

Aldersgate News

October 2, 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 "Every Name Has a Story."

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.

Last Sunday

On Sunday, September 25, 2022, 197 people worshiped the Lord in person at our two worship services, and 40 households worshipped by livestream.

From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

Last Sunday evening began "Rosh Hashana," the Jewish New Year. The literal translation is "head of the year." It is the year 5782 in the Jewish Calendar. Many of us have heard of the holiday, but not many were sure what it meant.

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.

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Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will be starting up again on **Wednesday, October 5**, 7-8 pm. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. This informal study will be held via Zoom, as it has been since it was started many years ago. All men of Aldersgate and friends of Aldersgate are welcome to join.

Facilitators are John Oliver, johndoliver@comcast.net, and Mike Thornton, mikethornton100@gmail.com.

Hike and Praise

Do you love God's creation? Come join us as we explore local trails around Charlottesville and Albemarle County. We will share a brief devotional and then hike approximately 4 miles/2 hours. Our first two scheduled hikes are: **Saturday, October 22** at 9 am at Riverview Park (dogs are welcomed); and **Saturday, November 12** at 9 am at Ivy Creek Natural Area (dogs are not allowed). For more information, and/or if you plan to join us, contact Laura Nelson at lnelson582@icloud.com.

Friendship Luncheon

Friendship Luncheon is open to anyone, especially retired people. The next luncheon is **Tuesday, October 18** at 12:30 pm in the Reed Room. We will have a box lunch (\$12) from Bellair Market.

Sign up by **Tuesday, October 11**, at cvaumc.org/luncheon, or please contact Carolyn at cmawyer1252@yahoo.com or call 434-962-4285.

Aldersgate 101

Aldersgate 101 is our foundational discipleship course. This is a 3-session, pastor-led class. Contact Barbara Snow at SnowJohnBarb@comcast.net or Pastor Chip at ChipGiessler@vaumc.org for information on the next session.

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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 BIG & SMALL where children experience their big and mighty God.
- **Roots:** 4th-5th Grade Ministry: October 9 and October 23, 4-5:30 pm
- **Faithful Families Life Group:** Sundays--October 9 and October 23, 4-5:30 pm, or Tuesdays—October 11 and October 25, 6-7:15
- **Acolyte Training:** October 16, 12:15-1:30 pm. For 3rd graders and up to learn more about serving as acolytes; lunch will be served.
- **Playgroup:** (ages 4-younger, with an adult) October 5 and October 19, 10:15-11:45

Youth Ministry

- **YouthGathering** happens most Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. October--"Growing In Relationship with God"; Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to join us October 2, 9, 16, and 23.
- **Flood Bucket Preparation:** Join us October 16 from 5-7 pm at Ivy Creek UMC to put together supplies for persons affected by natural disasters. Contact Rebecca Wagner at 434-823-4645 with questions.
- **2022-2023 Calendar** available--see Pastor Julie

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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. Contact Pastor Julie with questions.

Reading Ministry (AIR)

AIR will begin **Thursday, October 6** 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). Contact Ann Galione at anngalione@gmail.com or call 434-973-2860 with questions.

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Support Trunk or Treat

Here are ways to serve in God's love: Host a Trunk, Setup Team, Check-in Station, Greeter Team, Kitchen Team, Crafts Station, Parking Team, Food Station, and Clean-up Team. Sign-up at: www.cvaumc.org/trunk-or-treat-22.

Food Donations: Our goal is to have 150+ bags of candy donated. All pieces of candy must be individually wrapped and store bought. Please leave the candy bags in the bins at the office or main entrance by Sunday, October 23rd.

Questions? Email Ashley Thornton at webmaster@cvaumc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In Memory of Ed Ansell

For all those who knew and loved Ed Ansell, long-time member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, a Celebration of his Life is being planned for **Saturday, October 15**. We will hold a tree-planting ceremony on the grounds of the church near the office entry. Following the outdoor service, a dinner is planned within the Reed Room. Please join the Ansell family at 3:00 o'clock for both the enduring, living tree memorial service as well as our dinner gathering of friends.

An RSVP to Robin Oliver at robinaoliver@comcast.net by October 8 will be greatly appreciated.

Trunk or Treat

Join us for Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 29** from 3-6 pm in our parking lots! This is a FREE community event, and everyone is welcome. RSVP is not required but encouraged: cvaumc.org/trunk-or-treat.

SAVE THE DATES

- **October 8:** Fall Plant Sale, Portico Entrance, 10 am- 4 pm
- **October 10-12:** Camp Young at Heart, 8:30 am-3 pm
- **October 25:** Charge Conference, 7 pm
- **November 4:** Linus Project (all ages; pizza and blanket-making) 5:30 pm