

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

The Upper Room

The Upper Room, a daily devotion magazine, for May/June is available in the narthex, the office hallway, and the take-out box outside the church office. You may take an extra copy for a friend.

Friendship Luncheon

The next monthly Friendship Luncheon will meet on **Tuesday, April 21** 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 on Sunday morning. (This is a new format for making a reservation.) Our food will be from Wood Grill Buffet, and the cost is \$12.50. Our guest speaker this month will be Reverend Chris Allen, from the United Methodist Development Company. He will be speaking with us about meaningfully giving to God. Chris says, "Giving isn't just a transaction. It shapes what we trust, what we love, and ultimately who we become." Chris will also stay after lunch to share with anyone interested in learning more about planned and tax-advantaged giving.

Rainforest Falls VBS

Children ages 4 through rising 8th grade are invited to step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. **June 22-26**, 5:30-8:30 pm. Registration for children is open at cvaumc.org/vbs. Servants can sign up now at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-62384827-vbsservants#/>.

Summer Camp Opportunities for Children and Teenagers

Attending a Christian Summer Camp can be a significant formative experience for children and teenagers. Are you interested in your child or teenager attending one of the local United Methodist Summer Camps (Westview on the James or Camp Overlook)? Opportunities are available for children completing Kindergarten through High School. If this sounds like a possible next step for your child/teenager to grow in their faith, reach out to Pastor Julie by **May 17**. Through our Easter mission offering, scholarships are available to help offset the cost to you.

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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). No KidzConnect 1st Sundays.
- **Roots:** (4th & 5th grades group), **Sunday, April 26**, 5 pm.
- **Follow Us on Instagram @aldersgateville_cm.**

Youth Ministry

- **"Youth Lunch":** 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm. We meet today, **April 19**, in The Gathering Place.
- **Youth Group/Family Gathering Table: Sunday, April 26**, 5-6:30 pm.
- **Ways to Support Youth Ministry:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AAFA92FA3FB6-58714463-youth>
- **Follow Us on Instagram @aldersgateville_ym.**

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Youth Mission Week

Are you a Rising 6th grader - Rising 9th grader who wants to make a difference in your local community this summer? Then you should join us for the 6th annual Love Your Neighbor Mission Week **July 13-16**, from 10 am-4 pm. We'll visit a variety of local agencies and ministries to learn about serving others in God's love. Sign-up coming soon! Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

Serve in the Nursery

As our Nursery Care continues to welcome young families, we are seeking a few folks who could serve for a 2-hour block (8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30) on Sunday mornings in the month of April (Safe Sanctuary training required). Please contact Laura Arriola, Nursery Coordinator or Pastor Julie for more information and/or sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DAEA82CA2FC1-63003429-nursery#/>.

Serve with the A/V Team

The Audio-visual Team welcomes you to join us in providing important media assistance for our Sunday services and other church events. Experience is not necessary and easy scheduling is available. See Carl Schwaner for more information.

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Loaves & Fishes Food Drive

During the month of **April**, the Outreach & Missions Team is collecting coffee (ground or instant), coffee creamer, and green and black tea bags, for customers of the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please place your items on the table in the Reed Room.

Intergenerational Family Serve Day

Join us for an All-Generations "Family" Serve Day on **Sunday, May 3**, from 3:30-6:30 pm. We'll divide into 3 teams as we are sent in love to "Serve Others in God's Love" at Woodbrook Elementary School, Charlottesville Rehab, and the church building, before enjoying dinner and fellowship together. Invite your friends and neighbors to come be part of our special day. Please sign up at cvaumc.org/events so we can be well prepared. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

Mentors for All God's Children Camp (AGCC)

Do you have a heart for children who are struggling with life's circumstances? Would you be available to serve for one week as a 1:1 mentor for a child at AGCC (camp for children with incarcerated parent/s) this summer? If this feels like something you'd like to learn more about, or if you know someone else who might be a good fit, please reach out to Pastor Julie. You can learn more about this ministry at <http://www.agcccamp.org/>.

Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build Days are **Friday, May 8** (the second Friday each month) and **Saturday, July 18** (quarterly). Youth are encouraged to join us. Contact Greg Brown at gabrown2926@outlook.com or 434-327-8763 for information.

UPCOMING DATES

- **May 16:** Scrapbooking Event, 9 am-9 pm
- **May 17:** Welcome Summer Brunch
- **June 7-11:** Youth Mission Trip
- **June 22-26:** Vacation Bible School (evenings)
- **July 13-17:** Love My Neighbor Mission Week
- **July 23-26:** Theatre Ministry Production
- **August 24-26:** Camp Young at Heart

Aldersgate News

April 19, 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.

Last week we began our message series "Prayers to Grow By" with "What Did Jesus Do?, pt 2" (considering the last week of His life). This Sunday we consider Jesus' previous 155 weeks — His three years of public ministry. What was prayer like for Jesus? What does that mean for us, if we want to be His followers?

Last Week

On Sunday, April 12, 2026, 202 worshiped in the sanctuary, and 31 households worshiped by livestream. Others worshiped via the recordings.

From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

On Sunday we were asked to put what Jesus wants us to do into 3 words or less. Our responses included: Keep the faith; Draw closer; Show more love; Grow, Dwell, Serve; Believe in Him; Pray to Him; Keep on loving; Accept His people; Be patient; Serve others; Be understanding; Love God; Love everyone; Believe in Him; Love Jesus; Help others always; Trust in Him... What would you say?

The Well: A Modern Worship Gathering

We want to see Jesus! And we want to help others see Jesus. We gather once a month for a casual time of worship and connection with God through scripture, music, testimony, prayer, and fellowship. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more. **May 13** at 7 pm (2nd Wednesdays) in the Reed Room.

