

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 10:46-52

March 8, 2020

Do You See What I See?

1. Bartimaeus was just another one of the "multitude" in the Gospel of Mark.
2. But Jesus' heard Bartimaeus and stopped. He was willing to be interrupted.
3. Bartimaeus models heroic faith.

Jesus' response to Bartimaeus demonstrates how to use those interruptions in our daily lives as:

- Opportunities to glorify God
- An opportunity to change our preconceptions
- Opportunities to enrich our lives as well as the lives of others

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

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. 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. The next dates for those serving in this ministry are: Wed., March 11 at 6:30 pm, The Bridges; and Tues., March 17 at 6:30 pm, Jewish 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.

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 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**.

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.

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.

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. The books Leaning In, Letting Go are available at the Connection Desk. Come join the life group in the Sanctuary after ReCharge on Wednesday nights. For more information contact Diane at dianek@aldersgatechurch.net or call 717-737-7923 ext. 115.

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.

"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 robinfisher12@gmail.com or call 717-728-9573. The reservation deadline is **March 22!**

God's Helping Hands (GHH) Home Repair Ministry

GHH Ministry is preparing to go out into our community and assist homeowners. The scheduled work weekends are:

April 17, 18, 19 **June 12, 13, 14** **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.

REVOLUTION YOUTH!

Next Revolution Youth Night - 3/15

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!

Lock-in - Spring Lock-in is Friday, March 20. Snacks, desserts, and breakfast provided. Sign up at <https://tsu.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://tsu.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

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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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 March 1, 2020

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	75	176	66
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	464		

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

Serving Today March 8, 2020

- Acolytes:** 8:00 Jackson Hobday **Welcome** 8:00 Lynn Shick
 9:30 Hannah Turner **Center:** 9:30 Linda Bryson
 11:00 Wyatt Stumbaugh 11:00 TBD
- 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: Don Underdonk, Tom Swope, Angie Kubovsky, Andy Swope
- Sound Technician:** Eric Houston **Video:** Carter Barkley
Computer Support: Scott Humes

Activities for the Week of March 8, 2020

You may view the full calendar on www.aldersgatechurch.net

- Sunday 03/08**
 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 Bowling- Trindle Bowl
 12:30 pm Private Event- FLC
 3:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Monday 03/09**
 4:00 pm Men's Group- Room 203
 6:30 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal- Chapel
 6:30 pm Hearts & Hands- Resource Room
 6:30 pm Right Fit Ministry Meeting- Room 101
- Tuesday 03/10**
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208
- Wednesday 03/11**
 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 03/12**
 12:30 pm Staff Meeting- Resource Room
 6:00 pm BTI Parent Training- Room 203
 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 03/13**
 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
 1:00 pm Mom's in Prayer- Room 203
- Saturday 03/14**
 7:30 am Men's Group- Youth Room
 9:00 am Card Making Ministry- Room 202
- Sunday 03/15**
 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
 1:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 15089 - Room 207
 2:00 pm Adventure Club Summit Seekers- FLC
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 11414- Room 210
 3:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Revolution Youth Night- FLC

WUW meal for March 11

- Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes, Corn
 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 Wannier, Collin Martin and family; Gene and Kathy Carnes and family; Janice Radocha; Lester Weigle; Bree; 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

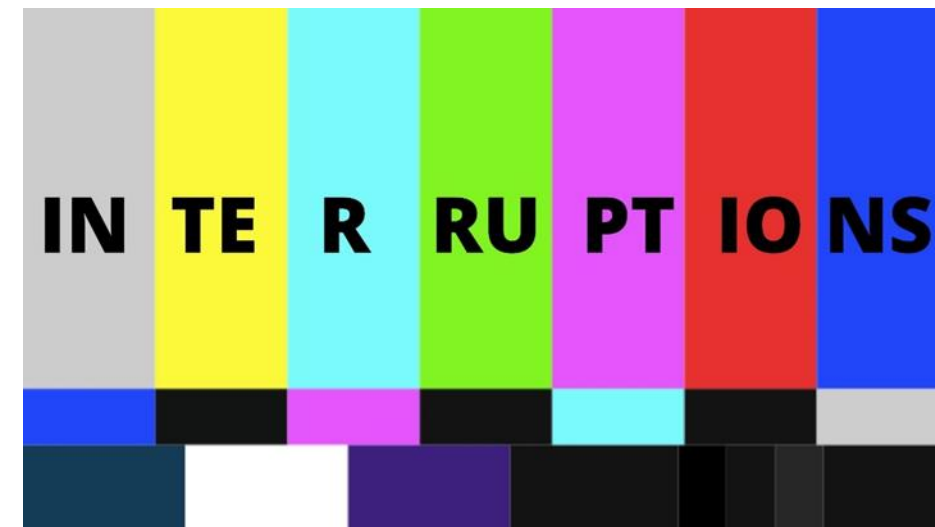
Our Vision: "Reaching with the Heart of Christ for the Lives of Our Community"

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

Interruptions

March 8, 2020

There is nothing so annoying as to have two people talking when you're busy interrupting.
 — Mark Twain



Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name

Worship Through Song

Presenting our Hearts to the God of Grace

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

Giving God's Tithes & Our Offerings

God interrupt whatever we are doing so that we can join You in what You're doing.
 — Francis Chan

**The Scriptures are Opened: Mark 10:46-52
 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus**

Life Talk:
"Interruptions Over the Noise"
 Rev. Kevin Hughes

Living Out the Word of God

The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's 'own,' or 'real' life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life -- the life God is sending one day by day.
 — C. S. Lewis