



## 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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**Office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; Friday 8:30 am—12:30 pm**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School is based on the grades the children just completed. We "move up" on September 10.

**2 Year Olds:** Toddler Nursery  
**Kindergarten/First Grade:** FLC  
**Fourth/Fifth Grade:** FLC

**Preschoolers:** Room 102  
**Second/Third Grade:** FLC

## 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; Ruby Shumaker; Sandy Miller; Pam; Gil; Keith S.; Elaine T.; Robert N.; Katie B.; Maggie; Tina Rusnak and family upon the death of her mother; Scott S; Renee T; The Aikey family; Roxie

### **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 AT ALDERSGATE

## Adult Sunday School starts September 10

September 10 at 9:30 am in room 101 join the adult Sunday School class for a new 5 week Bible study where Adam Hamilton explores popular sayings that miss the point. They are simple phrases: "God helps those who help themselves," "Love the sinner, hate the sin," and others. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. Facilitated by Hans Dovenspike, [triciad623@gmail.com](mailto:triciad623@gmail.com).

## Youth Highlights

**YOUTH KICK OFF 2017! Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8 pm** – A great night of FOOD, GAMES (9 square, Gaga, Kan Jam, Spike Ball and others), FUN, and enjoying friends new and old. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

## **New Hope Work Night - September 12, 7-9 pm**

A work night at New Hope is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 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.

## **WUW Meals begin Wednesday, September 13th!!**

The first meal for the 2017-2018 WUW season will be held September 13. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:15. Watch your bulletin for the weekly reservation sheet. In addition to the main meal, children's meals and vegetarian options are available every week.

**Desserts! Desserts! Desserts!:** We are in need of dessert donations every week. We gladly accept weekly, monthly, and impromptu baking donations! If you would like to be a part of the Dessert Team, please contact Jamie Barkley.

**Special Orders:** We understand that many people have dietary restrictions. We don't want to keep you from joining us for dinner on Wednesday evenings. Many of our menus can be adapted to accommodate special dietary needs. If you are interested in this option, please contact Jamie Barkley at the phone number or email listed below to discuss how we can possibly meet your needs.

**Help Wanted:** We would love to have you join us in the kitchen. We can always use help with pre-meal prep and set-up, assistance during the meal, and especially help with clean-up.

If you are interested in helping with the Wednesday night meals, please contact Jamie Barkley at 717-991-6992 or [jamiiebarkley@ymail.com](mailto:jamiiebarkley@ymail.com). We are looking forward to another great season of food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## **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 calendar for

Wednesday September 13 at 6:30 pm - The Bridges  
Monday September 18 at 7 pm - The Children's Home  
Tuesday September 19 at 6:30 pm - The Jewish Home  
Tuesday September 26 at 6:30 pm - Sarah Todd Home

For more information contact Pam Caserta at [pam.caserta@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.caserta@yahoo.com).

## **Women's Study Starts Monday, September 18 at 7 pm in the Resource Room**

A five-session Bible study for women - *I Know His Name: Discovering the Power in the Names of God*, by Wendy Blight, teaches how the very names of God reveal His character and Heart. This study will help women to: Realize the infinite worth as they explore the nature of the God who created and formed them; Live with bold assurance that their God is a personal God who sees them, hears them, and knows them by name; Walk confidently in knowing both who they are and Whose they are; Arm themselves with seven tools to pray more confidently and effectively in any situation or circumstance; Transform their walk with Jesus as they discover how He fulfills the Old Testament names of God. The class meets the first and third Monday of the month. Facilitator: Tricia Dovenspike, [tricia623@gmal.com](mailto:tricia623@gmal.com).

## **Bethesda Mobile Mission - September 22, 2017**

As part of the Bethesda Mission, the Mobile Mission is an outreach program that goes into the heart of Harrisburg from 9 pm – 12 am to meet the needs of the homeless by bringing food, clothing and necessities and share the love of Christ. 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.



## **Veterans' Café Coming September 23, 8:30 am to 10:30 am-Register by September 16**

Come and listen to the stories of Joe Prowell and Darlene Zack of Aldersgate! The program begins with a breakfast buffet at 8:30 am, continues with talks by featured veterans, and concludes with an open floor for any guests who wish to share. The cost is \$10 to cover the cost of breakfast, collected the morning of the event. There is no cost if you prefer to skip breakfast. Register by September 16 by calling Jeffrey Hawks at 717-258-1102.



## **Divorced: You don't have to go through it alone! Starts 9/28**

Join a DivorceCare group and meet people who understand the pain your divorce has caused. DivorceCare meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8 pm for 13 weeks starting September 28. You'll meet others who understand what you are feeling and who will be able to offer you encouragement. Sessions feature dynamic videos with renowned experts on divorce and recovery. DivorceCare is nondenominational and features biblical teaching for recovering from divorce. To register or for more information contact Carol Diffenbaugh at 717-737-7923 ext. 104 or [healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net).



## **GriefShare: Join with others who are experiencing grief - New session starts 9/27**

If you find yourself in a season of bereaving a loved one, you are invited to join a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. GriefShare support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. This video based ministry features a biblical approach to grief recovery. The next group will be on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 pm starting September 27. To register or for more information contact Carol Diffenbaugh at 717-737-7923 ext. 104 or [healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net).



## **Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Opportunities**

The Susquehanna Conference Volunteers in Mission are looking for people to participate in the following outreach opportunities:

October 9-10 Wesley Forest Church Camp - Weikert, PA - Painters needed - contact Rev. Jeff Fisher for details - [jfisher@susumc.org](mailto:jfisher@susumc.org)

October 29 through November 4 - Washington, North Carolina – contact Pennsy Waltman at [ptwaltman@aol.com](mailto:ptwaltman@aol.com)

Check out all the *Volunteers in Missions* trips at [www.susmb.org/index.php/vim-trips](http://www.susmb.org/index.php/vim-trips) or contact Curt Knouse at the Conference office at 717-994-6294 for more information.

## **New Hope Ministries Golf Tournament**

New Hope Ministries 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament “Golf Fore Hope” will be held on Friday 9/22/17 at Range End Golf Club in Dillsburg with a 12:00 pm Shotgun Start. Register at [www.nhm-pa.org](http://www.nhm-pa.org). Look for the information about Golf Fore Hope under the events menu. Register early to guarantee your spot at this year's Golf Fore Hope!



## **Life Line Screening at Aldersgate on September 29**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be at Aldersgate on Friday, September 29 and will offer various ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis. Register online today at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) to receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!



## **Choir to Begin September 11!**

For the beginning of the choir season there will be a men's choir rehearsing from 6:30 to 7:00. Adult choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 pm, concluding at 8 pm. All are welcome! Email Sheri at [worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net) for more info.



## **Worship Ministry Info Session/Dinner**

All who are involved in worship ministry are invited to attend a gathering on September 28 at 6 pm in the FLC. We will share a meal, and afterwards Pastor Troy and Sheri will share info about serving in worship ministry, reminding us how to offer our best as we serve God and His people. Please RSVP by September 24 to: [worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net).

## **Has Your Contact Information Changed?**

Help us to keep in touch with you by filling out the yellow Communication Card insert in your bulletin.



**UPDATED Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?**  
Join the team that serves food and beverages between services on Sunday mornings. Starting in September, we are short one team to support the Sunday Morning Fellowship time in the FLC. Help provide a welcoming space for people to mingle. You will be asked to serve once a month for 1 to 2 hours. Questions? Contact Carol Purdom at 717-462-0719 or [carol.purdom@gmail.com](mailto:carol.purdom@gmail.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.

**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.

**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.

<b><u>Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts &amp; Our Presence for</u></b> <b><u>Week of August 27, 2017</u></b>			
<b><u>Together, We Give Faithfully Because Of God’s Great Faithfulness.</u></b> Our \$916,578 Spending Plan for Ministry in 2017 calls for weekly tithes and offerings of \$17,626.50.			
Our Year-to-Date Offerings = <b>\$594,832.37</b> Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = <b>\$616,928</b>			
Attendance	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	91	203	85
Sunday School		66	
Sunday Evening Youth	30		

**Serving Today September 3, 2017**

<b><u>Acolyte:</u></b>	<b>8:00</b>	Aaron Strite
	<b>9:30</b>	Ainsley Rutt
	<b>11:00</b>	Adison Buckman
<b><u>Nursery:</u></b>	<b>8:00</b>	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
	<b>9:30</b>	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
	<b>11:00</b>	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	<b>8:00</b>	David Beasom, Eileen Beasom, Len Beasom
	<b>9:30</b>	Pam Caserta, Pansy Cheng-Todd, Dottie Morrison
	<b>11:00</b>	Lorraine Wagner, Dave Fetterhoff, Ruth Fetterhoff
<b><u>Welcome Center:</u></b>	<b>8:00</b>	Cindy Sollenberger
	<b>9:30</b>	TBD
	<b>11:00</b>	TBD
<b><u>Worship Leader:</u></b>	Sheri Dohner	
<b><u>Praise Team:</u></b>	Dennis McMichael, Nate Curwen, Pete Curwen, Pete Vandercoy, Kim Legore, Andy Swope	
<b><u>Sound Technician:</u></b>	Craig Hatmaker	
<b><u>Computer Support:</u></b>	Glenn Shick	

**Activities for the Week of September 3, 2017**  
*You may view the full calendar on [www.aldersgatechurch.net](http://www.aldersgatechurch.net)*

**Sunday 09/03**  
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service

**Monday 09/04**  
Labor Day - Offices Closed

**Tuesday 09/05**  
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

**Wednesday 09/06**  
1:00 pm Wool & flax Ministry - Room 203  
6:30 pm Men’s Ministry Small Group - Room 203

**Thursday 09/07**  
7:15 am Men’s morning Devotionals - Youth Room  
6:30 pm AA Meeting – Room 206/208  
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting - Room 101  
7:00 pm Trustee Committee Meeting - Resource Room

**Friday 09/08**  
9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203  
9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room

**Saturday 09/09**  
7:30 am IronMen Bible Study - Youth Room  
6:00 pm Lost & Found Group (AA/Al-Anon) - Youth Room

**Sunday 09/10**  
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
1:00 pm Private Event - FLC  
5:30 pm Youth Kick Off - 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 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!***  
*September 3, 2017*

***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*

**Ministry Moment:** Women’s & Men’s Ministry Opportunities

**Giving God’s Tithes And Our Offerings**  
“Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart ...” – *1 Chronicles 29:9*

**Opening the Scriptures:** Matthew 1:1-3, 17-23; 2:1-7

**The Message: “Worship Works”**  
Assess your works of availability, vulnerability & pliability for the Holy Spirit's works of Convertibility, Perfectibility and Communicability.



**The Sacrament of Baptism** (9:30 a.m.)  
*Paxton Van Deibler, Child of God.*

**Now, Let’s Enter the Mission Field!**  
***Go, Church: Be Light. Speak Hope. Live Grace!***