



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Adult: Room 101
- 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; 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; Family of Scott Salyers; All in Florida following Irma

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 AT ALDERSGATE



Children's Christmas Eve Musical

Calling all reporters in Kindergarten through 5th Grade! Come be a part of the 2017 Christmas Eve Musical - Christmas Carol: Special Report! AldersgateTV will present the Christmas Story with reports and interviews from around the world. Any children interested in speaking parts or solos, duets, or trios, please plan to attend a Meet and Greet with Kristin and Jen on September 24th between 11am and 12:30pm in the chapel. We also need lots of children for the choir and there are also non-speaking parts for children that might prefer those roles. Children can stop by after Sunday School or after 11 am worship. If you can't attend on September 24th - no problem! Contact Jen or Kristin to set up another time to meet. Rehearsals will be held Sundays after church with a dress rehearsal on 12/23, 9-11am. Any questions, please contact Jen Benson jenbenson101@gmail.com or (717-979-5170) or Kristin Hoover (kamhoover6@gmail.com or 717-599-1814).



Sign up for 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.



Adventure Club and Summit Seekers Meets Next Sunday! 2:00-4:00 pm

In **Adventure Club**, children (KG – 3rd Grade) will enjoy a high-energy ministry that encourages children to know Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. There will be Bible lessons, fun (and sometimes messy) games and of course snack. Parents are always welcome to pick a week and volunteer. Our **Summit Seekers** (4th and 5th Grade) will also enjoy a high-energy ministry where they will spend time in small group, have a Bible lesson, play fun (and sometimes messy) games and have snack. They will learn to grow in their spiritual journey and start to experience what it means to Serve. Parents are also welcome to volunteer. **Both groups** meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays, except for 10/15 due to Fall Fest. Both groups will also have special theme weeks in the coming months. More details to follow! Questions? Please contact Melanie Feldner at childrensdirector@aldersgatechurch.net.



WUW Meals Continue THIS Wednesday

THIS WEEK 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. We are looking forward to another great season of food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Bethesda Mobile Mission - October 27, 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.



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 Tuesday September 26 at 6:30 pm - Sarah Todd Home. For more information contact Pam Caserta at pam.caserta@yahoo.com.

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

October 29 through November 4 - Washington, North Carolina – contact Pennsy Waltman at ptwaltman@aol.com

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



Mission Central's Missions In Motion 5K Race/Walk

Join us for our 3rd annual 5K run / walk on October 28, 2017! The run begins and ends at Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg PA 17050. Bring a group of friends or even a fundraising team. Gather pledges, challenge your church or other churches to raise money or participants. Challenge youth groups. Be creative and have fun! This is a family-friendly event with walkers and runners. It is professionally timed and there are awards for age groups. This is our 2nd fundraising event of the year and is critical to our operating budget. If you have any ideas and need forms created, please email Adam Hoover, ahoover@susumc.org. Online Registration available at www.missioncentral.org.



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.



GriefShare: Join 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.



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 to receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Be Prepared When Disaster Happens- Get ERT Certified or Recertified

The Susquehanna Conference Disaster Response ministries will be offering ERT (Early Response Team) training at 2 locations this fall. ERT Certification prepares you to be among the first responders in a disaster after emergency personnel complete their work. This UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) training is a great way to prepare for when disaster strikes our conference or its neighbors. No prior training or experience is required. Participants will need to have a background check done prior to receiving their badge but not prior to training. The training will be offered at Good Shepard UMC, Tyrone, October 7th and at Dorrance UMC, Kingston, November 4th. The cost of the training is \$20.00, which will include your manual and lunch. The course can also be used to recertify ERT's whose certification has expired. Register ASAP as class size is limited. Send contact info to Curt Knouse- cknouse@susumc.org or 717-994-6294.



New Hope Work Night - October 10, 7-9 pm

A work night at New Hope is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 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.

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.

REMINDER TO THOSE USING THE FACILITY DURING THE WEEK

Numerous groups are using the church this time of year. We are thankful that our facility can provide space for the variety of activities that you bring. In order to continue to provide this space, we ask that everyone help us to be fiscally responsible by remembering to:

- Perform general clean-up of the room such as wiping off tables, placing trash in receptacles, and return the room to its original state or reset according to a diagram provided. A vacuum cleaner and dustpan/broom are located in the Resource Room across from the church office, should you need it.
- Turn off all lights before leaving even if you think someone else might still be in the building.
- No helium balloons are permitted within the church building.
- Wash any dishes/small kitchen appliances and return them to their original location.

Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?
Join the team that serves food and beverages between services on Sunday mornings. We are in immediate need of 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.

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.

<u>Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for Week of September 17, 2017</u>			
<u>Together, We Give Faithfully Because Of God’s Great Faithfulness.</u> Our \$916,578 Spending Plan for Ministry in 2017 calls for weekly tithes and offerings of \$17,626.50.			
Our Year-to-Date Offerings = \$651,326.71 Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = \$669,807			
Attendance			
	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	87	245	63
Sunday School	90		
Youth and Adults at Uprise	27		

<u>Serving Today September 24, 2017</u>		
<u>Acolyte:</u>	8:00	Jack Hoover
	9:30	Caleb Houston
	11:00	Josie Underdonk
<u>Nursery:</u>	8:00	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
	9:30	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
	11:00	Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
<u>Ushers:</u>	8:00	David Beasom, Eileen Beasom, Len Beasom
	9:30	Pam Caserta, Pansy Cheng-Todd, Dottie Morrison
	11:00	Lorraine Wagner, Dave Fetterhoff, Ruth Fetterhoff
<u>Welcome Center:</u>	8:00	TBD
	9:30	TBD
	11:00	TBD
<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Kim LeGore	
<u>Praise Team:</u>	Tom Swope, Dennis McMichael, Allen Clippinger, Andy Swope, Lauren Noss	
<u>Sound Technician:</u>	Stephen Rutt	
<u>Computer Support:</u>	Loren Hursh	

Activities for the Week of September 24, 2017
You may view the full calendar on www.aldersgatechurch.net

Sunday 09/24
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am Encounter Worship for KG - 5th Grade Sunday School
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am Children’s Christmas music Introduction - Chapel
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Sunday - FLC

Monday 09/25
4:00 pm Operation Timothy for Men - Room 203
6:30 pm Men’s Choir
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 09/26
9:15 am Woman’s Bible Study - Room 207
6:00 pm Zumba Fitness - FLC
6:15 pm Masculine Men Study Group - Youth Room
6:15 pm Men’s Ministry Small Group - 203
6:30 pm AA There is a Solution Group - Rooms 206/208
6:30 pm Women’s Ministry Planning Meeting- Room 202

Wednesday 09/27
1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry - Room 203
3:30 pm GriefShare - Room 202
5:30 pm What’s Up Wednesday Meal
6:30 pm Faith Study Groups for all Ages
6:30 pm Men’s Ministry Small Group - Room 203


Thursday 09/28
7:15 am Men’s Morning Devotionals - Youth Room
10:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry- FLC
11:00 am Mature Methodist Meeting- Youth Room
6:00 pm Worship Team Dinner/Info Session- FLC
6:30 pm AA Meeting – Room 206/208
6:30 pm Divorce Care - Room 202
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 10578 - Room 201
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday 09/029
9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203
9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room
9:00 am Life Line Screening- FLC

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

Sunday 10/01
8:00 am Sunday Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
2:00 pm Adventure Club Summit Seekers
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11596- Room 201
6:00 pm Youth Sunday - FLC

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Aldersgate Church

A United Methodist Congregation

“Reaching with the Heart of God for the Lives of Our Community”

A WARNING! AND A PROMISE!
GOD AT WORK!

September 24, 2017


The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us!
Singing in Praise of God!

Our Lives, Our Cries, Our Hopes Brought to God
By prayer we come to God, seeking the Spirit’s leading in our salvation journey ...

Presenting God’s Tithes and Our Offerings
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the best part of everything you produce.” - Pvb. 3:9

The Scriptures Are Opened:
Ephesians 5:15-20 and Philippians 1:21-30

The Message: (Wk 2 of 2)




Recovering the Bullseye of Our Lives

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)
Maggie Ellen Stumbaugh, Child of God.

Invitation & Response Toward Taking A “Bite Out of Debt” for Ministry
Loving Father, we humbly dedicate this special offering stirred by Your Presence.
Take the diverse gifts of our lives and mold them into a focused and joy-filled witness to what you can do through open hearts and minds.
Like the saints who have gone before us here, we are comforted to know that you multiply our gifts beyond what we could imagine. Like those who dreamed the dream of this place, allow us to see Your endless possibilities through the Body.
We ask this in the name of the One who taught all who follow to pray: *Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, now and forever. Amen.*

Faithful Living



Sacrificial Giving

And We Go Out With Joy In Witness
May the Lord watch between us, while we are absent, one from another.