

## 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.*

### New to Aldersgate...

*If you are visiting today, please do not feel you must give an offering ... you are our welcomed guest!*

*Please fill out a CONNECTION Card and return it via the offering plate or at our Welcome Center. Stop at our Welcome Center for a gift and 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!*

### Making a CONNECTION...

*Please use the CONNECTION 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.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birth - 2.5 Year Olds: Nursery
- 2.5 - 4 Year Olds: Room 102
- 4 Year Old/Pre-K: Room 104
- MS/HS Youth: Youth Room
- Adults: Rooms 101 & 203
- Kindergarten: Room 207
- First Grade: Room 210
- Second Grade: Room 205
- Third Grade: Room 201
- 4th/5th Grade: Rooms 206/208



We are a NOW a Nut-Free Facility. Please refrain from bringing to any church events items with peanuts/tree nuts including: peanut butter; tree nuts such as walnuts, cashews, pistachios, almonds, macadamias, hazelnuts, pecans, pine nuts, nut spreads; butters and nut-based milk products, such as almond butter, Nutella, and items such as pesto sauce, and nut extracts (almond extract); and all foods and snacks that contain any of these items.



### **Life Talk Notes**

February 23, 2020

1. What's your main takeaway from the "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" series?
2. Who is one neighbor you can bless this week?
3. How will you bless this neighbor? Will you bring them dessert, invite them over for dinner, talk with them while walking your dog, etc.?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

### TODAY- Hearing Loss Group support session on February 23

Perhaps you know that you or a loved one has a hearing disability, and you are not sure where to start or how to get information and assistance for them. How can you further understand the needs of the hearing impaired and better interact with them? What challenges are they facing and is this causing stress in your relationship with them?

We invite and encourage hearing impaired individuals, their families and friends to attend a Hearing Loss Group support session on this evening at 6:30 pm in Room 203.

### NEW - Stitch Kids

On Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Eileen Beasom and other members of the Wool & Flax Ministry, teach children how to crochet and/or knit. The children learn to be a part of this amazing outreach ministry by making “prayer squares” to be given to those in need of prayer. Stitch Kids meet in Room 203 and all materials are provided and interested adults may also join. Please RSVP to Melanie at [mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:mfeldner@aldersgatechurch.net). Kids are then welcome to stay for What's Up Wednesday dinner at 5:30 pm and programming from 6:15 – 8:00 pm.

### 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. For more information, contact Pam Caserta at [pam.caserta@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.caserta@yahoo.com). The next dates for those serving in this ministry are: Monday, February 24, 7 pm at The Children's Home and Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 pm at Sarah Todd Home.

### FREE Tax Preparation

AARP tax-aid is a free tax preparation program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS. Services are offered from February 1 through April 15 for taxpayers with low and middle income, and for all ages with special attention to seniors. A list of the West Shore locations and more information is provided on a flyer at the Welcome Center.

### Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?

Join the team that serves food/beverages between services on Sunday mornings. Help provide a welcoming space for people to mingle. You will be scheduled to serve once a month for 1-2 hours. Contact Carol Purdom, 717-462-0719 or [carol.purdom@gmail.com](mailto:carol.purdom@gmail.com).

### Preschool registration for the 2020-21 school year is open

Registration forms and information can be found on the preschool website at <http://aldersgatepreschool.org>. Please contact Kathleen Blazey at 717-737-7923 ext.103 or [preschooldirector@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:preschooldirector@aldersgatechurch.net) if you have any questions.

### DivorceCare Group starting March 4

DivorceCare support groups are led by people who understand what you or someone you know are experiencing. These facilitators help participants learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for their future. Please consider joining our upcoming group led by Patti Gilbert on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-8:15 pm starting on March 4 until May 20. For more information or to register go to [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org). You may also contact Diane Konieczny through the church office at 717-737-7923.

### To All Aldersgate Men!

We would like to invite you the AUMC Men's Friday Morning Discussion Group. It is an informal time where we focus on what the Bible has to say to us regarding living our lives daily. The open discussion and focus on following in the footsteps of Jesus are always enlightening and prepares us for the next week. Please join us on Fridays at 9 am in Room 203 for an enjoyable hour of fellowship, support, and some time in God's word. Give it a try! We believe you will find it a time of refreshment in a hectic world. For more information contact Dave Fetterhoff 717-979-8389.

### Easter Candy Donations Needed

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped, “nut-free” candy, or non-candy items that will fit into small plastic eggs. We need to fill over 2000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th. Please place all donations in the office before **March 20**.

### "A New Song in Your Heart" Ladies Spring Brunch on April 4

Ladies, reserve your seats now for the Ladies Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 4th. Registration is at 8:30 am followed by Brunch from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Invite your neighbor or co-worker and plan on a wonderful morning. Join us in the Family Life Center for a FREE brunch and to learn more about the "Bridge of Hope" program. We promise it will be an uplifting morning - for women only. The seating will be limited, so sign up early. Contact Robin Fisher at [robinlfisher12@gmail.com](mailto:robinlfisher12@gmail.com) or call 717-728-9573. The reservation deadline is **March 22!**

### Our Lenten Journey

#### Interruptions Sermon Series: Leaning and Letting Go

Come learn how to view the many interruptions in your life as opportunities to lean in and let go!

#### Prayer at the Kneeling Benches

“Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.” Psalm 95:6. During your Lenten journey, you may pray at the kneeling benches at the front of the sanctuary at any time you choose. The time before and between worship services during Lent are designated times when members of the prayer ministry will be present to pray with you.

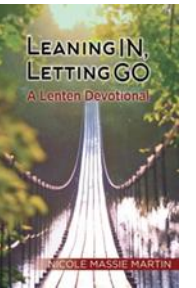
#### Church Lenten Study March 4 — April 1

WHEN INTERRUPTED...LEAN IN AND LET GO

The season of Lent begins this week. Leaning In, Letting Go is a 40-day devotional that will help us lean into the presence of God in our own lives.

A Lenten study will be offered during What's Up Wednesday (WUW) that will follow the sermon series for Lent. Consider joining a Life Group as we look at interruptions and how we are stuck in our relationship with God and others. We can live into the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world by viewing interruptions as an opportunity to lean into God's grace.

You can register for a Life Group on the church website at [www.aldersgatechurch.net](http://www.aldersgatechurch.net) or with Diane at [dianek@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:dianek@aldersgatechurch.net). Pick up your copy of the devotional Leaning In, Letting Go at the Connection Desk.



### General Conference Prayer and Informational Sessions

Join us in March for General Conference Prayer and Informational Sessions. These identical sessions will be held in every district and are designed to equip clergy and laity with the resources to respond to their congregations on some of the issues being discussed at General Conference. Prayer is a central part of our gathering. We will intentionally pray for our church, our delegates, and to seek God's yearning for the United Methodist Church. Please register so we can be fully prepared. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions in any district. The closest one to Aldersgate is on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 am at Linglestown Life, 1430 N Mountain Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Register at [susumc.org/gc](http://susumc.org/gc).

### REVOLUTION YOUTH!

**No Revolution Youth Night Tonight - 2/23** - See you next week 3/1!

#### Upcoming Events!

**Bowling** - Revolution is bowling on March 8 from 12 -4 pm. Sign-ups open at <https://ttsu.me/bowl2020>.

**Lock-in** - Spring Lock-in is Friday, March 20. Snacks, desserts, and breakfast provided. Sign up at <https://ttsu.me/springlock20>.

**Service Projects** - Stay after the lock-in or join us after breakfast to serve in the community from 8 am -12 pm on Saturday, March 21. Sign up at <https://ttsu.me/marchservice>.

#### Revolution Youth Communications

To receive Remind text alerts: from your phone, text @youthald to 81010  
Follow us on Facebook by searching for: Youth @ Aldersgate Mechanicsburg  
Follow us on Instagram by searching for: @youth.director  
Email Jamie Barkley & Wendy Strite at [youth@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:youth@aldersgatechurch.net)



**Aldersgate is a "Safe Sanctuary Church"**

"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.

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**Kristi Prowell**, Accompanist

**Ministry Council Members:** Judy Vandercoy, Karla Brenneman, Tom Boyer, Kelly Heisey, Peter Train, Dan DeArment, Jason Minick, Adrienne Gaudreau, Adam Hoover, Bob Sharp, Steve Plante: Lay Leader

**Where are the numbers?**

You may have noticed we no longer publish our Year-To-Date giving in the bulletin each week. Instead, we will be providing a more meaningful statement of giving and Aldersgate's ministry spending plan in the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Watch for the report under the First Fruits header in upcoming newsletters. As always, our books are open to anyone who would care to review them. If you would like to see any of our financial records, please contact the office at 717-737-7923 x.100.

**Our Presence for Week of February 16, 2020**

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	66	171	66
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	661		

\*Life groups are groups that come together to connect, study and serve Jesus with our lives.

**Serving Today February 23, 2020**

- Acolytes:** 8:00 Sami Sagen  
 9:30 Caroline Freeman  
 11:00 Rachel Freeman
- Worship Leader:** Sheri Dohner  
**Praise Team:** Don Underdonk, Pete Curwen, Angie Kubovsky, Allen Clippinger, Andy Swope
- Sound Technician:** Joe Purdom  
**Computer Support:** Glenn Shick
- Welcome Center:** 8:00 TBD  
 9:30 Erin Minick  
 11:00 Karen Kammeier
- Nursery:** Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
- Ushers:** 8:00 Jacks Brock, Judy Vandercoy, Darlene Zack  
 9:30 Diane Curwen, Deb Shumaker, Jill Ahrens, Rod Shenck  
 11:00 Norm Runk, Wayne Ocker, Bill Royer

**Activities for the Week of February 23, 2020**

You may view the full calendar on [www.aldersgatechurch.net](http://www.aldersgatechurch.net)

- Sunday 02/23**  
*Celebration Sunday*  
 8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
 12:00 pm Revolution Battleball Tournament- Messiah College  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11414- Room 210  
 6:30 pm Hearing Loss Support Group- Room 203

- Monday 02/24**  
 4:00 pm Men's Group- Room 203  
 6:30 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal- Chapel  
 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands- Resource Room

- Tuesday 02/25**  
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207  
 6:30 pm Explore- Resource Room  
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208

**Ash Wednesday meal for February 26**

- Cheese stuffed shells  
 Salad  
 Garlic knots  
 Dessert

- Wednesday 02/26**  
*Ash Wednesday*  
 1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry- Room 203  
 4:30 pm Stitch Kids- Room 203  
 5:30 pm What's Up Wednesday Meal  
 6:30 pm Men's Group- Room 203  
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

- Thursday 02/27**  
 12:30 pm Staff Meeting- Resource Room  
 6:00 pm BTI Parent Training- Room 201  
 6:30 pm AA Meeting- Room 206/208  
 6:30 pm Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous- Chapel  
 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal- Sanctuary

- Friday 02/28**  
 7:30 am Women's Bible Study- Room 201  
 9:00 am M & M Volunteer Ministry- Resource Room  
 9:00 am Men's Group- Room 203

- Saturday 02/29**  
 7:30 am Men's Group- Youth Room

- Sunday 03/01**  
 8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
 2:00 pm Adventure Club Summit Seekers- FLC  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11414- Room 210  
 3:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Revolution Youth Night- FLC

If at any time you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care and/or prayer, please contact Pastor Jan, Pastor Tom or the office.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**We are Privileged to Hold One Another in Prayer:**

Sandy; Gil Baer; Lulamae Lotz; Max Knickerbocker; Pam S; Diane M.; Eley; John Carden; Arlene; Emily; Pat Heer; George Long; Gary Walters; Sally N; Julie Geib; Ed M.; Sid Witmer; Megan C.; Emma Grace; Roger Tedeshi; Glenn Smith; Bob Thomson; Joe Dolbin; Kya Wanner, Collin Martin and family; Gene and Kathy Carnes and family; Janice Radocha; Lester Weigle; Bree; The Family of Nick and Belle Knisely upon the death of her sister Georgia Long; Emma Kenyon; Larry Sheldon; Dottie Stepp; Jen Stumbaugh; Kelly Shaffer and family upon the death of her mother; Joshua; Nancy Minnick and family upon the death of her mother Lauretta Tobias; Dennis Knoetgen

**Active Military Personnel Serving:** Tim Baer, Michael Negrete, Jason Port, Christopher Shapiro, Elizabeth Butler at basic training

If you know an active duty soldier you would like lifted in prayer, please contact the church office 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.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm; Fridays 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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**Aldersgate Church**

A United Methodist Congregation

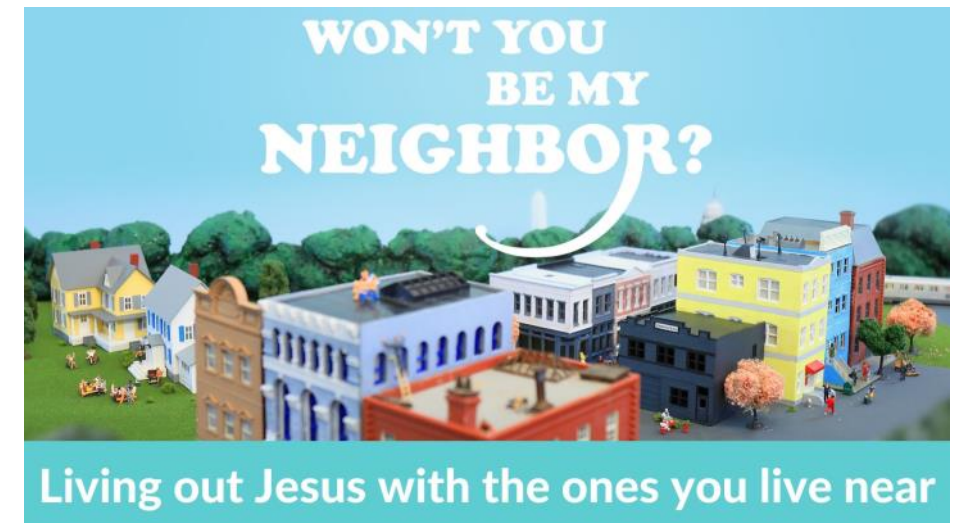
Our Vision: "Reaching with the Heart of Christ for the Lives of Our Community"

Our Mission: "To reach and grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!"

**Won't You Be My Neighbor**

February 23, 2020

**Celebration Sunday: New Members & Baptisms**



**Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name**

**Worship Through Song**

**New Members (9:30 and 11 am)**

**Giving God's Tithes & Our Offerings**

**Baptisms (9:30 am)**

**The Scriptures are Opened:**  
 Matthew 5:14-16, Acts 1:8

**Life Talk: "Start a Neighboring Network"**  
 Pastor Jan Hughes and Pastor Hannah Sledge

**Living Out the Word of God**