

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### May Hike and Praise

May Hike and Praise is **Saturday, May 11** at 9 am at Darden Towe Park. We will meet at the first parking lot on the left side (not the one by the beach), and we will hike alongside the trail. This hike is approximately 4 miles, and dogs are welcome. For more information and/or if you plan to join us, please contact Kate Wisbey at 207-289-5592 or [katewisbeymusic@gmail.com](mailto:katewisbeymusic@gmail.com).

### Devotional Writing Workshop

Did you enjoy last year's Advent devotional? Be a part of this year's! You're invited to a 2-hour devotional workshop on **Saturday, May 11**, starting at 9 am, in the AUMC choir room. Come learn about and practice writing a personal devotion of your own, as well as learning about the production process that helps bring us all together in Christ in a wonderful way. For more information, contact Hansie Haier at [hansie2021@gmail.com](mailto:hansie2021@gmail.com).

### Prayer Shawl Life Group

Join the Prayer Shawl Life Group for fun and fellowship on **Monday, May 13** at 10 am in the Parlor. Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks. Many colors of yarn are available, or you can bring your own machine washable yarn. Beginners are welcome! For more information contact Jane Mangione at [jrhmanigione@gmail.com](mailto:jrhmanigione@gmail.com) or 434-953-9588.

### May Book Discussion with Pastor Julie

Pastor Julie's book group will continue discussing *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks. We'll meet on **Monday, May 13** at 9:30 am for conversation and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Julie at [julienitzsche@cvaumc.org](mailto:julienitzsche@cvaumc.org) for more information.

### Aldersgate 101

Aldersgate 101 is our foundational discipleship course. This 3-session, pastor-led class covers: 1) what it is to be a follower of Jesus and part of His Church, 2) how Methodism fits in historically and doctrinally with other expressions of the Christian faith, and 3) how you can make the most of connecting, growing, and serving as part of Aldersgate Church. Contact Pastor Chip for information.

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### Kickoff to Summer: Celebration, Cookout and Kickball

Let's celebrate all the ways we have been Growing in Faith Together this year through Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Life Groups! Bring a dish to share (hotdogs and hamburgers provided). Bring a lawn chair! Wear good shoes if you plan to play! All generations are invited. Location TBD. **Sunday, June 2**, 5-6:30 pm. Contact Pastor Julie to learn more.

### Children's Ministry

- **KidzConnect:** Every Sunday morning, children age 4 through grade 5 are encouraged to worship together in KidzConnect. Each Sunday we explore our faith through music, art, Bible stories, activities, and more.
- **Roots:** (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) **May 19** at 4:00 pm in the Gathering Place

### Youth Ministry

- **C'Ville Youth Collective:** The C'Ville Youth Collective is gathering at First UMC on **May 19** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Invite your friends to attend with you and contact Pastor Julie with questions.

## SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

### Habitat for Humanity Build Opportunities

The upcoming Habitat for Humanity home construction dates at Southwood Village 2 are **Friday, May 10** and **Saturday, May 25**. There are no special skills needed to volunteer. If you feel called to help build homes or have questions, please contact Greg Brown at [gabrown2926@outlook.com](mailto:gabrown2926@outlook.com) or 434-327-8763. Mark your calendars for these build dates later in the year: June 14, July 12, August 9, August 24, September 13, October 11, November 8, November 23, and December 13.

### Thank You from Outreach and Missions Team

The Outreach and Missions Team is grateful for your support in Aldersgate's spring collection to provide personal hygiene items to be distributed to members of our community. Your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, body and hand wash, shampoo and conditioner will be distributed to those in need through the work of the Emergency Food Network (EFN). Monetary gifts will be targeted for the purchase of diapers. A special "Thank You" goes to Aldersgate youth who are assisting in sorting and delivering the donations to the EFN pantry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Aldersgate Christian Preschool - Position Available

We are looking for a new Director/Lead Teacher for next school year. We believe God has a great person for our children! Please pray and think if you know someone who could apply for this part-time ministry staff position. Preschool is Monday-Friday, 9-noon. Contact Pastor Chip to get a position description.

### Ministry Photos and Videos

Do you have photos/videos from Aldersgate ministry events/activities/life groups? We would love for you to share the photos/videos with us by going to [cvaumc.org/media](http://cvaumc.org/media). Questions? Contact Ashley Thornton at [webmaster@cvaumc.org](mailto:webmaster@cvaumc.org).

## UPCOMING DATES

- **May 22, 29 & June 5:** Aldersgate 10 (tentative)
- **June 2:** Handbell Choir Performs
- **June 8:** Red Cross Blood Drive at AUMC, 10 am – 2 pm
- **June 9:** Picnic at the Park
- **June 17-21:** Vacation Bible School
- **June 23-30:** Appalachia Service Project Trip
- **July 15-19:** C'ville Youth Mission Week
- **July 24-28:** Theatre Ministry Summer Production
- **August 26-28:** Camp Young at Heart
- **September 1:** Family Camping Trip
- **October 26:** Trunk or Treat



Did you know? "Cinco de Mayo" commemorates a military victory by Mexico over the invading army of France in 1862 in Puebla state southeast of Mexico City.

## Aldersgate News

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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 series, "Who is it You are Looking For?," we have considered the commonly but unfulfillingly lived out answers to Jesus' question: Our achievements, our imaginations, and nostalgia (an idealized view of the past). This week we consider a very commonly pursued "reason to live": Material stuff. Whether we look to Amazon (consumer products) or The Amazon (nature). How much do we value and pursue stuff?

### Last Sunday

On Sunday, April 28, 2024, 220 worshiped the Lord in the sanctuary and 31 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, "What makes a year "good"? Our responses included: Good health; Good time with family and friends; Getting closer to God; Being part of Bible studies; Being in my moments; Asking God for help for me to be me; Completing my goals; It doesn't take much; Minimal drama; Seeing God in all of it... What would you say?

### The Gathering Table

The **Gathering Table@WoodsEdge** meets **Thursday, June 6** at 5 pm. This is a time of connecting to God with a shared meal, Bible story and reflection, music, and prayer for one another.

The monthly **Family Gathering Table** will meet Friday, **May 10** at 6 pm at the church building. We seek to create space around the table for young families to connect with God through Bible story, play, and a shared meal at Aldersgate Church.