

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### Aldersgate Ringers

The bells recently spent four weeks at the factory in Pennsylvania getting a spa treatment and some maintenance. They look and sound beautiful! **We still need a couple of ringers.** Contact Jane Shutt at [janedshutt@gmail.com](mailto:janedshutt@gmail.com) for more information.

### April Hike and Praise

The next Hike and Praise will be on **Saturday, April 12** at the newest Albemarle County Park, Biscuit Run Park, 2020 Scottsville Road. We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 am, share a devotional and head out on our hike. For more information AND if you plan to join us, please contact Laura Nelson at 434-227-0340 or [lnelson582@icloud.com](mailto:lnelson582@icloud.com). We don't want to leave anyone behind!!

### Children's Ministry

- **KidzConnect:** On Sunday mornings at 9 and 11, children age 4 through grade 5 are encouraged to worship together in KidzConnect. We explore our faith through music, art, Bible stories, activities, and more.
- **Roots:** This is a special small group fellowship specifically designed for 4th and 5th graders to explore faith and friendship. We will meet **April 27**, (but usually on each 3rd Sunday) from 5:00-6:30 pm. To learn more, contact Emily Potter or Jen Merriman.
- **Jesus Alive! A Family Easter Experience: Saturday, April 12**, 3-5 pm. Head to the customs booth and make your passport. Tour guides will lead you through Jerusalem as storytellers share the true story of Easter. Collect your travel stamps at each station symbolizing the events of Holy Week. Enjoy a petting zoo, creative art project for kids, and refreshments.

### Youth Ministry

- **Glow in the Dark Youth Night:** Bring your friends and show up ready to "Glow" on **Friday, April 18**, 8-10 pm. We'll start with a "Glow in the Dark" Egg Hunt, complete with filled eggs, tailgate picnic around the bonfire, thinking about Easter together, and more high energy games before going home. Look for 1 of the 3 golden eggs! Wear your favorite "Glow in the Dark" attire. Something fun for everyone!
- **C'Ville Youth Collective:** Ivy Creek UMC will host the next C'Ville Youth Collective **Sunday, April 13**, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Invite your friends to join you.

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### Youth Ministry (cont.)

- **Youth Ministry is Growing:** We need more adults to provide engaging discipleship opportunities this spring and summer. Please contact Pastor Julie for more information.

## SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

### Blue Ridge Area Food Bank—Food Drive Now!

We are collecting **pull-tab** canned items such as soups, stews, and chilis for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank **March 1-30**. The food bank provides food to the hungry in the Albemarle/Charlottesville area. Collection barrels are in the Reed Room. Contact Matthew Reed at [matthewc77@yahoo.com](mailto:matthewc77@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Aldersgate Landscaping Day

The trustees will host a mulch-spreading day on **Friday, April 4**, 1-4 pm. Everyone is welcome! Bring gloves, rakes, and wheelbarrows, if you have them. Contact Steve Vial at 434-806-1467 or Jim Aylor 434-284-1282 with questions.

### Pacem Meals

PACEM is in the final weeks of ministry to our unhoused neighbors. AUMC will provide 2 more meals on **April 9** for the women and **April 16** for the men. There is a great need for groups to provide meals or for individuals to provide support each night. (The number of men we serve is down to 25 so preparation for that meal could easily be managed by a smaller group). Please sign up to serve meals or provide food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-55907682-pacem>

If you or your life group would be interested, please contact Jane Shutt, [janedshutt@gmail.com](mailto:janedshutt@gmail.com), for more information.

### Serving Together Day

All generations are invited for an afternoon of Serving Others in God's Love, alongside our children and youth on **Sunday, April 27**. We'll meet in The Gathering Place at 3 pm and then be SENT out to serve in teams in 1 of 3 different locations. We will meet back at the church building for a **Family Gathering Table** meal and to reflect together about where we saw God moving. Please contact Jenn Thomas at [info@cvaumc.org](mailto:info@cvaumc.org) for more details and look for a SignUpGenius coming soon.

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### Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's next Habitat for Humanity Build Days are **Friday, April 11** (the second Friday each month) and **Saturday, June 28** (quarterly). Youth are encouraged to join us. Contact Greg Brown at [gabrown2926@outlook.com](mailto:gabrown2926@outlook.com) or 434-327-8763 for information.

### Security Team Opportunity

The Aldersgate Security Team is looking for new members. The Security Team is responsible for walking through the church each evening to check that doors are locked, and lights are off. It is about a 10-minute commitment one (or more) days a month and training is provided. This is a rewarding way to serve your church! Please contact Vicki Richard at 540-820-4647 or [vickirich@gmail.com](mailto:vickirich@gmail.com) with questions or to let us know you're interested.

### Mowing Season

We are looking for a few good people (men and women!) to join the mowing team. It is a commitment of about once a month. We provide training and are very flexible with schedules. If you have questions or would like to join the team, contact Lucas Ohlendorf at [lucashikes@gmail.com](mailto:lucashikes@gmail.com). The mowing season runs from about April-September.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **April 12:** *Jesus Alive!*, Family Easter Experience, 3-5 pm
- **April 17:** Maundy/Holy Thursday, 7 pm
- **April 18:** Good Friday, 7 pm
- **April 19:** Prayer Stations, 10 am, Downtown (meet @ CFUMC)
- **April 20:** Sunrise Service, Holly Memorial Gardens, 6:30 am
- **April 23:** Prayer for All Nations, 6:30 pm
- **May 4:** Blessing of the Hands, 9 am & 11 am
- **June 7:** Blood Drive, 10 am-2 pm
- **July 7-11:** Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 pm
- **August 25-27:** Camp Young at Heart, 10 am-2 pm



## Aldersgate News

March 30, 2025

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

## CONNECTING WITH GOD

### 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 do not live our lives in a spiritual vacuum. There are forces and circumstances ever pulling us away from (or toward) God. Peter (whose letter we are considering) knew this both from Jesus' teaching and from his own experiences. His inspired warning for us is to watch out, to be careful, to resist our enemy who seeks not to just harm us, but to destroy us. How can we be alert, and help one another to be alert?

### Last Sunday

On Sunday, March 23, 2025, 221 worshiped the Lord in the sanctuary and 37 households worshiped by livestream. We also welcomed others to worship via the recording later on Sunday or later in the week.

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

On Sunday we were asked if we have been baptized, and if so, at what age. Our responses were mostly "Yes." And our ages ranged from baby to young adult. Do you know your baptism anniversary date? Can you find it out?

### Family Gathering Table

For our **April** Family Gathering Table, we will meet on **April 27** for Serving Together Day. (Please see the announcement for Serving Together Day in Aldersgate News under Serving Others in God's Love).