

Aldersgate Church | August 2023

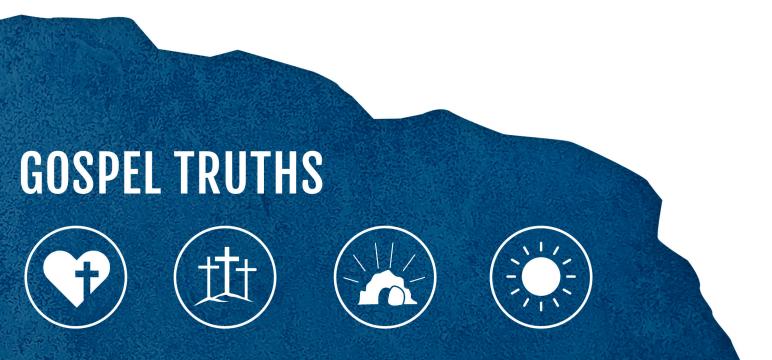
Breaking Down "Gospel Truths"

Over the past four weeks, we've had the pleasure of diving into a meaningful series at Aldersgate, exploring the essence of "the gospel" with a distinct "Wesleyan accent." At the heart of our Methodist tradition lies the message of good news about Jesus Christ. In a letter from John Wesley, he succinctly summarized the gospel into four fundamental statements, while also outlining our response to this great news:

- 1) God loves you; therefore, love and obey God.
- 2) Christ died for you; therefore, die to sin.
- 3) Christ rose again; therefore, rise in the image of God.
- 4) Christ lives evermore; therefore, live for him until you live with him in glory.

It has been an important and enriching four-week journey as we explored each of these "gospel truths" in depth. This concise and memorable version of the gospel equips us not only to understand our core message but also to confidently share this good news with those around us.

If you missed any part of this series or wish to catch up, please visit our website at aldersgateyork.com/worship.





Join us this fall as GriefShare returns to Aldersgate Church, and all are invited to be a part of this supportive and understanding community. GriefShare is a safe and welcoming support group where we come together to navigate the difficult emotions of grief.

Over the course of 13 weeks, you'll find solace in discovering what to expect in the days ahead and understand that the journey of grief has no neat, orderly stages. Instead, we will learn helpful ways to cope with the unpredictability of grief and offer each other solid support every step of the way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this compassionate group, please reach out to Jan Bowden at jan.bowden@aldersgateyork.com or call the office at 717-854-4276 for more information. We look forward to walking alongside you on this healing journey.



BREAKTHROUGH

MEN'S RALLY | SEPT 30TH | 8AM - NOON

Come join us for a wonderful morning of food, fun, fellowship, and worship at Aldersgate Church. The event will feature an inspiring keynote speech by Jason Tourville and uplifting praise music led by Bob Rambo. To sign up for this exciting event, there are multiple options available: you can use the Church App, send an email to marand987678@icloud.com, return a copy of the sign-up form to the church office, or simply call 717-471-4649.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, such as kitchen help, making phone calls (requesting you to contact 10 men from the church), participating in the praise team, handling event logistics, and offering prayer support. Your involvement and support will be greatly appreciated as we come together to celebrate this special occasion of fellowship and worship. See you there!

WELCOME, JEFF MARKEY

With excitement and open arms, we extend a heartfelt welcome to Jeff Markey, who will be joining us as our new Associate Pastor of Worship & Communication, starting on August 1st! Jeff is no stranger to the world of worship, as he comes with years of valuable experience serving as a worship pastor across York County and Colorado Springs.

Originally from New Jersey, Jeff's journey has led him to a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Montclair State University in 2006, followed by a Master of Music in Church Music from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2015.

Beyond his commitment to ministry, Jeff's personal life is a testament to his values. He and his loving wife, Grace, have been married since 2005 and are blessed with four wonderful children: Cayla (15), Josh (13), Corinne (9), and Jordan (6). Their presence adds even more joy and warmth to our congregation.

Please keep Jeff and family in your prayers as they settle into a new role and continue to serve the Lord faithfully among us. We look forward to the many blessings and growth that Jeff's leadership will bring to our worship and communication ministries.



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> As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions at: ryanjwilt@gmail.com

It is hard to believe we are over halfway through the year, but when looking back there have certainly been some long days and some trying times, especially earlier in the year. That said, that last few months have been filled with so many blessings that the hard times seem far behind us. Thanks be to God. Giving this month was below our average. The current average is a bit over \$72,000 and our undesignated giving for the month was about \$53,000. Our expenses have been a bit lower than budgeted due to our church being understaffed; most notably would be the transition of Austin. There are also some capital expenses for things like HVAC systems that will occur this year. All that said, we are over \$19,000 to positive for the year. Of course, being in a financially sound place is always a blessing. Let us continue to follow God's will and

Total Undesignated Income	\$19,379.47
Endowment Offset	\$0
Expenses minus Fund Account Disbursements	\$416.242.46
Total Giving (Excludes Designated Giving)	\$435,621.93
Total Program Offset Income	\$25,931.51
Total Designated Giving	\$42,460.58
Total Undesignated Giving	\$409,573.79
2023	1/1 – 6/30

ALDERSGATE CHURCH

MISSIONS TEAM



A representative from the Mennonite Disaster Service will be guest speaking at the Missions meeting on August 7th at 7:00pm at Aldersgate.

All are invited and welcome to join and hear about this wonderful ministry and Aldersgate's opportunity to partner with them.

August Needs at The WELL

The WELL was created by the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church to provide items to persons/families in emergency need.

This **August** we will be collecting:

- Bars of Soap

For more information, please contact the church office or Dianne Deibler.



Up for Some Baking?

Fernando Martinez, our previous custodian, is seeking 6 to 8 volunteers that would be willing to make casserole dishes for teenage moms in our local York area through the ministry of Young Lives (branch of Young Life).

If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please email Angela Jones at aej.york@comcast.net or call 717-755-3617.





SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the Missions Team fundraiser being held on Saturday, October 14.

A **spaghetti dinner and talent show** is in the planning! Start thinking of a talent that you can share.

It can be a talent that you are really good at or make something up for fun. Funds raised will go toward future missions' trips.

LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES



Partnering with Habitat for Humanity

We would love your help as our church volunteers with habitat for humanity!

When: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month | August 19th

Time: 8AM - 2:30PM

Where: In the York Area, confirmed at sign-up

For more information, please contact Dave Hoffman (dhoffmandds@comcast.net) to participate!



Partnering with the York County Food Bank

Want to help serve our community by helping with the York County Food Bank?

We've stepped up to partner again as we volunteer to help with drive-thru food distribution to our neighbors in York County, PA.

When: Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month | August 15

Time: 4PM - 6PM

Where: Living Word Community Church, 2530 Cape Horn

Road, Red Lion PA

Contact Harvey Elder to participate – hkelder@comcast.



Beginning on August 18th, the Covered by Prayer Quilt Ministry will begin meeting every third Friday of the month in room 44.

Contact Joanne Hammen for more information.



Submitted by Karon Sallade

This year for Mother's Day, my daughter lovingly gave me a book by Roy Lessin entitled **Fret Busters – God's Peace for Your Problems Today.** There are a total of 62 scripturally based devotions to fight stress and welcome peace between its covers. I will most likely be sharing more from this little book, but this month I am choosing: **Fret Buster 2 – Even Though**.

"Take His hand, even though it means letting go of what you've been holding onto. Please His heart, even though it may not please others. Wait for His Time, even though your desire is to get it done now. Obey His Word, even though you hear something different that is popular. Follow His path, even though you see a valley ahead. Trust His Wisdom, even though you want to do it differently. Give Him Praise, even though you're going through something unpleasant. Be at rest, even though you have every human reason to worry or fear."

Throughout the Scriptures, God proclaims and demonstrates who He is and what He can do. God is all in all! He has no lack, no faults, no weaknesses, no limitations, and no failures. The plan of our salvation is His plan. The work of our salvation is His work. The gift of our salvation is His gift. Every grace comes from Him. All that we have we have freely received from His generous hand.

How should we respond to His greatness and abounding generosity? Our responses are to be with Him, learn about Him, love Him, and trust Him with all our hearts...We can fully put our trust in what God has said and promised, who He is, what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do. He will not fail us because there is no failure in Him."

PRAYER GROUP

The Aldersgate Prayer Group studies the scriptures and looks intentionally at prayer. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in The Gathering Place. Consider joining us on Thur., August 10th and Thur., August 24th at 1:00 p.m.

BOOK LOVERS

Our August book is West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Join us on Tue., August 15th at 1:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place for fellowship and the discussion of this book. Questions?, please contact Julie Grothouse.

Celebrating July Senior Birthday's

5th Margret Stell 91st!

1700 Normandie Drive #410 York, PA 17404

9th Marilyn Hamberger 93rd!

2330 Freedom Way, Suite 215 York, PA 17402

Dot Myers 80th!

15th JoAnn Kreeger 80th!

3533 Shaffers Church Road Seven Valleys, PA 17360

29th Joseph Miller 89th!

4029 Woodspring Lane York, PA 17402 6th Don Miller 80th!

1179 Turnberry Lane York, PA 17403

12th Bob Zarfoss 87th!

300 Greendlae Road York, PA 17403

22nd Merv Regener 86th!

308 Clarks Way York, PA 17403





We will have our first church conference as an independent church, immediately following the 10:30 AM Traditional Service in the Sanctuary, on August 13th.

The purpose of this conference is to vote on selling the parsonage. The Trustees, Finance Committee and Ministry Resource Team have reviewed this and are all recommending that we proceed with selling the parsonage.

It is not needed for our pastors and the proceeds from the sale will be used toward the 1-time cost of becoming independent. The structure and format will be identical to past church conferences.

Church members that are present may vote. Eligible church members are those that have transferred their UMC Membership to the new, independent church.

Please email Questions@AldersgateYork.com with any questions.

Thank You's

Dear Aldersgate Family

I want to thank everyone for granting me the Barbara Gable Youth Memorial Scholarship award this year. The aid this scholarship will provide in helping to fund my education is truly a blessing. I will use it in my study of math, propelling me closer to my future plans of becoming an actuary. Please send prayers for me as I start this new phase of my life at Shippensburg University in the fall. Thank you again, church family, for this scholarship.

Shane Regener

To Aldersgate Church

I would like to thank you for the honor of receiving the Barbra A. Gable Memorial Youth scholarship. This scholarship will help me fund the last year of my degree in Early Childhood Education. This means a lot to me, because I want to be able to leave a lasting impact on the future. I think that becoming an educator will allow me to do just that. As I finish up my degree, I will be constantly reminded of your generosity. Thank You Again -

Joshua Regener

Dean Jerome

To Aldersgate Church

I want to thank everyone who has been praying for me as I go through my journey with Kidney failure. I had been on the transplant list for over 5 years last year when cancer and COVID lowered my filtering score from 22% to 10%. UMPC made a decision to take me off the active list due to my age and the cancer issue.

I am fully recovered from the squamous cell cancer that was within my left arm pit however they did not find out where it came from which is an issue. I am hoping to get back on the transplant list with John Hopkins when we meet in December. If I do get on their list, I may have to wait another 3 years for a kidney and at my age, that is a long time.

I feel very well but I am now in stage 5 of kidney disease. I am preparing for dialysis and most likely will start in mid-September with peritoneal dialysis which is performed daily at home while I sleep at night. Yes, every night for the rest of my life.

Recently a nurse told me that she had given her spare kidney to her mom so her mom could live a normal life. She said to my wife and I, "God gave everyone two kidneys so they could share one of them". All three hospitals that I have worked with have recommended that I get a living donor kidney that would help me for the rest of my life which would be 15 plus years.

If you have any interest in learning more about organ donation or my case, please contact the John Hopkins Transplant Surgery Center at 410-614-5700.

Sincere Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thank you to the Aldersgate family, especially our Sunday School class - the Nurturers - for prayers for my sister (and only sibling), Patti Jackson, as well as your kind words of support and encouragement over the past several years as Pat battled many illnesses. She was able to secure a place at Masonic Homes of Sewickley, Pa., (Pittsburgh area) about 18 months ago, which was a Godsend. There she received the skilled care she required in the final months of her life.

In memory of Patricia Ann Jackson, January 7, 1943, to June 9, 2023. Thank you for your cards and notes of sympathy

Jim and Linda Clark

A Big Thank You

A big THANK YOU to my Aldersgate family for your kind words and wonderful cards helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. Regardless of my health issues, I am grateful for each day the Lord continues to give me! I hope to be back with all of you soon. Linda Clark

Thank You from The WELL

A big THANK YOU to my Aldersgate family for your kind words and wonderful cards helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. Regardless of my health issues, I am grateful for each day the Lord continues to give me! I hope to be back with all of you soon. Stephanie Delrich, Assistant Director



Aldersgate has been proud of the many friendships formed over the years. Friends Libbet Bowman and Marlasee Douts, who have shared over fifty years of friendship, recently enjoyed catching up at Marlasee's home.



NIFTY NEEDLES

For all you knitters and crochet people we will be starting again on Monday,
September 11 at 1.30pm. If you know of anyone who would like to join us please bring them along. Hope to see you all then.
Robin Hoffman and Angela Jones

Printing Notice

To save on printing costs, we've implemented codes for printer/copier access. Our goal is to reduce usage, leading to a better quote from the leasing company for our next contract. Despite challenges like COVID, our printing has increased over the years. We're making internal changes and urge the whole church to be mindful of printing. Contact Ashlynn in the front office for printing needs or codes for specific ministries.

Together, we can save money and paper.

Prayer Teams - Needed - Wanted - Critical - Foundational

Prayer is foundational in any church group, congregation, leadership team, Bible study, or ministry. Prayer asking God for discernment, wisdom, doing His will, guidance, opening of hearts, minds, eyes, and even hands to receive the blessings given by the Holy Spirit.

As we are looking at our new beginning as Aldersgate Church, we are looking for individuals who want to be part of a prayer team. Some teams will be short term, some are a bit longer, some are in person, some can be done at home with only a couple of times to meet for updates, some are by email only, and some will be ongoing. Talking to God should be almost second nature to a Christian. We pray daily for our own family, our friends & neighbors. This is all good and needed. But could YOU do a little more? Could you commit to praying for others in your church and community? Would you step out of your comfortable box and be part of a group to pray on specific topics or group needs?

Would you like to help the Prayer Ministry Team plan events, times of fasting and prayer, or ways to help keep prayer as a focus for our congregation? Well then, the Prayer Ministry team may be what you are looking to join. Listed below are groups that need You to join. Select one that fits your schedule.

Group	Term	Meet Together	Timeframe
Grief Share	15 Weeks	Occasionally	Sept to Dec 2023
Intercessory Team	Ongoing	Weekly/As You Can	Ongoing
Bible Studies	Ongoing	Quarterly	Ongoing
Advent Season	12 Weeks	Once or Twice	Nov thru Dec 2023
Leadership/Staff	16 Weeks	Only Once	Sept to Dec 2023
Prayer Min Team	Ongoing	Monthly	Ongoing

Each group will have instructions on how to pray and focus.

Let me know how you want to increase prayer power for Aldersgate. There is a place for you. God loves hearing from you and does hear our prayers. Blessings will flow down as our prayers continue to go up to our most amazing God.

Contact Jan Bowden at Jan.Bowden@aldersgateyork.com for more information about any of the above teams. Or, let her know of an area that you want a team to be praying for a group.





UPCOMING SERMON SERIES AUGUST 6-27



What is the purpose of the church? It's an important question as we launch into a new season of ministry as an independent church in the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition. Focusing on our essential tasks is key to being a church that fulfills the Great Commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Following up on our last series on the basic "Gospel Truths," Pastor Bob Kaylor will take us on a deep dive into the basic mission and ministry of the church. The series is based on the definition of church long used by those in the Wesleyan/Anglican tradition:

The Church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

The series will look at the four basic functions of the church revealed in that statement: worship, discipleship, fellowship, and evangelism/mission. When we focus on these primary functions, we will lay a good foundation for the future. Join us at 8:00am in the Chapel, 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall,10:30am in the Sanctuary, or online as we worship and learn together.

August Calendar

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		VBS 9am-11am Intercessory Prayer 10a Trustees Meeting 6:30p Men's Group 8p	VBS 9am-11am Men's Bible Study 6a Leadership Prayer Team 5:30p BGC Bible Study 7p ESL Class 7:30p	3 VBS 9a-11a Hidden Man-Men's Group 9a Springwood Overlook worship service 11a Al-Anon 12p Worship Practice 6:30p Nominations Committee 6:30p	4 VBS 9a- 11a Celebration Villa Worship Service 11a	5
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August Memory Verse:

"We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Jesus Christ. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." Ephesians 2:10, NIRV

Sunday Activities:

Hoppy Time

During 9am worship service for ages 3 through 3rd grade

Summer Adventures:

10:15-11:15am in the Amazing Adventures wing, combined class with lesson and service opportunity



August Theme: Creativity

This month we focus on creativity and the amazing, beautiful world around us. When we look at nature, we are reminded that God is awesome, powerful and wonderfully creative. From the breathtaking beauty of the mountains, oceans, sunsets/sunrises, to the stunning images of space, to the incredible creatures of the oceans and the awesome animals of this earth, to the wonderous miracle of a new life. God's creation is truly aweinspiring. Jesus also used this creativity as He shared the parables, performed miracles and helped His followers understand more about what it means to be part of God's kingdom. The most extraordinary thing is we were created in God's image and because of that, we also have creativity to create amazing art and music, to solve problems, and to develop new inventions and medical breakthroughs. Join us this month as we explore our creativity and how we can reflect the image of God to those around us.



J-Walker Lymmen













Early July, the J-walkers had the privilege of serving their local community alongside Servants Inc, Spry Church and Zion UMC during a missions week!

Tasks included building projects, gardening, painting, and more. The week ended with a celebration dinner at Zion UMC with the homeowners. This week was a blessing to our youth and our community and we look forward to future opportunities of serving!

Worship Night

Our youth were able to worship with Messiah
Universities band, Seven, on July 23rd, as they lead us in a time of meaningful worship at Spry Church.



August Events



Sunday, September 18th:

Start of Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Class, 10:15am

Jr. High Class 6th-8th Grade Room 44

Sr. High Class 9th-12th Grade Room 45

Start of Youth Group: 6th-12th grader6:00-800pm at Aldersgate Church

Looking to get connected or have questions?

Contact the Youth Coordinator at miranda.moland@aldersgateyork.com

6 Messy Games

6:00-8:30pm at Aldersgate Dress appropriately, bring change of clothes and towel!

21 Guppy Gulch! 12:00- 6:00pm A day of swimming in a quarry and climbing

courses on water!

inflatable obstacle

Our Team

The Leadership of Aldersgate Church

Harvey Elder, Resource Ministry Team Chair
Beth Duval, Resource Ministry Team Vice Chair
Linda Jacob, Trustees Chair
Jeff Kuhn, Trustees Vice Chair
Randy Campbell, Staff-Parish Relations Chair
Ryan Wilt, Finance Chair
Kent Springman, Endowment Chair
Denny Cathcart, Stewardship Chair
Keith Murr, Technology Team Chair

Jeff Lewis, Co-Lay Leader Kevin Hoffman, Co-Lay Leader

Jan Bowden, Nominations & Leadership

Development Vice Chair

Pastoral Staff

Rev Bob Kaylor, Lead Pastor Jeff Markey, Associate Pastor

Ministry Staff

Miranda Moland, Youth - Young Adults - Special
Blessings Coordinator
Lisa Murr, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Lynne Ciepiela, Preschool Director
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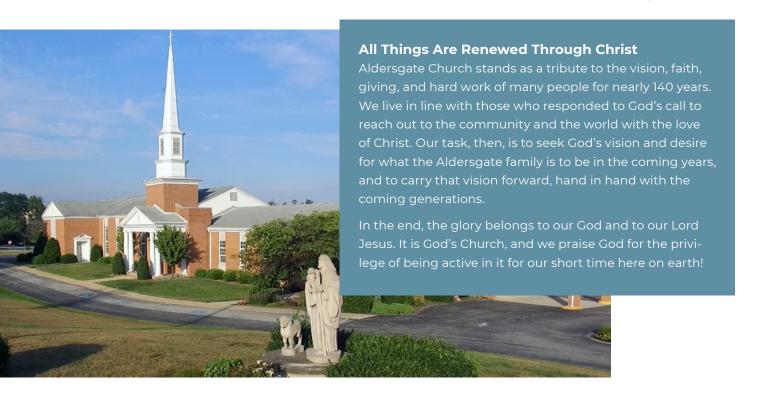
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Have an Article or Announcement You'd Like in the Good Tidings? Submissions are Due by the 21st of Each Month.

Send an Email to	For the Following Reasons
PrayerRequest@AldersgateYork.com	To submit Prayer Requests/Praises to the Aldersgate Prayer Team. To be added to the email group who prays for requests submitted by our Aldersgate family, please contact sherr.smith@AldersgateYork.com.
Communications@AldersgateYork.com	Inform/advertise ministry updates, events, personal testimonials, praises, etc.
Facility Manager @ Alders gate York.com	Calendar additions/cancellations, room requests, building repair/maintenance, volunteering to help building needs, vehicle usage.
TechTeam@AldersgateYork.com	Direct contact with those who handle the technology of the church.
Childrens Ministry @ Aldersgate York.com	Anything pertaining to The Amazing Adventures Children's Ministr.y



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