

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Rainforest Falls VBS

Children ages 4 through rising 8th grade are invited to VBS, **June 22-26**, 5:30-8:30 pm. We will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with our Creator. Registration for children is open at cvaumc.org/vbs. Servants can sign up now at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-62384827-vbsservants#/>.

Camp Young at Heart—Classes and Fellowship

Save the date! We are excited to announce that Aldersgate will host Camp Young at Heart, **August 24-August 26**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. We will meet for morning worship and devotional, followed by a class, lunch (brown bag Monday/Tuesday; potluck with fried chicken Wednesday) and then a second class. Class topics range from Bible study, history, nature, health and safety, and art. Registration packets will be available mid to late June. For more information, please contact Laura Nelson at lnelson582@icloud.com or 434-227-0340 or Robin Oliver at robinaoliver@comcast.net or 434-996-3417.

Ministry with Children

Do you have gifts for teaching, nurturing, listening? Are you good at organizing or serving behind the scenes? Are you creative or tech-savvy? The Children's Ministry Team is preparing NOW for the 2026-2027 school year, and we need YOU to join us in serving WITH children in ministry. Please contact Pastor Julie to learn more about 1x opportunities and monthly opportunities for adults (we'd love to have some guys!) and teenagers to serve.

Youth Ministry Support Needed

Do you feel called to help teenagers get to know Jesus and build their life on Him? We are looking for more adults to serve as part of the Youth Ministry Team in 2026-2027 school year, starting in August, on a weekly, monthly, or one-time basis. If God is calling you and you'd be willing to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Julie, as we will have a planning meeting in June.

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.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** June 3, 10 am on the AUMC playground

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Children's Ministry (cont.)

- **Family Listening Sessions:** Wednesday, June 3, 10 am & Tuesday, June 14, 6 pm
- **Family Time:** Sunday, June 28, 5 pm at Chris Greene Lake
- **Follow Us on Instagram** @aldersgateville_cm.

Youth Ministry

- **Summer Pool Party:** Sunday, June 28, 3-5 pm at ACAC
- **Busch Gardens Trip:** Friday, July 17; (sign up coming soon).
- **Day at the Lake:** TBD
- **Follow Us on Instagram** @aldersgateville_ym.

SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

Donations Needed for VBS

Rainforest Falls VBS 2026 is less than a month away, and we need some donations of supplies to use with our children. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA82EA0F94-64336010-donations>. You can leave your donations in the bin in the entrance near the church office. If you are letting us borrow an item, please mark your name on there clearly. All supplies are needed by **Sunday, June 14**. Thanks for helping!

Summer Theatre Ministry Show: Peter Pan Goes Wrong

This summer, Aldersgate Church and the Black Box Players will present the comedy "Peter Pan Goes Wrong" for our annual family-friendly theatre production! Show dates are **July 23, 24, 25** at 7 pm and **July 26** at 3 pm. Tickets are FREE. We need lots of help with sets, costumes, tech week dinners, greeting, ushering, and more. For more info on how you can join us onstage or help behind the scenes, email maryannethornton@gmail.com or call/text 434-825-9202.

Photo Ministry Team

We are looking for people to join our Photo Ministry Team, with opportunities to serve by signing up to photograph specific worship services and ministry events. No experience is required—just a willingness to serve. Training and guidance will be provided. Phones or cameras that take clear, good-quality photos are required. If you're interested in serving or learning more, please contact Ashley Thornton at webmaster@cvaumc.org.

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Cards of Prayer and Encouragement for ASP Team—This Week!

The Youth Mission Team will be Serving Others in God's Love with the Appalachia Service Project **Sunday, June 7-Saturday, June 13**. We'd love to send them off with notes and cards of encouragement and with our prayers (Ideally 2-3 cards/ person). You don't have to know the person you are writing a card for/praying for, and you can just put their first name on the envelope. Please place completed notes and cards in Pastor Julie's mailbox or the communication basket on Sunday morning. **Youth**—Emma, Natalie, Jacob, Tucker, Finn, Iris, Lizzie, Nicholas, Liam, Ethan, Corinne, Keaton, Willow, Hunter, Ainsley, Eva, Gavin, Mason, Shayna, Ryan, Lydia; **Adults**—Susan, Liz, Greg, Charlie, Lorelei, Mike, Pastor Alex, Fred M., Pastor Julie, Erin, Paul, Fred T., Cynthia, Dave.

Youth Mission Week

Are you a Rising 6th grader - Rising 9th grader who wants to make a difference in your local community this summer? 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. Contact Pastor Julie for more information and sign up at <https://cvaumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3627637>. *During the registration process, you can choose to pay online or by check/cash.*

Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build Days are **Friday, June 12** (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

- **June 7-13:** Youth Mission Trip, ASP, Charleston, WV
- **June 22-26:** Vacation Bible School (evenings), Rainforest Falls
- **July 6:** Prayer for All Nations, Sierra Leone
- **July 13-16:** Love My Neighbor Mission Week
- **July 17:** Busch Gardens
- **July 23-26:** Theatre Ministry Production, Invite a friend!
- **July 29:** National Cathedral
- **August 24-26:** Camp Young at Heart

Aldersgate News

May 31, 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.

This Sunday we continue to consider "Prayers to Grow By." Pastor Julie will help us reflect on God's words to God's people during Moses' day — words cherished by faithful people in every generation since.

Last Week

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, 211 worshiped in the sanctuary, and 39 households worshiped by livestream. Others worshiped via the recordings.

From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

On Sunday we were asked about a musical instrument we play (or have played). Our responses included: piano (by quite a few of us), saxophone (by 2), violin, trombone (by 2), guitar, flute (by 2), percussions, steel pan, handbells, and kazoo. 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. **June 10** at 7 pm (2nd Wednesdays) in the Reed Room. Troy Durrer and Hannah & Grayson Boatwright will lead our music, and we will have a featured speaker.

