

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

June/July Hike and Praise

June's Hike and Praise will be at Ivy Creek Natural Area, 1780 Earlysville Road, on **Saturday, June 14**. We will meet in the parking lot at 9 am to share a devotional and then hike. Dogs are not allowed on this property. We will not hike in July but will resume in August. For more information, and if you plan to join us for the June hike, please contact Laura Nelson at lnelson582@icloud.com or 434-227-0340.

Ordination Service

On **Saturday, June 14** at 11 am, there will be a Service for the Ordering of Ministry at the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke where Pastor Julie will be ordained as an Elder in the UMC.

Camp Young at Heart 2025

Camp Young at Heart is returning this year! It will be held **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 25, 26, and 27** at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Camp Young at Heart, it is an ecumenical camp for all ages, offering an opening worship time and two class periods with lunch in between. There are class options to choose from including Bible classes/studies, history and science topics, and photography. Each day starts at 10 am and concludes at 2 pm. Lunch is "bring your own" on Monday and Tuesday, with a potluck luncheon Wednesday—fried chicken will be provided! Registration packets will be in the narthex soon.

Children's Ministry

- **KidzConnect:** Get ready! Get Set! Come join the Fun! The KidzConnect Team has a place for you. We are seeking a few more Leaders and Helpers to be a part of our Sunday morning team. Learn what days are available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AAFA92FA3FB6-56466767-kidzconnect>.
- **Celebration Cookout for All Generations:** Join us today, **Sunday, June 1** from 5:00-6:30 pm as we celebrate the end of the school year. Enjoy grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, and please bring your favorite potluck dish to share, as we gather outside in the shade with our church family and friends. Don't forget the right attire to enjoy water balloons, volleyball, kickball, and more. Let's celebrate God's faithfulness in helping us Connect, Grow, and Serve together as Aldersgate Church. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

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Youth Ministry

- **Mentors and Van Transportation Needed:** For 26 years, All God's Children Camp (AGCC) has been a blessing to hundreds of children with incarcerated parents. This year's camps are scheduled **June 15-20** and **August 10-15** at Camp Chanco, near Williamsburg. Mentors (age 15 and up) are still needed for both weeks as well as van transportation on June 15 and 20. If you are interested in being a part of this incredible ministry, please email lorismith@vaumc.org or contact Pastor Julie.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

We could really use your help as we prepare for our upcoming blood drive. There are still open appointment times, and here are three easy ways you can help us meet our goal on **Saturday, June 7**: 1) Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using the sponsor code or download the Blood Donor App. 2) Invite your spouse or significant other. Share the love as you share the lifesaving gift of donating blood together. 3) Invite a friend to our drive. Donating blood is always more fun with a friend, so bring one along. Patients in need count on drives like ours to provide a steady supply of blood. Each donation can help save up to three lives, so by meeting our goal, we can touch so many lives in our community and around the country.

Safe Sanctuary Training

The Safe Sanctuary Policy guides our church in protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Training in this policy is required for any volunteer working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. The Safe Sanctuary coordinators will be providing a combined Safe Sanctuary training for members of AUMC who are interested in becoming new volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, as well as volunteers who were trained in the Safe Sanctuary policy from 2018-2021 for refresher/renewal training. Please contact Vicki at vcmler1417@gmail.com or Sandi at sandraabbott68@gmail.com to sign up for training. Thank you! The dates of the training are as follows: **June 18** on Zoom at 6:30 pm; two trainings on **June 22** at 10:15 am and 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall; **August 27** on Zoom at 6:30 pm; two trainings on **September 14** at 10:15 am and 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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The Andrew Team

The Andrew Team is an Aldersgate ministry that follows the example of Jesus' first disciple Andrew. After meeting Jesus, Andrew immediately went to his brother to tell him he had found the Messiah. Like Andrew, our mission is to follow the Lord and bring others to Him. Serving others in God's love can make a profound difference in our community, one invitation at a time. When we host community events at Aldersgate, people attending are invited to leave contact information. We then reach out to them by phone or email. We thank them for attending the event, invite them to join us for Worship on Sundays, and tell them of any upcoming events. If you are interested in serving in this powerful ministry, contact Mike at MikeThornton100@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's next Habitat for Humanity Build Days are **Friday, June 13** (the second Friday each month) and **Saturday, June 28** (quarterly). Youth are encouraged to join us. Contact Greg Brown at gabrown2926@outlook.com or 434-327-8763 for information.

Servants Needed for Vacation Bible School

Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, **True North VBS** shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! There are opportunities to help with our children or behind the scenes. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-56726672-vbsservants>. Here is the link for the sign up to provide and serve a simple dinner each night: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-56727357-vbssupper>.

UPCOMING DATES

- **June 1:** Summer Kickoff Celebration for All Ages, 5-6:30 pm
- **June 22-28:** Appalachian Service Project
- **July 7-11:** Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:30 pm
- **July 12:** Community Fun Night, 6:30-8:00 @ AUMC Lower Lot
- **July 18:** Busch Gardens Youth Trip
- **August 25-27:** Camp Young at Heart, 10 am-2 pm

Aldersgate News

June 1, 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.

God has given us each power and influence. Do we use our power in the world's way (to try to control others)? Or do we use it as Jesus did, following His example of humble service? How is God's power at work in and through you? This Sunday, teens in our church will serve as worship leaders, and will share their reflections of God's power in their lives. We will acknowledge and pray for graduates. And our worship will culminate in Holy Communion.

Last Sunday

On Sunday, May 25, 2025, 202 worshiped in the sanctuary and 32 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 who we were especially remembering (the day before Memorial Day). Our responses included: parents (from many people), brother Tim, sister Deanne, 2 uncles in WWII, 3 brothers in WWII (Burton, Homer & David). Who were you remembering?

Pentecost Brunch Invitation

You are invited to celebrate the birth of the church on **Sunday, June 8** at 10:00 am in the Reed Room. Please bring a dish to share during this time of fellowship and celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Oliver at 434-996-3417 or robinaoliver@comcast.net. Hope to see you all there!!

