

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

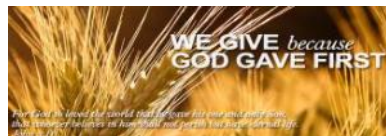
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| • Birth - 2.5 Year Olds: Nursery | • Kindergarten: Room 207 |
| • 2.5 - 4 Year Olds: Room 102 | • First Grade: Room 210 |
| • 4 Year Old/Pre-K: Room 104 | • Second Grade: Room 205 |
| • MS/HS Youth: Youth Room | • Third Grade: Room 201 |
| • Adults: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

Offering Envelopes Are Here!

Stop by the tables outside the sanctuary to pick up your 2020 Giving Envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Purdom at finance@aldersgatechurch.net; 717-737-7923 x100



Aldersgate is on Facebook!

Please like and share the Aldersgate Facebook page at [@aldersgatemechanicsburg](https://www.facebook.com/aldersgatemechanicsburg)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

TODAY - Adventure Club and Summit Seekers from 2-4 pm!

Bring a friend and join the fun.

NEW - Stitch Kids

Starting every Wednesday beginning February 5th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Eileen Beasom and other members of the Wool & Flax Ministry, will begin teaching children how to crochet and/or knit. The children will be learning to be a part of this amazing outreach ministry by making "prayer squares" to be given to those in need of prayer. Stitch Kids will meet in Room 203 and all materials will be provided and interested adults may also join. Please R.S.V.P. to Melanie at 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.

Baptism Class - January 26

Are you or someone you know interested in baptism? We are offering a baptism class for adults and children desiring to be baptized in 2020. All are welcome to attend this baptism class on Sunday, January 26 from 5:00-6:00 pm. For those who attend the class, we will hold a special baptism celebration on Sunday, February 23.

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. The next dates for those serving in this ministry are: Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 pm at The Jewish Home; Monday, January 27, 7 pm at The Children's Home; and Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 pm at Sarah Todd Home.

Aldersgate's Leadership Academy (during What's Up Wednesday)

At Aldersgate, we believe everyone is a leader. This is why we have created the upcoming Aldersgate's Leadership Academy to equip leaders to know and live into their own unique calling and giftedness in the church and the community. The Leadership Academy will be held for 8 weeks beginning on Wednesday, February 5 and will meet from 6:45-8:00 pm. Please RSVP to secretary@aldersgatechurch.net or 717-737-7923 by **January 27** if you would like to attend our very own Leadership Academy.

God's Helping Hands (GHH) Home Repair Ministry

GHH Ministry is preparing to go out into our community and assist homeowners on: **February 7, 8, 9; April 17, 18, 19; June 12, 13, 14; and October 2, 3, 4** Don't be intimidated if you feel as if you "don't have construction/carpentry skills." There is something for everyone AND you will be able to learn new skills. We always need people to make lunches for the volunteers and homeowners. For this ministry to be effective in making home repairs, a collaborative effort is needed with your generous heart, talents and help. This ministry cannot consist of only a few people but needs to be a ministry for the community by the community. If you are interested in assisting with God's call, please contact Glenn Shick at 717-574-9588; glennshick@comcast.net and/or John Shankweiler at 717-649-0801; johnshankweiler@yahoo.com.

There is a Solution Group (AA)

Aldersgate Church hosts Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) meetings Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in room 206/208. AA is a fellowship of men and women who share with each other so they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. If you would like additional information, call Carl at 717-512-3529.

Remember the Gift Card Program for Debt Reduction Opportunity!

Please remember, AUMC receives 5% of Giant card total purchases and 10% of Ten Thousand Villages total purchases. This revenue is applied to our building loan. We're chipping away at it, and every bit helps. Cards typically are available on the first and third Sundays outside the Family Life Center.

Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?

Join the team that serves food and 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 to 2 hours. Questions? Contact Carol Purdom at 717-462-0719 or carol.purdom@gmail.com.

"I am sorry - I didn't hear that. Would you mind repeating what you just said?"

Find yourself asking this of others more than usual these days? Do you find a loved one talking louder than usual? Are you having difficulty hearing the message in church? Can you hear the doorbell at home or are you having trouble with phone conversations? If you wear hearing aids, can you hear the smoke detector when you are sleeping at night and your hearing aids are on your nightstand? If your loved one is impaired, how can you better communicate with them? If they are not hearing your phone call, are there settings on a cell phone that could alert them to an incoming call and ease your mind? Because of a hearing loss, is your loved one becoming more withdrawn?

Perhaps you, a family member or close friend is experiencing similar scenarios. Perhaps you know that you or this 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 **Sunday, February 16** at 6:30 p.m. here at Aldersgate Church. Augusta Spandler, President of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Capital Region Chapter and a local resident, will be joining us as a moderator. So that we have an idea as to the number that plan to attend, please contact the church office to register for this program. For additional information or questions, please contact Carol Amsden (717)732-2559.

PASTOR TOM AND OTHERS ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALDERSGATE'S GENEROSITY

Your extremely generous Christmas gift to me was so very greatly appreciated, BUT not just by me! About six years ago, after having made several mission trips to Sierra Leone in West Africa, the Lord challenged me to invest in the lives of several young men who had become my godsons. Almost everyone in rural Sierra Leone is a subsistence farmer, meaning that they raise all the crops their family needs to eat, but never being able to afford to eat protein and only being able to eat just one meal a day. Their deficient diet accounts for why most Africans are shorter and much thinner than we are, and why everyday health challenges like malaria are so devastating to their compromised bodies. Subsistence farming helps to perpetuate the extreme poverty throughout much of Africa. Each year as the previous year's crops dwindle, families in Sierra Leone and elsewhere throughout Africa tighten their belts and cut their daily food rations in half as they enter into what they call "the hungry season."

The Holy Spirit increasingly convinced me that the only way to break that cycle of extreme poverty was through education, and so the Lord and I entered into an agreement where I agreed to invest monthly in the lives of seven young men to provide them with a high school and college education, for as long as the Lord provided me with resources to do so. Your gift allowed me to help support two of my godsons who are serving as Christian pastors, another who's becoming a doctor, another who's becoming a medical technician, and another who's being trained as an electrician. Thank-you for allowing God to use you to bless the lives of seven families in Africa whom you will not meet until the Kingdom of God comes in its fullness!

In the name of the One who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift,
---Pastor Tom Willard, Pastor of Congregational Care

REVOLUTION YOUTH!

Upcoming Events!

Battleball - Our next Battleball tournament is February 23 at Messiah College! Sign up now at <https://ttsu.me/springball20>.

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

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

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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Planning for the Future: An Approach For Your Whole Family

This is a free seminar that will be held at Aldersgate on **January 19** at 2:15 pm. Our presenter will cover topics like:

- How do I choose a financial advisor?
- What are the winding blocks of sound financial management?
- What is Legacy Planning and how do I get started?

You are never too young... or too old... to get yourself on the right track financially. Childcare will be available. Please see insert to RSVP.

Our Presence for Week of January 12, 2020

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	88	197	87
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	538		

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

Thank you for your faithful giving that allowed us to end 2019 financials on a positive note.

Serving Today January 19, 2020

Acolytes: 8:00 Sami Sagen
 9:30 Ella Sakers
 11:00 Rachel Freeman
Welcome Center: 8:00 Cindy Sollenberger
 9:30 Robin Fisher
 11:00 Nancy Runk

Nursery: Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert

Ushers: 8:00 Patty Sherick, Steve Sherick, Rich Shockey
 9:30 Sally McBrayer, Dottie Morrison, Helena Train, Peter Train,
 11:00 Norm Runk, Wayne Ocker, Bill Royer

Worship Leader: Dan DeArment
Praise Team: Don Underdonk, Pete Vandercoy, Tom Swope, Morgan Hursh, Angie Kubovsky, Andy Swope

Sound Technician: Eric Houston
Computer Support: Loren Hursh
Video: Ethan Strite

Activities for the Week of January 19, 2020
 You may view the full calendar on www.aldersgatechurch.net

Sunday 01/19
 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 Sunday Worship Service
 2:00 pm Adventure Club Summit Seekers- FLC
 6:00 pm Prepare Class- Room 210

Monday 01/20
 4:00 pm Men's Group- Room 203
 7:00 pm Parents Support Group- Room 101
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Women's Study- Resource Room

Tuesday 01/21
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208

Wednesday 01/22
 1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry- Room 203
 5:30 pm What's Up Wednesday
 6:30 pm Greif Share- Resource Room
 6:30 pm Men's Group- Room 203

WUW meal for January 22
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
 Salad, Bread, Dessert
 Vegetarian is Stuffed Shells

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:
 Joshua; Emma; Bobby Wilson; Sandy; Gil Baer; Jenn Klingler; Lulamae Lotz; Max Knickerbocker; Pam S; Diane M.; Eley; Pastor Lee Baker; John Carden; Arlene; Emily; Pat Heer; George and Georgia Long; Gary Walters; Sally N; Family friends that are moving; Julie Geib; Nanci Kenyon; Ed M.; Sid Witmer; Megan C.; Emma Grace; Roger Tedeshi; Glenn Smith; Bob Thomson and family upon the death of his wife Pat; Joe Dolbin; Kya Wanner, Collin Martin and family; Gene and Kathy Carnes and family; Janice Radocha; Lester Weigle; Bree

Active Military Personnel Serving Overseas: Tim Baer, Michael Negrete, Jason Port, Christopher Shapiro

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.

Get the Aldersgate Church App

Download the Aldersgate UMC Mechanicsburg App from your app store and listen to previous sermons, access the church calendar, fill out a digital connection card, give online, and more. Sign up at the office if you also want to access the online directory.

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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

January 19, 2020

Not everyone is your brother or sister in the faith, but everyone is your neighbor, and you must love your neighbor. - Timothy Keller



Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name

Worship Through Song

Giving God's Tithes & Our Offerings

The Scriptures are Opened:
 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Life Talk:
Being a Prayerful Neighbor!
 Rev. Jan Hughes

Bringing our Neighbors Needs to God
 (The blue prayer cards in the pews are for your use to bring to the altar.)

Living Out the Word of God
 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. - 1 Peter 3:8