

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

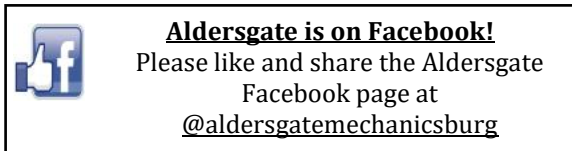
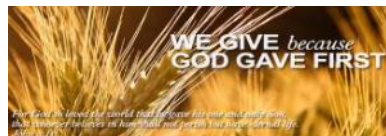
- Birth - 2.5 Year Olds: Nursery
- 2.5 - 4 Year Olds: Room 102
- 4 Year Old/Pre-K: Room 104
- MS/HS Youth: Youth Room
- Adults: Rooms 101 & 203
- Kindergarten: Room 207
- First Grade: Room 210
- Second Grade: Room 205
- Third Grade: Room 201
- 4th/5th Grade: Rooms 206/208



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.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

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
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 pm at Sarah Todd Home

New Hope Work Night - January 14, 7-9 pm

A work night at New Hope is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 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 if you can attend.

Women's Retreat February 7-9, 2020: Experience JOY like Jesus Intended!

Retreats are important to allow you to pull back, slow down, breathe, get inspired, detox, find your people, laugh, listen and establish a routine or practice. Pastor Jan Hughes is the program presenter at the Silver Spring Retreat Center in Mechanicsburg. Price: \$40 commuters and \$65 staying on site. Onsite sleeping accommodations are limited to 20 people so they will be first come - first served. Onsite guests will need to bring their own bed linens and towels. Registration forms are available at the Connection Desk.

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 15** if you would like to attend our very own Leadership Academy.

Veterans Cafe on January 25

This Café is open to all veterans and their friends and families. The Army Heritage Center Foundation in Carlisle wants to make sure that veterans and their stories are never forgotten. To register call Jeffrey Hawks at 717-258-1102 or email at eddirector@armyheritage.org by **January 17, 2020**.

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.

Thank You

My heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your generous monetary gift to me at Christmas time. I am overwhelmed with the cards, the prayers and the many friendships that I have come to treasure in my almost two years here. Please know that I feel so humbled and blessed to be able to serve Jesus here and to work alongside you to change lives. Every day is a gift and I am glad to be living Jesus with you! I am so excited to see where Jesus is taking us this next year as we live out Jesus where we live.
Pastor Jan

"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.

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.

Special Charge Conference

Pastor Hannah Pratt Sledge has been working at Aldersgate since August as Pastor Jan's Ministry Assistant and the Communications Lead. Hannah will now continue her part time work as the Pastor of Outreach and Communication.

Therefore, on Monday, January 13 at 7 pm a special Charge Conference will convene to approve Hannah's part time salary as Pastor of Outreach and Communication. Because Hannah is a local licensed pastor who is in the ordination process to become an elder in the United Methodist Church, our Discipline requires us to vote so that she can continue in her journey to ordination. Hannah's salary is being underwritten by a grant from our conference.

Meet Pastor Hannah

Hannah Pratt Sledge was born and raised near Grove City, PA. It was through the ministry at Harrisville UMC that Hannah first decided to follow Jesus and later received a call to ministry. Hannah majored in Christian Ministries with a minor in Music at Messiah College. She graduated with a Master's of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. Hannah married Kristopher Sledge and served for two years as the pastor of St. John's UMC near Chambersburg. Then, they moved to Harrisburg as Kris started a new church plant known as *The Journey*. Hannah looks forward to getting more involved in ministry here at Aldersgate.

REVOLUTION YOUTH!

Revolution Youth Night - TONIGHT 1/12

Join us again or for the first time from 6-8 pm in the youth room for an evening of worship, devotion, games, and time to hang out together. Friends are always welcome!

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.

Aldersgate Staff

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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

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 building 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 5, 2020

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	87	193	91
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	210		

*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 12, 2020

Acolytes: 8:00 Alex Sagen
 9:30 Joey Tartara
 11:00 Wyatt Stumbaugh

Welcome Center: 8:00 Lynn Shick
 9:30 Debbie Smith
 11:00 TBD

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: Kim Legore
Praise Team: Don Underdonk, Pete Curwen, Gary Hayworth, Angie Kubovsky, Allen Clippinger

Sound Technician: Stephen Rutt
Computer Support: Josh Stumbaugh **Video:** Ethan Strite

Activities for the Week of January 12, 2020
 You may view the full calendar on www.aldersgatechurch.net

Sunday 01/12
 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 Sunday Worship Service
 1:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 15089- Room 207
 6:00 pm Prepare Class- Room 210
 6:00 pm Revolution Youth Night- FLC

Thursday 01/16
 12:30 pm Staff Meeting- Resource Room
 6:30 pm AA Meeting- Room 206/208
 6:30 pm Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous- Chapel
 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Monday 01/13
 4:00 pm Men's Group- Room 203
 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands- Resource Room
 7:00 pm Ministry Council- Room 101
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday 01/17
 7:30 am Women's Bible Study - Room 201
 9:00 am Volunteer Ministry- Resource Room
 9:00 am Men's Group- Room 203
 12:00 pm Mature Methodist volunteers at Mission Central

Tuesday 01/14
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208

Saturday 01/18
 7:30 am Men's Group- Youth Room
 1:00 pm Chronological Bible Group- FLC

Wednesday 01/15
 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

Sunday 01/19
 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
 2:15 pm Planning for the Future- Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Prepare Class- Room 210

WUW meal for January 15
 Chicken Pot Pie Soup
 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!"

Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name

January 12, 2020

Worship Through Song

Placing our Lives on the Altar in Prayer

(The blue prayer cards in the pews are for your use to bring to the altar.)

Giving God's Tithes & Our Offerings

The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity. - Mike Stachura

The Scriptures are Opened:

Luke 7:36-50



Living out Jesus with the ones you live near

Life Talk:
"Who DO I See?"
 Rev. Jan Hughes

Living Out the Word of God

We want to live a simple life, ... I want to emphasize I'm not an environmentalist who goes to church. I want my principal identity as a Christian to be someone who follows Jesus. I want to work for peace and justice, care for God's environment, be a good neighbor and friend and live the right life. - Allen Johnson