



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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

PRAYER CONCERNS

We are Privileged to Hold One Another in Prayer:

Bernice Shaffer; Zedna Haverstock; Pastor Galina; Dixie Baer; Barb Metzler; Joshua; Andy Dively and his family; Roxie; Maurice Shumaker; Ruby Sumkaer; the Zerance family; Diane Aversano; Sharon Engdahl; Audrey; Marga Ley; Mark M.; Terri B.; Daris D. and husband; Jo Ellen; Mary Smith

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

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



Smile



Searching for those who love to greet new people and welcome all God's Children to Aldersgate. If you are new to the church or have thought you might like to usher, contact Pam Caserta. Training is painless and your fellow ushers are FUN! The more people we have in our group, the fewer times each person needs to serve. We don't want to wear out our greeters. We want to keep everyone FRESH. Pray about this mission of serving and listen to God's voice. Contact Pam at pam.caserta@yahoo.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.



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.

Lead Pastor's Schedule Reminder

Please be reminded of -- and hold in prayer -- Pastor Troy's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit of professional growth that he's undertaking October 2 thru April 11 at Wellspan York Hospital. This impacts his on-site availability here every Monday for CPE class and then six hours of clinical rounds, and also twice a month with overnight on-site, on-call duties as the Hospital Chaplain for York Hospital and Trauma unit. Through this time, Tuesdays will continue to be his planned Sabbath day, although he usually is coming into the office and working from home for several hours to ensure essential items are not backlogged from the Monday CPE assignment. We thank Pastors David Watkins, Floyd Sollenberger and David Willard for their willingness to be on-call in these periods in the event of a pressing need or emergency.

Offering Envelopes Are Here!

Stop by the tables outside the sanctuary to pick up your 2018 Giving Envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at secretary@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-737- 7923 ext. 100.



Practicing Sound Stewardship

Recently, the AUMC ministry staff implemented another example of practicing sound stewardship of resources by way of our credit card use. By tracking and having oversight over purchases, the church benefits by applying points with a value of \$2,775 coming back into the funding pool for our ministries.



Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

5:30 pm: Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Musical

7:30 pm: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship

11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Communion Worship

Trailblazer Children's Ministry News

Reminder that there is no Sunday School on 12/24 and 12/31. Sunday School will resume on 1/7/18. Nursery care for children 5 and under is available (except during the 11:00 p.m. Service). Adventure Club (KG - 3rd Grade) and Summit Seekers (4th and 5th Grades) return on 1/7/18 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Watch your email for additional fun details. Want to be added to the Trailblazer email list? Contact Melanie at childrensdirector@aldersgatechurch.net. Merry Christmas!

Holiday Gift Card Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Aldersgate Holiday Gift Card orders. In those 2 weeks, we earned \$962.08 to apply toward lowering the building debt!

Office will be closed on Monday

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

New Year's Eve Worship

Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 am there will be One Combined Service with no Sunday School.



No Sunday Morning Fellowship This Morning

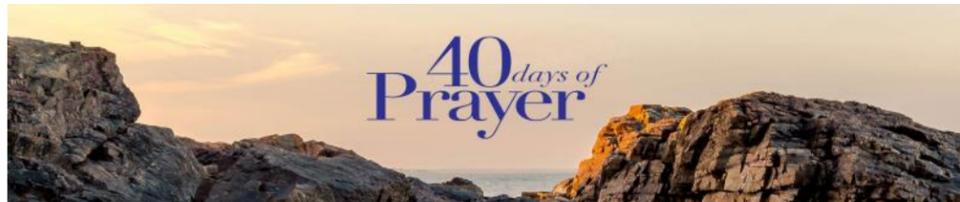
As there is only one service this morning, the usual "between service" refreshments will not be available in the FLC today. Sunday Morning Fellowship will resume on January 7. Thank you for your understanding.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the SMF Ministry Team

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

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

COMING IN JANUARY!
"40 Days of Prayer"
An Aldersgate ALL-CHURCH Study!



*Learn to pray for breakthroughs / Develop a daily habit of prayer
 Pray persistently and trust God in everything
 Experience God's blessings / Grow closer in unity
 SEE SIGN-UP INFORMATION AS INSERT*

**Stewardship of Our Financial Gifts & Our Presence for
 Week of December 17, 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 = **\$889,647.71**
 Our Year-to-Date Projected Need = **\$898,952**

Attendance	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	88	272	99
Sunday School		97	
Adventure Club/ Summit Seekers		41	

Serving Today December 24, 2017

- Acolyte:** Gavin Miller
- Ushers:** Pam Caserta, John Crum, Carol Wesley
- Welcome Center:** Erin Minick
- Worship Leader:** Sheri Dohner
- Praise Team:** Don Underdonk, Dennis McMichael, Pete Vandercoy, Kim Legore, Patrice Halin, Andy Swope
- Sound Technician:** Dave Ivey
- Computer Support:** Jeff Wible

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.

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

Sunday 12/24
Christmas Eve
 10:00 am Combined Morning Worship -
 No Sunday School

5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship
 7:30 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship
 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Worship



Monday 12/25
Christmas Day
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday 12/26
 6:30 pm AA There is a Solution Group - Rooms 206/208

Wednesday 12/27
 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Small Group - Room 203

Thursday 12/28
 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
 6:30 pm AA Meeting - Room 206/208
 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday 12/29
 9:00 am Ironmen Operation Timothy - Room 203

Saturday 12/30
 7:30 am Ironmen Bible Study - Youth Room
 6:00 pm Lost & Found Group (AA/Al-Anon) - Youth Room

Sunday 12/31
New Year's Eve
 10:00 am Combined Morning Worship - No Sunday School



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 A United Methodist Congregation

*"Reaching with the Heart of God
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And the WORD Became Flesh!
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017 - Combined 10 a.m. Worship

Word of God, Speak - Fall Like Rain!

Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name

Worship Through Song



A Witness to God's Light for Life!
Advent Wreath Moments - Sarah Foltz

A Time of Prayer, Together as ONE

Giving: God's Tithes & Our Offerings
"For God so loved the world that he gave ..." - John 3:16

The Scriptures Are Opened:
 John 1:1-9 and 2 Samuel 7:1-7, 16

The Message:
"Take This Moment to REJOICE!"
*For, God built his own house to live in ...
 YOU!*



Shine for "The Word" in God's World!

Go in the Promise and Power of The Christ Story!