

## 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: Mark 5: 21-43

March 1, 2020

Who do you resonate with in the story?

What is your most recent interruption?

What would it take for you to view your interruption in a positive light?

Jesus invites us to interrupt him. Our prayer posture is to be humble, to exercise faith, and to be patient. How will you implement these spiritual traits in your daily prayer time with Jesus?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

### TODAY - Adventure Club (KG - 3rd) and Summit Seekers (4th & 5th) at 2 - 4 pm

Bring a friend and join the fun.

### 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: Wed., March 11 at 6:30 pm, The Bridges; Tues., March 17 at 6:30 pm, Jewish Home; Mon., March 30 at 7 pm, The Children's Home; and Tues., March 31 at 6:30 pm, Sarah Todd Home.

### FREE Tax Preparation

AARP tax-aide 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).

### DivorceCare Group starts this Wednesday

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.

### New Hope Work Night - March 10, 7-9 pm

A work night at New Hope is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 from 7 to 9 pm. We will be sorting and packing food. This is a great outreach opportunity and a great activity for families. Email Pam Caserta at [pam.caserta@yahoo.com](mailto:pam.caserta@yahoo.com) if you can attend.

### 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**.

### 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.

## Interruptions Lent Sermon Series

Are you feeling interrupted and stuck in your relationship with God and others? Instead of viewing interruptions as negative, interruptions can provide opportunities to lean into God's grace and let go of our own agendas and unhealthy practices. We can live into the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world. Invite a neighbor to join you as we explore the Interruptions in Jesus' life and our lives this Lenten season.

### Church Lenten Study

**March 4 - April 1** WHEN INTERRUPTED...LEAN IN AND LET GO

This 40-day experience looks at Jesus' response to interruptions in his own life and how he often interrupted the lives of others. Each short daily reading in Lean In, Letting Go devotional book will help us lean into the presence of God in our own lives. These books Leaning In, Letting Go are available at the Connection Desk. You can register to join a study group on Wednesday night through [aldersgatechurch.net](http://aldersgatechurch.net). For more information contact Diane at [dianek@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:dianek@aldersgatechurch.net) or call 717-737-7923 ext. 115.

### "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!**

### 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).

### Blood Drive at Aldersgate on Sunday, March 22 ~ 8:30 to 11 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.

Sign up on the Central PA Blood Bank flyer located at the Connection Desk. For more information you may go directly to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank website at <http://cpbb.org>, or call them at 1-800-771-0059.

## REVOLUTION YOUTH!

### Revolution Youth Night Tonight - 3/1

Join us again or for the first time for worship, devotion, games, and time to hang out with friends! Sunday night from 6-8 pm in youth room. Friends always welcome!

### 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

**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.

**Aldersgate Staff**

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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 23, 2020**

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	76	215	66
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	566		
Ash Wednesday	198		

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

**Serving Today March 1, 2020**

- Acolytes:** 8:00 Emory Crook      **Welcome** 8:00 Lynn Shick  
 9:30 Abby Gaudreau      **Center:** 9:30 TBD  
 11:00 Rachel Freeman      11:00 Karen Kammeier
- Nursery:** Maureen Nacci, Sharon Seibert
- Ushers:** 8:00 David Beasom, Eileen Beasom, Len Beasom  
 9:30 Chris Keffer, Diane Curwen, Sue Moran, Tom Moran  
 11:00 Dave Fetterhoff, Ruth Fetterhoff, Carol Wesley
- Worship Leader:** Sheri Dohner  
**Praise Team:** Dan DeArment, Allen Clippinger
- Sound Technician:** Dave Ivey      **Video:** Ethan Strite  
**Computer Support:** John Konieczny

**Activities for the Week of March 1, 2020**

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

- 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
- Monday 03/02**  
 4:00 pm Men's Group- Room 203  
 6:30 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal- Chapel  
 7:00 pm Women's Study- Resource Room
- Tuesday 03/03**  
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207  
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208
- Wednesday 03/04**  
 1:00 pm Wool & Flax Ministry- Room 203  
 4:30 pm Stitch Kids- Room 203  
 5:30 pm What's Up Wednesday  
 6:15 pm Divorce Care- Resource Room  
 6:30 pm Men's Group- Room 203  
 6:45 pm Leadership Academy- Room 202
- Thursday 03/05**  
 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 03/06**  
 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 03/07**  
 7:30 am Men's Group- Youth Room

**WUW meal for March 4**

- Baked BBQ Chicken  
 Loaded Mashed Potatoes  
 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:**  
 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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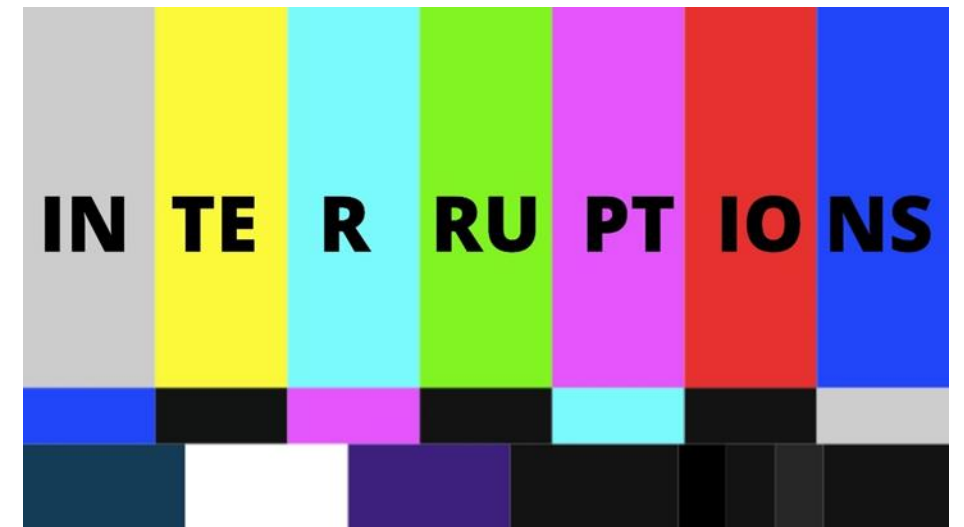
A United Methodist Congregation

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!"

**Interruptions**

March 1, 2020



**Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name**

**Worship Through Song**

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

**Presenting our Hearts to the God of Grace**  
 (The blue prayer cards in the pews are for your use to bring to the altar.)

**New Members (9:30 am)**  
 Cathy Macurak, Marty Willard

**The Scriptures are Opened:**  
**Mark 5: 21-43**

**Life Talk:**  
**"Interruptions as Opportunities to be Blessed"**  
 Pastor Jan Hughes

**Living Out the Word of God**

*I have discovered that trouble is one of God's great servants because it reminds us how much we continually need Him. - Jentezen Franklin*