

Aldersgate News

January 22, 2022

Aldersgate News can be mailed to those without email and is included in the E-Note each Saturday.

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.

We can Connect with God and Grow in our faith by Serving others in God's love... and by praying for those who do. Our first message series of 2023 is "Prayer & Servant-Leadership." God intends for us to grow in our faith together. This week's message is "Growing through Servant-Leadership."

We also rejoice in the baptism of Annie Brow, and welcome into membership Annie Brow, Nita Hager, Paula Mendenhall, Grady Mendenhall, Adele Belanger, Mark Belanger, Linda Smith, Richard Smith, Mehe Watchko, and Tom Watchko.

Last Sunday

On Sunday, January 15, 2023, 189 people worshiped the Lord in person at our two worship services, and 43 households worshiped by livestream.

From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

On Sunday we asked "Do you know any missionaries?" Responses included: Fred & Ruby Amoah-Darko in Ghana; Oleg & Marina Reutki in Moldova; Tim Sandridge at the U. of Illinois . . . Let's pray for those who serve God in these ways.

Winter Service for Hope and Healing

This can be an especially difficult time of year for many where it seems the sorrow and darkness last so long. We invite you to this holy space as we seek healing and hope through scripture, songs, and prayer on **Wednesday, January 25** at 6 pm.

GROW

New Study Group

We will begin a 6-week study on **Wednesday, January 25** at 12:30 pm at Aldersgate of the book ***By Water and the Spirit*** about **baptism and living in faith**. Please let Pastor Julie know if you are interested in joining.

The Museum of the Bible Field Trip

Aldersgate is taking a field trip! People of all ages are invited to join us in visiting The Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. on **Saturday, February 25**. This is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the Bible. Museum entrance is \$20/person, and we'll carpool to the museum. If you are interested in being part of this group, please sign up with Pastor Chip by Sunday, Feb. 12.

New Women of the Word Bible Study

Our 10-week Bible study began January 11, but it is not too late to join! We meet **Wednesdays** from 9 am-11 am, via Zoom. We are using the text/workbook ***Abide*** by Jen Wilkin, which covers John 1,2, & 3 and has online video access. It is available from Amazon for \$24.99.

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@cvaumc.org for information on the next course.

GROW

February Hike and Praise

Join us for our next monthly hike on **Saturday, February 4** at the Blue Ridge Tunnel Trail. We will meet on the Afton side at 215 Afton Depot Lane at 9 am. Dogs are welcome on this trail and bring a flashlight and/or headlamp. Please contact Laura Nelson at lnelson582@icloud.com or 434-227-0340 if you can join us.

Children's Ministry

- **KidzConnect:** Every Sunday morning, children age 4 through grade 5 are encouraged to worship together in KidzConnect time. This month's theme is "Joy to the World" where children will experience the joy of Jesus.
- **Roots:** 4th-5th Grade Ministry: Jan. 22 at 4-5:30 pm
- **Family Movie Night:** Families of all ages are invited to join us for Family Movie Night **Friday, January 27** at 6 pm. We'll enjoy pizza and popcorn together while we watch *The Lego Movie*, where Emmet learns he can do hard and wonderful things. The movie will start promptly at 6:15 pm. Bring a friend and enjoy the show. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.
- **KidzNight Out:** Children (ages 4-11) are invited for a fun night of love in action! Dinner is provided along with crafts, movie, games, and lots more. Join us **Saturday, February 4** from 5:30-8:00pm. Free, but donations are accepted. Contact Heidi Crockett at heidi.j.crockett@gmail.com with questions. Please sign up here to save your space: cvaumc.org/kidznight-out.

Youth Ministry

- **YouthGathering** happens most Sunday nights from 5:30-7 pm. To learn more about our youth ministry, please visit www.cvaumc.org.
- **Winter Retreat at Westview on the James:** February 3-5. Please contact Pastor Julie if interested.
- **Appalachian Service Project (ASP):** Summer Youth Mission Trip—June 25-July 1. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more about this SERVE opportunity for middle and high school students.

SERVE

Altar Flowers

The 2023 sign-up board for altar flowers is now available in the narthex. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. Arrangements are \$40, and you are welcome to take your sponsored flowers home after the 11 am service. Please contact info@cvaumc.org with questions.

Youth Ministry Dinners

Gathering around the table is an important part of our youth fellowship. Please consider supporting our youth by providing dinner for YouthGathering. Sign up at cvaumc.org/youth-dinner. Contact Pastor Julie with questions.

Pray for the Kenya Mission Trip

Fay Painter and Tom & Adam Blalock will go with Pastor Peter Chege and his wife Catherine from January 27- February 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

- **February 10:** Habitat Work Day
- **February 18:** Church Council Mini-Retreat
- **February 22:** Ash Wednesday, Noon & 7 pm
- **March 10:** Night of Worship, 7 pm, Reed Room
- **March 11-25:** Here Wee Grow Again
- **April 8:** Easter Eggstravaganza
- **April 29:** Women's Retreat
- **June 25-30:** Appalachian Service Project Mission Trip for Youth
- **June 19-23:** Vacation Bible School