



Aldersgate UMC

A significant place where disciples are made

2024

The Messenger

Adventure Yourself in Christ

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

We have progressed into the New Year already for about a month. Back in South Korea, we used to celebrate the Lunar New Year saying “Many blessings to you” while bowing down on the floor especially to parents and grandparents. Many still celebrate it. I liked the practice. This year the Lunar New Year begins February 10. So according to the lunar calendar, it’s not the New Year yet. Often, I take advantage of this in-between time after so much busy Christmas season, in order to fully reflect on how I can make the New Year new and how I can furnish the months ahead. Many have said they are of two minds about New Year’s resolutions. They like the idea of declaring an intention to make a change, while deploring the idea of setting themselves up to fail.

For years, my own New Year’s resolutions have taken a form of prayer supplications on three levels—ministry, family and personal ones, as I take time to write them on my prayer journal to check how God answered my prayers at the end of the year. This year, I did the same. Also I delved into the Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal as I read the little book, ***One Faithful Promise*** by Magrey R. deVega. **Revelation 3:16** says, ***“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”*** Being lukewarm for Christ was not an option for Wesley.

In August 1755, in front of 1,800 people in a village church in England, John Wesley introduced a service that he expected to inoculate people from anything like a moralistic therapeutic deism in his day. He reminded them that God is not a giant dispenser of cheap grace, nor did God belong to them. Instead, they belonged to God. And they must let God control their lives, rather than try to control God for their needs. Wesley recorded in his journal: *“At six in the evening we met for that purpose. After I had recited the movement of the proposed covenant, all those who desired to give testimony of their entrance into this covenant stood up, to the number of about 1,800 persons. Such a night I’d rarely seen before. Surely the fruit of it will remain forever.”* (from *One Faithful Promise* by Magrey R. deVega)

Finally, in 1780, Wesley codified the observance of the covenant renewal service with a set of instructions titled, “Directions for Renewing Our Covenant with God.” They included **5 essential steps**:

- 1. Confide in God.**
- 2. Compose your spirit.**
- 3. Claim the covenant.**
- 4. Choose faithfulness.**
- 5. Connect to God in prayer.**

Wesley stresses three foundational principles that integrate these instructions for maintaining a covenant in daily life together. First, things eternal are much more considerable than things temporal. Second, things not seen are as certain as the things that are seen. Finally, upon your present choice depends upon your eternal future. These are so powerful, aren’t they?

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Also, we Methodists can make the New Year new, based on two brief guides to Christian formation to live out our identity and responsibilities to God. And we should seal that commitment in covenant renewal. I want to assure us of an ethic of conduct for daily living according to the Bishop Reuben Job's "*Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*", published in 2007—***Do no harm; Do all the good that you can; Stay in love with God.*** Then in 2015, Steve Harper wrote "*Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith*", based on John Wesley's treatise *The Character of a Methodist*, which is about forming character:

A Methodist loves God;

A Methodist rejoices in God;

A Methodist gives thanks;

A Methodist prays constantly;

A Methodist loves others.

Wesley concludes his directions with the stirring charge: ***Adventure yourselves in Christ.*** He writes, "As a poor captive exile...meeting for a while with a pilot, who offers to transport him safely home, Jesus embarks on an adventure with him and everything he has in his vessel: you should do likewise. Christ offers, if you will venture forth with him, and then he will bring you home, and he will bring you to God."

Aldersgate, are you willing to embrace and welcome this adventure? We know God is not there to obey our whims, but rather God will demand nothing less than our full obedience and surrender, because God wants to bring you and me home. So, let's adventure ourselves in Christ, as we pray like Wesley did:

"Lord Jesus, will you act on my behalf?

Will you bring me to God, bring me into the promised land?

With you will I venture forth;

I throw myself upon you, upon your blood, upon your righteousness;

I lay up all my hopes and invest my whole interest, whole being, and body with you."

Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

From Your Lay Leaders

Sharon Owens & Anne Murray

We feel so blessed that we, the congregation of Aldersgate, are continuing our calling to be a vital Church. Our goal is that everyone in the congregation is in service either serving the church or serving the community. The Leadership and Nominating Committee is organizing Ministry Fairs to be held in April. These will give you the opportunity to explore the service opportunities available at Aldersgate. There will also be a Ministry Academy on April 28 that will allow you to take a deeper dive into specific service opportunities you might be interested in. Please plan to attend these events to get a broader insight as to how you can be in service.

Blessings,

Sharon and Anne

THE CARE CORNER

Greetings! As I was contemplating this month's article, I had just filled in my calories for Noom. I have been fascinated by how this discipline/reminder has helped me develop new habits. Now all of you can comment on my success or failure as the month passes!

Meanwhile, I decided to review my past articles. I was struck by my words from October. I had completely forgotten what I had written. You also may not recall them. Yet the content was a request for you to develop a new habit. Was it really adequate to say it once and imagine, magically, everyone would change their behavior??? The obvious answer is no.

So, what was it I asked you to do?

I am asking, again, for you to please be my eyes and ears. If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in need emotionally, physically, or spiritually, please point me in their direction. Use your own discernment as to whether you will inform the individual/family that you are contacting me. Whatever you decide, please communicate my deep desire to meet people with love and the abundant grace of our God in their time of need.

Most of our congregants are either reluctant to call or simply never think to reach out to the church for comfort, guidance, and support. Therefore, your assistance is essential. Thank you in advance for your gracious and loving assistance!

Pastor Bob
robert.broesler@aldersgatede.org

P.S. By the way: as you read, did you remember the idea? Even more, did you get the opportunity to act accordingly? If the answer is yes, outstanding! Let me know next Sunday, both further solidifying the habit and gifting us both with a reason to rejoice.



April 6, 2024 Rummage Sale update:

Donations accepted in the Rainbow Room: March 30 – April 3:

We accept most items in clean, sellable condition: housewares, electronics, holiday decorations, purses, accessories, home décor, tools, garden ware, artworks, lamps, sports equipment, children's clothing, toys, baby items and books.

We ARE accepting furniture, but NOT large items. We definitely want your small tables, bookcases, chairs and other easily-moved furniture items.

We also accept "boutique" quality adult clothing for our Unique Boutique.

We cannot accept car seats, cribs, toileting items, mattresses, tube TVs, or large exercise equipment like treadmills.

Volunteer March 30 - April 6: There are volunteer opportunities for everyone, so don't miss out on the fun of working together on this project!

Sign up in the Narthex after church when we are there, OR

Contact Nancy Hough (houghn1@hotmail.com, 302-482-3735) or Stacie DiGiacoma (staciedigiacoma@msn.com, 302-598-5025) for more information or to volunteer. Find a friend and help together. Thank you!

Student Service Hours: We are happy to have youth assistance and will confirm qualifying service hours in whatever format the student's school requires.

Readiness Initiative

At our Town Hall meeting on November 12th, Rev. Bill Brown recommended that Aldersgate proceed to the Catalyst initiative as our next faithful step to becoming a vital congregation. The Readiness Team took that recommendation to Aldersgate's Lead Team who unanimously approved it at their December 19th meeting. The next steps are:

- * Henry Daum and Pastor Kyung-Hee will identify 4 church members to be the Catalyst Core Team.
- * Pastor Kyung-Hee and the Catalyst Core Team will submit a formal application for Catalyst by February 15th.
- * Catalyst-related activities are scheduled to begin in May.

The work of the Readiness Team is now complete. Many thanks to the team for their dedication to this effort and to Aldersgate. The Readiness Team members are Linsey Anderson, Lynne Conlan, Henry Daum, Karen Keys, Brian Merritt, Cheryl Merritt, Debbie Mulrooney, Dan Murray, Sharon Owens, Bob Reis, Ellen Schlecht, Melva Smith, and Antoinette Yovonie.

Lead Team Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023



The Lead Team held a special meeting on December 19 to consider whether Aldersgate should proceed with the Catalyst initiative as recommended by Conference advisors at our November 12th Town Hall meeting.

Henry Daum reported that the Readiness Team had received positive feedback from the congregation and that the Readiness Team had voted unanimously to move forward with Catalyst. Henry reminded the Lead Team that:

- * It doesn't cost Aldersgate any money to participate in Catalyst.
- * We'll be leveraging people from the conference who have been through this before and partnering with other churches going through Catalyst.
- * We won't be signing a contract so we can stop at any time.
- * Aldersgate will continue to work on improvement opportunities within the church.
- * Communication with the congregation will continue to be emphasized.
- * The Lead Team will be involved in decisions regarding changes coming out of Catalyst.

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Meet our new
Director of Youth
& Young Adult
Ministry

What a joy and a privilege to work with and start getting to know your children. You all have seriously great kids!

Exploring the holy season of Advent and Christmas in Youth Sunday School was a fabulous experience. I am excited to begin exploring the holy season of Lent and Easter.

Some things to have on your radar: Mission Trip - opportunities to earn funds include serving at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and the Rummage Sale.

I am slowly putting names with faces - please drop by my office and say hi, or stop me at Sunday service, to introduce yourself.

Blessings,

Pam Downey

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



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Save The Date ... Saturday, February 3, 2024, 5 PM ... for our incredibly delicious, totally unique, wildly fun, and hemisphere-famous **Aldersgate Chili & Chocolate Cook-off Social XII**. Yep, that's right ... #12 !! And you might even wear a ... **Sombrero of Glory (TM)**

The rotating mystery category this year is ... **BREAD**. We will have two awards ... one for sweet (e.g. gingerbread) and one for savory breads. Bread entries cannot use chocolate.

It's a perfect event to invite family & friends. Sign-ups will be at church during Sundays in January. Past cook-offs have sold out.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Head Chili Bean Jeff Walters at 302-388-6909 or walters915@comcast.net

Mission Trip 2024!

We are headed to Rhode Island the week of July 20! A preliminary head count is needed asap.

Mission Trip Q & A

What is the total length of the trip? Trip length is 1 week.

Are you partnering with an organization for the mission work? For instance, last year it was Praying Pelicans? We are partnering with Praying Pelicans.

What mode of transportation will be used to get to RI?
We will be renting vans for transportation.

What are the living accommodations? We will be 'roughing it' on the floor at a church.

What is the total cost? Total cost to Praying Pelicans is \$499/participant, and there will be an additional cost for van rental. Planning on some fundraisers, so not sure what the final cost to attendees will be. Initial deposit of \$200/per attendee is due asap.

Is there a trip extension? At this point, I am not planning on a trip extension, but that could be subject to change.

Who are the adults going from our church? Sharon Owens and I are definitely going – would love some additional adults!

What type of mission work will be done? We will be doing construction work – painting, ramp building, etc.

Please contact me at Pam.Downey@aldersgate.org with any other questions!

Panera Sunday!

Join us every 1st Sunday of the month for Youth Sunday School at Panera!

Next Panera Sunday will be 2/4 – Bring a friend!

Looking Ahead for other youth activities

2/4 Panera Youth Sunday School – Bring a friend!

2/13 Shrove Tuesday – need Student Volunteers – earn funds for the mission trip!

2/14 Ash Wednesday Service at Aldersgate

2/21 Lenten Service at Aldersgate

4/6 Rummage Sale – need Student Volunteers – earn funds for the mission trip!

5/4 Urban Promise PowerUp Workday

Please consider serving!

Acolytes are needed for the 11 o'clock services – please let me know if your child is able to serve.

Photos from an earlier Mission Trip





President: Stacie DiGiacoma

Vice President: Martha Weldin

Treasurer: Kathy Daum

Secretary/ Communications:
Mary Jean Cash Wichmann

**Nurture & Outreach and Spiritual
Grown** Sandy Anderson

Social Action: open

Program Resources:

Judy Morton / Kathy Daum

Nominations Chair:

Kathy Daum – Chair

Kyle Smith / Laura Parish

Special Projects:

Cookie Walk: Kathy Harding / Barbara Buckley

Pecans: Laura Parrish

Circle Leaders

Esther - Sherie Stiles

Hannah - Kyle Smith

Martha - Judy Morton

Sarah - Ellen Leonzio

Epiphany Program

Sing-along with Grace Notes



In 2023, AUMC UWF
donated **over**
\$13,000 to ministries
for women and
children!



Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Kyung-Hee – During the Lenten season the Pastor will be studying *Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose. Barb Roose guides the reader through a meaningful encounter with the Psalms through the season of Lent. Combining an interpretation of the psalms with real life stories, the study moves through the familiar words of Psalm 23 toward the painful cries of Psalm 22 uttered by Jesus on the cross. The study includes reflections on the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the psalms and the life and death of Jesus the Messiah. Classes will be Tuesday at 11 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM, beginning Feb. 20 and Feb. 22, respectively. Please call Kyle Smith at 302-478-2575 or email kyle.smith@aldersgatede.org to register for the class and obtain your book for the study.



Performances:

When: Saturday, March 9th & Sunday, March 10th @ 2 PM

Where: Aldersgate Sanctuary

Become an Aldersgate Youth Musical "Angel"!

In the theatre, people that provide financial support to help underwrite the cost of doing a show are called "Angels." All contributions are tax deductible.

If you would like to become an **Aldersgate Youth Musical "Angel,"** please:

Donate online at www.aldersgatede.org by selecting Youth Musical and put "Angels" in the Notes.

Fill out the form below with a check made payable to Aldersgate UMC with Youth Musical in the subject line.

Forms and checks may be:

Given to Janet Atwater or placed in her box in the Hub (Youth Musical Director)

Mailed to Janet Atwater: 2 Cossart Manor Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Aldersgate Youth Musical "Angels" Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Donated: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other _____

May we list your name in the program as an "Angel"? ☐ YES ☐ NO



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5th grade)

We start the class at 10:05am till 10:50am to keep the flow of Sunday morning. I can't say enough about these inspiring Sunday School teachers! Sandy Anderson, Cheryl Beeson (Substitute), Jennifer Davison

and Amy Honisch continue to bless us each Sunday with their loving, caring ways! We will continue to use the Deep Blue curriculum. As always, volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in lending your hands to our Sunday School class, let us know as you might help by: Substitute Teaching, Assisting, organizing, mission projects, assisting on singing Sundays...or let us know how you want to help!

The Cherub Choir: Come join the littlest angels, ages 3-5-year-old children, in active music making, playing instruments, and learning action songs to be sung during our worship services at 10:35am till 10:50am during the Sunday School time in the Preschool Room 116. They plan to sing next on Palm Sunday at the 9am and right at the beginning of the 11am service. Contact Heather Burket hkaten@gmail.com and/or Sharon for all our interested families!

The Children's Choir: Come join our angels, ages K-5th graders, in making music and learning a few faith-filled songs during the Sunday School time frame of 10:10-10:50am. They are planning to sing a special song for both Mother's Day worship services this year, something you won't want to miss! Contact Jennifer Davison andersonjenn@mac.com and/or Sharon for your interest!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW AND FILL OUT THIS REGISTRATION

FORM FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) . THANK YOU!!



We are enjoying our time together with so many specials, especially the Christmas Program and PreK Nativity Pageant. Accolades to Mrs. Caitlin Stehman and Miss Stefani as the Toddler class had a very special handprint calendar as their parent gift this past Christmas. The families keep telling us they will cherish this special gift each month of the year! We all loved the favorite Donuts for Dad's days, Wear your Pajamas to Preschool days while donating all sized pajamas and children's books which is donated to the needy of Child, Inc. in Clay-

mont, the last week of January.

Registration for fall classes has begun so spread the word! **We will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, February 13, 5-6PM.** Along with Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Supper at 5:30-7:30PM, so tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy the Pancake Supper! We have a small but mighty Parent Committee, and they are planning a fun, Parent Night Out at La Tolteca on Thursday, January 18, all together! We will celebrate Nursery Rhymes, Dinosaurs, Magnets, Winter Adventures, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Dental Health, and Black History month. The children and teachers are working very hard with all the projects for the **Art Show** approaching the first week of March, Thursday 5-6PM along with the restaurant fundraiser includes dine-in & takeout orders at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza same day, Thursday, March 7, 11AM-9PM. 20% will be given back to Aldersgate while people just need to mention the fundraiser in order for it to apply.

Please also check out the facebook page for all the happenings each day at Aldersgate Preschool! Details are at www.aldersgatede.org Aldersgate Preschool. We are always in need of substitutes now plus Early Childhood Teachers and Assistants for fall. Send your resume to the Early Childhood Administrator, Sharon.Jennelly@aldersgatede.org and see if you are the 'best fit'.



Children's Ministry News ~ Contact Sharon Jennelly at:
sharon.jennelly@aldersgatede.org Cell-302.562.5808

SAVE THE DATES:

Aldersgate Preschool OPEN HOUSE 5-6PM & Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, 5:30PM-7:30PM.

Aldersgate Preschool ART SHOW 5-6PM & Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Fundraiser on Thursday, March 7, 11AM-9PM

EASTER EGG HUNT on Saturday, March 23, 11AM, playground or music center & auditorium.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK & Aldersgate Preschool OPEN HOUSE on Sunday April 21, 3-5PM.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA on Friday, May 3 at 11AM-11:30AM auditorium.

PREK GRADUATION on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30AM, auditorium.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Monday, June 17-21, 9AM- NOON, *Planning now for an epic Scuba vacation bible school this summer!*

SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY & Guidelines are being renewed for 2024. Please contact Sharon Jennelly, Director of Children's Ministry or Pam Downey, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry if you are willing and able to join us on the Safe Sanctuary team. Be on the lookout for multiple trainings!

We must thank all the children and families for the fabulous **NATIVITY PAGEANT** at the family Christmas Eve service this year, everything was just lovely! A huge thank you to talented, Sandy Anderson for the custom-made costumes, they are so beautiful!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE We have been so blessed with the most gifted storytellers for our 9am Children's Time. If you feel called to this ministry, please reach out to Sharon and we will be sure you can share your talent for the glory to God!

Aldersgate PRESCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5-6PM & PANCAKE SUPPER
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 3-5PM & TOUCH-A-TRUCK

- ✓ Early social skills development
- ✓ Cognitive growth
- ✓ Safe and nurturing environment
- ✓ Meet our loving teachers!



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EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024 11AM-NOON

**@ ALDERSGATE CHURCH PLAYGROUND OR MUSIC CENTER & AUDITORIUM -
RAIN OR SHINE!**

Easter Bunny photo opp
egg hunt, games, crafts and soft pretzels
****Bring Your Own Basket****
ALL families invited!
Register your names and ages
at sharon.jennelly@aldersgatede.org,
call 478-2575, ext.118 or www.aldersgatede.org



Aldersgate
PRESCHOOL

ART SHOW

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 2024 5-6PM

ALL FAMILIES INVITED!

**FEATURING THE COLLECTIONS
OF THE ORIGINAL WORKS OF
THE CHILDREN**

RSVP by MARCH 4
sharon.jennelly@aldersgatede.org
with # attending

ALDERSGATE PRESCHOOL
2313 CONCORD PIKE
WILMINGTON, DE 19803
302.478.2575



Celebrating Christmas at Aldersgate

**Christine Lassiter, Executive Director of the
Seamen Center of Wilmington hosts several
seamen who otherwise would be restricted to
their ship on Christmas**





SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



**Tuesday, February 13,
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**

The Menu: Pancakes, bacon, and sausage
Gluten-free options and Sugar-Free or Regular Syrup!!!!

The event is free, but we will collect donations that will benefit the 2024 Mission Trip to Rhode Island!




SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
ALDERSGATE VS. HUNGER**

GAME PLAN

HELP US TACKLE HUNGER IN WILMINGTON BY DONATING CANS OF SOUP OR MONETARY DONATIONS (\$1 = 1 CAN OF SOUP)! PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO: ALDERSGATE UMC WITH SOUPER BOWL IN THE MEMO LINE.

COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE LOCATED BY THE GLASS DOORS AND IN THE NARTHEX, DONATE ONLINE OR MAIL A CHECK!




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Holy Week

March 24 - Palm Sunday	9 AM 11 AM
March 28 - Maundy Thursday	7 PM
March 29 - Good Friday	7 PM
March 31 - Easter Sunday	6:30 AM - MT. LEBANON 9 AM - ALDERSGATE 11 AM - ALDERSGATE

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Troop 67

Boy Scout Week

February 4 - 10

February 6 marks the 113th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, an organization that has been instilling the morals, skills and values that have helped several generations of boys to become strong leaders and active citizens in adulthood. On February 11, Boy Scout Troop 67 will be pleased to join Aldersgate in Sunday worship. We are gratified by the strong and steadfast support you have shown the troop as we begin our 28th year of providing scouting to North Wilmington youth. Troop 67 has 23 scouts and 22 registered adults, several of whom are Aldersgate members. Last year, in addition to traditional summer camp at Camp Horseshoe, we sent several scouts and leaders to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Bechtel Scout Reservation in West Virginia. Troop 67 embarked upon



many exciting outings with activities such as canoeing, shooting, backpacking and touring New York City and Norfolk Naval Base. Service is a key aspect of Troop 67 program; we provided over 1000 hours of community service including 2 Aldersgate handyman days, preparing meals for Family Promise and roofing and painting the Aldersgate shed. Troop



67 once again earned the highest achievement in BSA's Journey to Excellence quality unit program. Regarding advancement, 17 scouts advanced in rank with 5 new Eagles scouts and 79 completed merit badges. Troop 67 meets on most Monday nights at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. For additional information or to volunteer, call John Walker, Scoutmaster, at 478-8140. For more information, please check out our web site at www.troop67de.com.



John Walker, Scoutmaster

Troop 67 302-478-8140

This week also marks the anniversary of **Cub Scouting**, a program for boys in grades 1-5. We are extremely grateful for your support of Pack 67 these past years and especially thankful for the ability to have all of our dens meet here at Aldersgate. Our Pack serves over 35 boys and has over a dozen volunteer leaders. Several of our boys are members of Aldersgate. We recently had a great time camping with packs from other areas at Camp Rodney, and next month we are hosting our annual Pinewood Derby that all the boys are looking forward to. In Cubs we provide the boys with wholesome activities while they earn badges that require them to learn about health and safety, tools, crafts, the outdoors, God and their country. We have our Den meetings on 1st and 2nd Wednesday's and our Pack meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

For more information contact **Cub Master Matthew Rowe** at bsa.Pack67de@gmail.com

Trustees Report



Dear Church Family,

We are excited to share the incredible work that the Trustees have undertaken to enhance our beloved church home. The team is dedicated to maintaining and improving our facilities to ensure a space that is functional and welcoming for worship and community fellowship.



- Among the completed fall projects, the music center now shines brightly with replaced and fixed lights, creating an atmosphere that enhances our wonderful choir's experience. Outdoor spaces have also received attention, with repairs to both building and parking lot lights, offering a safer and more secure environment for all. A special note of gratitude goes to Kevin Botbyl and Ron Romine, who tirelessly executed multiple maintenance projects around the building, most recently the painting and ceiling tile replacements, adding to the overall aesthetic appeal.
- In an effort to safeguard our church structure, the removal of oversized trees by the red doors was a necessary step to prevent damage to the roof. Come spring, we look forward to replacing them with appropriately sized trees, adding natural beauty and welcoming appeal to all that pass by. Additionally, potholes in the parking lot have been addressed, ensuring a smoother and safer arrival for all who gather here.
- The enhancement of our worship experience extends beyond the physical space, as the Trustees have invested in new microphones for the Sanctuary, contributing to clear and impactful communication during services. We're also delighted to announce the completion of kitchen renovations and repairs, thanks to the dedication of the Kitchen Collective team. As we eagerly anticipate welcoming entrepreneurs into our building in March, we are reminded of the endless possibilities for ministry and community outreach that our enhanced facilities will afford us.

Blessings, Aldersgate Board of Trustees



<i>Paul O'Neill and Dorothy Whiteman</i>	<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>2 years</i>
<i>Bill and Candy Elliott</i>	<i>Feb 14</i>	<i>11 years</i>
<i>Thomas and Nancy Price</i>	<i>Feb 14</i>	<i>43 years</i>
<i>Ned and Mary Lou Landis</i>	<i>Feb 19</i>	<i>58 years</i>
<i>Karen Keys and Kendra Hastings</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>	<i>4 years</i>

HOPP Food Distribution - Friday, February 23, 2024

Volunteers are needed to distribute free food boxes/bags provided by the Longwood Foundation's HOPP Ministry to anyone in need in our community. We gather in the Aldersgate parking lot at 12:15 p.m. to set up and get organized, and then distribute boxes from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to hold up signs at the curb on Concord Pike, direct the flow of cars to our distribution point as they come in, and place boxes/bags into cars. This is a rewarding, hands-on ministry that directly serves our local community and provides opportunity for fellowship.



Paul Nemeth passed away on Dec. 14, 2023

Jean Roberts passed away on Dec. 23, 2023

Jeanne Davis passed away on Dec. 23, 2023

Mark Rector passed away on Dec. 24, 2023

What's Inside...

Worship Schedule: In-Person & Live Streamed

Journey Service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday School at 10:05 a.m.

Traditional Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

You can find Live-Stream at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/AldersgateDE/videos/>

Or YouTube at:

[AldersgateDE - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZoqvVVH4kvH_BknkW3y3w)

Or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZoqvVVH4kvH_BknkW3y3w

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Save the Date: Aldersgate Rummage Sale

Prep Days: Saturday, March 30, 2024
Monday – Friday, April 1-5, 2024

Sale Day: Saturday, April 6, 2024

For more information contact Nancy Hough (houghn1@hotmail.com)

Stacie DiGiacoma (staciedigiacoma@msn.com)



Aldersgate United Methodist Church—A significant place where disciples are made!

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

