

## Aldersgate News

November 20, 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.

In this month-long season of Thanksgiving, we have a three-week message series entitled "Giving Thanks for..." It is a "vision series," meaning that we will give thanks for 1) Connecting with God through Jesus, 2) Growing in our faith together, and 3) Serving others in God's love. What about serving others in God's love moves you to give thanks? That is our message for this Sunday.

Last Sunday, estimate of giving cards were in our bulletins. Please pray about those this week and return them on November 27 as part of your offering.

#### Last Sunday

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, 195 people worshiped the Lord in person at our two worship services, and 35 households worshiped by livestream.

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

"What is one way you would like to grow in your faith?" One person responded "more consistent prayer." What would you say?

### GROW

#### Evangelism Advent Study

**Unpacking the Meaning of Christmas** will be a four-week Advent study Wednesdays from 7:15 - 8 pm on Zoom beginning **November 30**. The study will be based on the Gospel of Luke and a sermon by Pastor Mike Novotny of Time of Grace Ministry. Each week will include a short video, discussion time, and prayer. The study will be facilitated by John Oliver and Mike Thornton. All are welcome - please contact us at [johndoliver@comcast.net](mailto:johndoliver@comcast.net) or [mikethornton100@gmail.com](mailto:mikethornton100@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

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#### Advent Bible Study

Gather with others for an all-new Advent Bible Study, **Prepare the Way for the Lord** beginning the **week of November 20**. This study examines the life of John the Baptist, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. Each week, we'll examine different themes through reflection with DVD, conversation, and scripture. Please think about who you might invite to join you.

Sunday at 10 am: Friendship Life Group (Facilitator: Chris Fuss); Tuesday Women's Group on Zoom at 7 pm (Facilitator: Lacy Walton); Wednesday at 1 pm (Facilitator: Pastor Julie Nitzsche); Thursday at 6 pm (Facilitator: Pastor Julie Nitzsche). Contact [info@cvaumc.org](mailto:info@cvaumc.org) to sign up for books and learn more.

#### Advent Brunch

Join us on **Sunday, December 4** at 10:00 am in the Reed Room for the Advent Brunch. Please bring a dish to share. We will need help with set-up between 9 - 9:30 and clean-up after the brunch. If you can help in this way, it would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Robin Oliver at 434-996-3417 or [robinaoliver@comcast.net](mailto:robinaoliver@comcast.net). Thank you and we hope to see you for this time of fellowship and celebration.

#### 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 "PLATE IT" where children learn about Old Testament prophets.
- **Roots:** 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry: Nov. 20 at 4-5:30 pm
- **KidzNight Out:** Children (ages 4-11) are invited for a fun night of Christmas-themed fun! Dinner provided along with crafts, movie, games, and lots more. Join us **Friday, December 2** from 5:30-8:00pm. Free, but donations are accepted. Please sign up here save your space: [cvaumc.org/kidznight-out](http://cvaumc.org/kidznight-out).

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### Youth Ministry

- **YouthGathering** happens most Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. November--“Growing In Relationship with the Bible”; Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited.
- **November 20:** Small Groups & Games
- **November 27:** Friendsgiving

## 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.

### Playground Taskforce

Our Playground Taskforce needs a dimensionally correct drawing of our current playground footprint, equipment, bushes, light pole, etc. If you have the software/skills and are willing to create this drawing, reach out to Greg Brown at 434-327-8763 or [gabrown2926@outlook.com](mailto:gabrown2926@outlook.com).

### Grounds/Leaf Clean-up

The Trustees will host leaf raking/blowing the church grounds/parking lot on **Saturday, Dec. 3** from 9:15-noon. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you have them, bring gloves, leaf blowers, rakes, and tarps. The rain date will be Sat., Dec. 10, 9:15-noon. Questions? Contact Steve Vial, 434-806-1467.

### Deck the (Outdoors) Halls

Join the Evangelism Team on **Saturday, November 26** from 9:30 to 11:30am as we gather to decorate the outside of the church building in preparation for the Advent Season. Please sign up at: [www.cvaumc.org/deck-the-halls](http://www.cvaumc.org/deck-the-halls).

### Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Collections for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank continue through **Nov. 30**. Donation barrels are at each entrance to the church building. Contact Matthew Reed at [matthewc77@yahoo.com](mailto:matthewc77@yahoo.com) with questions.

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### College Care Packages

Donations continue of hot chocolate, popcorn, gum, hard candy, pencils, or any small items college students taking exams would enjoy. There are donation bins upstairs and downstairs, and we are collecting until **Nov. 27**. Contact Susan Reed at 973-0766 or [reedr3va@netzero.com](mailto:reedr3va@netzero.com) with questions.

### Christmas Angels

We are supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tree and two ministries at The Cedars this Christmas season. Please use this link to access the three ministries with the tabs at the top of the page: [cvaumc.org/angel-tree](http://cvaumc.org/angel-tree). Please deliver all gifts to the Reed Room by **Sunday, Dec. 4**.

### Supporting A Night in Bethlehem

Are you interested in participating in or helping with A Night in Bethlehem on Saturday, December 17? Go to [www.cvaumc.org/living-nativity](http://www.cvaumc.org/living-nativity) to learn more about the different ways to serve others in God's love through this evangelism outreach event. Questions? Contact MaryAnne Thornton at [maryannethornton@gmail.com](mailto:maryannethornton@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### A Night in Bethlehem

Come see the greatest story ever told! Our parking lot will transform into Bethlehem Village complete with Census Takers, Roman Soldiers, a bustling Marketplace with singing, food, animals, and interactive activities for children. A Night in Bethlehem takes place on **December 17** from 5:30-7:45 pm with live reenactments of the Nativity Story at 6 and 7:15 pm. This is a free community event; invite your family and friends to join you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATES

- **December 3:** Grounds/Leaf Clean-up at Aldersgate
- **December 4:** Advent Brunch, 10 am
- **December 17:** Living Nativity (outdoors)
- **December 23:** Children's Christmas Eve, 5 pm
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm and 7 pm
- **December 25:** One Morning Worship Service, 11 am