



The Aldersgate Experience

Monthly News of Aldersgate United Methodist Church

May 2017

Dear Friend in the Messiah,

"Time Like An Ever-Rolling Stream ..." It's a phrase penned by hymn-writer Issac Watts and it was the first thing rolling through my mind when I awakened amidst all the changes of late.

And I'm speaking just of changes within the ministry staff of Aldersgate Church. But reality is that this small pencil-tip focus doesn't even begin to take in the changes going on in the world, in our nation, in your life or mine, or in the weather, etc.! Thank God we have the Resurrected One, Jesus, and his presence and power - and peace! - to see us through the constant changes of life. Truly, life is like an ever-rolling stream. You might be able to catch a handful of the stream for a few seconds, but even that ekes out of your hand as the rest of the stream rolls by.

What matters most in life is how we respond to the reality of change, and who we trust amidst it all. In this season of Easter Resurrection, let's renew our pledge to trust in the One who changes everything: our scarlet sins into white as snow; our fallen and self-absorbed human-ness into the re-created image of God in us; our brokenness into usable and essential parts of the Body's wholeness for Christ-work here and now! That's the best way to move through the changes of life, guided to Christ-like responses amidst change, whether we consider it good, bad, or indifferent.

Two changes within the ministry staff at Aldersgate give us cause for pause. After eight years in the full-time position of Children's Ministry Director, Jodie Dodson's season will close at the end of Vacation Bible School, June 16. As shared previously in the announcement of her departure, Jodie has served exceedingly well, and the ministry has been mightily blessed by her servant-leadership. Personally, I will count this season as Jodie's supervisor, pastor and friend as one to treasure. The brainstorming or Spirit-listening sessions we had were energizing and often fruitful, including birth of the Encounter Worship ministry with children. I've watched as God has grown Jodie, and in turn grown me. On Sunday, May 21, the Children's Ministry Trailblazer worship Sunday will occur at 9:30 a.m. Immediately thereafter, simultaneous to the 11 a.m. worship service, parents, Sunday School teachers, current and former S.S. students, and friends are invited to gather in The Family Life Center to have a Time of Thanksgiving and Blessing for Jodie. I hope you consider attending.

The second staff change involves Carl Wagner whose season as Facility Manager concluded April 21. As shared in the announcement of Carl's departure, Carl has served this Body in a tremendous way in improving operations, implementing controls and processes to more wisely use dollars and resources, and in establishing a system whereby the facility is cared for not because we love our buildings, but that we love Christ and desire to have a safe and sound building to serve as a ministry tool. Again, I personally count this season with Carl as supervisor, pastor and friend as one to be treasured. I knew of Carl from my days in state government, and I recognized him as soon as I walked in the room in 2008. We've each grown personally and professionally in service of Christ over these years, and I believe God has used us to stretch one another. It's hard to put words to the many good and enduring changes God brought to AUMC operations because of Carl. There are just so many. Following Carl's mid-May return from vacation, we'll let you know of plans to recognize and formally thank Carl for his service.

I conclude this letter with awareness of changes going on in so many lives and spheres. There's a family now gathered in an emergency room, there's a call from a Confirmation Journey mentor giving his time, there's an approaching bus trip to tour the U.S. Holocaust Museum and meet with a survivor that hopefully will bring changes to how we hear and respond to divisive words today that too easily take root in our minds tomorrow, and - oh - there's the change to welcome among us Brad Haubert, one of Aldersgate's own, who has stepped forward to serve as Interim Facility Manger while the church conducts a search for a permanent replacement. Please welcome Brad's service among us! Indeed, the stream of God's great faithfulness continues to flow ... like an ever-rolling stream ... Amen.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Troy

WORSHIP MINISTRY



Choir Ministry

With Holy Week just behind us, the choir had a well-deserved week off the first Monday after Easter, but choir will continue through Pentecost, which is celebrated the first week of June. If you were inspired by the music that was offered in worship over the Lenten Season, or particularly by the choir cantata on Good Friday, please come join us! After Easter, there are some members who are not able to commit to choir because of sports events in their family schedule, so if you are free on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 PM, please consider joining us! You do NOT have to know how to read music! All that is needed is a heart for God, a love for music, and a desire for fellowship. For more info, email Sheri at worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net.

Praise Team

Praise Team is the team that leads our Body in worship anytime that we come together for congregational worship. We don't really do "auditions" for the worship team, but invitation is by the director of worship ministries. If you are interested in singing or playing with the praise team, please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know. There is a certain level of musicianship that is needed to be effective on this team, but we do our best to include all who have a desire to worship God, not for their own satisfaction or recognition, but to bring God Glory. If you want more information, email Sheri at worshipdirector@aldersgatechurch.net.

THANK YOU

At the close of another Holy Week, I want to recognize and thank the choir, members of the praise team, computer team, Dave Ivey, (our narrator), and JOE PURDOM, (our resident HOLY WEEK SOUND GURU), for all the behind the scenes work that it takes to offer to our congregation authentic, heart felt worship by being Romans 12 people: ***"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. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."*** (*The Message, Romans 12:1,2*)

I also want to thank our four retired Pastors for participating in the Good Friday Cantata, "Colors of Grace." It was a night to be remembered. It was another testament to God's Faithfulness. He surely showed up!! Floyd Sollenberger, David Watkins, Dave Willard, and Zane Wilson, we were blessed by your offering of yourselves as you shared from your wealth of experience on the lesson of Jesus.

I am continually blessed and humbled to be in ministry at Aldersgate Church.

Blessings,

Sheri Dohner

ALDERSGATE OFFICE HOURS through May 12

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

ALDERSGATE SUMMER OFFICE HOURS START May 15

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am—12:30 pm



Trailblazer Ministries News

Sharing the love of Christ with children Birth -5th Grade

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*Discover Your Strength In God at **Hero Central** Vacation Bible School!*

June 12-16 from 6:15-8:30 pm

All children who are 2 years old by January 1, 2017 through those completing 5th Grade are invited to participate.

Opportunities Await for Adults and Youth!

Register Participants and Volunteers at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/aldersgatemech/>

Lend a Hand!

We would love to have you as a Super Guide! Whether you can lend a hand one day or all week, we have a place for you. If you are unable to join us that week, there are plenty of behind the scenes and before the event opportunities. Watch the bulletin and Aldersgate E-news for work session dates and times. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. Children are welcome to help as well!

Collections and Donations!

VBS is offered free of charge to almost 300 children from Aldersgate and surrounding areas. To help defray our costs, a donation list can be found on the bulletin board around the corner from the elevator. Pick an item and return it to church by June 4th. Giant Gift Cards provide a double benefit to Aldersgate - consider purchasing a Giant Gift Card outside the FLC and then donate it to VBS!

Mission Project - Mission Central

We will be collecting school supplies to be donated to Mission Central for local area distribution.

Ways to Help During VBS

Volunteer opportunities the week of VBS are available to children in sixth grade through adults. Crew Leaders direct a group of children through their activities each night. Guides are also needed to help with snack preparation, Bible story, games, crafts, in our 2-1/2 year old class and our 4th and 5th grade class.

As The School Year Winds Down... Dates to Know

- May 21 ~ Trailblazer Sunday 9:30 Service Only
- May 29 ~ Last day of "Regular" Sunday School
- June 11 ~ Trailblazer Pancake Breakfast. Gather in FLC at 9:30. Dismiss from FLC at conclusion of 9:30 Worship Service
- June 18 ~ Summer Sunday School Begins

Summer Sunday School Begins June 18

Children will continue in the grade they are **finishing**. We move up in September.

In order for Summer Sunday School to happen, we need your help!

Commit to just one week or two...Youth and Adults can volunteer on-line at <https://ttsu.me/Ft0> or by contacting the Children's Director at 737-7923 x107. Lessons are supplied; materials are prepared; all you have to do is follow the instructions and share God's love!

Do you want to know more about Trailblazer Ministries?

Contact Jodie Dodson at 737-7923 x107 or email childrensdirector@aldersgatechurch.net



Spring has arrived! The children and teachers are thankful to be enjoying time outside on the playground.

We are in the home stretch of preschool for this year. We will finish up on May 12th with a school-wide picnic from 11 am- 1 pm at 'Adventure Zone' playground on Lamb's Gap Road (cake provided). Feel free to join us!

God continues to be faithful in this preschool ministry. His grace, mercy and love can be seen daily through the amazing interactions of the staff. We have humbly witnessed God's presence in the personal journeys of our families; stories of broken marriages, financial hardships, loss of jobs, cancer diagnoses, loss of pets and family members. A new diagnosis of developmental delays, autism, behavioral or sensory issues, all present within the walls of a preschool. Trust me when I say that God is using this place, and the people within, to bring healing and hope; friendships have formed between families as support networks to one another, preschool mothers have



joined the 'Girlfriends in God' on Tuesday mornings, therapists from the CAIU and other agencies have been welcomed as part of our 'team' (and they love Aldersgate!), a monthly support group has started for parents of children with Autism, teachers are constantly learning about how to meet the needs of children with various diagnoses and delays, children are learning about Christ for the first time, the list goes on and on.....

We give thanks for the opportunity to work in such a rewarding environment and to see God in action through this ministry!

If anyone has an interest in working or helping in our preschool ministry, please feel free to contact me;

preschooldirector@aldersgatechurch.net 737-7923 ext. 103.

We anticipate some possible staff openings next year, and are always looking for reliable substitutes throughout the school year. If you love working with children and are willing to get down on the floor to play (and occasionally get messy!) we would love to hear from you.

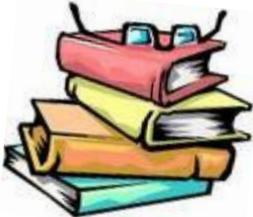


Blessings,

Kathleen

"We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Library STAR Program for the Home Bound



Are you or a loved one unable to visit the library due to age, illness, or a disability? The Cumberland County Library System offers the STAR service which provides homebound adults with delivery of books, large print books, audio books, CD's, DVDs, and videos. About once a month, a trained library volunteer will bring library items to your home, apartment, or nursing home room. You will be able to use them for up to 6 weeks. (DVDs are available for 2 weeks.) Your volunteer will then pick up and return the materials to the library for you. There is NO CHARGE for this service. You can visit the Cumberland County Library System's website for more information on the STAR program.
<http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org>

From Simpson Library Newsletter



May 2017

Prayer Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Pray for our nation and it's people	2 Pray for someone new to your neighborhood	3 Pray for Military Chaplains, who first started serving in America during the Civil War	4 Pray for the Susquehanna Annual Conference in session for 3 days, may God preside over it	5 Lift in prayer the children in the church Preschool	6 Pray for those being Ordained as clergy today at SUSQ Annual Conference
7 Pray for God's leadership to guide the U M Church effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church	8 Remember we are the Easter People - continue to praise God for being the God of grace and resurrection	9 Pray for the victims of the war in Syria, may God provide them shelter, safety and peace	10 Pray for the clients of Beacon Clinic, a free faith-based clinic in Harrisburg	11 Prayer of gratitude for the confirmation youth mentors	12 Pray for those suffering from addiction and their families	13 Enjoy God's landscape today, and quietly reflect upon God's blessings poured out upon you
14 Mother's Day Pray for all the mothers of the world.	15 Pray for the Police Officers who serve us	16 Election Day Pray for our elected officials	17 Pray for Kabaka Alphonsine, a UM missionary serving in Tanzania helping orphans and women	18 Pray for our Pastor, Troy Howell	19 Pray for those unemployed, seeking job security	20 Pray for Pastor David Watkins as he serves Christ through ministry at Aldersgate Church
21 Prayerfully confess that without God's presence in our lives, we fall and stumble away from Him and into	22 Pray for the Emergency Medical Responders	23 Pray for Bishop Park and District Superintendent Rev. Robison	24 Aldersgate Day Praise God for John Wesley's "strangely warmed" experience	25 Pray for the ministry of DayStar	26 Continue to remember in prayer the victims and families of the Egyptian Coptic Churches bombed last month	27 Pray for the church youth leaders
28 Pray for those who have yet to know Christ as Lord and Savior, may we share the Light of Christ with them	29 Memorial Day May we remember in prayer the veterans who died in service for our country	30 "Oh Lord you have called us to watch and pray" Susanna Wesley	31 Pray for the high school graduates - may they hear God's calling upon them			



YFA Newsletter

Sheryl Behr, 717.737.7923 x105, YouthDirector@aldersgatechurch.net

Creation 2017: 6/28 - 7/2

Each year Aldersgate tries to save Creation goers money by buying tickets in advance. All meals for the week are provided. Additional tickets will be purchased as needed. Please let Sheryl know your intentions so we can get group tickets early! Reply to this email or sign up at:
<https://www.timetosignup.com/youthmin/form/8442>

Sixth-graders can join if either a parent or responsible adult attends.

Opportunities available for adults to join us: if we get more adults we can take more people!



Summer Mission 7/23-29

We have committed to take a team to WV! Please pray for our team and those we will serve.

Mandatory meeting: Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm

Please sign up today to join us at <https://www.timetosignup.com/youthmin/form/8443>

We are joining the Appalachia Service Project: ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia.

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation — bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families.

For 47 years, ASP has made homes warmer, safer, and drier(R) for families and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers.



YFA Continued...



Newsletter Events This Month

- 5/6: Dress Rehearsal 9:30 am - noon
- 5/7: Youth Leads Congregation Worship at 9:30 am!
- 5/7: No Youth Sunday School or YFA Sunday evening
- 5/14: Mother's Day - No YFA Sunday Evening
- 5/21: YFA Sunday 6-8:15 pm
- 5/28: Memorial Day Weekend - YFA Sunday Celebration 6-8:15 pm!

Long Term Forecast:

- 6/4: Pentecost Sunday - Youth Confirmed at 11 am Worship Service
- 6/28-7/1: Creation Fest
- 7/23-7/29: ASP Mission Trip

YFA WUW - On Break until Fall!

Youth Fellowship at Aldersgate offers a What's Up Wednesday evening opportunity for fellowship and study, beginning immediately after the WUW dinner, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Friends are always welcome!

Articles for the June/July 2017 Newsletter should be sent to the church office at secretary@aldersgatechurch.net
By **May 15th**. Thank you.

Heroin/Opioid Local Epidemic - Community Awareness Seminars

"We have seen first hand the devastation caused by the opioid epidemic. It kills and steals without remorse and doesn't care about who you are, where you're from, how much money you make or how many people love or depend on you. We know two basic things about opioid addiction: It can happen quickly and without intervention it always has the same ending." Chief Steve Junkin, Hampden Township Police

The news of local drug overdoses are reported daily. Join us as we continue to study the local impact this epidemic is having on our neighborhoods, schools, friends and our families. This month Aldersgate Church offers three independent community awareness seminars to explore how we can respond to this local tragedy. The community is invited to one or all three of these seminars. To register go to www.aldersgatechurch.net and choose the link to Heroin/Opioid Seminars or contact Director of Health Ministries at 717-737-7923 x104. Registration is encouraged but not mandatory.

THREE COMMUNITY AWARENESS SEMINARS

MAY 3, 2017: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

MAY 10, 2017: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

MAY 17, 2017: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1480 Jerusalem Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA

What is Happening in the Neighborhood - First Responders - May 3

Presenters include:

Dr. Carrie DeLane: Medical Director Holy Spirit Medical Group

Steven Junkin, Chief of Police, Hampden Township Police

Duane Nieves, Director of Field Operations & Chief Holy Spirit EMS - A Geisinger Affiliate

How to Safeguard Your Student- May 10

Presenters include:

Chad Acker M.Ed B.H.S , Drug & Alcohol Prevention/Intervention Specialist of the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, The Student Assistance Program

David Gilbert, 10th Grade Vice Principal, Cumberland Valley High School

Lisa Harrison, Director, Cumberland County Youth Aid Program

RASE (Recovery Advocacy Support Education) Representative

Empowering Family & Friends the True First Responders - Our Triage List- May 17

Presenters include:

Pastor Robert Bishard Jr., Pastor of Young's United Methodist Church

The Rev. Troy Howell, Pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Kristin Varner, Director of Training & Advocacy, RASE (Recovery Advocacy Support Education)

Two JOB FAIRS

Thursday, May 4th

Veterans and Senior Job Seekers only: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

General Public: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 1 Alexandra Court Carlisle, PA 17015 717-243-4431

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania CareerLink of Cumberland County.

Thursday, May 11th

Network with over 100 Central PA & Nationwide Businesses

General Public: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, bring your resume and dress for success!

Location: Carlisle Expo Center, 100 K Street, Carlisle, PA 17015 717-245-3684

Presented by the Army Community Service (ACS)



Carl's Corner

1. Old man winter gave us a pretty good break from snow removal expenses this year. The total cost for snow removal this past winter was \$3,170.75. This was well under budget however, next year may be much different. We cannot project the weather but we can do some healthy planning for budget purposes. Our process is very simple, we total the cost of the last 3 years for snow removal and then divide by 3 and that is the number we utilize for budget purpose. History has indicated that this seems to be working well.
2. We recently had 1 of the 2 HVAC units in Family Life Center fail. After further investigation and taking into consideration the age of the unit (27 yrs.) it would be more cost effective to replace the unit than do repairs which would cost approximately \$6000.00 dollars. Now moving forward we will be getting 3 proposals to replace the unit and then will provide all the information to Trustees for further direction. Once approval has been granted completion of the project should occur within a couple of weeks.
3. Our lighting system controller in the Sanctuary has now failed. We are now presently operating the system in a manual mode. The lighting controller is still under warranty so there will be no cost for labor and material to install a new controller. We also will be granted a 1 year warranty on labor/material once the new controller is in place and a final inspection takes place. Time frame for completion of the project is approximately 6-8 weeks. Thank you all for your patience moving forward.
4. We are now experiencing more roof leaks on the old portion of our facility. We have been having annual inspections of the entire roofing system and we were aware that we were coming to the end of the old roofing system reliability. Discussion has occurred with the Trustees about the condition of the roof and we are now in the process of developing a specification and putting the project out for bid. At this time we do not have a schedule in place for completion and that will be determined once the bid is awarded.
5. Specifications are now being developed and once this is completed, bids will go out for seal coating/line painting of the entire parking lot area. This project was part of our budgeting process back into 2015.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee of Aldersgate Church announces the resignation of Carl Wagner as Facility Manager. Carl's duties these more than ten years have included custodial cleaning, building oversight, and project/vendor management. Carl has served the Body and ministry extremely well, and we are so very grateful for his season among us. Most of all, Carl has been a brother to many and a minister of Jesus through this position representing Aldersgate Church. Carl's final day reporting to work was April 21 prior to going on vacation.

POSITION OPENING: SPRC invites applications to be submitted for the position of Facility Manager at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, PA. The successful candidate will have experience in building/facility management as well as custodial cleaning. Responsibilities include vendor and project management; event set-up and essential cleaning tasks, supervision of a part-time evening custodian, and management of special projects. The successful candidate will be an individual of strong Christian faith and ethic, flexible, well-organized, capable of working independently while also as part of a ministry staff team and diverse membership, and one who sees the facility as an essential ministry tool. Dependent on the successful candidate's management style, input, and interview outcome, the position could be constructed to range from 15 to 30 hours weekly. Successful candidate must pass background checks. Salary negotiable based upon experience. Aldersgate Church - an active faith community - provides a solid support network for this position, and welcomes conversation with candidates who meet these requirements. Cover letter with experience and work history can be submitted by e-mail to secretary@aldersgatechurch.net.

The 2017 West Shore Relay for Life

Aldersgate Cancer Crushers



The West Shore Relay for Life is right around the corner. Involvement in this event is another avenue for the Aldersgate Family to *"Reach with the Heart of God for the Lives of our community"*. Listed below is information to help you sign up, donate, purchase a luminaria and others ways to support the team, as well as general information about the Relay itself.

The West Shore Relay for Life is Saturday, June 3rd, 10 am – 10 pm at the Mechanicsburg High School Track Field, 500 S. Broad St. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

To Sign up Online to walk or rock

Sign up at the Relay for Life Table outside of the sanctuary
And Sign Up Online

Go to relayforlife.org/pawestshore

Click on Team

Aldersgate Cancer Crushers

Continue to complete the online form

Be certain to click on Survivor if you have or have had cancer to receive a free survivor T-shirt and receive a free dinner at the June 3rd Relay for Life.

If you have multiple individuals signing up at once, you will need to pick up a special form at the Relay for Life Table (located outside of the sanctuary).

Unfortunately the website does not allow for more than one person/email address, however Debbie Cochran will be able to make certain your entire family is signed up properly.

To Donate towards the Aldersgate Team and/or team member

Go to relayforlife.org/pawestshore

Click Donate to Participant or Donate to Team

Choose Participant's Name or Team Name

Complete the on-line form

To Purchase a Luminaria in honor or memory of someone touched by cancer (The Luminarias will have the name of the individual and will be placed around the track at dusk and lit)

Go to relayforlife.org/pawestshore

Click Luminaria

Choose Participant's Name or Team

Fill out information

If you would like to decorate your luminaria bag, you can pick one up at the Relay for Life Table outside of the sanctuary. Let Debbie know you have picked up one.

If you want a picture of your loved one scrolled on the Relay for Life outdoor screen during the Luminaria Ceremony, please send a jpeg with the person's name and a very short message to Debbie Cochran at grammybear34@yahoo.com

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE ALDERSGATE CANCER CRUSHERS

Help set up the Aldersgate team site before the start of the Relay at 9 am.

We could use some lawn chairs the day of the relay at our site

Decorate our Relay for Life site on June 3rd

Help setting up the site canopies

Donate a cooler with water bottles, or drop off bottles of water under our Relay Table outside the sanctuary or on June 3rd at the Relay

Make posters

To include Aldersgate Cancer Crushers to be displayed at our team site during the Relay

To meet the cartoon theme this year "Tune Out Cancer"

Children, Youth and Adults all are encouraged to donate posters to support the team.

Pick up a "Relay for Life Coloring Page" at the Relay for Life table outside of the sanctuary and have children color these for our Relay site





June 3rd, West Shore Relay for Life Activities

10:00 am Opening Ceremony
10:20 am Opening Laps
11:30 Beach Ball Race
1:00 pm Fight Back Ceremony
2:00 pm Water Balloon Game
3:00 pm Tug of War
3:30 pm Hair Donations (Minimum 8" from the nape of the neck;
No dyed hair; Minimum gray hair)
4:00 pm Zumba-Tentative
4:30 pm Survivor Ceremony Lap
5:00 pm Survivor Dinner
5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt
Frozen T Shirt Contest
8:00 pm Glow Bowling
8:30 pm Luminaria Ceremony
9:30 pm Closing Ceremony

May 7th Praying Our Way Forward, Prayer Vigil

As of January 1, 2017, each annual conference of the United Methodist Church has taken a week to pray our way forward on behalf of the whole church. We are called to a posture of prayer, praying for God's leadership to guide us effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church.



You can view the Bishops as they explain this prayer initiative *Praying Our Way Forward: We are One in Christ* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t1cwBjxS2c>.

The designated day of prayer for our district is Sunday May 7th. You are asked to join other United Methodists in prayer, and sign up for 30 minutes of prayer during this 24 hours. You can sign up by going to <https://ttsu.me/PhoB>.

You are also invited to join us on May 7th at 4 pm at First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Simpson and Frederick Streets in Mechanicsburg, for a one hour prayer gathering. Please join us as we unite in prayer for our denomination.

Additional information on Praying Our Way Forward can be found at umcprays.org.

Dear Aldersgate Family,

I can never thank you enough for your kind words, your presence at Merrill's Celebration of Life, your memorial gifts, your warm thoughts in sympathy cards, and your gentle comforts to me. I will always remember your gestures of sympathy in a time that my life was in shambles; those gestures meant so much to me. I felt the rug had been pulled out from under me. You were there to catch me in mid-air. I am ever so very grateful. I am immensely indebted to Troy who came to the hospital in the small hours of the morning and sat with me while I poured out my grief. I could not have made it without the Aldersgate Family's loving support. Thank you. --- Barbara Thrush





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