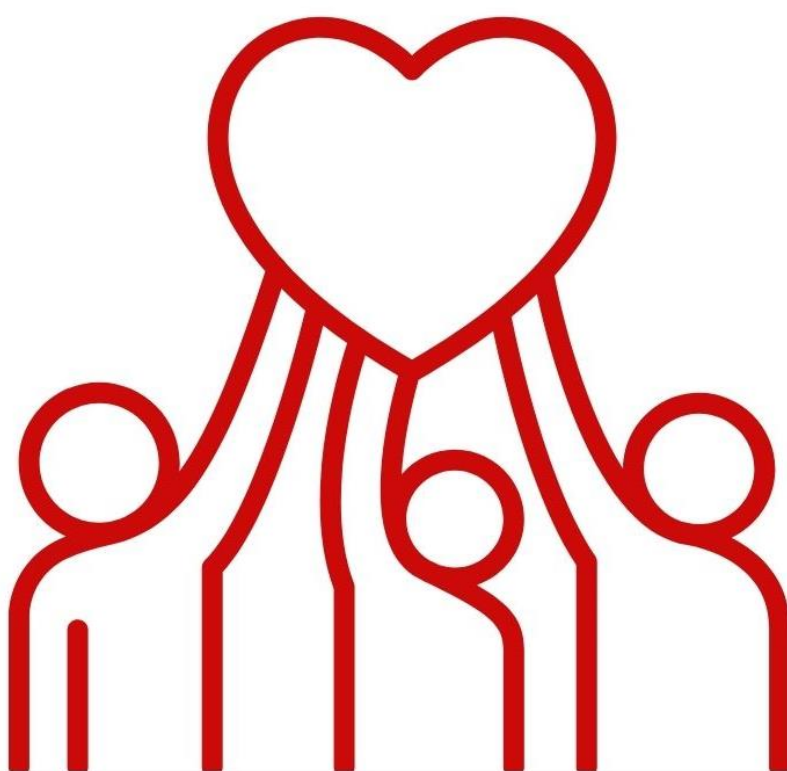


Community



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 27, 2025

The Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa, *Senior Pastor*

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Aldersgate is a significant place where disciples are made!

*With God's help and through prayer we GATHER as God's people,
GROW in faith and love, and GO into the world as Jesus' disciples.*

10:00 AM Unified Worship

WORSHIP SONG *My Lord, What a Morning- Traditional Spiritual* Good Company
arr. by R. Lee Gilliam

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Janet Atwater

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Janet Atwater

L: The warmth of the shining sun ...

P: Reflects the warmth of God's love for us.

L: The refreshing water of the gently flowing stream ...

P: Reflects God's cleansing and renewing grace.

L: The rush of a mighty wind ...

P: Reflects God's powerful Spirit, present in each of us.

All: Let us worship God, who nurtures and sustains us!

***WORSHIP SONG** *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone* Good Company

***PASSING THE PEACE** Anastasiia Sidorova

GOD'S WORK IN PRACTICE *Rummage Sale* Chris Burket, Stacie DiGiacoma, Nancy Hough

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Laura Parrish

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER Anastasiia Sidorova

OFFERTORY *My Spirit Looks to God Alone* Good Company
arr. Derrick Fox

***DOXOLOGY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 2025** *As the Deer* AS THE DEER

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** **1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NIV)** Janet Atwater

MESSAGE *Gifts, Gratitude, and a Growing Community* Peter Atwater

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN, 77** *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART

***BENEDICTION**

Peter Atwater

CLOSING SONG *Swing Low/Swing Down Chariot - Traditional Spiritual*

Good Company

GIVING - TEXT **the word GIVE** TO (302)500-4533 or SCAN QR Code



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Jocelyn McCord and Barbara Buckley

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Martha Weldin and Gail Lodge

Liturgist: Janet Atwater

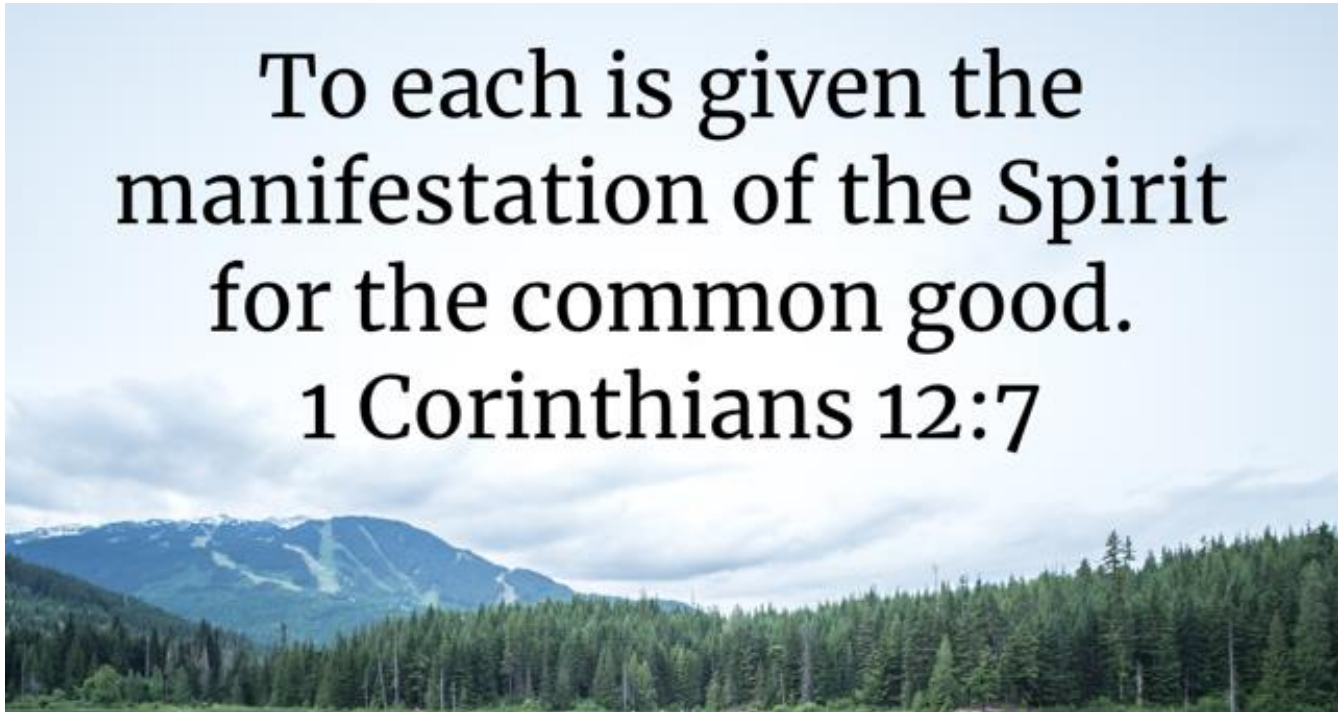
Congregational Prayer: Laura Parrish

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

Vocal Quartet, Good Company: Sam Stein, Jeff Riegner, John Walker, and Dave Vallée



To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:7

REMINDERS...

- **Nursery and Childcare** is available in Rooms 132 & 137.
- **There is an elevator** located near the Fairfax Shopping Center doors.
- **Please refrain** from eating or drinking in the Sanctuary.
- **Altar Flowers:** contact Beverly Barker at (302) 584-4509 or e-mail at macbhal@aol.com; checks for contributions may be put in the Treasurer's mailbox in The HUB. Please include envelope number.
- **Prayer List, Visitation, and Persons to Encourage list:** prayerlist@aldersgatede.org
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail messenger@aldersgatede.org.
- **Church Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM- 4 PM and Fridays 9 AM- 12 PM.
- **The Hughes Chapel** is open Monday-Friday during office hours.
- **Stay home if you are not feeling well**, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, wear a mask if you wish and use your discretion to do what is best for you.

OUR CARING MINISTRY

**And this is the boldness we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)**

The Peace Candle in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin); Benjamin Lovett (Julia Shay's brother).

The candle on the altar *in memory of Frank Sobonya*. Deeply missed since your passing 2 years ago with all our love, Jean and the Sobonya family.

Forwood Manor Worship Leader is Antoinette Jabbi.

The candle on the altar *is in memory of Mary Ann Stazesky* who passed away one year ago April 29.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family and Friends of Steve Culliton (Bill Culliton's brother)

Family and Friends of Virginia Lipford

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Kim Anderson

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

Carmella Caruso (Friend of Elaine Chester)

Angela DeMaio (Christy Zeigler's mother)

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nephew of Nancy Eder)

Karin Ingman

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Randy Martin (Chris Ruggiero's step-father)

Judy Morton
Donna Ruggiero
Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Samantha Spala (Family of Mark Wichmann)
Doris Springer
Samantha Timlin (Friend of Mike Luternau)
Linda Weller

Prayer Points

- Thankful for another successful Rummage Sale.
- Praise for the life and witness of Pope Francis. Prayers for the Roman Catholic Church in their mourning and transition.
- May Pastor Kyung-Hee feel the presence of Jesus during her sabbatical.

Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- Guide our work on our final presentation.
- Inspire our hearts for our final retreat in May.
- Help us clearly see our next steps.



Aldersgate UMC is a Reconciling
Congregation

Aldersgate Core Values

Valuing Fellowship - Relating to and enjoying one another. Come as you are and belong before you believe. Life is better together.

Sharing Encouragement - Giving hope to those who need it.

Nurturing Families & Youth - Building up Christian homes so that they honor Christ.

Serving with Mobilized Laity - Equipping and empowering members to serve based on their gifts and interests. Working together in Christ's service. Learning to grow through doing & serving.

Pursuing Excellence - Maintaining high ministry standards that bring glory to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the Auditorium after the worship service TODAY for coffee hour and fellowship as we celebrate another successful Rummage Sale!

A big THANK YOU to Stacie DiGiacoma, Nancy Hough, and Chris Burket for all their hard work with organizing our Rummage Sale this year!

Rummage Sale update: Thank you to all the many people who participated in this year's successful Rummage Sale.

Our next Arts @ Aldersgate, *Heal the World*, is on Sunday, May 4 at 2 PM. The concert will feature our Chancel Choir, Aldersgate Brass, Gateway Ringers, Junior Choir, Vocal Impact, and our Journey Band. You don't want to miss it.

Come join us for Taste and See with WKC! - The Wilmington Kitchen Collective will host their "Taste and See" lunchtime market on the third Thursday of each month, beginning on May 15, here at Aldersgate UMC. The lunchtime market, which will be set up in the parking lot, will last from 11 AM-2 PM, and will feature a food truck (or caterer), bakers, water ice, artisans and live music! Not all vendors are listed here, but so far for May 15th we will have Blue Hen Barbecue, Ma Ada's Water Ice, Forever Freeze Co., IB Foods and Kristin's Kreations. We will also have a dessert baker (TBD) and live music (TBD).

2025 GRADUATES – Are you graduating from high school, college, a master's program, or other degree in 2025? If so, please contact Kyle Smith at kyle.smith@aldersgatede.org and let us know so we can recognize and celebrate YOU! Deadline is May 13, 2025. Graduation Sunday is May 18, at both worship services.

Red Shopping Cart Food Collection - The red shopping carts outside the church office are available at all times to donate non-perishable foods. Items in these carts are used to fill the Aldersgate Free Little Pantry. Our pantry is available to the community 24 hours a day. Currently our pantry is being restocked 3 to 4 times per week. We are in great need of donations. The most needed non-perishable items are: pop-top cans of soup or pasta meals, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, boxed mac & cheese, granola bars, apple sauce, crackers and shelf-stable milks. Expired items cannot be accepted. For more information contact Stacie DiGiacoma (staciedigiacoma@msn.com)

It's TIME to register for our 2025 Vacation Bible School - Don't let the heat scorch your summer! Join us for an ARCTIC BLAST of snowy fun in the northern tundra as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. TRUE NORTH, this year's Vacation Bible School program, is accepting registrations for all types of volunteers and participants. See Pam Downey, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, pam.downey@aldersgatede.org, with questions!



To register as a participant or volunteer scan the QR code:

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

June 1 – Regular services; 9 AM Contemporary and 11 AM Traditional – NO Communion

June 8 – 1 Unified Worship Service at 10 AM for Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday - Communion

June 15, 22, 29 - Regular services; 9 AM Contemporary and 11 AM Traditional

July and August - 1 Unified Worship Service at 10 AM – Communion the FIRST Sunday of the month

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00a Contemporary Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 Coffee Hour, Auditorium

Monday, April 28, 2025

5:30p Wilmington Drama Kids
6:30 Troop #67

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

10:00 Staff Meeting, 237
5:00p Sight Singing Classes, MC
6:00 Impact, SMC
6:00 Journey Band, Sanctuary
7:00 Choir, Music Center
7:30 Handbells, Handbell Room

Thursday, May 1, 2025

10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237
6:00p Girl Scout Troop #129
6:30 Catalyst Initiative, 237
7:00 Brass Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, May 2, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025



2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June

June 1 - Regular Worship Schedule, no communion

June 8 - 10 AM Unified Worship, Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday, Communion

June 15, 22, & 29 - Regular Worship Schedule

JULY & AUGUST

**10 AM UNIFIED WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY**

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Join us on May 4 for another beautiful Aldersgate musical performance. Invite your family and friends!

*Doors will open at 1:30 PM.

Heal the World



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