

OPPORTUNITY

Children's Ministry Staff Position

We're hiring! If you or someone you know has a passion for helping children get to know Jesus, this part-time paid staff position could be a perfect opportunity. Please contact Victoria Megginson or Ralph Rowley, SPRC co-chairs, or speak with Pastor Julie for more information.

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Sunday Worship

We worship God online and in-person every Sunday at 9 and 11am. Please invite guests to join you, either in person or by sharing the online link.

Our message series is "Worthy of the Gospel" from Paul's letter to the Philippians. This week's message is "Whatever Happens".

Healthy Church

Here are our current Healthy Church practices at Aldersgate:

- Masks are not required in the building but are welcome and available.
- We continue to have two sections in the Sanctuary where everyone in that area will keep their masks on. Every other row is taped off to provide extra distancing in the back of all four sections.
- Questions and concerns can be sent to HealthyChurch@cvaumc.org.

Last Sunday

On Sunday, July 17, 187 people worshiped the Lord in person at our two worship services. By Tuesday afternoon there had been 271 views of the services.

Dinner Church

Dinner Church will be hosting a time of gathering and worship downtown at Market Street Park on **Tuesday, August 2** from 6-7pm. If you would like to

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Dinner Church (cont'd.)

learn more about this Fresh Expression opportunity or support this ministry in some way, please reach out to Pastor Julie at julienitzsche@cvaumc.org.

Upper Rooms

Upper Rooms for July/August are available in the narthex and the take-out box outside the office entrance. Get one for yourself and one for a friend.

Spiritual Growth/Life Groups

Our Spiritual Growth/Life Groups are continuing throughout the summer. Please contact the facilitator for more information:

- **Agape:** Sundays, 10am, room 106
Myron Ripley, myron.ripley@gmail.com
- **Friendship:** Sundays, 10am, 208
Chris Fuss, pastorfuss@gmail.com
- **Seekers:** Sundays, 10am, room 211
Gary Elwell, Kim Roll, rollwell3@gmail.com
- **Sermon Discussion:** Sundays, 10:15am, Reed Room
Mike Thornton, mikethornton100@gmail.com
- **Tuesday Morning Prayer:** Tuesdays, 9:15am, via text group chat
Pastor Chip Giessler, chipgiessler@vaumc.org
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 10am, via Zoom
Pastor Chip Giessler, chipgiessler@vaumc.org
- **Reading Together:** Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, via Zoom
Michelle Wamsley, michelle.wamsley@gmail.com
- **Bridge Builders:** Thursdays, 7:30pm, via Zoom
Laura Giessler, lgiessler@gmail.com
- **Lectio Divina:** Fridays, 9am, via Zoom
Pastor Chip Giessler, chipgiessler@vaumc.org
- **Saturday Morning Men:** Saturdays, 8am, choir room
Mike Thornton, mikethornton100@gmail.com

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- **KidzConnect:** Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to the Children's Chapel in room 105 to continue worship **each Sunday** through song, story, prayer, art, dance, offering and more.
- **Play 'n Pray at Penn Park: Tuesdays at 10.** A time of play and prayer for children and adults. More info: JulieNitzsche@cvaumc.org
- **Back to School Blessings, Brunch and Family Adventure - August 21:** Backpack prayers during 9 & 11am services. In between services, meet other children and families during brunch in the Reed Room. Learn about beginning our Family Adventure. Questions contact Pastor Julie, julienitzsche@cvaumc.org.

Youth Ministry

- **Youth gathering: July 31, 6pm**
- **Busch Gardens Trip: Thursday, August 4,** with our friends from First UMC. For details and to sign up reach out to Pastor Julie, julienitzsche@cvaumc.org **no later than July 31. Space is limited.**
- **River tubing: postponed until August 7, \$25**

Aldersgate 101

Aldersgate 101 is our foundational discipleship course. This 3-session, pastor-led class covers: 1) what it is to be a follower of Jesus and part of His Church, 2) how Methodism fits in historically and doctrinally with other expressions of the Christian faith, and 3) how you can make the most of connecting, growing, and serving as part of Aldersgate Church. Contact Barbara Snow at SnowJohnBarb@comcast.net or Pastor Chip at ChipGiessler@vaumc.org for information on the next session. We are looking at Wednesday evenings, August 10, 17, and 24.

Theatre Ministry – Summer Show

Reserve your tickets now!

Reserve your tickets now at cvaumc.org/tickets for Aldersgate Church and Black Box Players summer theatre musical play on **August 4-7 at 7pm** in the Reed Room. This hysterical comedy mystery, "Knights of the Missing Round Table", is a **free, family friendly event perfect for all ages!** We will need help behind the scenes in various ways. Contact MaryAnne Thornton, maryannethornton@gmail.com for more info.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

We are on a mission to help save lives! Join us for a community blood drive at Aldersgate on **Saturday, August 20**, 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. To make a donation appointment, or to learn more, go to RedCrossBlood.org. Search by zip code 22901, and date August 20. The Aldersgate drive will pop up, and you can choose a time slot. Proof of identification is required at check-in. Linda Handy at handyparishnurse@gmail.com or 540-420-7377.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Collection

Last week to help Aldersgate support the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. This pantry exists to provide food assistance to families and individuals in need in Charlottesville and surrounding communities.

The pantry receives many fresh bread donations. We are collecting peanut butter and jelly to go along with it. **Through July 31**, please bring standard size containers of **peanut butter and jelly** (no glass please) and place it in one of the collection bins at the church entrances. If you prefer a monetary donation, please make it payable to AUMC and mark Loaves & Fishes in the subject line.

Please help a family struggling financially to get back on their feet. If you have any questions, contact Ann Brown, ahbrown6@gmail.com or 434-882-2533.

SAVE THE DATE

- **August 2:** Dinner Church, downtown at Market St. Park
- **August 4:** Youth Busch Gardens trip
- **August 4-7:** Theatre ministry summer show
- **August 7:** Youth river tubing
- **August 16:** Friendship luncheon
- **August 20:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Aldersgate.
- **Sunday, August 21:** Back to school blessings and brunch
- **Early September:** Here WEE Grow Again sale
- **October 10-12:** Camp Young at Heart
- **October 29:** Fall Festival