GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Friendship Luncheon—This Tuesday

Our monthly Friendship Luncheon will meet **Tuesday, November 17** at 12:30 in the Reed Room. To reserve a spot, please contact Carolyn Mawyer at cmawyer1252@yahoo.com, 434-962-4284, or see her at church. Our food will be from Wood Grill Buffet ($12.50), and our entertainment this month will be George Gorman, who will be playing his accordion. Contact Carolyn Mawyer or Carolyn Fuss with any questions.

2026 Advent Study: *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*

Join us beginning **Wednesday, November 18**, 12-1:30 pm in the Choir Room for a lively discussion as we explore the Christian themes in the story of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." We will use the book *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch* during a four-week study (11/18, 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16). Please bring your lunch and join us for this informal gathering for fellowship and learning during Advent.

KidzNight Out

It's time to celebrate! Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us in the Gathering Place at Aldersgate **Friday, December 4,** 5:30-8:00 pm for a special night of fun, laughter, friendship, and celebrating God's love through Jesus. We'll explore the nature of God as revealed in the Christmas story, as we experience stations of crafts, games, and Bible story. Children are welcome to wear pajamas! And don't forget to invite a friend! Space is limited to 40 children, so sign up soon here: cvaumc.org/events. Free, but donations are welcome to cover the cost of pizza. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

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. All new lower elementary group this year (Pre-K to 1st grade).
- **Follow Us on Instagram @aldersgatecville_cm**.

Youth Ministry

- **Youth Group, Sunday, November 22:** 5:00 pm, Gathering Place
- **Follow Us on Instagram @aldersgatecville_ym.**

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Christmas Party for Aldersgate Youth

All middle schoolers, high schoolers, and their friends are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 6** at 12:30 pm in The Gathering Place for a time of celebration. We'll have lots of yummy treats, enjoy some live Christmas music together, explore the Christmas story in a shared activity, and meet some new people. We can't wait to see you! Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

Coat/Winter Weather Clothing Donations For IRC

One way we can Serve Others in God's Love is by helping our neighbors in need of warm coats this winter. The Youth are partnering with the IRC (International Rescue Committee) to help. We are collecting "gently used" winter coats, hats, gloves, and sweatshirts for our new neighbors through today, **Sunday, November 15**. Bins are located at the upper and lower church entrances!

College Student Care Packages

It's that time of year again! We are gathering goodies for care packages for our college students to let them know that we are thinking of them and keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. We are happy to accept leftover Halloween candy, but snacks like granola bars, peanut butter crackers, and other munchies would also be appreciated. Cocoa packets, popcorn, gum, pens, and pencils are also great. Donations to help defray the cost of postage would be wonderful as well. We will collect items at church until **November 30**. Questions? Call Susan Reed at 434-973-0766 or email at Reedr3va@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

Advent Brunch

Please join us on **Sunday, December 6** at 10:00 am in the Reed Room for our Advent Brunch. There will be lots of good food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We will need help on that day in the morning and after the brunch. Please contact Robin Oliver at 434-996-3417 or robinaoliver@comcast.net with questions or to sign up to help.

Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's next Habitat for Humanity Build Day is **Friday, December 11** (the second Friday each month). Youth are encouraged to join us. Contact Greg Brown at gabrown2926@outlook.com or 434-327-8763 for information.

Celebrate Christmas At Aldersgate

Advent Small Group: The Heart That Grew Three Sizes
November 18 & December 2, 9, & 16 | 12-1:30 pm | Choir Room
Contact: Alison and Ray O'Brien at alisonobrien47@comcast.net

KidzNight Out
December 4 | 5:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Julie Nitzsche at Julienitzsche@cvaumc.org

Advent Brunch
December 6 | 10:00-11:00 am | Reed Room

Christmas in Bethlehem
December 12 | Village opens at 4:30 pm | Live Nativity: 5:00 & 6:00 pm
Contact: Ashley Thornton at webmaster@cvaumc.org

Christmas Cantata presented by the Aldersgate Choir
December 13 | During the 11:00 am service

Christmas Caroling to Bless Others
December 20 | Time and Location TBD
Contact: Julie Nitzsche at Julienitzsche@cvaumc.org

Worship Services

Christmas Eve Worship
December 23 | 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship
December 24 | 7:00 pm
This is a candlelight service with carols and Holy Communion. Our musical worship will be led by both our Praise Band and our Choir.

Christmas Eve Worship
December 24 | 11:00 pm
This is a mellow, reflective time of praise and adoration of the Son of God featuring candlelight, music, and Holy Communion.

Learn More: www.cvaumc.org/Christmas

Aldersgate News

November 15, 2026

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.

In the second week of our three week "Vision and Thanksgiving" series, we will look again at our man in John 9. Having started by seeing how he was first seen by Jesus, and ended up seeing Jesus, we will look this week at that growth process that resulted in him becoming a "thanks-giver." How are we growing in being thanks-givers?

Last Week
On Sunday, November 8 there were 186 people in the sanctuary, 4 on retreat, and 35 households at home worshiping the Lord. Others worshiped via the recordings.

From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question
On Sunday we were asked the age at which we first got glasses or contact lenses (or "not yet"). Our responses included a bunch from 6-10 years old, and others in their teens, 20s, 40s, 50s & 60s, and a few "not yets," and a few who think they need them, but don't have them yet. What would you say?

The Well: A Modern Worship Gathering
Are you looking for new friendships? A place to belong? Consider joining us on **Wednesday, December 9** at 7:00 pm in the Reed room as we connect with God and each other in a casual space with music, scripture, and prayer. Come a little early and enjoy a time of fellowship with refreshments.

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