



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!”**

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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; Barb Metzler; Mindy Metzler Shaw; Maureen; Joshua; Renee T.; Sandy M.; Ruby Shumaker; T J Donahue; Sandy Miller; Scott Salyers; Jenny and Baby Bailey; Tabitha; Pam

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 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

Youth Updates:

Summer Sunday School - Students in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room from 9:30-10:30 am. No Youth this evening. Church is set for VBS! Want to help with VBS? Contact Jodie Dodson @ 717-497-4547. Looking ahead is the Conodoguinet Creek Clean Up June 17th 8:30 to noon. Enjoy a creek stomp while keeping our waters clean! If interested or for more information contact Sheryl Behr @ youthdirector@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-645-8569.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Interested in Exploration Covenant Membership Connection at Aldersgate Church?

Due to various scheduling issues and commitments by those expressing interest, the pastor has a second tract for Membership Exploration at Aldersgate Church. This tract is noted below, and it's not too late to join in should you desire. This in an informal, no-pressure gathering 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 2: Mondays, June 5, 19 and 26 (7 to 8:30 pm - *No meeting on June 12 due to VBS*)

Please contact the church office at 737-7923 x100 or at secretary@aldersgatechurch.net to register.

“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.

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

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

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

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/aldersgatamech/>.

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.

Young's Church Hosts Series on Dementia

Many families are being affected by the devastating affects of dementia. Dementia Caretakers in the Home, presented by Trudy Rudy, is a series designed to help you better understand the debilitating disease and the many challenges of in-home personal care. Sessions will be held at Young's UMC at 7 pm on June 14 and 21.

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 if you can attend.

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:

Wed June 14th at 6:30 pm - The Bridges

Tues June 20th at 6:30 pm - The Jewish Home

Tues June 27th at 6:30 pm - Sarah Todd Home

For more information contact Pam Caserta at pam.caserta@yahoo.com.



LOOKING AHEAD

Youth accepting Creation donations

Can't go to Creation but want to help send our youth group? Contributions are much appreciated and can be dropped off in the box outside the Youth Office. Check out what's needed on Time To Sign Up: <https://tsu.me/creation>.

New Study Starting Monday, June 19

Armor of God: by Priscilla Shirer; All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. Hoping to catch you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, The Armor of God study is for you. Be dressed for the battle. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy for victory. Join us Monday evenings at 7pm starting June 19th. Contact Kristin Gardner at gardnerk5276@gmail.com to register.

Bethesda Mobile Mission - June 23, 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.

Shomaker Classic to benefit Safe Harbour

This golf tournament, on Wednesday, July 12, at the Carlisle Country Club is open to the public and benefits Safe Harbour, which provides housing services for homeless individuals and families in Cumberland County. Many sponsorship levels are available. Please pick up a copy of the brochure at the Information Desk in the lobby after the service.

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

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>

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 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.

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 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.



Has Your Contact Information Changed?
Help us to keep in touch with you by filling out the yellow Communication Card insert in your bulletin.

Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for Week of June 4, 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 = **\$401,900.33**
Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = **\$405,410**

Attendance			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	47	152	368
Sunday School	69		

Serving Today June 11, 2017

- Acolyte:** 8:00 Aaron Dovenspike
9:30 Addison Buckman
11:00 Thomas McMichael
- Nursery:** 8:00 Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
9:30 Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
11:00 Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
- Ushers:** 8:00 Glenn Shick, Lynn Shick, Pat Tomson, Bob Tomson
9:30 Susan Myers, Daniel Myers, Sally McBrayer
11:00 Carl Wagner, Lorraine Wagner, Dave Fetterhoff, Ruth Fetterhoff
- Welcome Center:** 8:00 TBD
9:30 Tom Ziegler
11:00 Karen Kammeier
- Worship Leader:** Sheri Dohner
Praise Team: Andrew Shumway, Nate Curwen, Pete Curwen, Jamie Barkley, Allen Clippinger
- Sound Technician:** George Behr
Computer Support: Rick Smith

Activities for the Week of June 11, 2017

You may view the full calendar on www.aldersgatechurch.net

Sunday 06/11

VBS Setup—All Day

- 8:00 am Sunday Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Trailblazers Pancake Breakfast - FLC
- 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service

Monday 06/12

- 4:00 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - Room 203
- 6:15 pm VBS

Tuesday 06/13

- 6:15 pm VBS
- 6:30 pm AA There is a Solution Group - Offsite

Wednesday 06/14

- 1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry - Room 203
- 6:15 pm VBS

Thursday 06/15

- 6:15 pm VBS
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting – Offsite

Friday 06/16

- 9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203
- 9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room
- 12:00 pm M&M Volunteer Ministry - Mission Central
- 6:15 pm VBS

Saturday 06/17

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

Sunday 06/18

- 8:00 am Sunday Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service

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 Melanie Feldner, Director of Children's Ministries, who oversees Safe Sanctuary here at Aldersgate Church.

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Aldersgate Church

A United Methodist Congregation

"Reaching with the Heart of God for the Lives of Our Community"

Every Sunday Is Resurrection Day!

June 11, 2017

U R WELCOME HERE!

Let's Become A "Romans 12:1 Church"

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering."



We Sing Because God is Great!

By Grace, We Place Our Lives on the Altar

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." — Romans 8:26

Giving God's Tithes And Our Offerings

"Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ways ..." — Psalm 119:10

Ministry Moments:

Graduate Recognition and A Time of Blessing

The Scriptures Are Opened: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

The Message:

"Don't Be Afraid to Live and Learn Life with Your Maker!"

- Ignorance really isn't bliss.
- Faith and science are not enemies.
- Be Embraced in the Mystery of God.
- Reject Legalism. Remember and Rehearse Grace.



You Now Enter the Mission Field!

We Are The Good Shepherd's Sheep.

Let Us Go Into This Week and Act Like It.