



## WELCOME to ALDERSGATE

We're delighted to have you with us today!  
Our desire is that you sense the love of Jesus during your time here  
and that you discover how much God values you.  
If we can serve you in any way, please feel free to call on us.

### Our Identity/Vision

We exist to:

***"Reach with the Heart of God  
for the Lives of our community!"***

### Our Mission/Purpose

Gathered to Grow - Scattered to Sow:  
***"To reach and grow disciples in Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!"***

### Aldersgate Staff

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Kristi Prowell, Accompanist

*Summer Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birth - 23 months: Infant Nursery
- 2 Year Olds: Toddler Nursery
- 3 Year Olds: Room 102
- 4 Year Old/Pre-K: Room 104
- Kindergarten: Room 207
- First Grade: Room 210
- Second Grade: Room 205
- Third Grade: Room 201
- 4th/5th Grade: Rooms 206/208

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **We are Privileged to Hold One Another in Prayer:**

Bernice Shaffer; Zedna Haverstock; Pastor Galina; Dixie Baer; Ron Campbell; Barb Metzler; Mindy Metzler Shaw; Maureen; Joshua; Renee T.; Sandy M.; Ruby Shumaker; Mary Lank upon the death of her husband; Rhonda Hebbard upon the death of her father; Ron Gerbig; Jacqueline Brock; T J Donahue; Sandy Miller

#### **Active Military Personnel Serving Overseas:**

Seth Baker

If you know an active duty soldier you would like lifted in prayer, please contact the church office or [healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net) and share his/her name. We will list their name in the bulletin and continue to hold them in prayer until you notify us they have returned safely home.

#### **Want to Make a Request or Receive Ministry Information?**

*Please use the Communication Card to provide or change your contact information and/or to request information about any aspect of church life at Aldersgate. Just drop it in the offering plate, leave it at the Welcome Center, or bring it to the church office.*

#### **New to Aldersgate?**

*Please fill out a Communication Card and return it via the offering plate or at our Welcome Center. Stop at our Welcome Center for a gift and some information on Aldersgate Church. Join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship in our Family Life Center following the 8 am and 9:30 am services. We are glad you are with us today to worship!*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

### **Remember the GIANT Gift Card Program/Debt Reduction Opportunity!**

Please remember that with every \$100 in gift cards purchased, AUMC receives \$5 (5% of total purchases) that is used against our building debt/principal payment on the loan. We're chipping away at it, and every bit helps. If just 75 households purchase \$100 in gift cards each month (toward your own use for groceries and/or gas), that would generate \$4,500 back to AUMC toward loan reduction! Cards typically are available on the first and third Sundays outside the Family Life Center.

### **Celebration of Jodie Dodson's Season of Ministry**

Don't forget to come to the Family Life Center at 11:00 to celebrate Jodie's 8 years as Director of Children's Ministry. Whether you signed up or not, you are welcome to join us to let her know how much her impact on our children has been appreciated.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### **Welcome Melanie!**

Tomorrow, Melanie Feldman joins the Aldersgate staff as the new Director of Children's Ministries. Melanie and Jodie will be working together through June 16, with Jodie seeing us through this year's VBS and Melanie assuming the other duties of this position. Please welcome Melanie as she takes on this key position in our church family.

### **Interested in Exploration Covenant Membership Connection at Aldersgate Church?**

Due to various scheduling issues and commitments by those expressing interest, the pastor has set two separate tracts for Membership Exploration at Aldersgate Church. Those tracts are noted below, and it's not too late to join in should you desire. These are informal, no-pressure gatherings that will touch upon the core Truths of the faith, the purpose and promise of God through Christ's Church, the unique story that is Aldersgate Church, and our discipleship commitment and promises as members together in The Body of Christ. Join us!  
CYCLE 1: Wednesdays, May 24, 31 and June 7 (7 to 8:30 pm)

CYCLE 2: Mondays, June 5, 19 and 26 (7 to 8:30 pm - *No mtg. June 12 due to VBS*)

Please contact the church office at 737-7923 x100 or at [secretary@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:secretary@aldersgatechurch.net) to register.

### **Bethesda Mobile Mission - May 26, 2017**

As part of the Bethesda Mission, the Mobile Mission is an outreach program that goes into the heart of Harrisburg from 9:00 pm - 12:00 am to meet the needs of the homeless by bringing food, clothing and necessities and share the love of Christ. The next Mobile Mission is Friday, May 26. Please meet at the church parking lot at 8:15 pm to carpool. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Lorraine Wagner at 717-737-7159.

### **"Lost & Found": AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) & Al-Anon (Family/Friends of Alcoholics)**

EVERY SATURDAY 6 pm to 7:15 pm in the Youth Room. The Lost & Found Group combines AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) & Al-Anon (Family & Friends of Alcoholics). A speaker from each (AA and Al-Anon) will share their story followed by discussion. "Program Birthdays" are celebrated each month.

At Al-Anon group meetings the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to their individual situations. They learn that they are not alone in the problems they face, and that they have choices that lead to greater peace of mind, whether the drinker continues to drink or not. Find out more about Al-Anon at [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org).

For additional information contact Carol Diffenbaugh at 737-7923 ext. 104.

### **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**

EVERY TUESDAY and THURSDAY, AA meets at 6:30 pm in Room 206/208. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem. Find out more about Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). For additional information contact Carol Diffenbaugh at 737-7923 ext. 104.

### **Volunteers Needed - Church Mulch Project**

Calling all volunteers to help spruce up the church for our Summer programs. Mulch will be delivered the morning of Friday, May 26 at various locations around our building. Looking for any/all available help to spread mulch all around the building. Come for any time slots starting Friday May 26th through the following weekend of June 4th. Bring your own rakes, shovels, pitchforks (and, if possible, carts and/or wheelbarrows). Contact Brad Haubert at [facilities@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:facilities@aldersgatechurch.net) if you can help out so he can arrange schedules accordingly. Thank you, in advance, for your time and assistance!

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Discover Your Strength In God - at Hero Central Vacation Bible School!**

June 12-16 from 6:15-8:30pm

All children who are 2 years old by January 1, 2017 through those completing 5th Grade are invited to participate. *Opportunities Await for Adults and Youth!* Register Participants and Volunteers at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/aldersgatemech/>.

### *Collections and Donations!*

VBS is offered free of charge to the almost 300 children from Aldersgate and surrounding areas who attend. To help defray our costs, a donation list can be found on the bulletin board around the corner from the elevator. Pick an item and return it to church by June 4th. Giant Gift Cards provide a double benefit to Aldersgate - consider purchasing a Giant Gift Card outside the FLC and then donate it to VBS! Cards typically are available on the first and third Sundays outside the FLC, or you can purchase them from the church office during the week.

### *Ways to Help During VBS*

Volunteer opportunities the week of VBS are available to children in sixth grade through adults. Crew Leaders direct a group of children through their activities each night. Guides are also needed to help with snack preparation, Bible story, games, crafts, in our 2-1/2 year old class, and our 4th and 5th grade class.

### **Dogs for God**

This ministry consists of a group of caring individuals called to spread the joy, happiness and the name of Christ using the assistance of their bonded relationships with their dogs to reach the elderly, homebound, hospitalized, etc. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm for a visit to the Sarah Todd Home. For more information contact Pam Caserta at [pam.caserta@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.caserta@yahoo.com).

### **Welcome Center Needs You!**

Do you have a heart for Ministry but limited time? Come join us at the Welcome Center! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Tom Zeigler at 717-525-0955 or provide your name, email address and "Welcome Center" on the back of today's Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.

### **Like to Knit or Crochet or Make No-Sew Blankets (or want to learn)?**

Aldersgate's Wool and Flax group meets on Wednesdays at 1 pm in Room 203. We offer instructions if you need it. Otherwise, just come for fellowship and prayer and bring your current project! If you have any questions, contact Sue Shockey at [brillo64@aol.com](mailto:brillo64@aol.com).

### **New Hope Ministries Needs Your Help**

Volunteers are needed at the Mechanicsburg Center who can drive a six-speed truck, and load and unload deliveries. Specifically, they are in need of two people on Thursdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, and Friday afternoon. They are also looking for three volunteers to do pick-ups on Mondays and Fridays, and two volunteers for Wednesdays. Learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities at [http://www.nhm-pa.org/?page\\_id=18](http://www.nhm-pa.org/?page_id=18)

Additionally, New Hope Ministries are now accepting sign-ups for groups, churches, and families to provide lunches for their summer youth programs. You can learn more about this special need and sign-up for a day (or two!) to put together lunches for about 50 youth by going to <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=WKEU4775>

### **New Hope Work Night: - June 13, 7-9 pm**

A work night at New Hope is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, from 7 to 9 pm. We will be sorting and packing food. This is a great outreach opportunity and a great activity for families. Email Pam Caserta at [pam.caserta@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.caserta@yahoo.com) if you can attend.

### **Join the Communion Team!**

All who are part of the worship life of AUMC are invited to consider joining the team that serves communion. Perfection is not a requirement! All that is needed is a love for God, and an understanding that we are all in need of His grace. Communion is offered monthly. If you wish to be a part of this team, email [cwesley07@verizon.net](mailto:cwesley07@verizon.net) or put your name, email address and "Communion Server Info" on the back of today's Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.

**POSITION OPENING:** SPRC invites applications to be submitted for the position of Facility Manager at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa. The successful candidate will have experience in building/facility management as well as custodial cleaning. Responsibilities include vendor and project management; event set-up and essential cleaning tasks, supervision of a part-time evening custodian, and management of special projects. The successful candidate will be an individual of strong Christian faith and ethic, flexible, well-organized, capable of working independently while also as part of a ministry staff team and diverse membership, and one who sees the facility as an essential ministry tool. Dependent on the successful candidate's management style, input, and interview outcome, the position could be constructed to range from 15 to 30 hours weekly. Successful candidate must pass background checks. Salary negotiable based upon experience. Aldersgate Church - an active faith community - provides a solid support network for this position, and welcomes conversation with candidates who meet these requirements. Cover letter with experience and work history can be submitted by e-mail to [secretary@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:secretary@aldersgatechurch.net).

**Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for  
Week of May 14, 2017**

**Together, We Give Faithfully Because Of God's Great Faithfulness.**  
Our \$916,578 Spending Plan for Ministry in 2017 calls for weekly tithes and offerings of \$17,626.50.

Our Year-to-Date Offerings = **\$350,719.20**  
Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = **\$352,530**

Attendance	8:00	9:30	11:00
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	95	263	105
<b>Sunday School</b>		99	

**Serving Today May 21, 2017**

**Acolyte:**           **8:00**   Chelsea Hoover  
                             **9:30**   Ainsley Rutt  
                             **11:00**   Brandon Ocker

**Nursery:**           **8:00**   Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert  
                             **9:30**   Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert  
                             **11:00**   Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert

**Ushers:**           **8:00**   Lisa Boyer, Tom Boyer, Scott Evans, Margaret Evans  
                             **9:30**   Mark Reisinger, Dottie Morrison, Rick Smith, Debbie Smith  
                             **11:00**   Toni, Cerullo, Norm Runk, Brent Burger, Chris Burger

**Welcome Center:**   **8:00**   TBD  
                             **9:30**   TBD  
                             **11:00**   TBD

**Worship Leader:**   Sheri Dohner  
**Praise Team:**       Dan DeArment, Dennis McMichael, Elise DeArment, Hannah Haverstock, Patrice Halin, Kim LeGore, Mike Benson

**Sound Technician:**   Stephen Rutt  
**Computer Support:**   Jeff Wible

**Activities for the Week of May 21, 2017**  
You may view the full calendar on [www.aldersgatechurch.net](http://www.aldersgatechurch.net)

**Sunday 05/21**  
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am Jodie Dodson thanksgiving Celebration - FLC  
12:00 pm Confirmation Journey Group - FLC  
6:00 pm Youth Sunday - FLC

**Monday 05/22**  
4:00 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - Room 203  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Preschool Support Group - Room 101

**Tuesday 05/23**  
6:00 pm Zumba Fitness - FLC  
6:15 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - 203  
6:30 pm AA There is a Solution Group - Rooms 206/208  
6:30 pm GriefShare- Room 202

**Wednesday 05/24**  
1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry - Room 203  
6:30 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - Room 203  
7:00 pm Membership Exploration, Cycle 1- Chapel

**Thursday 05/25**  
10:00 am M & M Volunteer Ministry - FLC  
11:00 am Mature Methodist Meeting - Youth Room  
6:30 pm AA Meeting - Room 206/208  
6:30 pm Divorce Care - Room 202  
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Friday 05/26**  
9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203  
9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room

**Saturday 05/27**  
7:30 am IronMen Bible Study - Youth Room  
6:00 pm Lost & Found Group (AA/Al-Anon) - Youth Room

**Sunday 05/28**  
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth Sunday - FLC

**Aldersgate is a "Safe Sanctuary Church"**

**What does that mean?** "Safe Sanctuary" means that all ministry staff and volunteers working with children or youth under age 18 (and vulnerable adults) have obtained the appropriate Pennsylvania and FBI criminal and child-welfare clearances, and have received direction for compliance with Safe Sanctuary Policy of The United Methodist Church. Your children - God's children - are important to us! Any questions regarding Safe Sanctuary and how to obtain the clearances, etc. can be directed to Jodie Dodson, Director of Children's Ministries, who oversees Safe Sanctuary here at Aldersgate Church.

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## **Every Sunday Is a Little Easter**

**Christ is Risen, Indeed!**  
*May 21, 2017, 8 and 11 a.m.*

**Opening Ministry Moment: Church Camp**  
**Drama Ministry: Reaching With the Heart of God**

**We Sing Because God is Glorious!**

**Giving God's Tithes And Our Offerings**  
"Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ways ..."  
- Psalm 119:10

**Wounded Healer & Relay for Life**  
*Emily Steinkamp*

**Opening the Scriptures: Isaiah 53:1-7**

**The Message: "Wounded Healer, Wounded Healing"**  
Pastor Troy (8 a.m.) & Pastor Zane Wilson (11 a.m.)

**Broken**  
things can become  
**blessed things**  
if you let God  
do the mending.

**The Prayers of God's People**  
"As far as the East is from the West, so far the Lord  
removes our sin from us ..." - Psalm 103:12

## **Now, Grow as You Go ...**

*Be strength in a storm.  
Be peace in the valley.  
Be Thanksgiving amidst clamoring want.  
**You are a Minister for Jesus.***