

## GROWING IN OUR FAITH

### ***The Upper Room***

*The Upper Room*, a daily devotion magazine, for July/August 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.

### **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](mailto:lnelson582@icloud.com) or 434-227-0340 or Robin Oliver at [robinaoliver@comcast.net](mailto: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 opportunities for adults 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.

### **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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### **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 1<sup>st</sup> grade). No KidzConnect 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays.
- **Family Time:** Sunday, June 28, 6 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
- **Day at the Lake:** See Pastor Julie
- **Follow Us on Instagram** @aldersgateville\_ym.

### **Youth Busch Gardens Trip**

Please join the AUMC Youth ministry for a day at Busch Gardens Williamsburg on **Friday, July 17**. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 am and return to the church roughly between 10 and 11 pm. You'll need: \$30/person ahead of time for park tickets; money day-of for dinner/snacks/drinks/games; a packed lunch (we will return to the parking lot for lunch); good walking shoes; sunscreen. We'll need: youth to have a great time; adults to provide rides and chaperone. Contact Josh Crockett ([josh.crockett@gmail.com](mailto:josh.crockett@gmail.com) or 434.327.8707) for more information or to sign up!

## SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

### **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](mailto:maryannethornton@gmail.com) or call/text 434-825-9202.

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### Habitat for Humanity

Aldersgate's upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build Days are **Friday, July 10** (the second Friday each month) and **Saturday, July 18** (quarterly). Youth are encouraged to join us. Contact Greg Brown at [gabrown2926@outlook.com](mailto:gabrown2926@outlook.com) or 434-327-8763 for information.

### Pray for Rainforest Falls

Please use the bulletin insert from last Sunday to pray by name for each child, youth, and adult who will spend the evenings of **June 22-26** together sharing God's love and grace.

### 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](mailto:webmaster@cvaumc.org).

## UPCOMING DATES

- **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 Youth Trip
- **July 23-26:** Theatre Ministry Production, Invite a friend!
- **July 29:** National Cathedral Youth Trip
- **August 24-26:** Camp Young at Heart

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Celebration of Life for Mercy (Chege) Njeri

Pastor Peter Chege invites all his Aldersgate family to attend the celebration of life service that he will lead in the Aldersgate sanctuary on **Saturday, June 27** at 10 am for his niece Mercy, whom we have prayed for, she has been active in ministry with us, and who took her last breath at 21 years old this month. (African culture calls for large gatherings on such occasions.)

## Aldersgate News

June 21, 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 is Fathers' Day. It's also the day before Rainforest Falls VBS begins! It has been said that prayer is not supplemental to the work of the Gospel, it is fundamental. The prophet Samuel understood that in an especially profound way. We will consider his conviction and his words, "*Far be it from me...*"

### Last Week

On Sunday, June 14 there were 227 people in the sanctuary and 30 households at home worshipping the Lord. Others worshipped via the recordings.

### From Last Sunday's "Just Curious" Question

On Sunday we were asked where (if ever) did we first attend or serve at vacation Bible school. Our responses included: Oak Grove (Aylor VA), TCOC (Canton OH), Alfonse Baptist, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist (C'ville), Oceanside CA, Rolling Hills Covenant Church (CA), Annandale UMC, Community of Faith UMC (Herndon VA), Madisonville Church of God (Cincinnati OH), 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church (Corpus Christi, TX), Grace Pres (Houston TX) ... Think of all the people who have invested spiritually in us!

### The Well: A Modern Worship Gathering

Let's grow in our faith together. We gather once a month (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays) for a casual time of worship and connection with God through scripture, music, testimony, prayer, and fellowship. The next gathering is **July 8** at 7 pm.

