



# The Messenger Aldersgate UMC

September 2024

*A significant place where disciples are made*



## Finish the Race

The Rev. Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

I am sure you all watched Olympic games that brought dramatic and inspiring stories. You saw the joy in the gold, silver and bronze winners' faces. One article from Ministry in Excellence brought my attention to think about the next group—the ones who finished fourth. The fourth best person in the world in that sport! What does it mean to be really, really, really good in the shadow of the best after all such intense training and competition? With the competition clock running, their struggle to win was intense. I just can't imagine the heavy burden that they carried. Afterwards, there was a celebration of the hard work. I noted the sincere displays of respect and joy for the success of others. I came to appreciate and respect those who couldn't win medals. My heart went to those who are not Simone Biles. It's a situation in which we all find ourselves from time to time.



I long to see that level of support and celebration one for another in our ministry setting. I long to see all our members, staff and leaders encouraging each other for the best fruitful work for the Kingdom of God, instead of downplaying or undermining the work of another. I pray the cheerleading and mutual nurturing can be an integral part of everybody's routine. Imagine if we consciously encouraged our ministry teams, staff and members to embrace such cheerleading and nurturing in private and in public. We can boost their confidence and productivity and make observers want to be a part of our team.

Everyone wants to work with winners. Everybody wants to be part of a community that supports and uplifts one another. We can actively celebrate one another's talents and successes. I want to hear people saying, "I am just so happy to be here, to be a part of Aldersgate." I want us to celebrate people around us who are so loyal, dedicated and doing the hard work of the Lord. Let's let them know who they are and why they matter. Please suggest to me any ideas of how we can serve this purpose as a congregation.

We run the race that is set before us as the disciples of Jesus. Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:24, "**I do not run like someone running aimlessly.**" As he encouraged, we consider our life worth nothing to us; our only aim is to finish the race and complete the task of the Lord Jesus has given us—the task of testifying to the Good News of God's grace. I covet his powerful confession in 2 Timothy 4:7, "**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**" I pray we all can make the same declaration after finishing our race. We will get to take our place on the podium of heaven, all happy smiles, whether we are gold, silver, and bronze medal winners or finish the 4<sup>th</sup> place at the race. Jesus will welcome us with His wide arms.

*Sunday September 15  
will be the Start of  
Sunday School*



**2024-2025**

## **Children's Sunday School Classes**

**All Classes Begin at 10:00 AM**

### **NURSERY, 2, 3, & 4 YEAR (Room 132)**

**Led by Atiya Siddiqui, Marina Jahan, and Heather Burket (Music)**

This will be a fun time for your children. They will discover the love of Jesus through the Bible stories, games, and activities, together with their friends! We celebrate with singing and dancing at the end of each class with music with Heather!

### **KINDERGARTEN - SECOND GRADE (137)**

**Led by Sandy Anderson, Cheryl Beeson, Jennifer Davison and Amy Honisch**

Early Elementary school children. Big Faith invites children to explore their faith in their everyday lives. They will discover the love of Jesus through the Bible stories, games, and activities, together with their friends!

### **THIRD - FIFTH GRADE (130)**

**Led by Sandy Anderson, Cheryl Beeson, Jennifer Davison and Amy Honisch**

Upper Elementary school children. The curriculum honors children as naturally curious and spiritual beings, with an innate sense of God's presence. Through timeless Bible stories, hands-on activities, and child-friendly themes the children will discover, develop and practice their faith in a trusted community.

## **Youth Sunday School Classes**

### **6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Student Ministry Center)**

**Led by Pam Downey and Sharon Owens**

This group meets each week and explores a passage of scripture through interactive games, activities, and discussion. Come join us as we grow our faith and develop friendships while having a lot of fun!



## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

### **ALPHA TO OMEGA (237)**

**Led by Jack Smith**

Genesis and Revelation: Stories of Creation and Re-Creation

In many respects, the books that begin and end our scriptures seem very different. Yet, they share an unexpectedly similar purpose, as each book can be read as written to a community of faith that was living through trials and hardships, seeking to understand God's direction for its future. As such, these books share stories whose themes include creation as well as re-creation. In this year's study, we will take a fresh look at these two books, seeking to understand their application to the challenges and hardships faced by the faith communities of our time.

### **GENERATION GO (Room 236)**

**Led by Cheryl & Brian Merritt**

As the name implies, Generation Go caters largely to parents "on the go," however all are welcome to attend class. Our class is offered hybrid style so you can attend in-person or via zoom. We typically choose online studies with a 10 – 20-minute video message followed by class discussion of the topic presented. Studies do not require any advanced prep (although supplemental reading is available), so drop in, visitors are always welcome!

### **THE EXPLORERS (Chapel)**

**Bert Diemer**

The Explorer Class is so-named because we explore the classics of Christian thought, theology, literature and spirituality. Led by Bert Diemer, the class has short reading assignments each week that are the basis for Sunday discussion. Our original focus was to examine those who influenced John Wesley and his thought, but we are open to the suggestions of our class members regarding study material, and several of this year's topics have branched away from Wesley's influencers. Contact Bert Diemer (rbdjr@comcast.net) for more on past and future studies.

### **LOVE DOES (Room 122)**

**Led by Linsey Anderson**

We are a group of young adults that meet weekly for faith studies and fellowship. Our focus is to strengthen our faith foundation and relationships as we navigate life with growing families. Members of this group take turns facilitating lessons, planning social events, and providing outreach opportunities. This group organizes one of Aldersgate's largest outreach ministries, Christmas Joy! Christmas Joy is an Aldersgate ministry where church members donate holiday gifts and needed items to those in need in the Wilmington area through various organizations.

## **Day Time Bible Studies**

### **CRAZY LADIES OF ALDERSGATE (Zoom)**

**Led by Betsy Diemer**

We meet Tuesdays on Zoom 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. to discuss books of interest, which are chosen by vote. After we finish one, we meet in person at the church, then start the next book, covering about 8 titles per year. We also do service projects (snack drives, clothing drives, sending boxes to our college students), and serve when called on in other ways at the church. New members are always welcome. For more info, contact betsydiemer@comcast.net or (302)379-4770.

### **ADVENT AND LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

**Led by Pastor Kyung-Hee Sa**

## Groups to Join

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** - The mission of United Women in Faith (UWF) is to connect and nurture all women so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. We bear witness to God's love by acting to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children, and youth from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

Here at Aldersgate, our primary local mission target is Neighborhood House, Inc. We also support Camp Pecometh and other local organizations that serve women, children, and youth.

We are organized into Circles. Circles meet regularly, allowing members to establish meaningful relationships with other women at Aldersgate. Women from other churches are also welcome to participate and being a Methodist is not required. Our current circles are:

- **Esther**
  - o Sherie Stiles, Leader
  - o Meets Second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM
- **Hannah**
  - o Kyle Smith, Leader
  - o Project-based; meeting times vary
- **Sarah**
  - o Ellen Leonzio, Leader
  - o Meets Second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

Circles take on special projects throughout the year to earn money and run food/supply drives. Sometimes all members work together on things like the Cookie Walk, which is one of our major fundraisers. Working on these special projects is fun and helps us get to know each other better!

We have approximately 60 members. Chances are some of your Aldersgate friends are already in a circle. If you're not sure which circle would be a good fit for you, please ask Sherie Stiles, Stacie DiGiacoma, Ellen Leonzio, or Kyle Smith. Or perhaps you are already a member of a circle but haven't been active due to other commitments. We'd love to have you back!

We are committed to inclusivity, action, and impact. Please consider joining (or re-joining) us this fall! You will find that spending a few hours each month with other women, working together to improve life for others is rewarding and enjoyable!

## **MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Led by Anastasiia Sidorova**

If God has given you a desire to sing, or play your instrument, and lead others in worship, we have a place for you! Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the Music Center and sings most weeks in the 11:00 service. The Journey Band rehearses most Thursday nights at 6:00 in the Sanctuary and leads worship each week at the 9:00 service. The Gateway Ringers are our handbell choir, who rehearse Thursday nights at 7:30 in the handbell room and perform in the 11:00 service several times each year. Aldersgate Brass meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30. Cherub choir, children and youth choir are also available. All these groups also participate in "An Aldersgate Christmas" each year.



## IMPACT

### Led By Pam Downey

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM, youth 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Join us every week for dinner, fun games, fellowship, hang out time, Bible Study, and more! This is a safe space to build community and grow in your faith. All are welcome here and we would love to have you join us for youth group!

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

### Led By Pam Downey

Confirmation classes journey together toward their first profession of their intent to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. To facilitate this, we offer a confirmation class each year for our youth in grades 7-12. In the class, we will spend time learning about their faith. That usually includes topics like the Bible, how we read Scripture, salvation, the general rules of the United Methodist Church, the sacraments, our unique Wesleyan heritage, Church organization and our faith practices. The classes are designed to be creative, interactive, and faith nurturing.

Meeting day to be determined at our **next** meeting, September 23, at 7 PM.



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in Faith

## Fall Program

# Potluck



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Monday September 23rd, 6 pm**

Guest Speaker Melissa Gonville, Executive Director of the YWCA of Delaware

*The YWCA Delaware is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.*

Please bring a dish to **share**: main, side or salad.

Desserts and beverages provided.

***We will be supporting the YWCA of Delaware***

*with personal care donations: toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, brushes/combs, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene items, hand sanitizer, diaper rash cream, baby items (shampoo, powder, wipes), first aid kits/supplies, tissues, bath products, diapers.*

sign up here:

<https://eeumw.wufoo.com/forms/uwf-fall-potluck-supper-signup/>

or after services September 8th, 15th or 22nd.

Rides available.



## Greetings from the **Youth & Children's Music** Leadership Team!

We are looking forward to an exciting year of music ministry! We have three (3) choirs that span the ages from our youngest children to our Middle and High School youth. During the year, the choirs will have opportunities to sing in the worship services, including the Christmas Eve Family Service and Mother's Day service.

**Join us for the official kick-off!** Vocal Impact, Junior Choir and Cherub Choir will all begin on **Sunday, 9/15!** The directors will be excited to greet you, and welcome everyone to the new choir season.



### **Cherub Choir (Ages 3/4 to Kindergarten) Heather Burket, Director**

The Cherub Choir practices on Sunday mornings in the 3/4's classroom from 10:45 to 11:00 a.m.

### **Junior Choir (Grades 1 to 5) Jenn Davison and Cheryl Merritt, Directors**

The Junior Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings in the Music Center during the Message portion of the Journey/Contemporary service from approximately 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

### **Vocal Impact (Grades 6 to 12) Diane Shea, Director**

Vocal Impact practices on Sundays from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. in the Music Center.

**THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS ARE OPEN TO ALL-NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! FRIENDS ALSO WELCOME!!**

Do you have a friend/friends that might want to join? They don't have to be a member of Aldersgate to join us - All are welcome!!

Do you play an instrument? We'd love to have you join us to provide music or accompaniment. Would you like to play with one of the choirs or the band or play a solo in worship? Please let us know if you're interested!

If you have any questions, or would like to help with any of these choirs, please contact:

Heather Burket, [hkaten@gmail.com](mailto:hkaten@gmail.com)

Jenn Davison, [andersonjenn@mac.com](mailto:andersonjenn@mac.com)

Cheryl Merritt, [cmmeritt@outlook.com](mailto:cmmeritt@outlook.com)

Diane Shea, [sheadb@gmail.com](mailto:sheadb@gmail.com)

Anastasiia Sidorova, Aldersgate Music Director, [Anastasiia.Sidorova@aldersgatede.org](mailto:Anastasiia.Sidorova@aldersgatede.org)



Anastasiia Sidorova will be offering a **free class for all members** of Aldersgate UMC **"Introduction to Sight Singing"** on Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm. To sign up please email:

[Anastasiia.sidorova@aldersgatede.org](mailto:Anastasiia.sidorova@aldersgatede.org)

Some of our church members might be interested in knowing that Anastasiia also offers private voice and beginner piano lessons for kids and youth (ages 6-17) **and adults** on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Suggest contacting her if you have any questions.



# Welcome Back! You're Invited

We have so much happening this fall!

- 9/7 Saturday of Service
- 9/8 Rally Day
- 9/15 Youth Sunday School Begins - The Minor Prophets
- 9/18 IMPACT resumes - The Chronicles of Narnia
- 9/22 Youth & Children's Sunday
- 9/23 Confirmation Information Meeting 7:00 pm

## Youth Sunday School Begins 9/15

Grades 6 -12

10:05 am - 10:55 am

## MINOR PROPHETS



HOSEA - JOEL - AMOS - OBADIAH  
JONAH - MICAH - NAHUM - HABAKKUK  
ZEPHANIAH - HAGGAI - ZECHARIAH - MALACHI



## Confirmation Information Meeting

Monday, Sept. 23  
7 pm

We are excited our 7th - 12th graders are ready for Confirmation classes! Parents & Students come be a part of planning the Confirmation year.

Questions? [pam.downey@aldersgatede.org](mailto:pam.downey@aldersgatede.org)

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 22  
9:00 AM & 11 AM

JOIN US AS WE SHOWCASE THE  
GIFTS AND  
TALENTS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

## IMPACT

Resumes 9/18  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



**Our next Arts @ Aldersgate** is October 6, at 2 PM, featuring world renowned Opera singer, *John Packard*. This is a concert you do not want to miss.

See Anastasiia Sidorova, Director of Music, if you have any questions:  
[anastasiia.sidorova@aldersgatede.org](mailto:anastasiia.sidorova@aldersgatede.org)



# *Vacation Bible School 2024*

**Vacation Bible School - SCUBA** this year was over the top thanks to the amazing staff - especially +Kevin Botbyl+ (amazing decorating, video, marketing, leading Sing & Play/Fin-tastic Finale, plus, plus!) Kyle Smith, Pam Downey, Susan Schrank, Mik Upcavage and devoted Volunteers/Serving in ministry- Dana Davisson, Kathy Daum, Betsy Diemer, Sandy Anderson, Karen Allaway, Youth - Laura Honish, Scott Honisch, Abrianna Saienni, Ella Fresconi, Maddie Long & Eva Wagner! THANK YOU ALL! We are so ever grateful for all the hard work and support of this most important ministry for all our children and families!







“God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong.” Safe Sanctuaries is the movement and initiative to fulfill this call upon us – to make our churches safe places for the young and the vulnerable and those in ministry with them.

Because we believe that Jesus taught us to care for His children, youth, and vulnerable persons, we commit Aldersgate to the practice of safe supervision.

As persons of faith, and as United Methodists in particular, our Social Principals state: ‘Once considered the property of their parents, children are now acknowledged to be full human beings in their own right, but beings to whom adults and society in general have special obligations. . . .’

One of those obligations is a commitment to keeping them safe.

Our congregation’s purpose for establishing this Safe Sanctuary Policy is to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all vulnerable persons in our church’s care.

Therefore, as a Christian community of faith and a United Methodist congregation, we pledge to conduct the ministry of the gospel in ways that assure the safety and spiritual growth of all our vulnerable persons, as well as those who work with them.

The purpose of safe sanctuary is to provide a safe environment for all persons as much as possible so that no one is harmed, yet also recognizing the need for all persons to have the opportunity to worship. The church continues its policy of performing screening and training procedures for workers involved in the care of children, youth and vulnerable adults.

The Lead Team has recently approved a change to our Safe Sanctuaries screening and training provider. We will now be using Safe Gatherings, which is endorsed by both Pen Del and Baltimore Washington Conferences. This is the gold standard in background checks.

You will need to be background checked if you have any involvement with children, youth or vulnerable adults. Think Youth Musical, Confirmation mentors, Sunday School, Impact, Music Ministry, visitation. You will need to be background checked with our new provider even if your most recent background check is still valid.

Safe Gatherings tracks everything online. Training is provided online at your own pace and timing. It does not need to be completed in one sitting. Background checks are valid for three years. We are going paperless and entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

There is no cost to you for a background check. Each background check is \$39, a considerable expense for the church, but this is not where we want to economize. With that said, should you feel led to pay for your own background check, we will not say no!

I am happy to say the staff were the guinea pigs for the new system, and we were impressed with the ease of the process, as well as the ability to access the training when it worked best for each of us.

To request a background check, please contact Kevin Botbyl, Church Business Administrator, for an access code.

‘Open your mouth for those with no voice, for the cause of all the dispossessed.’ Proverbs 31:8

In instituting Safe Sanctuaries, we speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

***Safe Sanctuaries is not just a policy. It is a way of doing ministry!***

## LEAD TEAM MEETING MINUTES

(July 23, 2024)



### Website Construction Plan

Kym Kelly

Kym presented an overview of the templates available from Ministry Brands which can be adapted to Aldersgate. She also reviewed a current draft of the site map and some of the web pages, which is a work in progress.

### Change to Safe Sanctuary Screening Provider

Pam Downey

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt a new provider for Aldersgate's Safe Sanctuary screening.

### Calendar Bulletin Board Location

Betsy Diemer

The proposal to place a large monthly calendar of church events where the Graduates Board is presently located was approved.

### Written Committee Reports

Ferris Wharton

The Finance Committee reviewed the new Voucher System which will be effective August 1, 2024.

The Bequest Committee has approved use of funds from the Ann E Fullerton bequest, to balance the budget for F/Y 2023-2024.

We thank Pam Downey, Kyle Smith and Stacie DiGiacoma for their outstanding effort in pulling the VBS program together. *Also see the many other volunteers who helped, on page 8*

SPRC is actively recruiting for a Pastor of Congregational Care.

### **Catalyst Core Team**

Over the Summer, the Catalyst Core Team has been assembling a foundation of knowledge that will serve as the basis for our work going forward.

We have been interviewing members of the community to get an understanding of what needs exist. This information will be used to help identify ministries that will benefit our community.

Based on our experiences at Aldersgate, we have identified Aldersgate's 5 top core values. These are values that are central to the personality of our church and need to be embodied in our ministries if we are to be a vital congregation. We're sharing these with the Lead Team and will be sharing them with the congregation in September.

We will be reaching out to you in early September with a Human Capital survey. We want to know the skills, passions and gifts of the congregation

While there's still much work to be done on the Catalyst Initiative, this Summer has been productive and we look forward to what's to come. We value your continued prayers and support.

Catalyst Core Team: Pastor Sa, Lynne Conlin, Henry Daum, Cheryl Merritt, Dan Shay





## HOPP Food Distribution - Friday, September 27, 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 also provides opportunity for fellowship.



Our fabulous crew for August- thanks to Marie, Ellen and Jeff for your hard work in the kitchen to serve a delicious lunch to our diners!



# Annual Harvest Food Festival

It is once again time to join with our brothers and sisters at St. Mary Magdalen for our **annual Harvest Food Festival**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help provide emergency food to families in need in our surrounding community.

This year, Aldersgate will be collecting financial donations as well as non-perishable food items.



Our donations provide support to several food pantries in the Wilmington area, including Neighborhood House, Ezion-Mt. Carmel, St. Helena's, St. Patrick's Center, and Claymont Community Center.

Please prayerfully consider making a generous donation this year to help our Wilmington families in need. Last year, we collected 260 bags of food and received a total of \$7,600 for this important Aldersgate outreach. We were able to provide over 30 bags and almost \$1,000 to each agency. **THANK YOU!!**

There are three ways to donate:

**For those wishing to donate food, bring your non-perishable donation to the church on or before Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will distribute bags for your use on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**For those donating with a check, make the check payable to Aldersgate UMC and write 'Harvest Food' in the memo line.**

**You can also make an online financial donation by visiting <http://aldersgatede.org/donate>**

*Please join with your "Go" Team and our neighbors at St. Mary Magdalen in this **especially important** mission to help those in need and to "...live out Christ's teachings as we meet the needs of our local community!"*





## Communications Report



Your Communications Team has been spending the summer working on a new website for the church. We hope to have it completed and ready to launch by mid-September. Pres Cooper and Ryan McKeever have been working on a Welcome to Aldersgate video that will be an attention-getter for visitors, and we are still gathering as many photos as possible of Aldersgate life. If you see someone taking photos, put on your best smile and step into the action!

The new site, hosted by Ministry Brands, will involve our online giving being routed to a new site (that charges us less for processing). Susan Schranck, our Membership Secretary, will send out information on how the changes will be made and what you will need to do if you use the online giving options. You will be able to make your own account on the website and get the information about activities, services, and announcements that are of particular interest to you and your family. We are looking forward to launching as soon as we can!

For more information, see one of our team members: Pres Cooper, Kathy Daum, Betsy Diemer, Natalie Dyke, Nancy Hough, Fiona Kelly, Kymberlie Kelly, Andy Shenk, Kyle Smith

## Aldersgate 2025 Youth Musical!



The 2025 Aldersgate Youth Musical will be announced at  
Rally Day on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Auditions will be in late November for anyone in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older.  
Scripts will be distributed in December.

Regular rehearsals will begin the first week of January.

Performances February 28 - March 2, 2025.

Come to Rally Day to hear the Announcement & watch for detailed information in  
the October Messenger!

For questions or more information contact Janet Atwater: [Janet@JanetAtwater.com](mailto:Janet@JanetAtwater.com)

## Why Do You Give?

By Bert Diemer

See if you recognize yourself in some of the motivators discussed in this two-part series. It turns out that we don't all give for the same reason, and it's important to understand that. Perhaps you give to more than one organization, each with a different mission. As you read this, you may gain a deeper insight into your own philanthropy, with a deepening satisfaction as you gain greater self-awareness. Some or all of these dimensions may apply to your support of your church.

In this edition, we'll discuss four types with three more next month. These are taken from a column by C. David Buchanan titled **CounterPoints in Stewardship: Why People Give (To Your Church)**. He built his comments on a list provided by Indiana University School of Philanthropy (1999).

**Altruists** give out of generosity and empathy. They believe that their church cares about the poor and powerless, the lonely and the lost. They have a generous spirit toward organizations that will do something good for individuals and/or society. Their church is a cause worth supporting.

**Communitarians** give because every community needs to have certain things: a fire department, a rescue squad, schools, hospitals, and... churches.

**Devout** individuals give for religious reasons and feel that giving is a moral obligation. They simply want to have an experience with God. It is an offering to God, a holy act, based solely on faith.

**Dynasts** give because it is expected. Giving is deeply embedded in their family tradition and often plays an important role in family relationships. "Our family came to this church when it was founded, and has been a presence ever since. It is our responsibility to keep this tradition alive."

Stay tuned as next month we talk about **Investors**, **Repayers**, and **Socialites**. See you then.





# September 2024

# Aldersgate Events Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 AM Unified Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed Communications, 7 PM	3 Crazy Ladies, 9:45 AM Worship Design, 10 AM Trustees, 6 PM	4 Staff Meeting, 10 AM Catalyst Initiative, 6:30 PM Aldersgate Brass, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM	5 Journey Band, 6 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM	6	7 8 AM Saturday of Service
8 Rally Day 9 AM Ministry Fair 10 AM Unified Worship	9	10 Crazy Ladies, 9:45 AM Worship Design, 10 AM SPRC, 7 PM	11 Staff Meeting, 10 AM Impact, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Catalyst Initiative, 6:30 PM Aldersgate Brass, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM	12 Journey Bible Study, 10 AM Journey Band, 6 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM	13	14
15 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Sunday School Starts 11 AM Traditional Service	16 Emmanuel Dining Room UWF, 7 PM - Zoom	17 Crazy Ladies, 9:45 AM Worship Design, 10 AM Finance, 7 PM	18 Staff Meeting, 10 AM Altar Guild, 10 AM Impact, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Catalyst Initiative, 6:30 PM Aldersgate Brass, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM	19 Journey Bible Study, 10 AM Journey Band, 6 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM	20	21
22 Children & Youth Sunday Children's Bible Presentation 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	23 UWF Fall Potluck Program, 6 PM Confirmation Meeting, 7 PM	24 Crazy Ladies, 9:45 AM Worship Design, 10 AM Lead Team, 7 PM	25 Staff Meeting, 10 AM Impact, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Catalyst Initiative, 6:30 PM Aldersgate Brass, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM	26 Journey Bible Study, 10 AM Journey Band, 6 PM Handbells, 7:30 PM	27 HOPP Food Drive, 12:30 PM	28
29 9 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Service	30 GO Team, 7 PM - Zoom	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Notes				

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



*Ann Uhland passed away on August 7, 2024*

Joseph and Holly VanSuch	Sept 3	46 years
Robert and Eileen Emrich	Sept 4	71 years
Andrew and Elizabeth Downing	Sept 6	16 years
Terry and Melissa Romano	Sept 10	13 years
Brian and Carolyn Estebez	Sept 13	11 years
Albert and Patricia Koenig	Sept 13	66 years
Jacob and Sharon Ungerer	Sept 14	5 years
David and Julie Harrington	Sept 17	19 years
Peter and Janet Atwater	Sept 25	31 years
Eric and Catherine Goodman	Sept 27	27 years
Ron and Christine Lassiter	Sept 27	16 years
Bob and Linda Pyle	Sept 28	56 years
Benjamin and Valerie Rawding	Sept 28	5 years
Ryan and Rebecca Gorsuch	Sept 29	6 years

## Saturday of Service

Saturday, September 7 from 8 AM to 12 PM

We will have 2 service opportunities:

Aldersgate outdoor clean-up  
and

Preschool Liquidation Sale

## Rally Day 2024 - Sunday, September 8

First will be our Ministry Fair at 9 AM in the Auditorium.

Come explore our wide variety of ministries and opportunities we have for you this year.

One unified worship service at 10 AM with our new  
District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore.

Our annual church picnic will follow. This year our picnic will be a  
POTLUCK PICNIC. The church will provide drinks and a slide!  
Plan on bringing a potluck item or dessert, and lawn chairs.



## I N D E X

## 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/>

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