



## *Warmed Thoughts from the Pastor...*

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September begins a new beginning in the Ward household as our son Samuel begins a new chapter in his life at the University of Cincinnati. Thank you so much for the many ways you as a congregation have prayed for us, and nurtured him to become the wonderful young man he has become. We really appreciate the generous ways in which you have cared for him, with graduation cards and gifts. Dana and I would also like to say a huge thank you for the scholarship that you gave him.

70 years ago Aldersgate Church was formed at DeVeaux School and then relocated to the corner of Douglas and Sylvania in 1948. The hope is to celebrate our birthday during the remainder of this year and next year.

To begin our celebrations we are hosting a Birthday Bash on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Details about the Birthday Bash are on page 3.

There will be good food and entertainment as well as games in table groups based on music through the ages. You will also have the opportunity to get some great prizes. However, let me invite you to not just come to have fun, but to bring some “birthday gifts,” too. Please bring a gift for those in need outside our walls...the food pantry at St. Paul UMC and a gift for Aldersgate (beyond what you give regularly)...so

that we can continue to make a difference for God’s Kingdom now and for the next 70 years. (I plan on giving a \$1 for each birthday I have had the joy of celebrating here on earth.)

Leaving a legacy for this generation and the ones to follow is important. God continues to bring people to Aldersgate to transform lives, ours and theirs. I am not the same person I was when I came here nine years ago. I hope that you are not either.

If Samuel was the same young boy with long hair that came here at age 9, you and I would both be perturbed. But, he is not—he has grown and he has matured. He has faith, and discovered a purpose for his life going forward.

We have a purpose and to live into that we are called to reflect Christ to our community—to be that beacon of light and hope. Come celebrate ALL that God is doing in our midst. Come celebrate by getting to know the members of your family. Don’t be left out of this Birthday Bash!

Invite former members and possible new members to come to the celebration where we thank God for the blessings.

## *Worship Opportunities*

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**Sunday, September 3** ▶ Labor Day Weekend—why not invite your boss or co-workers to worship. Invite those who serve you, to worship. We will thank God for the ability to work and pray for those who need employment. Communion Sunday.

**Sunday, September 10** ▶ Giving thanks for Grandparents  
—Anthony Edgington is sharing the message.

**Sunday, September 17** ▶ Giving thanks for our Precious People Preschool & Scout Troop. Jesus said bring the children to me.

**Sunday, September 24** ▶ Giving thanks for our Children and Youth.

## Our Staff

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Lilanthi Ward

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## A Scripture Second (or Two)

*Scripture Inspiration* | Read 2 Corinthians 4:7

Our **bodies**. God wove them especially for each of us to spend our time in this world, but they are not our forever bodies. (That's a blessing!) I believe God put us in these perishable "jars of clay" to help remind us that this time is temporary. Even so, we need to take care of ourselves until we are called home.

I've been trying to reinvent my "jar of clay" this summer so that I can be ready for whatever My Father has for me to do. That requires eating effectively, getting enough sleep, walking in nature, laughing a lot, and most importantly, giving my worries to Jesus in prayer. This last one has afforded me the MOST success. After all, it's His glorious power within us that makes each of us who we are and gives us the strength to persevere. Praise be to God!

– Sarah Hess

**Please Note:** Pastor Lilanthi will be in England for her brother's wedding from 9/7-9/11. Keep her in your prayers for safe travels and joyous days of celebration.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

During inclement weather we will inform Channel 11 and Channel 13 if we are not having worship on Sunday. For information regarding

meetings, please call either the church office or your team leader.

# Our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!



**Saturday,  
September 23 | 6 PM**

We are having a baked spaghetti dinner with sides, dessert, and drinks.

**\$10 tickets are on sale now!**

Bring the family, friends and neighbors! Proceeds will support our ministries at Aldersgate now and into the future. Come join the fun and support the mission of Aldersgate UMC to build God's kingdom.

***Fun! Entertainment! Games! Raffles!***

## ***New Members***

It is a joy to welcome our first new member from West Park Place—Cathie Towle. Cathie has attended almost every worship service at West Park Place since we began worshipping there. She is an artist that creates beautiful drawings despite her fingers being bent with arthritis. Cathie joins Aldersgate on by a profession of faith.

## ***Save the Date! UMW Bazaar***

Saturday, November 4. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## ***Caring for One Another in the Church Family***

Sometimes when a church member goes to their home in glory during the week it is not always possible to inform everyone. If you would like to receive an e-mail when a church member dies, or if you would like to be on a phone chain please inform the Church office.

***Prayer Chain***—Praying for one another is a vital part of our life together. If you would like to receive an e-mail or be part of the prayer chain please contact Janet Hazlett or the Church office.

***Prayer Walking***—We are celebrating our 70th birthday and we are grateful for the many ways God has blessed us. As we look to the future, it is vital that we seek God and God's direction for our church. Come and walk the community and inside our church seeking God's will for us and praying for the ministries that we are part of today. Come to the Chapel on Mondays at 6 p.m. to pray together and then walk. We finish by 7 p.m. and all are welcome.





## Outreach Ministries

*West Park Place* 3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

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### *Ruth Circle*

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**Wednesday, September 13 | 1:00 PM**

All ladies are invited to come and enjoy our study group.

– Jeanette Lefever

### *Aldersgate Ladies Book Club*

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**Wednesday, September 27 | 7:00 PM**

Please join us, we will be discussing the book “Salt to the Sea” by Ruta Sepetys.

### *Euchre Club*

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**Friday, September 29 | 7:00 PM**

All are welcome, even if you don't know how to play Euchre. Come join the fun; bring a snack or beverage to share. Coffee is provided.

### *Lydia Circle News!*

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**Monday, September 25  
7 to 8:30 PM in the Choir Room**

Lydia Circle will be changing our meeting date to the fourth Monday of the month beginning in September. Thus the dates would be: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 26, and Apr. 23. Adjustments will be made for holidays in Dec. and May depending on the consensus of those attending. Our format will remain the same—a short video and discussion and the obligatory eating at Methodist events. We hope this change will allow more women to attend.

### *Bible Study:*

**Wednesday, September 6 | 2:30 PM**

### *Folding Chair Theater:*

**Monday, September 11 | 1:30 PM**

### *Worship:*

**Sunday, September 17 | 2:00 PM**

All are welcome to join together in a time of worship and celebration of our Christian Faith.

– Rev. John Paschen and Team

### *Bob Evans* (Monroe Street at Harvest Lane)

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**Tuesdays, September 5 & 19 | 8 AM to 7 PM**

Don't only go to taste the food but taste the sweet fellowship of eating with friends and knowing that the cost of your meal is also supporting ministry at Aldersgate.

### *Eldersgate*

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**Tuesday, September 26 | 12 Noon**

### **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Meat is provided. The guest speaker is Christopher Steiben “Advocating Quality Challenges and Quality Life.”

### *Gift Cards*

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Order gifts cards to purchase gifts for all occasions. Stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to place or pick up your order on the dates below.

*Order: October 29 Pickup: November 5*

## Scholarship Grant Thank You

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Dear Aldersgate Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I wouldn't be able to attend BGSU without it and I am truly blessed by your generosity. I am excited to begin my college life and look forward to starting classes and getting involved on campus. I will be studying graphic design, which has many applications and career opportunities. I'm happy that BG is not far away so that I can remain active and involved at Aldersgate.

Sincerely,

– Joseph Galati

## Friendly Center News

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The Guild Meeting and Noon Luncheon is Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Friendly Center. The program is *Heroin Issues* presented by Jerry Kerr from the Toledo Lucas County Health Department.

We will also have the recognition of pastors and presentation of the slate officers for 2017-18.

Cost is \$3.00 for the luncheon and please make your reservation by Friday, September 7 to Joan Pitson / 419-476-7132.



## GROWING DEEPER WITH CONNECTION GROUPS

Many new groups are forming to help each of us grow in our faith. The first to get started is a study on the Gospel of Luke and how the words of Jesus impact our lives. There is no prior reading or homework. All are welcome no matter if this is your first Bible Study or not. Meeting times are on Wednesdays at 12 Noon or at 6 p.m.

## Precious People Preschool News

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Dear Aldersgate Family,

We are over the moon about getting a new playground this school year and super excited to start another year! We look forward to all of the wonderful blessings of working with these children in a school where we can teach them about God and his love.

What an encouragement it is to have all of you as that example in our lives with your continual love and support. Thank you for all of your support over the years of our preschool!

If you would like to help in providing the 2017/2018 students with fun-filled educational experiences such as being one of our Rockin' Readers, joining us for a field trip or class party, or providing snacks for family/students events. Please contact the preschool at 419-474-7144 or use the sign up sheets during the school year. Let's make it another great year together!



## *Flu Vaccine*

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The flu is caused by influenza viruses and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing, and close contact, usually between October and May. Flu strikes suddenly and can last several days. Symptoms vary by age, but can include: fever, chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache and runny or stuffy nose.

Flu can lead to pneumonia and blood infections, and can cause diarrhea and seizures in children. If you have a medical condition, such as heart or lung disease, flu can make it worse.

Infants, young children, pregnant women, people over the age of 65 and people with a weakened immune system are at greatest risk.

There is no live flu virus in flu shots. They cannot cause the flu. It takes 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination, and protection lasts through the flu season.

Some people should not get this vaccine if they have any severe, life-threatening allergies to eggs, chicken, chicken feathers, Thimerosal, have had a previous reaction to the vaccine, have an active infection or fever, have an active neurological disorder or have had Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

With any medication, there is a chance of reactions. These are usually mild and go away on their own. If a problem occurs, they usually last 1-2 days. Symptoms are soreness, redness or swelling at the site, hoarseness, sore, red or itchy eyes, cough, fever, aches, headache, itching and fatigue. More serious reactions include: hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness. If you have a serious reaction seek medical attention immediately.

– Lynne Creager / Parish Nurse

## *Now Get Your Flu Shot*

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Maxim Health Care will be giving flu shots on Sunday, September 24th at 9–11 a.m. in Meinhart Hall and then again on Tuesday, September 26th before the Eldersgate luncheon from 10:30 a.m.–12 noon. The cost is approximately \$30, but most insurances are accepted. You will need to bring your insurance card with you.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Creager, Parish Nurse.



## *Grief Support Group*

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**Monday, September 11 | 7:00 PM  
in the Choir Room**

Open to all who are struggling with loss in their lives. It may be a loved one, the loss of a home, or job, or pet. There are many events that can cause us to experience grieving.

This group meets monthly in the choir room on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Pastor John Paschen will be facilitating this group.



# Birthdays

## September 1

Carolyn Kramer  
Jim Pelton  
Wes Piehl  
Susan Roehrs

## September 2

BaileiSue Smith

## September 3

Joe Krum  
Dorothy Unruh

## September 4

Rhonda Lahmers  
Dave Lahmers

## September 6

Vergie Johnston

## September 9

Dorothy Collins

## September 12

Zach Schoen

## September 13

Nina Lambert  
Anthony Thomas

## September 14

Bill Bradner  
Cindy Lambrecht  
Kay Merritt  
Paul Simmons  
Makenzie Wilkins

## September 15

Arthur Parsons

## September 18

Helen Gebhard

## September 19

Aaron Mueller

## September 20

Deb Crowl  
Natalie Feehan  
Barbara Oehlers

## September 21

Joyce Beavers  
Andrew Collins  
Jaden Feudi  
Carol Lanigan  
William Stetler  
Lainie Wilkins

## September 22

James Brobst

## September 24

Taryn Steiner  
Abigail VanderZwan

## September 26

Carol Lager  
Christian Taylor

## September 27

Vickie Christiansen

## September 28

Grace Keaton  
Pamela Sparks  
Jeri Stetler

## September 29

MaryAnn Bell



# Christian Stewardship

## Report Ending July 31, 2017

Contact Carol Marckel at (419) 509-2243 if you would like information on how to make direct debit payments for your pledged giving to Aldersgate.

### **Total Income**

Total Income (YTD).....	\$148,019
Total Expenses (YTD).....	\$168,185
Net Income/(loss) YTD.....	(\$20,166)

### **Conference Apportionments**

WOC Paid (YTD) .....	\$5,700
WOC Assigned Apportionments (Budget) .....	\$10,550
Balance Due.....	\$4,850

### **District Apportionments**

District Paid (YTD) .....	\$5,500
District Assigned Apportionments (Budget) .....	\$7,904
Balance Due.....	\$2,404

Your leadership team greatly appreciates your continual dedication and support toward meeting our stewardship commitments. We wish to encourage everyone to remain faithful to our pledged commitments during the summer months. In our Father's name, we thank you.

### **Average Monthly Sunday Attendance**

July 2017: 143



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## **Worship & Study**

**8:30 and 10:45 AM, 6:30 PM**

*Sunday Worship Services*

### **Connection Groups**

*Call the Church Office for details*

**(419) 473-1294 Church Office Telephone**

**(419) 473-1295 Church Office Fax**

**(419) 474-7144 Precious People Preschool Telephone**

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