



# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

## *THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

Sunday, September 14, 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.*

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## 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

<b>GATHERING SONG</b>	<i>House of the Lord</i>	Journey Band
<b>*WORSHIP SONG</b>	<i>Praise</i>	Journey Band
<b>*WORSHIP SONG</b>	<i>Living Hope</i>	Journey Band
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>		Anastasiia Sidorova
<b>*SCRIPTURE LESSON</b>	<b>Numbers 21:4b-9 (NIV)</b>	Anastasiia Sidorova
<b>CHILDREN'S TIME</b>		Anastasiia Sidorova
Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 1st -5th grade welcome		
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>Look Up</i>	Reverend Metty Mesick
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Journey Band
<b>*CLOSING SONG</b>	<i>You Are Good</i>	Journey Band
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Reverend Metty Mesick

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### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Altar Duty: Elaine Chester and Cheryl Beeson  
AV Tech: Ryan McKeever  
Liturgist: Anastasiia Sidorova  
Greeters: Jean Sobonya and Barbara Buckley  
Head Usher: Steve Davis  
Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova  
Journey Band

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE, 2164**     *Sanctuary*     SANCTUARY

**PRELUDE**     Mark Sobol

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**     Martha Weldin

L: The desert path was hard, and our ancestors grew weary. They rejected the bread from heaven and spoke against the God who saved them.

**P: The consequence of their sin was death, a venomous bite of rebellion. But in their repentance, God provided a way for life to conquer death.**

L: Moses lifted up the image of a serpent, at God's command, and those who looked lived. So we gather today, remembering their sin, aware of our own, yet fixing our eyes on Christ.

**P: He was lifted up for our sake, so that we might have everlasting life.**

**All: Come, let us look to Jesus and live! Come, let us worship the living Lord!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**     Anastasiia Sidorova

**\*OPENING HYMN, 159 v 1,2, 4**     *Lift High the Cross*     CRUCIFER

**OPENING PRAYER**     Reverend Metty Mesick

### PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**     Anastasiia Sidorova

**CHOIR ANTHEM**     *Assurance*     Chancel Choir

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**     **Numbers 21:4b-9 (NIV)**     Martha Weldin

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION, 361**     *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*     TOPLADY

**SERMON**     *Look Up*     Reverend Metty Mesick

**HYMN of REFLECTION, 349**     *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*     LEMMEL

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**     Reverend Metty Mesick

### **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. 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**     Reverend Metty Mesick

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## THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*CLOSING HYMN, 2226**

*Bind Us Together*

BIND US TOGETHER

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Martha Weldin

**\*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

Reverend Metty Mesick

**POSTLUDE**

Mark Sobol

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### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Elaine Chester and Cheryl Beeson

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Greeters: Wendy Lindsey and Gail Lodge

Liturgist: Martha Weldin

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Organist: Mark Sobol

# 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**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:prayerlist@aldersgatede.org)
- **Messenger Articles & Photos:** E-mail [messenger@aldersgatede.org](mailto: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 to the Glory of God.**

### Our Weekly Prayer List

#### Sympathy

Family & Friends of Byron Ford (Natalie Dyke's Father)

Family & Friends of Alice Ritzinger

#### Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members

Betty and Paul Aldrich

Ralph & Emily Bankert

Bill & Jenny Berg

Susan Burch (Ken Roth's sister)

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)





### Prayer Points

1. Thankful for Saturday of Service and Rally Day
2. Calm in our cities where threat of military presence and the search for undocumented immigrants and migrants increases
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

**Sunday School begins TODAY!** There is a class for everyone to join from nursery to adult classes. Sunday school is 10 AM -11 AM. We have Children and Youth classes for ages 3 years old through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade and Adult classes: Alpha to Omega, Explorers, Generation Go, and Love Does! See your Ministry Booklet for a description of each!

**Impact is BACK-** Wednesdays starting at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. Invite a friend and we'll see you WEDNESDAY! If you would like to hear more about helping with this awesome ministry, see Pam Downey.

**Vocal Impact, Junior, and Children's choir rehearsals return TODAY!** Junior choir (G2-5) will meet at 9:15 AM in the Music Center, Cherub choir (PreK-G1) will meet at 10:35 AM in Room 132, and Vocal Impact (G6-12) will meet at 11 AM in the Music Center. We can't wait to see everyone!!

**United Women in Faith invites you to the Fall Potluck Supper.** ALL ARE WELCOME ! Tomorrow, 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.

**Third Grade Bible Presentations** are Sunday, September 21, at both worship services. If you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade and you haven't received your bible from Aldersgate, please see Pam Downey. This is a special time in a child's life; join us in worship to support our children.

**Confirmation Information Meeting** - Please mark your calendars for an information meeting on 9/28 at Noon right after the second church service. Confirmation is open to all students in Grade 7 - 12 who have not yet been confirmed. RSVP if possible to [pam.downey@aldersgatede.org](mailto:pam.downey@aldersgatede.org).

**Mark your calendar! Our Trunk-or-Treat** is Saturday, October 25 from 3 PM to 5 PM. This is a fun family event where you decorate the trunks of your cars and hand out candy to costumed children. Our rain date will be Sunday, October 26.

**We are collecting** nonperishable food for Our Little Free Pantry. Soup and canned goods with a pop top, individually packed fruit and snacks are very useful. You may drop off food to our red grocery carts by the glass doors. The need is tremendous right now, and we hope you can help!

**Our next Arts @ Aldersgate is Sunday, October 26 at 2 PM.**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

9:00a Contemporary Journey Service, Auditorium  
10:00 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:30 Handbells, HR

#### **Monday, September 15, 2025**

6:00p UWF Fall Program, Auditorium  
6:30 Boy Scouts Troop #67

#### **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

10:00a Worship Design Team, 237/zoom  
7:00p Finance Committee, 237

#### **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237  
10:00 Altar Guild, 236  
6:00p Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium  
7:00 Chancel Choir, Music Center

#### **Thursday, September 18, 2025**

6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #129  
7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

#### **Friday, September 19, 2025**

#### **Saturday, September 20, 2025**

### **All Classes Begin Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 AM**

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

##### **Nursery - Newborn to Age Two (Room 132)**

##### **Age Three – Second Grade (132)**

##### **Julie DeRosa, Zuleyma Campos-Tlaseza, and Atiya Siddique**

Our Sunday School class for children ages 3 through 2nd grade provides a fun, safe, and loving environment where kids can learn about God's love through Bible stories, songs, crafts, and age-appropriate activities. Each lesson is designed to help young hearts grow in faith and build a strong foundation in Jesus.

##### **Third Grade- Fifth Grade (Room 137)**

##### **Led by Jennifer Davison and Amy Honisch**

Our 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**

### **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) Led by Bert Diemer**

The Explorer Class is so-named because we explore the classics of Christian thought, theology, literature and spirituality. 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)**

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.

### **ALPHA TO OMEGA (Room 237) Led by Jack Smith**

Biblical Teachings and Stories of Faith

The words *faith*, *hope* and *love* are significant terms that permeate the letters of Paul. In First Corinthians, Paul wrote, “now faith, hope, and love abide, these three.” And in First Thessalonians, Paul praised the church for its “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope.”

Needless to say, these terms remain critical components of the life of present-day Christian disciples. For the 2025/2026 Sunday School year, the Alpha to Omega class will focus on the term *faith*, exploring its meaning and the role it plays in the lives of individual Christians as well as the church community. Each week, we will consider a specific theme, using Biblical stories and teachings that shed light on that theme, hopefully providing us with a deeper understanding of its meaning and application. Themes to be explored will include the following: finding our faith home and our faith destination; the steps, pathways, and roadblocks of our faith journeys; experiencing and facing faith tests, trials, and challenges; struggling with faith questions; faith, sin, and God’s judgment; faith’s relationship to hearing, listening, and trusting; the discipline, obedience, and confession of faith; and nourishing our faith.