



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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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** *Spirit Song* Anastasiia Sidorova

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Laura Parrish

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Laura Parrish

L: Be strong and courageous!

P: Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

L: Whether in new beginnings or familiar places,

All: We worship the God who never leaves nor forsakes us.

***PASSING THE PEACE** Anastasiia Sidorova

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Anastasiia Sidorova

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Betsy Diemer

THE LORD'S PRAYER Betsy Diemer

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

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



OFFERTORY *Heart of Worship* Anastasiia Sidorova/Mark Sobol

***DOXOLOGY**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***HYMN, 408** *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Luke 10:25–37 (CEB)** Laura Parrish

MESSAGE *Rescued to Rescue: When Love Crosses Over* Ryan McKeever

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING SONG** *This Little Light of Mine* Anastasiia Sidorova/Mark Sobol

***BENEDICTION** Ryan McKeever

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Laura Parish and Jocelyn McCord
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever
Liturgist: Laura Parrish
Greeters: Nancy Hough and Martha Weldin
Congregational Prayer: Betsy Diemer
Head Usher: Steve Davis
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova
Organist: Mark Sobol

You're Invited to our Fall Kick-off! Saturday of Service Rally Day Worship & Picnic



Saturday, September 6
8 AM to 12 PM

Saturday of Service

We will have snacks and these service opportunities:

Making Capes and Cards for Kids
Aldersgate outdoor clean-up
Indoor Trustees project



Sunday, September 7
Rally Day 2025

One unified worship service at **10 am!**
POTLUCK PICNIC immediately after the service. The church will provide drinks.

Plan on bringing a potluck item to share or dessert, and lawn chairs.

Inflatable slide for all!



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.

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 flowers on the altar *are in gratitude to Taber Smith* for his support as weekend building supervisor on his last official day.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family & Friends of Bernice Smith (Brian Merritt's grandmother)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Bill & Jenny Berg

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

JoAnn Bush

Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)

Chris Harvey

Ed Hemschoot (Emma Detwiler's uncle)

Karin Ingman

Robin J. (Friend of Bob & Carolyn Reis)

Patrick Kelly, Sr. (Kym Kelly's Father-in-law)

Mike Luternau

Anna Maansson

Beverly Melcher

Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)

Helen Schowengerdt

Doris Springer

Susan Trachtman (Bill Culliton's daughter)

Byron Ford (Father of Natalie Dyke)

Prayer Points

- 1) Gratitude for the beautiful weather
- 2) World leaders lead with compassion
- 3) Aldersgate's pastoral transition

Catalyst Intercessory Prayer Points

- 1) Guide our work with the Lead Team.
- 2) Help us clearly see Aldersgate's next steps.
- 3) Gratitude for our Intercessory Prayer Team.

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

The Auditorium (and attached kitchen) will be CLOSED this week for maintenance in preparation of increased use beginning next month. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and understanding. - Trustees

The Good Samaritan Fund provides urgent/temporary assistance to individuals/families for help with rent or utility bills. Referral phone calls from people who urgently need assistance are received in the office and are referred to Friendship House where the applicants are screened. There is a tremendous need right now. We will be collecting NEXT SUNDAY!

July 2025 Collection: \$632 August 2025 Collection: \$624

United Women of Faith invites you to the Fall Potluck Supper. ALL ARE WELCOME !

Monday September 15, 6 pm. Guest Speaker Victoria Richards Ohwotu on her Mission Trip to Gambia. Please bring a dish to share, main, appetizer or side (desserts and beverages provided). Donations for the Gambia Mission will be most appreciated, cash or check (made to UMW). Please sign up here: <https://eeumw.wufoo.com/forms/zzu1fy41m9pkrm/> or after services. Rides available.

WE NEED YOU - IMPACT returns Wednesday, September 10, and that means **volunteers are needed**. Please prayerfully consider providing a meal, acting as second chaperone (no prep needed), or acting as door monitor for arriving youth members. Please see Pam Downey to sign-up.

Rally Weekend is September 6 and 7, and we have 2 components: *Saturday of Service* and our *Rally Day Worship service with our annual picnic* to follow!

Saturday of Service, September 6, is a day we will gather as a church community and then volunteer for the morning. The three service offerings are: Capes for Kids and creating cards, making capes for children going through health challenges and cards to accompany them; indoor Trustees project here at the church; and outdoor Aldersgate property clean-up project. **Sunday, September 7**, is our Rally Day Worship service at 10 AM. Our annual church picnic will follow. Our picnic will be a POTLUCK PICNIC. The church will provide **drinks and a slide!** Plan on bringing a potluck item to share and lawn chairs.

Church Calendar – In an effort to be consistent with our church calendar, **ALL** meetings, activities, ministries, and fellowship moments need to be emailed to Kevin Botbyl who updates and manages our church calendar. This would include on-and-off-campus activities. Please call or email Kevin Botbyl (kevin.botbyl@aldersgatede.org) **to confirm your activities and items that are scheduled** for the remainder of the year and into 2026, if they go that far in advance. We utilize his church calendar to create an our weekly bulletin calendars AND Year-Round Calendar, outside The Hub.

Reminder, the deadline for announcements and information for the bulletin is Tuesdays at 5 PM.

The Journey worship service is moving to the Auditorium on September 14! Along with this physical move, we are seeking God's guidance on making this an important complement to Aldersgate's existing traditional worship service. You can expect the Journey service to be an intergenerational, family-friendly, less formal worship experience that will meet worshipers where they are. There will be lots of music and lots of energy! The service will remain at 9 AM on Sunday. Reach out to Anastasiia Sidorova or Henry Daum with new ideas or to get involved. Please join us in praying that this change will further God's impact on our community.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00a Unified Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, September 1, 2025 - Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom

6:00p Trustees, 237

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237

6:00p Cub Scouts #67

6:00 Journey Band, Auditorium

7:00 Chancel Choir. Music Center

Thursday, September 4, 2025

7:00p Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

Friday, September 5, 2025

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:00 Saturday of Service Volunteering

Aldersgate UMC

Sunday School and
our Regular Worship schedule BEGIN
Sunday, September 14



9 AM Contemporary Journey Service, Auditorium
10 AM Sunday School for all ages
11 AM Traditional Service, Sanctuary

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asked him, "What is written in the Law?"

Find the answer below. Working from left to right, cross out every other word. The remaining words will be your answer.

LOVE	CHILD	THE	BALL	LORD
THE	YOUR	MOON	GOD	BABY
WITH	NOTES	ALL	OLD	YOUR
PRAY	HEART	HORSE	AND	SMILE
WITH	WORK	ALL	HAND	YOUR
YOUNG	SOUL	RAIN	AND	FLOWER
WITH	DARK	ALL	LIGHT	YOUR
CLOUD	STRENGTH	EAT	AND	STAR
WITH	WALK	ALL	SUN	YOUR
MERRY	MIND,	SNOW	AND	LAUGH
LOVE	MUSIC	YOUR	SIT	
NEIGHBOR	BUSY	AS		
JOURNEY	YOURSELF			
NOW				