

## Aldersgate News

September 18, 2022

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### CONNECT

#### Sunday Worship

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

Our new message series, "A Unique Relationship," is drawn from the Old Testament book of Hosea. This week's message is "O How He Loves Us."

#### 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 one seating area in the Sanctuary where everyone is asked to wear a mask.
- Questions and concerns can be sent to [HealthyChurch@cvaumc.org](mailto:HealthyChurch@cvaumc.org).

#### Last Sunday

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, 176 people worshiped the Lord in person at our two worship services, and 42 households worshipped by livestream.

#### From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

Who was an important influence in your early faith? Our responses from Sunday included: Childhood neighbor, older friend, grandfather, youth pastor, parents, and moms. Thanks be to God for these people and their willingness to invest in children!

#### Dinner Church

Dinner Church is an expression of the Christian tradition of gathering around tables to break bread (share a meal), fellowship, pray and worship the Lord. We gather on **Thursdays** at 6 pm outdoors under the Portico (lower entrance). To contribute toward these weekly dinners, please sign up here [cvaumc.org/dinner-church](http://cvaumc.org/dinner-church).

### GROW

#### Introduction to the Bible

Are you wanting to learn more about the Bible, but not sure where to begin? Join us on **Thursdays** from 9:30-10:30 am at McDonald's across from Fashion Square Mall. Contact Pastor Julie at [julienitzsche@cvaumc.org](mailto:julienitzsche@cvaumc.org) or text at 434-326-6639 for more information.

#### Conversations and Creeds

This group time is designed for parents (but anyone is welcome) to have conversation around contemporary issues facing teenagers and how we might gain understanding in light of our Christian faith. Our first monthly gathering will be **Sunday, October 16** at 5 pm in Room 106. Contact Pastor Julie at [julienitzsche@cvaumc.org](mailto:julienitzsche@cvaumc.org) or text at 434-326-6639 for more info.

#### New Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Any women seeking to go a little deeper in Bible study and to grow in faith together are welcome to join this group. We meet via Zoom, 9-11 am. To learn more, email Edie Richards at [evrichards12@gmail.com](mailto:evrichards12@gmail.com).

#### Sweet Mondays

Women of all ages are invited to an informal gathering to share in the light of Christ with conversation, encouragement, prayer, and refreshments. You do not have to be a member of the church, so invite your friends to join us **October 3**, 9:30-11 am in the Reed Room. Contact Edie Richards at [evrichards12@gmail.com](mailto:evrichards12@gmail.com).

#### Fill My Cup

This is a group for women of all ages to come together on ZOOM on **Mondays** at 7 pm to grow in faith through studying Scripture, reading Christian books, and prayer. We welcome you to join as you can. Please contact Lacy Walton at [lacywalton@gmail.com](mailto:lacywalton@gmail.com) for more information.

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### Friendship Luncheon

Friendship Luncheon is open to anyone, especially retired people. The next luncheon is **Tuesday, September 20** at 12:30 pm in the Reed Room. We will have a box lunch (\$12) from Bellair Market.

### 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](mailto:SnowJohnBarb@comcast.net) or Pastor Chip at [ChipGiessler@vaumc.org](mailto:ChipGiessler@vaumc.org) for information on the next session.

### Children's Ministry

- **Every Sunday Morning:** Children age 4 through grade 5 are encouraged to worship together in KidzConnect time. This month's theme is FAMOUS where children hear what God has to say about friendships.
- **September 24:** Join us for KidzNight Out from 5:30-8 pm for ages 4-12. We will have dinner, games, crafts, and a Bible story. KidzNight Out is a free event but donations are appreciated. Space is limited, so please sign up by Sunday, Sept 18 at [cvaumc.org/KidzNight-Out](http://cvaumc.org/KidzNight-Out).
- **September 25:** Roots (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry): 4-5:30 pm
- **September 25:** Faithful Families Life Group 4-5:30 pm

### Wonderful Wednesdays Play Group

This is a NEW opportunity for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to gather with children (age 4 and under) for playtime, story, and craft. We'll meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month from 10:15-11:45. You don't need to be affiliated with the preschool or the church to attend. To learn more email [julienitzsche@cvaumc.org](mailto:julienitzsche@cvaumc.org).

### Youth Ministry

- **Today:** YouthGathering 5-7 pm
- 2022-2023 Calendar available--see Pastor Julie

## SERVE

### Youth Ministry Dinners

Gathering around the table is an important part of our youth fellowship. Please consider supporting our youth by providing dinner. Sign up at [cvaumc.org/youth-dinner](http://cvaumc.org/youth-dinner). Contact Pastor Julie with questions.

### Here WEE Grow Again

Help is needed this week. If you are looking to participate in an amazing outreach, sign up to serve at [hereweeagain.com](http://hereweeagain.com) or contact Karen Chang at [hereweeagain@comcast.net](mailto:hereweeagain@comcast.net).

### Reading Ministry (AIR)

AIR will begin **Thursday, October 3** for the 17th year! AIR is an after-school program for Woodbrook Elementary students to encourage a love of books and reading through book giveaways and reading in pairs. We meet from 2:30-3:30 on **Thursdays** at Mallside Forest Apartments (across from the church and behind Putt-Putt). We would love people to share reading time with the students! No skills needed for teaching reading! Only a smile and a willingness to make a connection with a child are required! Contact Ann Galione at [anngalione@gmail.com](mailto:anngalione@gmail.com) or call 434 973-2860 with questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trunk or Treat

Join us for Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 29** from 3-6pm in our parking lots! This is a FREE community event that will feature: candy, food, live music, first responders, train rides, games, and crafts! (Rain date is October 30 3-6 pm). Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you for this event! RSVP is not required but encouraged: [cvaumc.org/trunk-or-treat](http://cvaumc.org/trunk-or-treat).

### SAVE THE DATES

- **September 17-24:** Here WEE Grow Again sale
- **October 10-12:** Camp Young at Heart, 8:30 am-3 pm
- **October 25:** Charge Conference, 7 pm