

## 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.

### Help our Mission Neighbors When You Shop

#### New Hope Ministries:

Tuna	Mustard	Coffee	Pasta
Salad dressings	Ketchup	Jelly	
Diapers	Toilet paper	Canned chicken	

#### Bethesda Mobile Missions:

Men's and women's underwear	Men's socks
Reading glasses (all strengths)	Deodorant

Mission Central: Band-Aids: regular size

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALDERSGATE

### 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](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.

### TODAY - Baptism Class at 5 pm

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:glennshick@comcast.net) and/or John Shankweiler at 717-649-0801; [johnshankweiler@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:carol.purdom@gmail.com).

### Adult Mental Health First Aid class on January 31

Held on Friday, January 31, 2020, at the Linglestown Giant located at 2300 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, in their Community Room, from 8 am - 5 pm. Cost is \$76 which includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and a student manual with handouts. Upon completion of the class, participants are Nationally Certified by Mental Health First Aid USA for 3 years as a Mental Health First Aider. We hope you can attend. Learn more at [www.MentalWellnessAwareness.org](http://www.MentalWellnessAwareness.org) and register under the Training menu option.

### **\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\***

***“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 23** at 6:30 pm here at Aldersgate Church. For additional information or questions, please contact Carol Amsden (717)732-2559.

## Whole Church Lenten Study

**March 4 — April 1, 2020**

WHEN INTERRUPTED...LEAN IN AND LET GO

Because, sometimes you need to let go to lean in closer to God!

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 practices. We can live into the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world.

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. We will provide the daily devotional book *Leaning In, Letting Go* to you for your daily devotion time. Books will be available starting February 16.

For more information contact Diane Konieczny at [dianek@aldersgatechurch.net](mailto:dianek@aldersgatechurch.net) or call 717-737-7923 ext. 115.

### REVOLUTION YOUTH!

#### Revolution Youth Night - Tonight 1/26

Join us again or for the first time Sunday night from 6 - 8 pm for worship, devotion, games, and time to hang out with friends. For all students grades 6-12. Friends always welcome.

#### 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>.

**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.

**Aldersgate Staff**

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**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.

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

**Our Presence for Week of January 19, 2020**

	8:00	9:30	11:00
Sunday Worship	63	157	75
Sunday School/ Life Groups*	510		

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

**Serving Today January 26, 2020**

**Acolytes:** 8:00 Alex Sagan  
 9:30 Bryce Thompson  
 11:00 Andrew Gaudreau

**Welcome Center:** 8:00 Lynn Shick  
 9:30 Debbie Smith  
 11:00 Karen Kammeier

**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:** Sheri Dohner  
**Praise Team:** Kim Legore, Gary Hayworth, Jen Stumbaugh, Allen Clippinger

**Sound Technician:** Dave Ivey  
**Computer Support:** Rick Smith  
**Video:** Carter Barkley

**Activities for the Week of January 26, 2020**

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

- Sunday 01/26**  
 8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11414-Room 210  
 5:00 pm Baptism Class- Room 210  
 6:00 pm Prepare Class- Room 210  
 6:00 pm Revolution Youth Night- FLC
- Monday 01/27**  
 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- Room 101
- Tuesday 01/28**  
 9:15 am Girlfriends in God- Room 207  
 6:30 pm There is a Solution Group (AA)- Rooms 206/208  
 7:00 pm Kindergarten Night- Sanctuary
- Wednesday 01/29**  
 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 29**  
 Baked Chicken  
 Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans  
 Salad, Bread, Dessert  
 Vegetarian is Stuffed Shells
- Thursday 01/30**  
 10:30 am Woman's Retreat Meeting- Resource Room  
 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 01/31**  
 All Day Revolution Winter Retreat  
 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 02/01**  
 All Day Revolution Winter Retreat  
 7:30 am Men's Group- Youth Room
- Sunday 02/02**  
 All Day Revolution Winter Retreat  
 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 Troop 11414- Room 210

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; 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 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; The Family of Nick and Belle Knisely upon the death of her sister Georgia Long

**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.

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**

January 26, 2020

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel. A facet of that jewel. And in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not.  
 Mr. Rogers



**Gathering and Greeting in Jesus' Name**

**Worship Through Song**

**Bringing our Neighbors to the Mercy Seat of Grace**  
 (The blue prayer cards in the pews are for your use to bring to the altar.)

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

**The Scriptures are Opened:**  
 Luke 10:25-37

**Life Talk:**  
**The Priority of Neighboring!**  
 Rev. Jan Hughes

**Living Out the Word of God**

There are three ways to ultimate success. The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.  
 Mr. Rogers