



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; Gil Baer, upon the death of his sister; Sally McBrayer upon the death of Leston

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



Adventure Club and Summit Seekers Meets TODAY! 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

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 jamiembarkley@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

UPDATED 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 October 11 at 6:30 pm - The Bridges
Tuesday October 17 at 6:30 pm - The Jewish Home
Tuesday October 31 at 6:30 pm - Sarah Todd, may change with Halloween
Tbd - The Children's 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, ahover@susumc.org. Online Registration available at www.missioncentral.org.

Divorced: You don't have to go through it alone! Started 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 started 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.

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.



Ladies Christmas Brunch

Ladies you are invited to join us for the FREE Christmas Brunch being held at Aldersgate Church on Saturday, November 4th. Join us for a delicious brunch, crafts and a fun time. Don't delay, as seating is limited, and invite your neighbor, sister, mother or daughter. (You need not be part of Aldersgate Church). Come and join us for a tasty homemade breakfast, and leave with a charming keepsake to take home with your fond memories of the morning. You are asked to bring a favorite ornament! Register today by contacting Robin Fisher at robinfisher12@gmail.com or 717-728-9573 or you may register online at www.aldersgatechurch.net. Deadline to register is October 23rd.



Remember the GIANT Gift Card Program/Debt Reduction Opportunity!

There's been an uptick in purchase and use of the Giant gift cards through Aldersgate Church. Please remember that with every \$100 in gift cards purchased, AUMC receives \$5 (5% of total purchases) back that is used against our building debt/principal payment on the loan. We're chipping away at it, and—truly—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! If 75 households purchased \$100 weekly for gas/food consumption in their household, that would equate to \$19,500 per year coming back to AUMC for debt reduction!

This is not to endorse a particular business, but rather to celebrate an avenue given to us by GIANT foods. It costs us nothing to participate, and capitalizes on our ongoing food and gas usage needs to benefit our faith community's debt reduction efforts. Cards typically are available on the first and third Sundays outside the Family Life Center. We are open to exploring other times for purchase, if persons come forward to assist. Checks may be made payable to AUMC, marking the memo as "GIANT cards." Please remember that these purchases do not constitute gifts or tithes and offerings to the ministry.

An Opportunity for Men

Come As You Are *Men's Devotional Time*. Kick off your Thursday morning with reading and listening from several authors from past and present. A Chapter in the Bible is also part of the readings. Show up anytime. This is not an every week commitment. Readings will be provided each week. You will be on your way to the office by 8 am. Facilitated by Todd Cressler in the Youth Room on the 1st floor of the church. If you have questions, you can call or text: 717-810-6966.

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.

Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for Week of September 24, 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 = **\$665,284.71**
Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = **\$687,434**

Attendance

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	82	223	83
Sunday School	113		
Youth and Adults at Uprise	40		

Serving Today October 1, 2017

- Acolyte:** 8:00 Aaron Strite
9:30 Kellie Thomas
11:00 Brandon Ocker
- Nursery:** 8:00 Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
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11:00 Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
- Ushers:** 8:00 Margaret Mazza, Sandy Witmer, Sue Shockey
9:30 Amy Sgrignoli, Mike Sgrignoli, Sally McBrayer, Bill Brandamore
11:00 Tony Cerullo, Norm Runk, Tina Lebo
- Welcome Center:** 8:00 Lynn Shick
9:30 Bill Brandamore
11:00 TBD
- Worship Leader:** Sheri Dohner
Praise Team: Dan DeArment, Nate Curwen, Pete Curwen, Jamie Barkley, Kim Legore, Andy Swope
- Sound Technician:** Bill Strockbine
Computer Support: Josh Stumbaugh

Activities for the Week of October 1, 2017

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

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 and Summit Seekers
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11596
- 6:00 pm Youth Sunday- FLC

Monday 10/02

- 4:00 pm Operation Timothy for Men- Room 203
- 6:30 pm Men's choir
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study- Resource Room

Tuesday 10/03

- 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

Wednesday 10/04

- 1:00 pm Wool & flax Ministry- Room 203
- 3:30 pm GriefShare- Room 202
- 5:30 pm What's Up Wednesday
- 6:30 pm Faith Study Groups for all Ages- Room 101
- 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - Room 203
- 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Thursday 10/05

- 7:15 am Men's Morning Devotionals- Youth Room
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting - Room 206/208
- 6:30 pm Divorce Care- Room202
- 7:00 pm Trustee Committee Meeting- Resource Room

Friday 10/06

- 9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203
- 9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room

Saturday 10/07

- 7:30 am Ironmen Bible Study - Youth Room
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15089- Rooms 206/208
- 6:00 pm Lost & Found Group (AA/Al-Anon) - Youth Room

Sunday 10/08

- 8:00 am Sunday Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Children's Musical Practice- Chapel

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Has Your Contact Information Changed?

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



Aldersgate Church

A United Methodist Congregation

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

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
World Communion Sunday**

October 1, 2017

God Gathers Us for Kingdom Purpose

Call to Worship & Worship In Song

Presenting Our Offerings and Our Hearts

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35

Ministry Moment: "Ten Thousand Villages"

Brad Morgan, of Ten Thousand Villages and of AUMC

The Scriptures Are Opened: Acts 2:37-47

The Message

"These Are The Reasons Christ Commands Us to Table" / Ms. Sarah Laible, Operation Christmas Child Ambassador

The Sacrament of Holy Communion



Scattered by God to Sow!

Go Church: Ambassadors for Jesus to all the World!