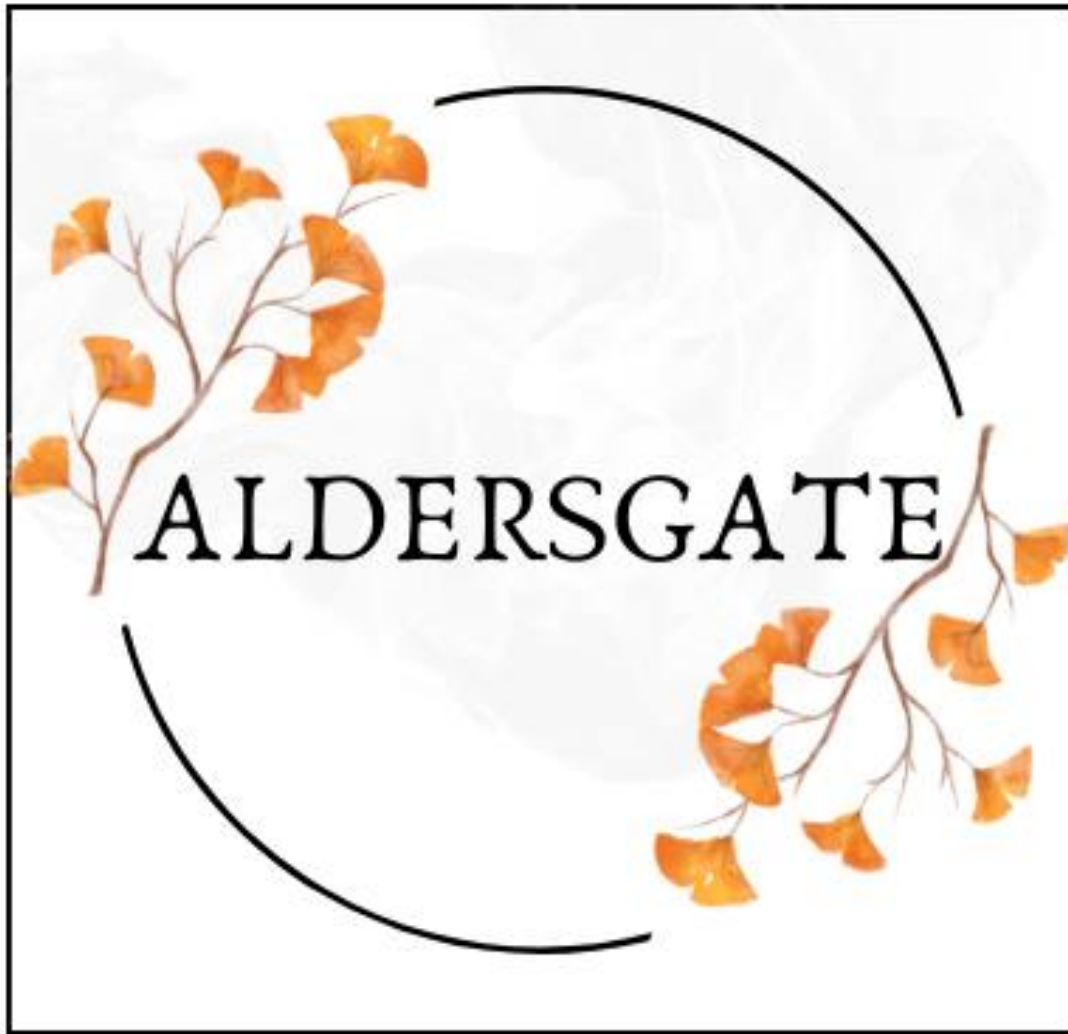




Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

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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.*

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship

GATHERING SONG	<i>Fire</i>	Journey Band
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Every Praise</i>	
*WORSHIP SONG	<i>Fresh Wind</i>	
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	Joel 2:23-28 CEB	Lydia Shay
CHILDREN'S TIME	<i>Dreams!</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
Junior Choir Dismissal - All Children 2nd grade-5th grade welcome		
MESSAGE	<i>Dreams, Visions and Prophecy</i>	Rev. Jennifer Kerby
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
LORD'S PRAYER		
*PASSING THE PEACE		
OFFERING		
OFFERING SONG	<i>New Wine</i>	Journey Band
STEWARDSHIP		Jocelyn McCord
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Jennifer Kerby
*CLOSING SONG	<i>I Will Follow</i>	Journey Band

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty: Dinah Schlecht and Jill McKeown

AV Tech: Ryan McKeever

Children's Message: Rev. Jennifer Kerby

Liturgist: Lydia Shay

Greeters: Julie DeRosa and Julia Shay

Head Usher: Steve Davis

Director of Music: Anastasiia Sidorova

Journey Band

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Mark Sobol

***SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP, 2164** *Sanctuary*

SANCTUARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chase Merritt

L: Come, let us gather in the joy of the Lord who is our rock and our refuge.

P: We seek the presence of the Living God that we might follow Jesus in all our ways.

ALL: May the Spirit of God renew and revive us for God's purposes in the world.

***HYMN, 529 (v 1-3,5)** *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

OPENING PRAYER (together)

Chase Merritt

Holy and Eternal One, we come this day lamenting the conflicts and devastation inflicted on your people and creation throughout our world. We ask for a double portion of your strength and compassion so as not to close our eyes and hearts to suffering and deep needs for healing. grant us your courage to act when and where you would have us serve as agents of your calling to justice and peace. Allow your Holy Spirit to make clear your visions and dreams in this moment that we might walk each day in your purpose and promise, in the blessed name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LIVING WORD

ANTHEM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Chancel Choir

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Joel 2:23-28 CEB**

Chase Merritt

***GOSPEL READING** **Luke 18:9-14 CEB**

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

***HYMN OF PREPARATION, 454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

SERMON *A Contrast of Visions*

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

HYMN OF REFLECTION, 2237 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

BEACH SPRING

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Jocelyn McCord

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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OFFERTORY

God Be in My Head

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chase Merritt

THE HOLY CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN, 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Rev. Jennifer Kerby

POSTLUDE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Chancel Choir

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Greeters: Gail Lodge and Jocelyn McCord

Liturgist: Chase Merritt

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Organist: Mark Sobol



Fall Back

November 2, 2025 @ 2 am
Set your clock BACK one hour

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 memory of my cousin, Dana Robertson, on his birthday* from Jocelyn McCord. His beautiful tenor voice singing praises to our Lord is very missed.

Congratulations to Don & Mary Blythe on 52 years of marriage on October 6.

Congratulations to Owen & Kitty Lugar on 61 years of marriage on October 17.

Retirement/Nursing Home Worship Leader for Forwood Manor is Antoinette Jabbi.

Our Weekly Prayer List

Sympathy

Family & Friends of Barbara Bolza (Sharon Owens' mother)
Family & Friends of Barbara Holden (Friend of Marie Cordivano)
Family & Friends of Robin J. (Friend of Bob & Carolyn Reis)
Family & Friends of Maryann Moyer (Stepmother of Don Moyer)

Members & Friends

Aldersgate Lay Leadership & Staff Members
Betty and Paul Aldrich
Rev. Anthony Arrington
Ralph & Emily Bankert
Bill & Jenny Berg
Casey Gryszkiewicz (Nancy Eder's nephew)
Chris Harvey
Karin Ingman
Royal Lowthert
Mike Luternau
Anna Maansson

Karol Robertson (Friend of Elaine Chester)
Jessica S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Helen Schowengerdt
Megan S. (Friend of Martha Weldin)
Doris Springer
Andy Trachtman (Bill Culliton's son-in-law)
Susan Trachtman (Bill Culliton's daughter)
Judy Vacca (Christine Lassiter's mother)
Ferris Wharton
Catherine and Abigail Frey

Prayer Points

- 1) Thankful for peaceful rallies throughout the country
- 2) Coastal villages of Western Alaska
- 3) Organ Spooktacular

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

Commit to US! – Growing Faith for the Next Generation Our children and youth are not just the future of the church—they are a vital part of our church today. Your giving supports Sunday School, youth group, music programs, and opportunities that shape young disciples for a lifetime of faith. Please prayerfully consider how you can Commit to US! and make your pledge for 2026. Pledge cards have been mailed but are also available online at News - Aldersgate UMC DE (<https://aldersgatede.org/news/>) and are due by mail on November 14, 2025, or can be brought to worship on November 30, 2025. Together, let's continue to gather, grow, and go as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Today is our Fall Arts @ Aldersgate Organ Spooktacular at 2 PM. Starring Gabriel Benton on the organ and featuring our Chancel Choir, Gateway Ringers, Junior Choir, Vocal Impact, and Cherub Choir. Don't miss the food and fun-filled reception following the Spooktacular with face painting, costume parade, and special themed Halloween treats! Donations of treats are welcome - please contact Pam Downey, pam.downey@aldersgatede.org, with questions.

The Auditorium will close during Sunday School today to prepare for our reception following the Organ Spooktacular this afternoon. Thank you for your understanding.

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, November 2.

September 2025 Collection: \$605 October 2025 Collection: \$716

Confirmation Information Meeting Oct. 26, 12:30. Lunch will be served. Questions: pam.downey@aldersgatede.org.

Join us on Sunday, November 2, for All-Saints Sunday. We will honor and remember all those we have lost this past year. Please remember to change your clocks on Saturday night.

Time to order UWF Pecans! Fresh Whaley pecans in one-pound bags of halves or pieces, to be delivered in November, cost \$13.50 a bag. On-line orders are encouraged: <https://eeumw.wufoo.com/forms/2025-uwf-pecan-orders/> or call Laura Parrish at 302-477-1718. Money from pecan sales supports missions for women and children.

Seussical JR. Information:

AUDITION: Friday, November 21 - Sunday, November 23

Hand out Scripts & Parent Meeting: Sunday, December 7

REHEARSALS Start: Sunday, January 4, 2026

PERFORMANCES: Friday, March 6 @ 7 pm, Saturday, March 7, & Sunday, March 8 @ 2:00 pm

Scan QR Code for Audition Link



If you have a child in college and would like them to receive a College Care Package from Aldersgate, please contact Pam Downey with your child's name and mailing address. pam.downey@aldersgatede.org

Coffee Hour Help – We need YOUR help with coffee hour. If you can set up or take-down, please see Sandy Anderson to sign up!

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:00a Contemporary Journey Service, Auditorium
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
2:00p Arts @ Aldersgate Organ Spooktacular & Reception to follow

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:30 Boy Scouts Troop #67

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

10:00a Staff Meeting, 237
6:00p Impact, SMC
6:00 Journey Band Rehearsal, Auditorium
7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:00 Cub Scouts Pack #67, Aud., FH, RR

Thursday, October 30, 2025

10:00a Journey Bible Study, 237
6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #129
7:00 Aldersgate Brass, Music Center

Friday, October 31, 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2025

