



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Wow, What a Month

October Edition

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

Office Details

Hours: 8:00-1:00

(Emails answered throughout the day)

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For the 22nd year, the Pumpkin patch is up and running. This year, we have been blessed to have lots of outside help. The USC-Sumter baseball and softball teams helped us unload the pumpkins. The Item covered the unloading of the pumpkins. Today, Sam Perez, a reporter with WLTX came to learn about our field trips, events, and giving to United Ministries and Christian Charities. This weekend we will have Pumpkin Palooza. Our community makes it possible for us to make a significant donation.

For this to continue to be sustainable for us, we need everyone who can find shifts to work in the Pumpkin Patch. This is an opportunity to interact with lots of wonderful folks. I've been out in the Patch a couple of times to fill empty slots. I can assure you that it is worth the time – particularly on a beautiful day.

Peace,

Pastor Laura

Wow! What a month! October is filled with so many busy and beautiful things at Aldersgate. I'm so fortunate to be a small part of what goes on during this month. We'll host over 1,000 children in our patch for field trips during October; preschool, kindergarten, special needs, and adult day centers are all groups that come to visit during the early October mornings, and what a special thing that is. We can tell it's October because Newsletters are running late, (I'm sorry) church members are running like chickens with their heads cut off to prepare for the load of work they're about to do, and the field is full of all sorts of unique pumpkins. The pumpkin patch is truly a "work of heart", and we pray that all of our congregation will come out to take part in it this season. (There is no job too small, or any type of help that is not needed)

"A vision without action is merely a dream", last year we had a vision and The Aldersgate congregation took action and made that dream come true. This year we're proud of the hard work you've all done, and we were pleased to present "The Pumpkin Palooza" on October 8th. This event made The Sumter Item front page, WLTX News 19 articles and live tv, and social media buzz with excitement. To say there was a "a good crowd" is saying the least. We couldn't imagine how great it'd be last year until YOU ALL showed us what it could be. This year, despite some last minute vendor chaos, the event ran more smoothly and drew in a whopping \$4,800 of pumpkin sales. I pray that I will be here for many years to come to see how it will keep evolving. Aldersgate is such a special place, but the true blessings are the people of this congregation. This month, we work. Next month, we will look back and already begin reminiscing over the month that flew by and thank our good Lord for what he has allowed us to do. We can't wait to see you all in the patch!!

All of my love,

Brooke





Our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Palooza was held on October 8th and was a huge success for sales in the patch. We sold \$4,800 worth of pumpkins. We can't thank our gracious, hard working volunteers for all of their efforts to make this day such a great success. We're also looking at another 1/2 truck load of pumpkins to arrive on October 17th. Come out to fellowship with us and show the FireAnts our support.

PLEASE LET BROOKE KNOW WHEN YOU CAN HELP IN THE PATCH!!



Join us for Revival November 13-16. This will be a great time for fellowship with our congregation and also with our community. We will be posting our revival lineup in the next few weeks, be on the lookout!



CLEMSON won the competition for the month of September by donating the most items for Christian Charities.

Their mission of the month for October is a "Coat and New Sock Drive", these will be distributed by the Catholic Women's Guilds.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th. Please look for updates about meetings in preparation for this.



Our Evangelism Team will have a table set up at the county fair October 18th-23rd. Let Phil Watry know if you'd like to participate with them, or just drop by during the fair and check them out!



We will host our Holiday Food Fair (Bazaar) November 9th. If you are willing to help volunteer or to bring items please reach out to Brooke! We need baked goods, breads, casseroles, soups, etc. Please let Brooke know what you can bring.



Senior trip to Sam Kendall's for lunch on 10/15, contact Brooke to sign up!



Our Baby Bottle donations were updated to \$1,056.94, great job Aldersgate!

OUR PRAYERS:

- Lynn Boan
- Betty Hodges
- Betty Heacker
- Mariean Northrup
- Griffin/Smith Family
- Larry & Garland Nettles
- Allen Prescott
- Gene Hunter
- Frank Edwards
- Ed & Carolyn Hudson
- Everett Burroughs
- Bill Brattain
- Bill Fleury
- Marvin Vannoy
- Rex Riddle
- Arawana
(Family of The Cox)
- Bobbi Land
- Wilma Crayton
- Phyllis Volland
- Sebastian Volland
- Bill Reither
- Sam Crawford
- All Homebound Members



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 6:30 PM Evangelism	4 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Jenky's Circle 7:00 PM Circle #2	5 7:00 AM UMM 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	6	7	8 11:00AM Pumpkin Palooza
9	10	11	12 7:00 AM UMM 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	13 Knitters 10:00 AM	14 12:00 PM Senior Trip (Sam Kendall's)	15
16	17	18	19 7:00 AM UMM 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 7:00 AM UMM 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Bible Study	27 Knitters 10:00 AM	28 6:00 PM Trunk or Treat	29
30	31					

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Stewardship Report:
January 1- August 31, 2022

Actual Received: \$294,771
Budgeted: \$366,000
Expenditures: \$252,676

Apportionments paid through September 2022
\$43,150 of 2022 Budgeted \$53,477
(70% of conference request)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jim Brown	9 Carol Fleury	24 Tanya Sari
1 Sphendi Dani	11 Kelly Brady	25 Jean Jackson
1 Sylvia McFaddin	13 Connie Wright	28 Jim Bowman
2 Kendyl White	14 Robin Cox	28 Wilma Crayton
4 T Davis	15 Nancy Thompson	29 Beth Morris
4 Mac Mcleod	19 Carolyn Hudson	29 Sue Dubose
5 Marsha Witbeck	22 Krista Jennings	30 Ryan Dani
9 Joe Davis	22 Stephanie Smith	