

# The Aldersgate Experience

**Monthly News of Aldersgate United Methodist Church** 

**October 2018** 

1 Peter4: 8-11

<sup>8</sup> Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins. <sup>9</sup> Open your homes to each other without complaining. <sup>10</sup> And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

#### Dear Friends,

I love balconies. And I do not care for basements. One gives me a wonderful view of my surroundings and one gives me no view and a lot of dampness. As a little girl I remember going to my great aunt's house at the shore and staying in her walk - up attic. I could see the street light and could peek at the ocean through the tree tops. Oh, how I would sit for hours and look out and enjoy the scenery and watch all the movement.

So allow me to ask you a question.... Are you a balcony person or a basement person? Joyce Landorf asks this question in her book, <u>Balcony People</u>. She says *balcony people* are encouraging people who lift you up and *basement people* are people who drag you down having a *glass half empty* attitude. Peter makes it clear how we are to act toward one another. "*in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ*" When the world around us is filled with rejection, it is important for us to be a living witness that is counter cultural. Balcony people are those who "honor" others and take them seriously as a gift of God. So take stock of those you gather with. Be sure that you have balcony people in your life that believe in you and encourage you. And then be a balcony person to a basement person and let them fall in love with the balcony view of Jesus' love.

Your balcony loving pastor and friend,

Jan

## Galina's Visit

During September 15-24, Pastor Galina and her translator Sergei visited Aldersgate Church all the way from Belarus. It was great to hear first hand the work that God is doing in Belarus and the impact that Aldersgate's partnership with them has made.

# **November 15—Annual Church Conference**

See page 12 for more details!

# November 4 marks the 30th Anniversary of Aldersgate Church.

A special celebration is being planned for this date. As we prepare for this day, on October 21, Aldersgate will be hosting a special one-day VBS for children to remember that first VBS which was held over 30 years ago

# **Fall Fest 2018**

#### **HONORING HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKERS**

# Sunday, October 14

11:00 am- 4:00 pm

This year we are dedicating Fall Fest to celebrate, engage, praise, bless, and host our community in thanksgiving and care for Health & Wellness Workers. The day will start at 11:00 am with a combined Worship service. The day will include free food, live music, a Chili Cook-Off, car corral and lots of other fun activities for all ages.

#### 11:00 am Outdoor Worship Service

(Only one service / no Sunday School)

12:30 pm Food

12:30 pm Chili Cook-Off

(Voting ends at 2:00 pm)

1:30 pm Live music

This is a great outreach event with many opportunities to participate and volunteer.

- Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the afternoon.
- Desserts needed Please bring them along that day and place them on the dessert table.
- Enter your car in our Car/Motorcycle Corral.
- Chili Cook Off Bring One Crockpot of your famous chili. Electricity is provided but bring your soup hot. Sampling begins at 12:30 pm and voting closes at 2:00 pm Yes, we will have trophies again this year!
- Help is needed for set up (Saturday night/Sunday morning).
- Help with clean up.
- Invite friends, co-workers, neighbors. The more the merrier.

 $Want\ to\ do\ more?\ Contact\ Melanie\ Feldner\ at$ 

717-737-7923 ext. 107 or

mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net

#### ALDERSGATE OFFICE HOURS

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

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# **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

# **Choir/Orchestra News**

The choir season has begun! Once again, Monday evenings are filled with music and song for those who participate in choir ministry. On October 1st we will be starting rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata "Behold a Savior." Once again we will be offering our Christmas program with a live orchestra.

Rehearsals for the choir for this special event will be held weekly, and will start at 7:00 pm on October 1st. It's a great time to give choir a try! (At 6:30 pm each Monday evening the choir will work on weekly anthems for 30 minutes prior to cantata rehearsal.) Come out and join us. The Cantata will be offered on Sunday, December 9th at 3 pm.

If childcare is needed during Monday rehearsals, we will provide it! If you want more information, contact Sheri at <a href="worshipdirector@aldersgate.net">worshipdirector@aldersgate.net</a> or if you need childcare, contact <a href="mailto:mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net">mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net</a> or call the church office, at 717-737-7923. (Just a side note, if you play an instrument and are interested in playing with the orchestra, please contact Sheri at the email address above).

# **Looking Ahead**

Below are events to put on your calendar pertaining to worship ministry:

October 7th: World Wide Communion Sunday

October 14th 11 am: Outdoor worship, ONE COMBINED SERVICE

October 28th : All Saints Sunday

November 4th: 30th Anniversary of Aldersgate Church

November 11th: Commitment Sunday

December 1st: Hanging of the Greens 3 pm to 5 pm

December 2nd: Advent Begins!

December 9th: Behold A Savior! Musical

December 16th: Outdoor Nativity 6 pm

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Worship 5:30, 7:30, and 11:00 pm

December 30th: One Combined Worship
Service at 10 am



## **Youth News**

# **Uprise update**

Over 30 youth and adults from Aldersgate joined 10,000 others to worship our God together through song at the music festival in September. Along with the music, the youth also enjoyed visiting booths for ministries, colleges, radio stations and a 20-foot drop onto inflatables! What a glorious weekend in worship to God!

#### **Mission Central 5K**

Come walk or run with Jamie and Wendy on the Aldersgate team October 27. See Mission Central 5K announcement for details to register.

# **Confirmation Info Meeting**

Open to all 6-12 grade youth and parents who are interested in receiving more information about the confirmation journey. Sunday, October 28, 12:15 pm in the sanctuary.

#### **BATTLEBALL**

Calling all youth and alumni on November 4 at CHUM. An all day gathering of local youth groups to compete and worship together. Similar to dodge ball with small soft balls. Evening worship lead by Salt-n-Light youth ministries. Sign up at <a href="https://ttsu.me/battleball18">https://ttsu.me/battleball18</a>

#### **FALL RETREAT**

Middle school and high school together are invited to experience camp Joy El this fall November 16 through 18. A chance to get away to zip-line, go-cart, basketball, food, worship and focus on God. Sign up at <a href="https://ttsu.me/fall18">https://ttsu.me/fall18</a>

#### **Youth Praise Team**

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Youth Praise Team always has room for more. If you want to be a part of the Youth Praise Team or just want to see what it's all about, contact Jamie Barkley at <a href="mailto:jbarkley@aldersgatechurh.net">jbarkley@aldersgatechurh.net</a> or text/call 717-991-6992.

#### **Youth Communications**

To receive text messages: From your phone, send this message @youthald to this number 81010

Follow us on Facebook by searching for: Youth @ Aldersgate Mechanicsburg

Follow us on **Instagram** by searching for: **@youth.director** 



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The preschool is in full swing this time of year. Fall is always packed with lots of fun activities. The children and teachers are excited for upcoming events and are hoping for some nice, dry weather soon?

Here are a few upcoming events that church families can participate in;

'Giant A+ Rewards' is a huge fundraiser for the preschool. If you shop at Giant, please consider registering your bonus card number to help earn money for the preschool. (This does not affect any of the points you earn for gas, etc.) Each time you shop at Giant, the school you designate earns a percentage of cash back. Last year the preschool earned \$1,100 from the Giant A+ program. Please register your bonus card at the following link <a href="https://giantfoodstores.com/member-benefits/">https://giantfoodstores.com/member-benefits/</a> The preschool ID # is 22254, or you can just use our name, Aldersgate Preschool. For more information about Giant A+, check out their website at; <a href="https://www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus">www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus</a>. If you need help, feel free to e-mail me your bonus card number and we will be happy to register you. Thank you!

**Sub sale** We will be holding our annual sub sale fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 31**st. If you are interested in purchasing yummy subs from *R & K subs*, please stop by the preschool office the first week of October, to pick up an order form. The forms will need to be turned in by **October 24**th. You may pick up your sub after 11am on October 31st in the FLC. This is a great way to have dinner ready to go on 'Trick-or Treat' night! (Just an FYI- we are **not** selling the 'Savearound' coupon books this fall.)

**Parenting workshop** Please join us for a parenting workshop on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> **from 6-8 pm.** Lisa Murray will give us the basics every parent should know on behavior management. If you haven't attended one of these workshops before, I highly recommend it! RSVP by November 9<sup>th</sup> to Kathleen Blazey: 717-737-7923 ext. 103 or <a href="mailto:preschooldirector@aldersgatechurch.net">preschooldirector@aldersgatechurch.net</a>.

<u>Autism Outreach</u> Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm- The preschool is hosting an outreach to the community to "Shine a Light on Autism." A facilitator will lead a parent panel discussion, offering personal stories and helpful resources in the community. All are welcome! (More info to follow in the November newsletter)

"LORD, You are my portion and my cup of blessing; You hold my future."
Psalm 16:5 (HCSB)

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# **Trailblazer Ministries News**



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

**Fall Fest 2018 is coming on October 14.** This year's event will celebrate Health & Wellness Workers and will start at 11:00 am with a combined Outdoor Worship Service. See Page 2 for more details. Rain or shine!

Capturing Kids for Christ – Aldersgate 30 Year Anniversary Vacation Bible School Event will be held on October 21 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children ages KG – 5th Grade are welcome to come and bring their friends. We will start at the Church and then "follow Jesus" to the parsonage (just a block from the Church) where we will recreate our very first VBS from 30 years ago in the backyard of the parsonage. The children will return to the Church for pick-up at 4:00 pm You won't want to miss this event! Want to volunteer? Contact Melanie Feldner at <a href="mailto:mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net">mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net</a>. Please sign up all children before 10/11 at the following link: <a href="mailto:ttsu.me/fallvbs">ttsu.me/fallvbs</a>. Another rain or shine event!

**Children's Bibles** – If your child does not have a Bible, please be sure to let me know. We want to be sure children have their own age-appropriate Bible. Bibles are used as part of our Sunday School curriculum and children are encouraged to bring them on Sunday morning, WUW4Kids, Adventure Club and Summit Seekers. Bibles are free of charge for all children.

# **Upcoming Trailblazer Events**

October 14 – Fall Fest: 11:00 am Outdoor Worship (no Sunday School) followed by Fall Fest events

October 21 – Capturing Kids for Christ – 30 Year Anniversary Vacation Bible School: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

November 4 - Adventure Club & Summit Seekers: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

November 11 – Adventure Club & Summit Seekers/Meal of Thanks: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Operation Christmas Child Boxes available 11/4 - 11/18

Volunteer support is needed for all Trailblazer events, Sunday School and Fall Fest.

Want to learn more about how you can plug in?

Contact Melanie Feldner at mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-737-7923 ext. 107

Articles for the November 2018 Newsletter should be sent to the church office at <a href="mailto:secretary@aldersgatechurch.net">secretary@aldersgatechurch.net</a> by **October 15th**.

Thank you.



# The Scents of Christmas

#### **Ladies Christmas Brunch**

Ladies, reserve you seats now for the Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Ladies Christmas Brunch. This is certain to be fun! Invite your neighbor or co-worker and plan on a wonderful morning. Join us in the Family Life Center as it is transformed into a beautiful Christmas Café serving a FREE brunch, as we enjoy the company and a fun craft. As a special treat, we will have a surprise Guest Speaker, sharing "The Scents of Christmas." We promise it will be an uplifting morning—for women only.

The seating will be limited, so sign up early: contact Robin Fisher at <u>robinlfisher12@gmail.com</u> or call 717-728-9573.

The reservation deadline is October 21st!

EVENT: Ladies Christmas Brunch WHEN: Saturday, November10<sup>th</sup> TIME:

Registration 8:30 am

Brunch: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

WHERE: "Christmas Café" (the Family Life Center)

Please RSVP as seating is limited - we may not have room for "Walk-in Guests"

# It's not too late to sign up for - What's Up Wednesday!

What's Up Wednesday (WUW) is underway! If you have never taken part in WUW, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Every Wednesday a free hot buffet (*donations are accepted*) starts at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. The WUW meal is open to the community inside and outside of the church. What a wonderful time to catch up with the family and friends while enjoying a delicious supper.

This is followed by a smorgasbord of long and short term studies offered for all, while childcare and fun children and youth activities are provided from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Check out the brochure (located at the Welcome desk outside the sanctuary or at the church office) to view the listing of studies or go to the Aldersgate website at <a href="www.aldersgatechurch.net">www.aldersgatechurch.net</a> and click What's Up Wednesday to check out the studies and to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Carol Diffenbaugh at <a href="healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net">healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net</a>

Please note that WUW will not be held on October 31st.

# **Confirmation Journey**

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28 concerning this year's confirmation class. This meeting is for all youth who are in grades 6 and above who have not been confirmed. Please bring your parents. We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 am worship service to discuss the preliminary schedule, expectations and hopeful outcome of the class. For more information, please contact Pastor Scott at <a href="mailto:smiller@aldersgatechurch.net">smiller@aldersgatechurch.net</a> or 717-737-7923 x. 102.



# **Blood Drive**

Sunday, October 21 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am

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 21 from 8:30 to 11:00 am. Sign up beforehand to reserve a time slot, or just come to the Resource Room that morning.

"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: <a href="http://cpbb.org">http://cpbb.org</a> or call them at 1-800-741-0059.



# **Aldersgate is on Facebook!**

Please like and share the Aldersgate Facebook page at <u>@aldersgatemechanicsburg</u> and be sure to check in for worship and other church events!



# October 2018 Prayer Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Pray for the church choir as they prepare for the Christmas Musical	2 Pray for world peace, may we too be the instruments of God's peace	3 Pray for single parents	4 Pray for our sister church, the Krichev Revival Church and her Pastor	5 Pray for all those caring for the ill, here at home and around the world	6 Pray for the lay leadership of our church and the United Methodist Church
7 World Communion Sunday Pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters	8 Pray for the victims of Hurricane Florence, as they mourn and rebuild after the extensive flooding	9 Pray for those serving in the church office	10 Pray for Bishop Park and D.S. Rev. Robison	11 Pray for all those involved in the DayStar Ministry	12 Pray for Fall Fest on Sun- day, and all those volunteering - may God use this to his glory	13 Prayers of thanksgiving: 10/14/1735 John Wesley traveled to Georgia, and was influenced by Moravian's pietism
14 <b>Fall Fest</b> Pray for Health Care Providers	15 Pray for the Girl Scout leaders and the Girl Scouts who meet at our church	16 Pray for those suffering with anxiety - "Fear not for I am with you" Isaiah 41:10	17 Pray for the facilitators of the WUW studies	18 Pray for those attending the AA meeting at church this evening	19 Pray for the United Methodist missionaries	20 Prayers of thanksgiving as we give thanks for 3 meals a day
21 Pray for the eyes and heart of Christ as we witness to the communi- ty around us	22 Breast Cancer Awareness Month Pray for those battling breast cancer	23 Pray for God's Helping Hands Ministry	24 Pray that in our interaction with the commu- nity during WUW we may share the God of the resurrection and His Good News	25 Pray for our Pastors, Pastor Jan Hughes and Pastor Scott Miller	26 Pray for the work of the UMC Global AIDS Comm. "Breaking Barriers" Ministry Conference meeting this week	27 Pray for the ministry of the UM Africa University and those who are attending
28 Pray we leave worship filled with the Holy Spirit faithful to the saving, healing and freeing gospel of Jesus Christ in our witness to the world	29 Pray for the 1 in 6 people worldwide without access to clean water	30 Pray for the 864 delegates and 200 alternates to the 2019 General Conference	31 Pray for the families assisted by and those volunteering for the Bridge of Hope Ministry			

# **DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays**

In the past, the Christmas holiday season may have been a time of great anticipation and excitement... but this year, the prospect of facing the holidays without your mate may cause anxiety and dread. You are not alone. Here you can connect with support, encouragement and advice to survive the holidays. Join us for DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays" on Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 pm in room 202 at Aldersgate Church. This is a one-evening program to help you discover practical, stress-reducing ideas that will help you face the holiday season. This group event is FREE. You will watch a 40 minute video, receive a personal Holiday Survival Guide, and have the opportunity to hear from others who are dealing with a marital breakup this holiday season.

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm -8pm Aldersgate Church Room 202

To register contact Carol D. at 737-7923 ext. 104 or email <a href="mailto:healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net">healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net</a>



# **Medicare Scam Report**

I received an alert in regard to an ongoing scam involving free back and knee braces. According to the article by medicareworld this scam is offering free back or knee braces either as seen on TV or by someone calling you. According to this article the intent of the caller is to gather personal information from you. If you call them, they already have your phone number to attach to any additional information you give them.

Interesting, this article points out one disclaimer found by a client on the TV ad offering free back braces from Medicare, which in part reads"... I am aware of my rights to protect my privacy and these rights are waived for the purpose of this COMPANY and their customers to call me....I am permitting calls to be automatically dialed...If I am on a do not call list, by opting in I am waiving this right." <sup>1</sup>

If you are in need of such devices, consult your health care provider. They can direct you to secure the equipment you need.

\*1 Information for this article taken directly from <a href="https://medicareworld.com/2018/05/16/">https://medicareworld.com/2018/05/16/</a> medicare-fraud-scam-offers-free-back-knee-braces-medicare/

# Surviving the Holidays for Those Grieving the Death of a Loved One

"Tis the Season to be Jolly" - For many individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one, the holiday season is a difficult time to cope with. If you find you are not looking forward to the holidays in the midst of your grief, please consider joining us for a one time seminar "Surviving the Holidays" to be held on Wednesday, November  $14^{\rm th}$  at 6:30 pm at Aldersgate Church. This two hour seminar has been developed by GriefShare to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one over the holiday season.

During this time you will have the opportunity to watch a 40 minute video filled with practical tips on how to survive the holidays. You will have the opportunity to listen to others from the group who are dealing with grief this holiday season. You will also receive your own Holiday Survival Guide which includes daily devotionals and practices to assist you over the next thirty days.

One individual from a previous Surviving the Holidays event shared the following on the GriefShare website " "It gives 'permission' to take care of myself above perceived social obligations." For additional information on the "Surviving the Holidays," go directly to their website and view the promotional video at http://www.griefshare.org/holidays/event/.

Please consider joining us as we share practical tips on how to survive the holidays in the midst of grief. Call or email me to register for this one time event, and receive a personal "Holiday Survival Guide."



Surviving the Holidays: Grieving the Death of a Loved One Wednesday November  $14^{\rm th}$  6:30pm – 8pm Room 202

Please register today by calling Carol D. at 717-737-7923-ext. 104 or email her at <a href="mailto:healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net">healthministries@aldersgatechurch.net</a>

# Do You Know Where the AED is?

Do You Know How To Respond If Someone Has a Heart Attack?



The Church owns an AED (automatic external defibrillator). It is found in the narthex outside of the Family Life Center (near the Youth Director's office). An AED is a device that delivers an electric shock to the heart of someone during a cardiac emergency. AED and CPR training can save lives! Please consider signing up for CPR/AED training, be prepared to help someone during an emergency.

The American Heart Association offers CPR/AED training for infants, children and adults. This easy course will prepare you to respond in case of an emergency. There are no written test with this course, and it is very stress FREE course.

Please contact Carol Diffenbaugh at 717-737-7923 ext. 104 if you are interested in registering for such a class.

# Aldersgate Church Conference—November 15 Mark your calendar—you are invited!

Our annual **Church Conference** is coming up on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is a time when we review our last year in ministry and mission, make decisions for the body and prayerfully center our life on the commands of Christ to go and make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our coming year will hold major decisions for the United Methodist Church. The assisting elder from the district office will be there to have a conversation with us on the issue of LGBTQ. If you have questions, I would urge us all here at Aldersgate to hold fast to the calling of Christ in our united purpose of sharing of disciple making. Augustine reminds me that:

"In essentials, unity; in doubtful matter, liberty; in all things, charity."

This means different things to each of us. The beauty of Jesus is this. He is Lord. We are not. He will make a way. He made a way for me and He made a way for you.

That said, each year under our United Methodist structure we have what is called the "Church Conference" in which all members of Aldersgate have voice and vote. That annual meeting is scheduled for 7 pm, Thursday, November 15, 2018, in the Family Life Center. Again, all members have voice and vote in receiving reports and actions such as: Annual Financial Audit, Membership Actions and Roll, Appointed Clergy Compensation Package, local church administrative structure, election of leaders effective January 1, 2019, among other special items that may arise (and which will be announced in advance).

Once again the Thursday meeting for our 2018 Church Conference is a departure from recent years in which AUMC gathered under one roof with other area congregations to conduct the annual meeting. Additional information on the November 15 Church Conference will be forthcoming as fall unfolds.

## **THANKS**

A total of \$2197 was donated for Hershey Park tickets for debt reduction this summer. Thanks also to Eileen Beasom who donated 8 tickets—\$239 of the total. This ministry not only helps the church but makes Hershey Park affordable for many families.

# 2019 Calendars

We are collecting calendars to go to the Women's Correctional Institute in Muncy, PA. There are new restrictions:

No spiral bound calendars

All envelopes must be removed from inside

Final Date for collection is Sunday, December 2. Give all calendars to the Sollenbergers (717-730-2890).



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www.BeaconClinicPA.org

August 14, 2018

Aldersgate United Methodist Church 1480 Jerusalem Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Thank you for the donation of \$1,000.00 made in August, 2018 in support of compassionate care for patients at the Beacon Clinic in Harrisburg. Your donation was part of your missions gift to the Clinic.

On behalf of the Board and the clinic staff, I want to express our appreciation for your support of the Clinic. It would be impossible for us to sustain the work of the clinic without partnerships with churches such as yours.

Through such donations as yours, Beacon Clinic is providing health care for those who are unable to obtain it in the Greater Harrisburg Community. Many of our patients have chronic illnesses. They are in need of medication as well as education about their medical conditions.

Your gift helps to sustain our ability to provide the needed diagnostic tests, medications, and education that will assist our patients to manage their lives in a meaningful way. You are a significant part of Beacon's compassionate care through your financial support and prayers.

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code requirements for substantiation of charitable contributions, the Clinic provided no goods or services to the donor in return for this contribution. Again, thank you for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

David R. Getz

President, Board of Directors

P.S. Please Save the Date! Our annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Best Western Premier in Union Deposit. Please contact us to reserve your seats and for sponsorship information.



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August 15, 2018

Aldersgate Mechanicsburg United Methodist Church 1480 Jerusalem Rd Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-2072

Dear Friend of Mission Central.

We were thrilled to receive your \$1,500 donation made on 8/3/2018 and wanted to reach out and say "Thank you" right away. We consider it a true blessing to be the recipient of your kindness.

As the mission of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, Mission Central is a place of miracles. With our Ministry Partners and our 38 HUBS, we are actively "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need" through disaster response, mission outreach and mission education.

The donation of these much-needed funds to Mission Central will help play an instrumental role in our continued work, which extends locally, nationally and globally. In 2017, we were able to reach over 4 million people through distribution of \$8 million in donated resources. Approximately 60% of that output remained in Pennsylvania. Support for all of this work comes from the generosity of the conference churches, local businesses and individual donors like you. We are not financially supported by the Conference itself.

If you ever have any questions about Mission Central or would like to meet and tour our facility, please contact Adam Hoover at ahoover@susumc.org.

Thank you again for contributing towards the work of Mission Central. Your gift will be used to further God's call to be the hands and feet of Christ.

In Christ.

Rev. Bob Ryder **Executive Director**  Thank You, Aldersgate!
Your genessity keeps us on MISSION.
May Blessings.

Mission Central, founded in 2002, is a mission of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. Donations to Mission Central are tax deductible to the fullest extent of IRS tax laws. Pursuant to the federal tax code's requirement for substantiation of charitable contributions, Mission Central has not provided goods or services in return for your donation.

# Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery P.O. Box 60574 Harrisburg, PA 17106 July 31, 2018

Aldersgate VMC 1480 Jerusalem Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Dear Aldersgate United Methodist Church,

We would like to thank you for your donation of check# 26808 in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the ministry of Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery. Your continued support to our mission is so very appreciated.

It is the consistent donations from organizations like yours that encourages the men to also continue their faith walks when they graduate from Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery. These donations also let the men know that the outside world has not given up on them while they are here recovering.

Please continue to pray for us as we strive to do the work that the Lord has given to us at Daystar.

Again thank you from me, the staff and the clients of Daystar.

Sincerely,

Jenn Wilcok Kr Fern Wilcox, Executive Director



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#### **Aldersgate Church**

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