



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; Joshua; Sandy Miller; Gil Baer, upon the death of his sister; Sally McBrayer upon the death of Leston; Pam S.; Victims of recent hurricanes; Victims and families of Las Vegas shootings

Active Military Personnel Serving Overseas:

Seth Baker; Captain Tyler Morgan

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

Donations for Hurricane Maria Victims in Puerto Rico and The U.S. Virgin Islands

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), given the significant and wide-ranging losses in several parts of the nation, has responded to each of these areas with existing resources. Accordingly, UMCOR has not assigned a new donation number to the United States territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Instead, UMCOR's existing "U.S. and U.S. Territory Disaster Relief Fund, #901670, is being used to received used to receive your special gifts for these and other hard-hit areas of the United States. You can be assured that dollars you already have given, and dollars given to this appeal, are reaching our fellow Americans and sisters and brothers in Christ in the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and The U.S. Virgin Islands. Accordingly, if you desire to make a special gift to the ongoing Hurricane relief of UMCOR in these areas, make your check payable to "AUMC" and place "UMCOR #901670" in the check memo. Also, PLEASE DO NOT use a regular or pew offering envelope, but use a blank envelope, marking it, "UMCOR." Thank you and God's blessings.

Blood Drive—October 22

Did you know that as a part of the Aldersgate family you and your family may receive low cost or free blood products as members of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank? This is a wonderful gift for individuals who find themselves in need of these products during times of illness. In order for us to continue offering this, we need to provide a level of blood donations during the Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive. **Please consider donating blood during our next blood drive on Sunday, October 22 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.** "Requirements are: over 16 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health. There is a 56-day waiting period between donations. Make certain Sunday morning you eat a good breakfast and hydrate yourself with caffeine-free drinks prior to donating blood." *Information taken from Central PA Blood Bank website.* Sign up on the Central PA Blood Bank flyer located on the Health Bulletin Board, on the main floor near the nursery. For more information, you may go directly to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank website at: <http://cpbb.org>, or call them at 1-800-771-0059.

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@gmail.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.

Adventure Club and Summit Seekers Will Resume November 5

Adventure Club, children (KG - 3rd Grade) and **Summit Seekers** (4th and 5th Grade) meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays, except for 10/15 due to Fall Fest. Questions? Please contact Melanie Feldner at childrensdirector@aldersgatechurch.net.

Preschool Sub sale

The preschool is selling R&K sub sandwiches. Subs will be delivered on **Oct 31st**. If you are interested in purchasing subs, order forms can be found at the welcome center or in the front office. Forms need to be turned in by **Oct. 20**, (with checks made payable to 'Aldersgate Preschool') and can be dropped in the hanging folder on the preschool bulletin board. Subs can be picked up after 11am on Oct. 31 in the FLC. This is a great way to have dinner ready to go on 'Trick-or-Treat' night! Thank you.

Korean Food Bazaar

Wesley UMC of Mechanicsburg is holding a Korean Food Bazaar in their parking lot on Saturday, October 21, from 8 am to 3 pm. You can purchase authentic Korean food such as Bulgogi (beef, pork), Kimchi, Dumplings, Egg Rolls, Bibimbab, Jabche, Fried Rice, and more. Wesley UMC is at 203 S. Fibert St. in Mechancsburg. You can also order Egg Rolls for pick up at Wesley UMC on October 10 and 12. See the flyer at the Information Desk outside the sanctuary. Call 717-766-6371 for more information.

COMING UP THIS WEEK 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 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.

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! 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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK 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.

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.

Is God Calling You To Be Part of a Hurricane Response Team?

The United Methodist Church mobilizes "Volunteer in Missions" and "Emergency Response Teams" to natural disaster sites/regions. Have you sensed a tug to be part of such an effort? If so, prayerfully consider the opportunities listed below. Contact Curt Knouse for details and conversation as noted below.

Florida -- The **Florida Annual Conference** needs teams right away. All volunteers will be accepted, regardless of ERT training. Individuals and teams are encouraged to register and should expect to be deployed in the southern part of the state.

Texas -- The **Texas Annual Conference** (Houston and north Gulf Coast) is very much in need of volunteer help. In the last few weeks, teams have mucked out and gutted more than 6000 homes, but they are still finding communities where the damage has not been assessed. Volunteers should be over age 18, Safe Sanctuaries certified, and at least one member of the team should be ERT trained.

Rio Texas -- The Rio Texas Conference (Corpus Christi and south Gulf Coast area) are taking **ERTs** for approximately another 6 weeks and are accepting reservations for Long-Term Recovery teams after that. There are two different registration links, so make sure you use the right one! Additionally, they are looking for individuals who would be willing to volunteer for longer periods of time with site management and volunteer coordination.

Contact Eugene Hileman (aeihileman@riotexas.org) if you can help with this ministry. **Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands** (US Territories) -- This is still a government-controlled situation. They are in emergency relief phase and it is NOT appropriate for volunteers to go yet. We will update you as this situation changes. UMCOR is releasing grants to Puerto Rico quickly and talking daily with the Bishop and other church leaders on the islands.

In His service, Curt Knouse
 Director of Volunteers in Mission and Outreach
 Susquehanna Conference UMC / 717-994-6294

**Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for
 Week of October 1, 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 = **\$686,793.71**
 Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = **\$705,060**
2017 Bite Out of Debt Campaign: \$17,767

Attendance

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	50	224	128
Sunday School	91		
Sunday Evening Youth	48		

Serving Today October 8, 2017

- Acolyte:** 8:00 TBD
 9:30 Jackie Capers
 11:00 Zoie Dodson
- 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 Cindy Sollenbeger
 9:30 TBD
 11:00 Karen Kammeier
- Worship Leader:** Dan DeArment
Praise Team: Andrew Shumway, Alaina Brenneman, Elise DeArment, Hannah Haverstock, Allen Clippinger
- Sound Technician:** Dave Ivey
Computer Support: Rick Smith

Activities for the Week of October 8, 2017

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

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

Monday 10/09
 4:00 pm Operation Timothy for Men - Room 203
 6:00 pm Hearts & Hands - Chapel
 7:15 pm Lay Leadership Meeting - Room 101

Tuesday 10/10
 9:15 am Woman's Bible Study - Room 207
 6:00 pm Zumba Fitness - FLC
 6:15 pm Masculine Men Study Group - Youth Room
 6:30 pm AA There is a Solution Group - Rooms 206/208

Wednesday 10/11
 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

Thursday 10/12
 7:15 am Men's Morning Devotionals - Youth Room
 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 - Sanctuary
 7:00 pm SRPC Meeting - Room 101

Friday 10/13
 9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203
 9:00 am M&M Volunteer Ministry - Resource Room
 1:00 pm Private Event - FLC

Saturday 10/14
 7:30 am Ironmen Bible Study - Youth Room
 1:00 pm Private Event - FLC
 6:00 pm Lost & Found Group (AA/Al-Anon) - Youth Room

Sunday 10/15 - Fall Fest
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service - Outdoors, weather permitting
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 15089 - Room 210
 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11596 - Room 201

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"*

A WARNING! AND A PROMISE!
GOD AT WORK!

Oct. 8, 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 the salvation journey ...

Ministry Moment: Aldersgate's Meal Ministry

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:
 Acts 2:36-47 (The Message)

The Message:
 "Beyond Any Fad, Our
 Foundation
Is Always Jesus Christ"



And We Go Out With Joy In Witness

*May the Lord watch between us,
 while we are absent, one from another.*