



The Open Door

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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

The following was submitted by the Tuesday Women's Bible Study group.

SOMEBODY ELSE

There's a most clever woman and friend, named SOMEBODY ELSE.

There's nothing she can't do.

She's busy from morning 'till very late at night, just substituting for you.

You're asked to do this or do that and how do you reply?

Get SOMEBODY ELSE,

She'll do it much better than I

So much to be done in our Aldersgate world and so few

And, SOMEBODY ELSE is so tired and worn...just substituting for YOU.

Next time that you're asked to do something worthwhile just give them this reply.

"If SOMEBODY ELSE can give her time and support,

then with God's help, so can I

It's that JOYFUL time again!

The Joyful Hosannas Summer Concert

*will be held Saturday, August 22nd at
2:00pm*

in the church sanctuary.

In the summer heat, we could all use some
REFRESHING of the SOUL!! What better way than
music, come, sing along or just listen to some of our
favorite hymns and toe tapping gospels tunes.

We are excited to share music and love with our beloved Seniors from the community and our beloved Church family and
sponsors TOGETHER!!



Tell a friend, bring a friend.



Purpose: To convey the freedom and fear of engaging in the way of Jesus

I would like to think that sharing here in this valued space is a privilege that should be honored. And one way is to openly explain what a sinner(I) intends on obeying as his “servant/disciple” might experience. This is an admission that others(you) will explain the process differently. But the result, him better, draw

closer to him, and know his will will bear fruit of leading others to Jesus.

Whether successful or not, I have ventured into freedom that comes with trusting the Holy Spirit who is “with” me in intimate ways that allow for acting in tandem naturally. That also means entering into spaces that are fearful. It is the concerns of uncertainty. In other words, losing control. It is also, accepting the outcome and sustaining the passion to look ahead as it leads wherever it might.

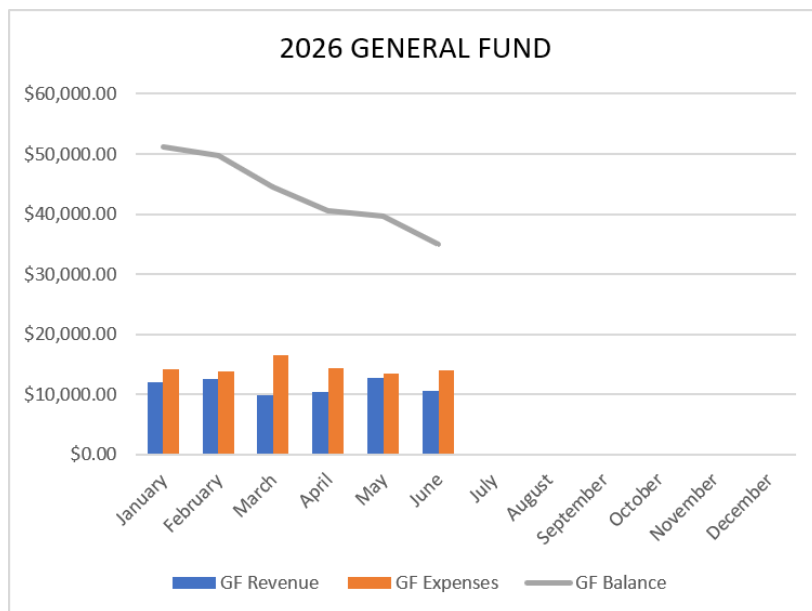
Whatever it takes, we embrace the freedom and fear that precedes those decisions we have to make and live with it. How all that is measured against the purpose of my life will find its truth in the Bible. And I hope this means we can live out the mission Jesus gave to his disciples respecting the means as well as the ends.

It is living in the now not uncertain that tomorrow may be the last day and that is long enough to prepare to meet Jesus to give an account.

Treasurer’s Report

Contributions to the General Fund from monthly giving in June were \$10,527.80 while expenses for June totaled \$14,013.58 resulting in a net loss of \$3,485.78 to the General Fund reserves. June utility costs (\$2,328.95) were split between the Hope Academy funds and the special giving designated for utilities. The General Fund balance at the end of June, after the conference tithe payment (based on giving to the General Fund and the Budget Specials Fund), is \$34,888.84 – down \$4,831.35 from last month. The combined balance for all accounts (General Fund, Budget Specials, & Non-Budget Specials) is \$98.047

\$956.10 will be paid out to the missionaries we support for 2026 Q2 (April-June) with an additional \$685.00 going out to Katherine Parker. The loose change you’re collecting for donation on the 3rd Sunday really adds up, so thank you for your support!



New account balances, as of June 30th, have been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Prayerfully submitted,
Susan Hartman
Chair, Finance Committee

Bible Studies:

There are several bible studies available.

Early morning men's bible study. Tuesday at 7:00 am in the back room at Cozy Diner. They are presently reading through the Max Lucado book titled: "When Christ Returns".

Women's bible study. Currently on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.

All church bible studies are the evening bible study that meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Pastor Eric Cho's bible study held on Friday at 10:00 am. They are currently using "Seamless" by Angie Smith which takes you through the entire Bible in about 24 weeks (our pace) in a whirlwind but it is going to be exciting. Both meetings are held in the Patterson Room. You are welcome to attend whichever study matches your schedule.

The Wednesday bible study will not meet again until August 19. At that time they will be using the same study material as the morning group.

Friday nights

Currently, for the summer, the only group meeting are the people meeting on the first Friday of the month to watch episodes of "The Chosen". They are meeting at 6:00 in the Patterson room and would welcome anyone that would care to join in. Each episode is self-contained so it is possible to attend on any given Friday and understand what is happening.

Pastor Neal Neuenburg

The following was received at the church from Fran on July 23.

Fran called the church office today to give an update on Neal after his surgery for a pacemaker. He is home and recovering well, but the doctor has advised that he stays home at this time. His body system is acceptable to any germs at this time and the doctor highly recommends that he has no visitors until she clears him.

They will not be in church until he is cleared.

Thank you for understanding the doctor's orders.

...and, this sent on August 29.

This Neal reporting, I am doing better and hope to be in church Sunday (08/02). Appreciate all the prayers, cards and phone calls. What a loving caring community we have together at Aldersgate.
Neal

...and also from Neal.

Please put our Pastor's phone # (408-500-2438) and email <ericcho73@gmail.com> in the Open door as well as mine and Pastor Toni for back up pastoral calls on Monday-Wednesdays.

Pastor Neal 530-566-7187, Pastor Toni 530-514-9282

I should be back in the saddle in August.

Thanks,
Neal

The highlights of the July Women's Ministry Pool party July 11 at Vikki's Pool

The day was perfect with light clouds and a slight breeze making the pool inviting. The water was perfect and we spent the morning floating. Then it was all about the food. As always with a potluck, there was plenty for all of us and it was all delicious.

As we finished the dessert round, our conversation focused on the future for our women's ministry and the needs of our church. There were several exciting ideas on ways to expand our community outreach. We considered different activities we could do with our women in our church. We also brainstormed events that our church family would enjoy and how to include our community in some of them. It was very exciting and we look forward to adding some of them to our church's calendar over the next year or two.



Our next women's meeting is August 8th at Vikki's pool from 10am to 1.

The water is so inviting! We want to take advantage of another summer morning to float. Bring a bagged lunch to enjoy as we continue to look to our future.

There will be cold watermelon for all to enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming; Women's Tea - Sunday, September 13th, 11am

If you would like to use your china to host a table, let Diane Evans know. We will be setting the tables on Saturday, September 12th

Missions and outreach

Question: What do Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea and Burundi have in common?

Answer: HealthBridge Global supports projects in each of these countries.

Jon Hallsted, one of the missionaries Aldersgate supports, has produced a video about each one of these projects your money is helping to support. In Korea there is a facility for severely handicapped children, in Mongolia there are programs for veterinary education, in Burundi there is a hospital being built and in Nepal there is the Ark of Hope health clinic in remote areas all support by our giving.

Thank you for your giving on the THIRD Sunday of each month. YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Are you tired of buying peanut butter? I hope not because this is one food that can make a big difference to a homeless person. If each of us would pick up peanut butter each time we shopped for our family what a contribution that would make to Salvation Army's food cupboard.

Do You Look Forward to the Treat Table after church? Would you like to take a turn providing something for our after service treat? Look for the refreshment sign up on the bulletin board. If everyone took a turn then no one would be doing it every Sunday. This is a wonderful way to bless our church family.

A big thank you to those of you who have been so generous with your delicious treats. You are truly appreciated.

How about a few pictures:



Pastor Eric
on his first
Sunday as
Pastor



Ice cream social to welcome our new Pastor Eric Cho and his wife Julie

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship Service 9 am Prayer group Rm 3-4 8:15 a.m.	3	4 Men's Bible Study 7 am, Cozy Diner	5	6	7 Pastor's Bible Study Patterson Room 10: am "The Chosen" Patterson Room 6:00 p.m.	8 Women's swim and watermelon at Vikki's 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Birthdays

Karen Wells 8/9
Randy Franken 8/22

Bill Keen 8/21
Dick Reynolds 8/30

Anniversaries

Eric & Julie Cho 8/20/92