus Creed)

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 2	Trustees Meeting, 6 PM
March 3	“First Wednesday” Dinner, 6 PM
March 5	Women’s Night Out, 7-9 PM
March 9	Olan Mills Directory Pictures, 3-9 PM
March 15	Finance Meeting, 7 PM
March 18	Outreach Missions Council Mtg, 6 PM
March 22-26	Spring Break Week
April 1	Holy Thursday Service, 7 PM
April 2	Good Friday Service, 7 PM
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 11	Youth Sunday

With the Sun at My Back

...I’m beginning to think “spring.” And as a member of CAJE’s Board of Directors, one of my major spring activities is preparing for the Annual “**Nehemiah Action**,” that great gathering of people who turn out to express to our community’s leaders how passionate we are as people of God about making the Greater Evansville Area greater still—particularly for our neighbors of low incomes. No, I’m not diminishing the significance of Lent and Easter—far from it! But did not the energized Resurrection Community in Acts give expression to their new life by first and foremost engaging in prayer, fellowship, and caring for the poor and needy?

Here’s the deal: No one is asking for money here. You don’t have to knock on doors, and you don’t have to get up in front of anybody to speak. We’d just like you to “show up.” Well, I guess there are some other things one *could* do. One might start by reading from the First Testament **Nehemiah 5:1-13** where we read of how Nehemiah was able to “fight City Hall” by calling together “a great assembly” for the sake of those who were suffering from injustice. As a CAJE congregation we have no wish to “fight City Hall” (an expression sometimes used to characterize a battle one cannot win), but we do strive to work cooperatively, yet

resolutely, with our community leaders to bring about changes that will benefit people in our midst who are struggling financially. In so doing, we help ourselves by making the community a better place for all of us.

The **Nehemiah Action**, set for Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. will again be at St. Benedict’s Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Avenue. Last year, 900 people from our fourteen congregations turned out for the “great assembly” attended by several community officials including our mayor. We hope to exceed a thousand this year, and our goal here at Aldersgate is to have a *minimum* of fifty-five from our church family to simply “show up” for the sake of justice. Once again we’ll have a light supper here at Aldersgate beginning at 5:00 p.m. before we carpool over to St. Ben’s.

Yes, there are certainly other ways for people to be involved throughout the year who might like to do so, and those opportunities will be made known to anyone who has further interest. For now, we simply ask that you consider “showing up” on April 22. In advance of that, there are a couple of team-building opportunities I’d like you to consider. On Tuesday, March 2, we’ll be having a gathering of Aldersgate’s Justice Team at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. This is a chance to learn more about our Justice Ministry and what we’re doing in the areas of affordable housing and public transportation. By attending this meeting, you can attend the Nehemiah Action with an awareness of how it all works. (There’ll be dessert!) Then on March 18, at Nazarene Baptist Church, 867 East Walnut Street, there will be a Rally of all fourteen CAJE congregations to prepare even further for the Nehemiah Action. (It’s really kind of fun, and definitely uplifting—sort of a combination worship and pep session.)

I truly hope you’ll consider being a part of this foundational work of Christian ministry. If someone calls to ask if you’ll be coming to the Action, please consider saying “yes.” Better yet, don’t wait to be called. After all, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

In anticipation of the joys of Easter, these are the hallmarks of a living, burning, energized Resurrection community.

Grace and Peace to you.
Mitch

ALTAR FLOWERS - EASTER SERVICES **SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010**

- ✘ Donate Lilies and Spring Flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter? At a cost of \$10.00 per plant
- ✘ Fill out the form on the “sign-me-up” sheet and drop in the offering plate, or contact the church office (477-7816 or aldersgateum@sigecom.net).
- ✘ The plants can be picked up after the 10:45 service Easter Sunday.
- ✘ Deadline for ordering is March 28, 2010.

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL GIFT TO ALDERSGATE WITHOUT EVER WRITING A CHECK OR OPENING YOUR WALLET!!

Members can have tithes and gifts to Aldersgate electronically withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts once or twice a month (on the 7th and/or 20th of each month). It's good for you and for Aldersgate!

For you, it reduces the time required to write a check, to fill out your envelope and then remember to bring it with you to church. It eliminates the cost of checks, envelopes and postage.

You're in complete control. Your gift can be changed or stopped at any time simply by calling or emailing the office manager. There's no chance of an over-draft. If you choose, an e-mail receipt or your envelope, saying "I give electronically", can be dropped in the offering plate on Sundays.

For Aldersgate, it saves time for the volunteer counting teams' tasks of opening the envelopes, counting the money, verifying the giver and taking the deposit to the bank. It reduces the cost of offering envelopes. It helps the staff estimate how much cash is available in any given week to pay bills. Your tithe reaches Aldersgate even when you're ill or out of town or there's bad weather, thereby providing consistent cash flow for the church to meet its financial obligations.

To get started, call Melinda in the office (477-7816) and she will tell you just how easy it is. It's easy to start. Easy to stop (even for only one month).

Both you and Aldersgate are being good stewards of God's great gifts. Melinda is waiting to sign you up any time you're ready!

FAITH JOURNEYS

ADULT FAITH JOURNEYS

Sunday Morning Adult Studies

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Visitors Always Welcome!

NEW CONNECTIONS CLASS, Room 101

Format: Video/Discussion

Current Study: What's So Amazing About Grace?

Teachers: Judy and Rev. Robb Kell

NEW DISCIPLES CLASS, Room 102

Format: Video/Discussion

Current Study: The History of Christian Theology

Teachers: Mike Herrell, Gale Miller

NEW HORIZONS CLASS, Room 103

Format: Discussion

Current Study: 2010 Lenten Study

Teachers: Charles Ann Jarvis, John & Michele Bryant

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, Room 104

Format: Discussion

Current Study: Experiencing Easter

Contact Persons: Jeff & Sue Moore

SEEKERS OF THE WORD, Room 105

Format: Bible Study

Current Study: Follow Lectionary

Teachers: Randy Moore and other class members

FELLOWSHIP CLASS, Room 110

Format: Discussion

Current Study: 2010 Lenten Study

Teachers: Lew Plane, George Woodham

Weekday Bible Studies

Monday

7:00 AM - **Men's Bible Study** at St. Mary's Cafeteria,

Study: Paul and The Romans,

Contact person: Bob Ashby

7:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study** at Carousel

Restaurant, Study: Upper Room Scripture and Devotion,

Contact person: Kate Ashby

12:00 – 1:00 PM - **Men's Bible Study**, Aldersgate,

Room 105, Study: The Book of Hebrews

Contact person: Don Meyer

6:30-8:30 PM - **Disciple III Bible Study**,

The Prophets and the Letters of Paul

Room 214

Leader: Jeff Anthony

Tuesday

9:30 – 10:30 AM - **Centering Prayer**, Aldersgate,

Room 101, (Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month),

Contact Person: Charles Ann Jarvis

CHILDREN'S FAITH JOURNEYS

Club 345

☒ Attention all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders: Club 345 meets every **Wednesday night from 6–7:30 PM in Room 210.**

☒ We talk, pray, study and have a snack!

☒ Call Nancy in the church office with questions!

YOUTH FAITH JOURNEYS

Mark Your Calendars!!

Coming soon - the return of

DESTINATION UNKNOWN

QUEST TO QUEST FARM

Summer Mission Trip June 6-16, 2010

"Youth on Fire"

Sunday Night Worship Celebration

6:00 – 8:00 PM - The Basement

As we gather for YOUTH ON FIRE!!! our focus will be on PRAYER. We will look at and talk about many different ways to prayer and actually have an opportunity to play with some of the forms. We will begin the night right at 6:00 PM with a youth led devotion then have a night of praise and worship you WILL NOT want to miss.

Youth Bible Studies

Senior High Ladies

Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM The Basement

Continuing to study Paul's letters, and we are getting ready to begin 1st & 2nd Thessalonians so it is a great time to join us!!!

Junior High

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM The Basement

We are getting ready to start as study of the book of Galatians so please stop by and walk through this amazing, spirit filled letter with us!!!

Senior High Men

Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM The Basement

We are continuing our study on the "seven deadly sins" and this week we will be tackling "envy"!!!

GATHERINGS OF CHURCH FAMILY

Save The Date!!!

Girls' Night Out / Friday, March 5th / 7 – 9 PM

Who: All women college age & older

Why: Come meet women of the church and help clean & organize

Where: Meet in the Family Life Center (gym), wearing comfortable clothes

What: Example activities: Eat some popcorn, sit and chat while testing markers

More to Come: Watch your weekly bulletin for more information and a way to sign up.

Aldersgate "A Night of Hope" June 4th, 2010

Dinner/dance/silent auction at Rolling Hills Country Club

- Aldersgate members, 21 and over, are invited to attend "A Night of Hope".
- This event will be held at Rolling Hills Country Club and will consist of a dinner, dance, and silent auction.
- Proceeds will benefit the many Outreach Missions here at Aldersgate UMC.
- Tickets are \$35 per person/\$65 per couple, and will go on sale the 2nd Sunday in April.
- If you cannot attend the event, you can still participate by making monetary donations to go towards items for the silent auction.
- For questions, call Aaron Thompson (858-3988) or Cathy Paradossi (479-3101).
- PLEASE join us for a night of fun, fellowship, giving, and hope!

Young at Hearts

All seniors over 60 and all seniors in training, over 55.

- **Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 12:00 Noon**
- We will meet at a local restaurant
- Those wanting a ride may meet at Aldersgate at 11:45 AM (we will take the church van)
- Enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with your friends at Aldersgate. Visitors always welcome.
- Questions? Contact Jim & Sandy Millard
- **Sign up on your bulletin insert.**

First Wednesday Dinner

Date: March 3, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Aldersgate UMC, Room 214

RSVP: Sign up on the insert in your weekly bulletin or contact the church office at 477-7816

XYZ DAYS (Xtra Years of Zest)

XYZ Senior Days is a day for seniors to fellowship, learn, eat, and enjoy life together. All seniors, all denominations are welcome to attend XYZ Senior Days. This day is sponsored by the United Methodist Churches

XYZ Senior Day 2010 will be at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on April 22, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost will be \$14.00 per person to attend.

This includes coffee and snack at registration, two interest groups and lunch. Registration forms will be available in the near future. Mark this date on your calendar now!!!

KEEPING IN TOUCH!

New address effective 3/20/10

Robb & Judy Kell

1342 Carousel Court

Evansville, IN 47715

MISSION

Donations for United Caring Shelter

Small toiletry items and gently used clothing for men, women and children are always needed, and greatly appreciated by the United Caring Shelter as well as other shelters around town. Please drop off any small items you have obtained from hotel/travel at the church office weekdays or on Sunday mornings.

Thank you! Jennie Hiam

Weekday Christian Education fundraiser:

Annual Spring Fair, April 10th You can help by donating anything gently used (except clothing). *Contact Darlene Stahl (477-5766) for more information or questions.*

Campus Ministry

Hi Mitch-

Here are a couple of ways Aldersgate could become involved in campus ministry if there are folks who would want to do so. Feel free to pass this along to your people (or those who might want to help).

I've got a couple of ministry needs I would like to put out there. If your people are interested in helping that would be great. I'm going to send out a bulk email to district pastors, too, but I wanted to send out a few emails to people I've already spoken with personally. Currently, there are two specific ways to help with our campus ministry at UE:

1) Provide a \$300.00 scholarship for a student to go on the Washington D.C. mission trip over Spring Break. I have **two** students currently, who would like to go, but are prohibited by financial strains. One student is from Iraq and a refugee from Syria. His family fled from Iraq over a year ago. Zaid has been a student here since last year and has been supported financially by area churches. He is a wonderful kid and wants to help others. My other student is involved in campus ministry already and would like to go because he is interested in helping the homeless. He is also the student who wants to become involved in prison ministry. Again, a great kid without much money. There is possibly a third student who would also benefit from some financial help and wants to go on the trip. She sings for both worship services at UE (Protestant/RC) on Sunday morning and is willing to give her gifts, but she doesn't have a lot either.

2) The second way to become involved in campus ministry is to help us host a kind of "tailgate party" once a month which would follow our morning worship service. I'm looking for groups who would come to Neu Chapel (bring your church signs so we know who is providing the food etc.) and literally host a tailgate party for the students. i.e. burgers, dogs, chips, drinks, brownies, etc. It is difficult for us to form community on campus because students are all coming from different places and different schedules. Students come to worship by themselves and often leave by themselves. If we had a reason for them to stay and fellowship with each other, perhaps they wouldn't feel alone. It would also give area churches an opportunity to become involved in the lives of students. Worship ends at 11:30. We can talk about logistics if in fact, you have people who would want to do this for us. I think it would be a lot of fun! (When the weather gets warm, I could even envision bringing a grill over and setting it up outside the chapel and making it an outdoor event. But Grabill Lounge, (our fellowship hall) would work just fine for now and there is a full kitchen down there, too.)

If you have questions, please let me know.

*Peace,
Tammy*

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UE...Core Purpose: *To provide life-transforming educational experiences that prepare students to engage the world as informed, ethical and productive citizens.*

Kenya Mission Trip Feb. 24 – Mar. 9

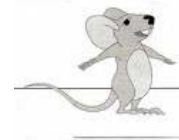
Aldersgate has sent out a team to serve in global missions

Most likely when you are reading this newsletter we will be in the process of holding our three day medical camp in the Amani Reading Centre, serving the surrounding villages including Itierio (where Peter Mageto grew up).

Besides treating medical and dental conditions, we will be giving out glasses matched to the prescription needs of the people we test. We will need glasses to replenish the supply for the next team that travels to the mission field. Please check around your house for glasses you're not wearing anymore and bring them to church!

Please keep the team in your prayers during the trip:

Georgia Anderson	Allison (Anderson) Jacob
Joyce Eskridge	Karen Eskridge
Dr. Michelle Galen	Renee' Galen
Lynn Renne	Lee Shepherd
Fran Vix	Sarah Leider
Amy Wogen (Sarah Leider's sister).	



From the Church Mouse's Corner!

Don Katterhenry, Andrea and Kris Gordon, and Don and Karin Heinicke scanned bar codes from 2000 glasses into the computer program, so they will be able to be matched to the needs of the patients visiting our Amani Medical Camp in Kenya.

Alan Stahl plowed the parking lot after the big snow on Jan. 30 and the next snow on Feb 15!

Roger Garrett replaced electrical outlets in the choir loft.

Phyllis Johnson working on display case in Atrium – Office hallway. She is always seen making creative changes in the case, sometimes helped out by **Pat Miller!**

Mardi Gras - We had a fabulous Fat Tuesday party! *Set up:* Aleta Ritchey, Adam White, Jenny Traylor, Ellie VanNatta, Nancy Roberts.

Cooking/Clean-up :

Darlene Stahl	Pat Miller	Brenda McBride
Sandy Millard	Carol Watson	Adam White
Terri White	Crystal Bobbitt	Ken and Peg Julian

Clean up and taking down tables and chairs:

PD & Aleta Ritchey	Jim Renne	Adam White
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Dixieland band which included pianist Kristin Jones, leader Wayne Jones, and drummer Russ Bright

44 Annual UM Men's Lenten Breakfasts

Each breakfast begins at 7:15 AM

Tickets for combined breakfast available early \$7 ea.

Dates Host

Speaker

Mar 6	Old North	Rev. Mike Monahan
Mar 13	St. James West	Rev. Gene Backes
Mar 20	Salem	Rev. Randy Anderson
Mar 27	Methodist Temple	Rev. Kevin McKinney
April 3	UMC-MCC Combine breakfast 7:15 AM Scottish Rite Cathedral, 301 Chestnut St. Speaker: Rev. Glenn Howell, D.S. United Methodist Church Evansville District	

Contact Randall Crayner, Chairman with any questions at 424-5976

MUSIC

Bell Choir (Sundays) 6:30-7:30 PM, Rm 203
Chancel Choir (Thursdays) 7-8:30 PM, Rm 201
Cherubs (4rs-K) (Sundays) 5-5:30 PM, Rm 217
Choristers (Gr.1-5) (Sun.) 5-5:45 PM, Rm 201
Contempo! Choir (Wed.) 6:30-7:30 PM, Sanctuary
Youth Choir (Gr. 6-12) (Sun.) 5-5:45 PM, Sanctuary
Sunday Supper: 5:45 PM, Room 214

Main course is provided for \$3 per person and each family may bring a dish to share!

Music at First Presbyterian Church Spring, 2010 Sunday, March 7

4:30 PM - Organ Prelude – Helen Skuggedal Reed
5:00 PM – Choral Evening Prayer
6:00 PM - Agape Dinner

Saturday, April 3 – 7PM - The Great Vigil of Easter Sunday May 2

4:30 PM – Organ Prelude – Neal Biggers
5:00 PM - Choral Evening Prayer
6:00 PM – Agape Dinner

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

APRIL newsletter deadline March 15.

Submit your article to Aldersgateum@sigecon.net.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Join us in the Prayer Room (101)
3rd Friday of each month, 9:30–11:30 AM**

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. For more information, contact Sue Moore or the church office (477-7816).

WORD OF THANKS!

Patchwork Central

I want to thank you personally for your generous financial contribution of \$2,150.00 to Patchwork Central. Your support will help ensure that we remain able to serve children and families in these difficult economic times.

John Rich, Co-Director Patchwork Central

United Caring Shelter

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of United Caring Shelters, thank you for your continued, generous support of \$1,000.00 for our mission.

Kimron Reising, Executive Director, UCS

United Methodist Youth Home

The UM Youth Home would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,969.00. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue helping at-risk youth become responsible and productive members of the community!

Janet G. Weyer, Development Director, UMYouth Home

YOGA CLASS

Classes are taking a break – Contact the church office for dates they will resume

This is a great set of classes, for relaxation and general limbering up. Feel free to go at your own pace. No pressure. Step toward a more healthy living, mind-body-soul. **\$20 / 4 classes (pay by the month)**

Monday – 6-7 PM, FLC,

Wednesday – 6-7 PM, FLC

Thursday – 8:30-9:30 AM, Rm 110

COMMUNITY EVENT

Women's Ministries - 11th Annual Ladies Spring Conference - March 13, 2010

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM (doors open 7:45 AM)
First Christian Church, 4544 Old State Road 261,
Newburgh, IN, 858-5000, www.fccn.org

Best-selling author & speaker Lisa Harper.

Lisa will be teaching on these topics: A Perfect Mess, Marked by Mercy and Manicured Nails & Dragon Tails

Early Bird Rate: by Feb 14 - \$20

Regular Rate: by March 8 - \$25

Teen Rate: must be in grades 6-12 - \$15

Group Rate: 10 or more - \$2 discount per ticket

Registrations: forms should be mailed to the church. Contact First Christian Church for more information.

Got Debt? Christmas Bills Stacked Up?

Why not consider attending a Good \$en\$e budget class? The class will help you discover tools and develop skills that will enable you to manage and control your finances, rather than allowing your finances to manage and control you. You will **not** be asked to share any personal information.

The classes begin on Tuesday, March 16 and the following five Tuesdays, with the exception of March 30 (Holy Week.) Each class will meet for approximately one hour, beginning at 6:00 PM at Lynnville UMC. Registration fee is \$25 for manual and materials.

Registration deadline is March 12.

Call 812-853-3476 with questions or to enroll.