

Good Tidings

Aldersgate Church | September 2023

Reflecting on Our Recent Sermon Series: Church Foundations

As we bid farewell to our recent sermon series, we find ourselves invigorated and inspired by the timeless wisdom shared during these weeks of exploration. Our journey through the foundations of the church—Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Evangelism—has been a profound one, and we invite you to catch up on these insightful messages online.

Week 1: Worship

In our first week, we delved into the transformative power of worship. Worship is not just a ritual; it's an encounter with God that can change our lives. We learned from Isaiah's encounter in Isaiah 6:1-8 that worship is a synesthetic experience that invites us to gather before God and leave changed.

Week 3: Fellowship

Fellowship is more than just potluck dinners and gatherings; it's about sharing in common. Our study of "koinonia" showed us the essence of intimacy, communion, and community. Acts 2:42-47 provided a model for us, emphasizing teaching, breaking bread, prayers, and sharing with those in need as essential building blocks of Christian fellowship.

Week 2: Discipleship

Discipleship, as we discovered, is a patient and intentional journey. We explored the importance of patience and perseverance in growing as disciples of Christ. Like the early church, we are called to form habits that reflect the character of Christ, ultimately making us attractive to those around us.

Week 4: Evangelism & Mission

In our final week, we explored the art of evangelism and mission. We looked at the Apostle Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 and learned the "ABC's of Evangelism": being available, biblical, and connectional in sharing our faith. Evangelism is central to our mission of helping people know Jesus, live Jesus, and share Jesus.

We encourage you to catch up on these powerful messages online if you haven't already. As we move forward, we're excited to announce our upcoming fall series on the Aldersgate Vision: **Know Jesus, Live Jesus, Share Jesus.**

In a world that often feels disconnected, this series will guide us on a journey of deepening our relationship with Christ, living out His teachings in our daily lives, and sharing His love with others.

Join us as we embark on this new season of spiritual growth and community building. Together, we can fulfill the Great Commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.



New Member Class

September 17th | 2-5PM

Become part of the Aldersgate Church family. We invite you to join us on: **September 17th from 2 to 5PM** for a gathering to discuss what it means to be a member.

We're glad that you've made this decision to be part of a thriving and exciting time of serving, learning, and fellowshiping.

To reserve a seat, visit our website at AldersgateYork.com/newmember23 or call the church office!



AN UPDATE FROM

CHURCH CONFERENCE

August 13, 2023

We had our first church conference as an independent church on August 13th, at 11:45 AM. Here's a quick summary of the discussion and the decision that was made. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on selling the parsonage. The meeting began with prayer.

Updates were provided on the following items:

- o Aldersgate is officially an independent church as of June 29th.
- o As of August 11, 2023, 238 people have transferred their membership to the new church.
- o There is a new member class on September 17 from 2:00-5:00 PM
- o The Vision, mission and values continue as in the past. The focus is to live-out our vision, Know-Live-Share Jesus.
- o We are continuing to use the same governance model and leadership structure – Ministry Resource Team (MRT), Trustees, Staff Parish, and Finance committees.
- o The MRT is evaluating a simplified leadership structure that was recommended during Growing Effective Churches. If any change would be recommended, it would be discussed and approved by a vote of the church members at a church conference
- o Finances- remain strong as God continues to bless us. This includes giving to missions.
- o Discussion and a vote took place to sell the parsonage.
 - While the parsonage has served us well since 1983, it is no longer needed for pastor housing.
 - The members present voted unanimously to sell the parsonage.
 - The property will be place on the market as soon as possible.
 - Special thanks to Joanne Murr and the Trustees for their dedication to caring for this property and the families that lived in it over the years.

Please email questions@aldersgateyork.com to request a complete set of the minutes from the meeting.

WHAT ARE YOUR LEADERS DOING RIGHT NOW TO HELP OUR CHURCH

That's a good question. No, a **really good question**. What's going on to help us grow our church, build the kingdom of God and be a light in our community?

Well, your leaders are working on the future leadership structure and governance model. Right now, we are still using the UMC Book of Discipline (the part that talks about the local church) to help us make decisions. They are also looking for ways to streamline this process. What that means is to be able to do MORE ministry, volunteer opportunities and to have less meetings.

They are also working on the By-Laws we need to be able to have written policies and procedures that we can use to govern and manage our church. This is a hard process and it's taking time, so it's done correctly and legally.

Another thing they are doing is talking with our congregation. What are your dreams about Aldersgate? Where do you see us going and how do we get there? How do we do more ministry? How do we create more opportunities to serve in our church as well as our community? How can we communicate better and more clearly? How can we live out our vision for our church – Know Live Share JESUS?

In addition to the normal administration of the church, they are planning, envisioning, talking, praying together, listening for God's direction, and seeking His will for Aldersgate.

Your leaders are busy working for God and working for you and Aldersgate. Help them by your prayers and talking with them. Let them know your thoughts and how you might be able to help. Continue to support Aldersgate with your time, talents, and treasures.

Will You Pray for Our Children & Teachers?

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

Yes, the most important thing we can do this school year is to pray for our children and teachers! With the world's environment and influences on our children and teachers', prayer is needed.

Pray for:

- Safety as they go to and from school,
- Respect for each other – no bullying, no gossiping, and to listen to each other,
- Learning and leading – getting homework done, learning the materials, leading with love.
- Parents - home environments factors,
- and, of course, patience for all.



You will find in the West Lobby a whiteboard full of magnets. Each one has the name of a child or teacher. Take 1 or 2 or maybe even 3 magnets with names for children/teachers to pray for during this school year. These names have been gathered from our Preschool, Hoppy Time, Amazing Adventures, J-Walkers and our teachers for these groups.

Pray for them daily. God hears our prayers, and He wants to hear from us.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

FINANCE REPORT

Through July, we continue to find ourselves in a good place financially. July was a five Sunday month, which certainly helped to keep our income positive. With that considered, our giving has been trending below average since April. This is not uncommon for the summer season and we are certainly blessed to find ourselves over \$23,000 in the black at this point in the year. Our expenses have continued to track below budget. With the staffing level approaching normal, we can expect our expenses to be closer to budget going forward.

The loan for disaffiliation is currently sitting at \$300,000 after a recent payment of approximately \$217,000. We originally borrowed the full \$517,000 to simplify the closing process. The current plan is to amortize the loan of \$300,000 over 10 years and pay it off. That may be subject to change based on interest rates and capital plans.

Thanks be to God for his continued provision.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with questions at: ryanjwilt@gmail.com or 717-515-8957.

2023	1/1 – 7/31
Total Undesignated Giving	\$477,081.85
Total Designated Giving	\$46,655.20
Total Program Offset Income	\$27,305.51
Total Giving (Excludes Designated Giving)	\$504,387.36
Expenses minus Fund Account Disbursements	\$480,897.96
Endowment Offset	\$0
Total Undesignated Income	\$23,489.40

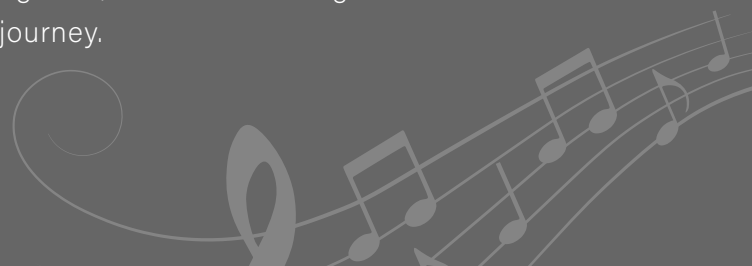


Nifty Needles begins Monday, September 11th at 1:30PM.
Contact the church office for more information on joining us!

CALLING ALL SINGERS

We are thrilled to announce the start of our Sanctuary Choir's fall season, and we invite you to be a part of it! Our first rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at church in the choir room.

We can't wait to harmonize and make beautiful music together, and we encourage both new and returning members to join us for this exciting journey.



Staff News from Aldersgate Church

What a time to be at Aldersgate Church! Along with all of the activities at the church and as we move into September, the beginning of our church program year, the SPRC has wonderful news to share! Over the last several weeks we have hired an Administrative Assistant and a Congregational Care Administrator.

Penny Ness joined the team late in August filling the newly created Administrative Assistant position. Penny lives in Dallastown with her husband Erv. They have two grown, married children, Elliot & wife Nicole Ness (yes, Elliot Ness!) And Jennifer & husband Jason Strayer. They have six grandchildren, Landon, Payton, and Cameron Ness and Jennifer & Jason Strayer. Penny and Erv attend Christ Lutheran Church in Spry. Penny comes to Aldersgate after a career as an Executive Assistant at JCI.



You may know this familiar face, **Brenda Woodruff**, as she is part of our choir and has been attending Aldersgate for a little over a year. Brenda joined us at the end of August as our new Congregational Care Administrator. Brenda's career as a Postmaster gave her extensive experience in people management and customer service. She has also spent considerable time volunteering at Pappus House with the hospice patients which has taught her the special talents needed when helping people at the end of their life here on earth and the families of those in hospice. Brenda recently moved to the York area and loves being closer to her daughters and her 4 grandchildren, with another granddaughter due in September. She enjoys walking with her dog Sammy on the Rail Trail in Seven Valleys. Most days you will find her in her flower and butterfly garden enjoying the beauty of it all. She is grateful to God for leading her here to Aldersgate Church.

Both Penny and Brenda are part time working 20 hours a week. They came to us at an opportune time as Ashlynn Corrigan, our Facility Manager/Church Secretary has transitioned to part-time to meet some personal family goals such as being present with her daughter Alivia on a more regular basis. Her role will focus more on the facility aspect of the position, along with aiding Penny, our new administrative assistant, with other office tasks that she previously handled such as answering the phones, maintaining membership records, and handling miscellaneous tasks. Ashlynn can still be reached via email at: Ashlynn.corrigan@aldersgateyork.com.

Aldersgate Family -

My time working at Aldersgate has seemed like a roller coaster ride between changes that have occurred within the church, staff, and my personal life such as leaving and coming back, having my first child, and transitioning back to work as a mom, and so much more! It has been exciting and fun to watch the church grow and change, while also watching myself grow through my work here. While this is not goodbye, I do want to announce that starting in September, my hours in the church office will become much more limited. I will be transitioning to a part-time position, helping me to meet some personal family goals, the main one being able to spend more time with my daughter Alivia. My work at Aldersgate will now focus more on the facility aspect of this position, along with aiding Penny, our new administrative assistant, with other office tasks that I previously handled. Penny has already been a great addition to staff, and she will be handling many of the office tasks that I once did, like answering the phones, maintaining membership records, and being a central point in the office for questions and miscellaneous tasks. I can still be reached at my email: Ashlynn.corrigan@aldersgateyork.com. Thank you for your continued support through more of this roller coasters twists and turns!



Community Bible Study is Preparing a Spot for You!

If you are looking for an in-depth Bible study, then this is it.

Starting September 13th, we will be spending 6 weeks in James and then 6 weeks in Colossians. Then we move to look at Ruth and Samuel.

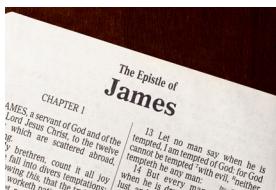
With a daily lesson and a great group to have a discussion on this material with, these studies will provide you with life applications and help you dig into God's Word.

To learn more, visit AldersgateYork.com/cbs



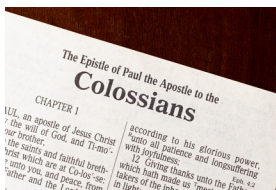
Upcoming Class Offerings

We Would Love for You to Join Us!



James

The epistle James is one of the most practical books in the Bible. This course's lessons encourage each class member to lead a more consistent, caring Christian life and to explore the practical application of faith in family and society.



Colossians

Colossians is a letter written to combat error in the church. Paul pointed the believers at Colossae to Jesus as the Head of His body, the church. Paul also told the Colossian believers that they had fullness in Christ. The questions in this course are thought provoking and challenging.



Ruth & Samuel

The Old Testament books of Ruth and 1 and 2 Samuel describe the faith journeys of men and women like us. Sure, they may have been prophets or priests, or kings—but they were also sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers, and mothers. They struggled in the same ways we do. They experienced deferred hopes and dreams, broken relationships, shameful failures, and personal trauma, just as we do. It's what they did with those disappointments that matters. In this study, you will see people who took their pain and anger to God—and those who did not. And in either case, you will see how God remained faithful.

Weekly meetings on Wednesday at 9:15AM to 11:15AM. Prefer an evening group? The co-ed group meets at 6:30 to 8:15PM. Virtual options are also available! If you need to register or help get someone registered, visit <http://fisher.communitybiblestudy.org>. Payment is NOT due until fall (cost \$35) and if that's what's keeping you from joining us - we do have a limited number of scholarships available!

For more details, please contact at: Jan Bowden @ jan.bowden@aldersgateyork.com or call 717-843-1108.



Submitted by Jan Bowden, jan.bowden@aldersgateyork.com



Monday Evenings at 6:30PM
Beginning September 11th, 2023

Join us this fall as GriefShare returns to Aldersgate Church, and all are invited to be a part of this supportive and understanding community. GriefShare is a safe and welcoming support group where we come together to navigate the difficult emotions of grief.

Over the course of 13 weeks, you'll find solace in discovering what to expect in the days ahead and understand that the journey of grief has no neat, orderly stages. Instead, we will learn helpful ways to cope with the unpredictability of grief and offer each other solid support every step of the way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this compassionate group, please reach out to Jan Bowden at jan.bowden@aldersgateyork.com or call the office at 717-854-4276 for more information. We look forward to walking alongside you on this healing journey.

WOMEN *in mission*

Buddies Dessert Social

The "Buddies" of Women In Mission members were guests at a Dessert Social held in the Gathering Place on August 16. The "Buddies" are Aldersgate homebound members who are unable to participate in Aldersgate activities because of health problems or other extenuating circumstances. Some live in retirement homes while some are still able to live in their own homes or with family members. There were 13 Buddies and 20 WIM members who shared in fellowship and dessert. Pastor Bob and Jennifer were introduced, followed by a brief self-introduction of the Buddies. Everyone also enjoyed watching the VBS video. Several of the Buddies expressed how happy they were to be with members of their Aldersgate church family.

Our Buddies in attendance included Dot Baney, Bev Mulay, Alice Lehman, Anita Gibbs, Nancy Regener, Marlasee Douts, Dolores Gifford, Joyce Dore, Vangie Turner, Dotty Paules, Marilyn Hamberger, Verna Mae Billmeyer, and Barb Wilson.



Join us for a Pasta Dinner Fundraising Event on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, followed by a 6:30 pm Program (details coming soon). Your voluntary contributions on that evening will help support Mission Work Camps for the year 2024.

On the menu: (We'll also provide Gluten-Free Options)

Fresh Salad

Delicious Spaghetti

Savory Meatballs

Decadent Desserts.

Registration opens on September 10 and closes on October 1 at AldersgateYork.com.

Please make sure to register so we can ensure an ample supply of food.

If you have any inquiries, feel free to reach out to Mike Staley at mstaley@consolidatedscrap.com or Robin Hoffman at robinh9257@yahoo.com.



"Potential Childhood Photo of Denny Cathcart"

Jackson School | August 2023

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." - Isaiah 40:31

I feel these past few years, during Covid and beyond have shown this verse to be so true. We have been waiting on the Lord to give us an open door into Jackson School, and Praise be to God, He has shown us a way!

I recently had a meeting with Dr. Jones, the Assistant Principal of Jackson School, and with the Community in Schools representative and the one Guidance Counselor. What an amazing and productive meeting. They assured me that the doors are now open for us to come in, alongside the staff and students. Our work there will look quite different; however, God is leading, He is in control, and this is what He wants us to do, now. We have been waiting, our strength is renewed, and He will allow us to run, not grow weary, and fill this school, the staff, and students with our love through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Opportunities to Serve

Classroom Aide

If anyone is interested in being an aide in the classroom, we are now able to come into the building. Please contact me if you are interested, we can discuss grade choice, hours, etc.

Serving

There is an opportunity monthly that would ask for some volunteers to assist with serving breakfast to celebrate Students of the Month. This would be for a short time period, 1-2 hours, before school, celebrating achievements.

Bearcat Buddies

Older students are given an opportunity to read with kindergarten students on a regular basis. Guidance in assisting these students with the reading and understanding of the text would benefit all in this program, freeing the teachers to assist in other classroom activities. Dates and times would be given when this begins.

Girls on the Run

Jackson School is a participant in this Nationwide program which is an amazing program not only in athletics but also character building along with other benefits. The program is open to girls in grades 3-5. They meet 2 times per week, Fall and Spring, for 8 weeks, after school. Typically, this is a Monday/Thursday program, however, if anyone in the church, even older youth who love to run, would like to volunteer, this can be changed. If anyone in the church is trained, this would be an amazing opportunity. Since this is a Nationwide program, training is required, and that would be up to the individual volunteering to go through the training. The boys in the school have requested this same type of program for them, unfortunately there isn't one in place. However, that doesn't mean we couldn't use the same model and make a program for the boys. This truly is an amazing program! Our granddaughter participated in it for several years. I have seen the girls running on the Rail Trail many times for events. If you like to run, this would be a fun out-reach!

As you can see, the options for volunteering at the school have changed dramatically, but that doesn't mean we can't be involved in a new way!

God is on the move, opening doors here at Aldersgate Church and at Jackson School!!!! Get ready, I believe He has GREAT things in store for us in Mission Outreach!!

As always, if you want to get involved, please contact me via e-mail at robinh9257@yahoo.com or by phone at 717-873-2263.

Many Blessings!! I am super excited that, through great patience, we are now able to get back to loving our neighbors and community at Jackson School! Our support of the staff will continue with everything we have had in place the past 8 years, so be on the lookout for updates monthly!

May God touch your heart as you read this article. I pray He moves you to help this year at Jackson School.

Submitted by Robin Hoffman

BREAKTHROUGH

MEN'S RALLY | SEPT 30TH | 8AM - NOON



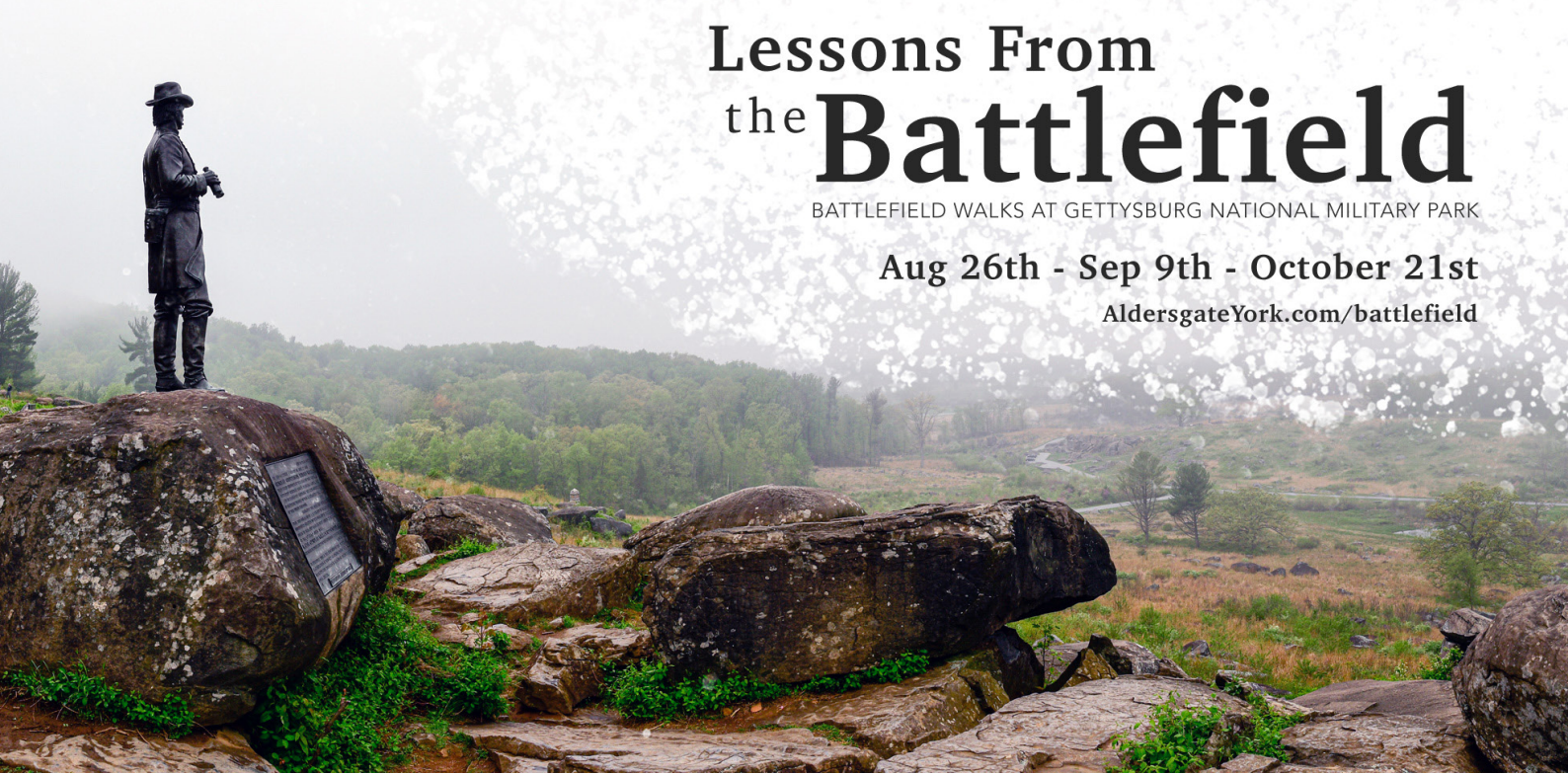
Come join us for a wonderful morning of food, fun, fellowship, and worship at Aldersgate Church. The event will feature an inspiring keynote speech by Jason Tourville and uplifting praise music. To sign up for this exciting event, there are multiple options available: you can use the Church App, send an email to marand987678@icloud.com, return a copy of the sign-up form to the church office, or simply call 717-471-4649.

Lessons From the Battlefield

BATTLEFIELD WALKS AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Aug 26th - Sep 9th - October 21st

AldersgateYork.com/battlefield



Join us for this special series of walking tours at Gettysburg National Military Park focusing on spiritual lessons from the battlefield. Pastor Bob Kaylor was a historical interpreter at Gettysburg National Military Park and has been a lifelong student of the battle, its aftermath, and the stories of people—both soldiers and civilians—who found themselves confronted with the greatest challenge of their lives. These stories invite us to consider our own challenges and how we might use the experience of others to guide us into new ways of thinking and being.

September 9

"For Courageous Fighting and Confident Dying:" Chaplains at Gettysburg.

The Old Testament books of Ruth and 1 and 2 Samuel describe the faith journeys of men and women like us. Sure, they may have been prophets or priests, or kings—but they were also sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers, and mothers. They struggled in the same ways we do. They experienced deferred hopes and dreams, broken relationships, shameful failures, and personal trauma, just as we do. It's what they did with those disappointments that matters. In this study, you will see people who took their pain and anger to God—and those who did not. And in either case, you will see how God remained faithful.

October 21

"This Republic of Suffering:" Death and Dying in the Civil War.

The American Civil War was a national tragedy, leading to more than 600,000 deaths from combat, disease, and deprivation—roughly 2% of the population. The scale of the suffering altered the Victorian era idea of the "good death" and still affects the ways in which we approach death and dying today. This walk will focus on the aftermath of the battle, the burial of the dead and attitudes toward death, and the role that places like the Gettysburg National Cemetery play in the process of grief. Meet at the National Cemetery parking lot.

Learn More at AldersgateYork.com/battlefield

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Women's Study

Thursday's at 10:30 or 6:30PM

"A Jewel in His Crown" by Priscilla Shirer

Register at AldersgateYork.com/jewel



A Jewel in His Crown

rediscovering your
value as a woman
of excellence

Priscilla Shirer

Foreword by Rick Warren

**STARTING
OCTOBER 12th**

*Grow
in Grace*
Women's Ministry



Women's Simulcast featuring Priscilla Shirer

Saturday, October 7th

9AM - 4:30PM

aldersgateyork.com/oct-event

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Questions? Want to Join Us?

Registration Deadline is 9/15 | Cost is \$35 | Lunch Provided

Contact

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Missy Abel: mabel2269@gmail.com or

Jan Bowden: jan.bowden@aldersgateyork.com

Payment is due by 9/28

SEPTEMBER

September Memory Verse:

"A friend loves at all times. They are there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17

September Theme: Harmony/Friendship

This month is all about friendship. God created us to have relationships with others. From the very beginning, we see how important it is to have wise people in our life who help us understand how to honor God with our actions. When God sent Jesus, we were able to see the best example of friendship ever. With His words and actions, Jesus showed friendship to everyone He met. We can reflect Jesus' love best when we take time to care for our friends.

Join us this month as we focus on choosing our friends carefully, keeping the promises we make to our friends, standing up for our friends and forgiving one another. Come join us for harmony and friendship Sunday mornings this month.



Submitted by: Lisa Murr,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Sunday Children's Activities:

Hoppy Time:

During 9am worship service for ages 3 to 3rd grade

Amazing Adventures:

10:15-11:15am in the Amazing Adventures wing beginning again for the fall schedule on September 10th.



We had an amazing VBS 2023 as we traveled here, there and everywhere following Jesus! We went from the Alps, to Paris, to the Outback, to Antarctica, & the Amazon Jungle, learning that Jesus is with us wherever we go! Here are some of the highlights!



VBS 2023-READY SET, MOVE SUCCESS!



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, 44 of them to be exact! I couldn't do it without each and every one of you. You touched the lives of each of the kiddos at VBS this year and were truly the hands and feet of Jesus. THANK YOU!!!

JWALKERS

Youth Ministry
September 3: Labor Day Weekend-
 No Youth Group

September 10th:

**Start of Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School Class,
 10:15am**

Jr. High Class
 6th-8th Grade
 Room 44

Sr. High Class
 9th-12th Grade
 Room 45

Start of Sunday night Youth Group:

6th-12th grade, ages 11-18
 6:00-8:00pm at
 Aldersgate Church
 (South Entrance 3)



September 24th:

ANNUAL MAIZE QUEST TRIP!



Corn Maze and Fun Park
 2:00-7:30pm

October 20-22nd

FALL RETREAT!

Camp Hebron, Halifax PA



A weekend with our friends
 from Spry and Zion to explore
 the type of belief that is
 transforms our everyday lives
 You wont want to miss it!



Looking to get connected or have questions?
 Contact the Youth Coordinator at
miranda.moland@aldersgateyork.com

 **FUNDRAISING
NIGHT**
September 15th
4-8PM | 2108 South Queen St
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Openings Still Available!

**Amazing Adventures Preschool has a
few openings remaining in our
3 & 4-Year-Old Classes for the
2023-2024 school year.**

For more information or to schedule a tour
contact Lynne Ciepiela
lynne.ciepiela@aldersgateyork.com
717-843-8292



September Calendar

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 Celebration Villa Worship Service 11a	2
3 Early Service 8a Contemporary Service 9a Traditional Service 10:30a BGC Service 10:30a	4	5 Intercessory Prayer 10a Trustees 6:30p Men's Group 8p	6 Men's Bible Study 6a CBS Training 9a-3p Leadership Prayer 5:30p BGC Bible Study 7p ESL Class 7:30p	7 Hidden Man-Men's Group 9a Springwood Overlook worship service 11a AI-Anon 12p Worship Practice 6:30p Nominations 6:30p	8 Celebration Villa Worship Service 11a	9 Battlefield Walk with Pastor Bob 8:30a-12p
10 Early Service 8a Contemporary Service 9a Traditional Service 10:30a BGC Service 10:30a Youth Group 6p	11 Grief Share 6p	12 Bell Socialization 9:30a Intercessory Prayer 10a 2's Parents Night 6p SPRC 6:30p Men's Group 8p	13 Men's Bible Study 6a CBS 9a Leadership Prayer Team 5:30p WELL Banquet 5:30p CBS 6:30p BGC Bible Study 7p ESL Class 7:30p	14 Hidden Man-Men's Group 9a Springwood Overlook worship service 11a AI-Anon 12p Prayer Group 1p Worship Practice 6:30p Women in Mission 6:30p	15 Quilt Group 11a Celebration Villa Worship Service 11a	16 Leadership Meeting 9a Private Event 1p
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Senior Ministry

Submitted by Karon Sallade

"Cast all your anxiety upon Him, for he cares about you." - 1 Peter 5: 7

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

In mid-June I was blessed to travel with my children and grandchildren to the Caribbean Beaches of Turks and Caicos. What beautiful landscape surrounded us and what joy we shared being together as family.

Traveling internationally meant standing in long lines to pass security and go through Customs. On our return trip, we had a connecting flight in Charlotte, North Carolina to take us on to Baltimore. There were storms in Charlotte which delayed our landing and compromised our time to catch our connecting flight. My children and grandchildren being younger were able to sprint through the airport to the gate of our plane going to BWI while I struggled to keep up with them. By the time I got there, they had closed the gate and that meant I would need to get another flight and navigate the remainder of my trip home alone.

I was directed to Customer Service where I stood in line for 3 hours not knowing the future of my traveling agenda. I initially felt so abandoned, frightened, and alone. The Holy Spirit moved within me and I remembered I am never alone, and I began to silently pray for God's comfort and help. I knew He would bring me through this difficult journey. There were so many other passengers facing the same challenge of waiting and of the unknown turns ahead in their destinations. I prayed for them. God provided and even though it meant arriving at my home at 3:00 a.m. He got me there safely.

God is always helping us as we navigate through life and deal with situations of uncertainty. He is our constant Help and our wonderful Savior. To Him be the Glory!

PRAYER GROUP

The Aldersgate Prayer Group is a small study group that studies the scriptures and looks intentionally at prayer. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We meet in The Gathering Place and hope that you might prayerfully consider joining us in September. We will gather on Thursday, September 14th and 28th at 1:00 p.m.

BOOK LOVERS

Our September book is *Clementine – The Life Story of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Parnell. Join in our discussion of this book on Tuesday, September 19th in The Gathering Place at 1:00. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Grothouse.

Celebrating September Senior Birthday's



1st **Leigh Burke** 82nd
1950 Shiloh Drive
York, PA 17408

3rd **Angela Jones** 83rd
1179 Turnberry Lane
York, PA 17403

15th **Jan Baughman** 90th
1010 Crest Way, Apt. 401
York, PA 17403

21st **Sid Warner** 88th
3103 Lakefield Road
York, PA 17402

Judy Dietz

57 S. Main Street
Loganville, PA 17342

23rd **Joyce Dore** 92nd
21 Woodside Drive
York, PA 17402

24th **Nancy Mosella** 84th
308 Clarks Way
York, PA 17403

29th **Jerry Bowman** 82nd
462 Hillcrest Road
York, PA 17403

29th **Terry Slonaker**
2159 Tall Oaks Lane
York, PA 17403

Thank You's

Greetings to our Aldersgate Family

After completing a marathon of five surgeries in exactly one year, we would like to thank all of you for the support and prayers that you have blessed us with throughout this challenging journey. Your thoughts and prayers have kept us in good spirits as we continue down our road to recovery.

Warmly,

George and Nancy Pinkerton

Aldersgate -

Thank you for your continued support of The WELL food pantry! In June you donated 362lbs, and in July you donated 109lbs. Generous donations like yours make it possible for us to serve those in need in our community!

Thank you,

Stephanie Oelrich, Assistant Director

 The Aldersgate Vision:

Know Jesus. Live Jesus. Share Jesus.

September 10th - 24th

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES
SEP 10 - 24TH

Join us as Pastor Bob Kaylor focuses our upcoming series on our core goals from the Aldersgate Church Vision.

Know Jesus.
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5th Annual Lanterns of Light

Presented by WellSpan Health & UPMC

Sunday, October 8, 2023

(rain date Oct 15)

Cousler Park

1060 Church Road, York, PA 17404

Join us to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have gone before us.



Personalize lanterns in memory of your family, friends, and beloved pets.

Then watch as your twinkling lanterns are placed in the water, drifting and joining hundreds of others, illuminating the night with peace, love, and connection.

Reserve your lanterns for \$25 through the enclosed order form or on our website.

A limited number of lanterns will also be available the night of the event for \$30.

Arrive early (by 5:30) to personalize your lanterns. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m.

featuring emcee Lori Burkholder and music by the York County Senior Honors Choir.

Lantern launch will follow at sunset.

Plan to bring a camp chair or blanket to watch the program & launch.

Please visit our website to watch a video from last year's event.

More event details will be emailed to all participants in early October.

“Every moment is made glorious by the light of love.”

Lantern Reservation Form – please return by October 1

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Purchase and personalize lanterns in memory of your loved ones and in honor of our residents.

\$25 per Lantern

_____ # of Lanterns

_____ Additional donation to Pappus House

_____ Total \$ Enclosed



Please make checks payable to *Pappus House*.

Lanterns can also be purchased online with a credit card. Visit www.pappushouse.org.

☐ I plan to attend the launch and will customize my own lanterns.

☐ I plan to attend the event but would like a volunteer to design my lanterns with the message below.

☐ I am unable to attend but would like a volunteer to personalize my lanterns with the following message(s)

Lantern message: _____

**Please return this form by October 1, 2023 to
Pappus House - 253 Cherry Street, York, PA 17402**

Sponsorships available and appreciated – email ajansky@pappushouse.org for more information.

All proceeds benefit residents of our peaceful, dignified home for end-of-life care.

Pappus House is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The official registration of financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1(800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Our Team

The Leadership of Aldersgate Church

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All Things Are Renewed Through Christ

Aldersgate Church stands as a tribute to the vision, faith, giving, and hard work of many people for nearly 140 years. We live in line with those who responded to God's call to reach out to the community and the world with the love of Christ. Our task, then, is to seek God's vision and desire for what the Aldersgate family is to be in the coming years, and to carry that vision forward, hand in hand with the coming generations.

In the end, the glory belongs to our God and to our Lord Jesus. It is God's Church, and we praise God for the privilege of being active in it for our short time here on earth!

**Have an Article or Announcement You'd Like in the Good Tidings?
Submissions are Due by the 21st of Each Month.**

Send an Email to...

PrayerRequest@AldersgateYork.com

Communications@AldersgateYork.com

FacilityManager@AldersgateYork.com

TechTeam@AldersgateYork.com

ChildrensMinistry@AldersgateYork.com

For the Following Reasons...

To submit Prayer Requests/Praises to the Aldersgate Prayer Team. To be added to the email group who prays for requests submitted by our Aldersgate family, please contact sherr.smith@AldersgateYork.com.

Inform/advertise ministry updates, events, personal testimonials, praises, etc.

Calendar additions/cancellations, room requests, building repair/maintenance, volunteering to help building needs, vehicle usage.

Direct contact with those who handle the technology of the church.

Anything pertaining to The Amazing Adventures Children's Ministry



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