



October 9, 2016

Dear Aldersgate Member or Attendee,

Throughout our scriptures, acts and an attitude of generosity are lifted up as examples of what it means to be Godlike. Simply put, generosity reflects God's nature and creates a legacy through which the love of God grows.

Next Sunday we begin a special congregational emphasis, *Legacy of Generosity*. You won't want to miss any of the Sundays planned, as we explore and celebrate what we have known and continue to live out.

To get started, we are providing you with three important tools.

- First, a booklet, "*Gifts That Make Us Who We Are*," reflections written by members and friends of Aldersgate.
- Second, "legacy cards" for you and members of your household, for each Sunday, October 16, 23 and 30. These cards (adult – yellow, youth – green, child – blue) are for you to complete and bring with you to church on the date noted. Each is designed for contemplation and perhaps discussion with others.
- Finally, a table tent with Aldersgate's generosity prayer, to put in a prominent place in your home.

We'll also be sending emails with details about *Legacy of Generosity*. The emails will be sent on Wednesdays, so be sure to look for them. During these few weeks you will be receiving the Monday Vine, the Wednesday *Legacy of Generosity* email and the Friday Vine. All three will be different; we want to be sure you receive all you need to make these weeks a meaningful experience.

In case you misplace emails, all *Legacy of Generosity* materials will be on our website, [graldersgate.org](http://graldersgate.org), under the "Connect & Grow" tab.

We hope you will join us in our excitement about this season of exploring our legacies.

Sincerely,

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*"I am who I am because of who we all are." Desmond Tutu, explaining the African concept, Ubuntu*