



The Gateway

JUNE 2018

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

8:30 and 10:45 AM

- 8:30 AM worship is Communion and Meditation in the Chapel.
- 10:45 AM worship is a Family service in the Sanctuary. During the school year, our choirs and praise band, The Fire Within, provide inspirational music.
- See inside for additional worship and fellowship opportunities.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

June 3 / Communion, healing service and dedication of Stephen Ministers for training. 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

June 10 / Scholarship awards and Graduation Sunday. Lunch after worship to support Children, Youth and Family ministry mission. 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

June 17 / Father's day: special guest Judge Puffenberger presenting "The Joy of Adoption." Funds received from honoring or remembering men of faith will be sent to Habitat for Humanity.

June 24 / Go Make Disciples. Farewell to Pastor Lilanthi. 2 Corinthians 6:1-13.

**Encouraging
Enriching &
Empowering**



Warmed Thoughts FROM THE PASTOR

Ten years with you have gone by far too quickly. I thank God for the many ways that you have shared your life with me and my family. Samuel was nurtured in the faith here at Aldersgate to be the wonderful young man he is today because of the Spirit-filled Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, prayer partners and role models.

I will miss you ALL! I will remember the many ways we grew together to love our neighbors, especially those at Step One, DeVaux school and West Park Place. I will miss the many different places that the youth and families served in missions: Dayton, Louisville, Chicago, Toledo, and Henderson to name a few.

I am grateful for the families that gave me the privilege of being part of sacred moments in their lives at births, baptisms, marriages, in times of sickness and in their passing to life eternal.

Many of the saints in glory will forever be etched in my mind for their faithfulness and their love for the Lord.

I enjoyed the concerts and dinners as well as times of fellowship, but most of all, our times when we gathered to study God's word and when we gathered to worship Him.

We are truly blessed to have the amazing Senior Ministry and music ministry here at Aldersgate. I hope our choirs and praise band will venture beyond these walls to tell the story of Jesus to others.

I pray that you will not be worried but be faithful disciples, keeping God as your first love. Also, trust that God will provide more than you need when you give your tithes of time, talent and money with grateful hearts.

Remember, God's name is, "I AM." Suddenly my Lord was speaking, "My name is I AM." He continued...

"When you live in the past with it's mistakes and regrets, it is hard, I am not there, My name is not I WAS.

When you live in the future with it's problems and fears, it is hard, I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in the moment, it is not hard. I am here. My name is I AM.

Blessings to you as you welcome Pastor Melissa Steinecker and grow with her as your shepherd.



GUEST SPEAKER

- June 17 Father's Day / 9:30 AM / Come and hear our guest speaker, Judge Puffenberger. He will be in Meinhart hall for discussions regarding parenting and adoption with Sam Burnett.

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THE GATEWAY NEWS!

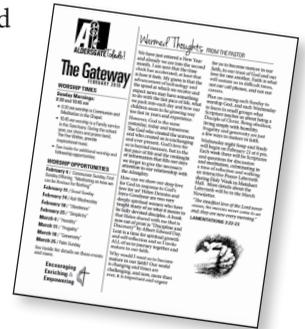
The Gateway Newsletter has been a monthly reading staple in Aldersgate households for decades. Communication in our community and world is constantly changing and evolving. The church communication process through the Gateway is changing, also.

We have come up with three options for everyone to get their church information.

1. To request a printed copy of the newsletter be mailed to you, you MUST call the church office, 419-473-1294.
2. Copies will be available each month to pick up at the church for those who prefer a printed copy.
3. For those who have access to a computer and the internet, The Gateway will be found online at the church website: aldersgatetoleidoumc.org

Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to be good stewards of our resources as well as maintain healthy communication.

– Your Gateway Staff



GIFT CARDS

Stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to place or pick up your order on these dates: **Order: June 3 Pickup: June 10**



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 NEW PASTOR

Come on July 1 to welcome our new Pastor, Melissa Steinecker. We will have refreshments after the 10:45 service.

THE ALDERSGATE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The review committee is pleased to announce that the 2018 grants have been awarded to these ten individuals:

*Maureen Bellaire Alyssa
Rebecca Shaw Lambrecht
Ashley Tafelsky Aislynn Ward
Joseph Galati Alex Merritt
Zachary Thomas Samuel Ward
Sarah Rhymes*

These \$500 grants were only made possible due to the continuing generosity of the Aldersgate church family. Thank you, to those who made special contributions supporting the Aldersgate Educational Scholarship Grant during 2018. We also say thanks to those individuals who donate weekly, the women's and men's church groups who have generously contributed, and those who have given in memory of a loved one.

The formal recognition of the recipients will take place during the 10:45 am service on Graduation Sunday, June 10, 2018.

God bless your efforts and thank you all for your continued support!

*The Aldersgate Scholarship Grant
Application Review Committee,*

Judy Price

Kay Merritt

David J. Neuendorff

A SCRIPTURE SECOND (OR TWO)

Scripture Inspiration | Hebrews 13:7-8 NIV

- 7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Listen to His Calling and respond in Faith.

Change. Why do the majority of people dread it? Could it be because we can't control it or because we fear the unknown outcome? I believe it is because we tend to focus on the negative results of change in our lives. But, what about the positive results that happen more often because of Christ in our lives?

The changes in my life that I trusted to God's Will have brought only joy and contentment. Even the difficult ones. The changes I brought about by my fleshly will have only resulted in frustration and stress.

Our church family is about to go into a season of change on our journey. How will you respond to the changes that will occur? I pray that you will open your heart and mind to what God is doing in our midst and trust in Him that ALL will be blessed in the months to come.

Thank you Pastor Lilanthi, Pastor Dana and Samuel for all of the love and care you have given to Aldersgate. May you take a bit of us with you into the next season of your journey.

– Sarah Hess, Editor



"I downloaded them from a cloud."



At Aldersgate, Connection Groups are a vital part of our time spent with God and with our community. Take a look at these possibilities and if you don't see what you are looking for or want more information, you can check our website, or contact our office with your suggestion.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 to 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Discussion group about current issues and faith.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN

Sunday Fun group leaders:

Infants & Pre-schoolers

Kara Brown

1st-3rd Grade

Catherine & Corey Grice,

4th-5th Grade

Sue Keaton & Sharon Merritt.

If you are willing to sub for any of these age groups please contact Amy Allen at 419-215-4483.

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 Call the church office to
 continue receiving a
 printed copy of
The Gateway newsletter.

WOMEN

RUTH CIRCLE

September 12 / 1:00 PM
 September-May.

LYDIA CIRCLE

September 24 / 7:00 PM
 September-May.

ALDERSGATE

LADIES BOOK CLUB

May 30 / 7:00 PM
 Choir Room. We will be reading "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

MEN

MEN'S GROUP

This group meets the first and third Sundays of each month during the school year from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in a member's home. The group is open to all men from 18 on up.

WOMEN & MEN

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in becoming a Stephen minister should contact Larry Godfrey.

EUCHRE

June 29 / 7:00 PM / All are welcome, even if you don't know how to play Euchre. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Coffee is provided.

AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB

This group meets Mondays at 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

TRAVELING LIGHT LIFE GROUP

This group meets at a member's home on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. They study, fellowship and travel life's roads together.

Starting in June, we will be studying Max Lucado's "More to Your Story." Contact Sarah Hess or Karen Price for information.

SENIORS

WEST PARK PLACE

3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

Prayer Circle:

June 6 / 2:30 PM

Folding Chair Theater:

June 11 / 1:00 PM

Worship:

June 19 / 2:00 PM

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

ELDERSGATE

June 26 / 12:00 PM / We meet in Meinhart Hall. Please make reservations by 7:00 pm the Sunday evening before by calling Vicky at (419) 292-1004.

Guest speaker is Sandy Rhodes from Life Flight.

MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals: Thursday Evenings 7:00 PM / Adult choir that provides worship music at the 10:45 am worship and some special services. September-May.

THE FIRE WITHIN PRAISE BAND

Rehearsals: Monday Evenings
5:30 PM / A contemporary group
that helps lead worship on Sunday
mornings at 10:45 am and for
special events.

CELEBRATION RINGERS BELL CHOIR

Rehearsals: Thursday Evenings
6:00 PM / Adult bell choir that
plays monthly at the 10:45 am
worship and some special services.
September–May

COMMUNITY

BOB EVANS

4805 Monroe Street, Toledo
June 5 & 19 / 8:00 AM to 7:00 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.

DEVEAUX ELEMENTARY

2620 W. Sylvania Avenue,
Toledo / An ongoing partnership
of helping with supplies, in the
library, mentoring and tutoring.
Contact the church office for more
information.

*The
Will of God*

will never take you

where the

*Grace
of God*

will not protect you.



FRIENDLY CENTER

June 12 / 12:00 PM / Guild Meeting
Luncheon at the Friendly Center.
Program: Memorial service
remembering past members.
Reservations are needed by June 7.
Contact Sally Finnegan at
419-382-1714.

GIANT GARAGE SALE!

August 9, 10, 11 at Maumee United
Methodist Church.

August 6 and 7, from 9 am to
5 pm, donations will be accepted.
Volunteers are needed for setup,
pricing, working the sale, and
cleanup. For more information
contact Diana at 419-345-6542.

Help keep Friendly Center
operating and the programs in
force as we have GED, and summer
Food programs starting.

PASTOR TONY THOMAS' CONSECRATION

Pastor Anthony Thomas will
be consecrated at our Annual
Conference at Lakeside on June 5 at
4:30 pm. If you would like to send a
card, his address is, 175 Township
Rd 1234, Proctorville OH 45669.
Or, you can bring a card into the
church office before June 3 and
we'll get it to him.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 3-6 / Pastor Lilanthi will
be at Annual Conference from
Sunday—Wednesday. If there are
emergencies you may still contact
her and she will provide pastoral
care as needed. We are grateful for
Laura Galati, our lay leader, being
willing to serve as Lay Delegate this
year since Cindy Lambrecht will
not be able to attend.

MEINHART HALL RENTAL

After prayerful consideration
the Trustees have decided that,
effective June 1, 2018, the rental
fee for Meinhart Hall will increase
to \$100 per rental as well as a \$100
refundable deposit, for members of
our church. If you currently have
a date scheduled after June 1 the
increased rate will not apply. Please
know that special circumstances
regarding hardships and payment
will be considered. As always, the
Trustees Committee appreciates
your support as we endeavor to
make the best use of the resources
God gave us. If you have any
questions please see a trustee.

GOD'S PROVISIONS

We are very grateful for the
donated tiles from Ray Galow
for Meinhart Hall. Meinhart
Hall is used by many church and
community groups. The hope is
that the renovation of Meinhart
hall will be primarily funded by
memorials and volunteer donated
time for removing the floor while
professionals will be hired for that
which the volunteers cannot do.

The trustees have received a
quote of \$130 for each light to be
replaced by a dimmable LED light
and fixture. The savings will be
tremendous going from 100 watts
to 45 watts per light.

In addition to the lighting, the
trustees will be getting quotes for
re-painting the hall before the new
floor is installed.

Thank you for your prayers and for
God's provisions.

HEALTH MINISTRIES

SKIN CONDITIONS IN THE ELDERLY

As we get older, our skin undergoes a number of changes. How skin ages will depend on several factors: your lifestyle, diet, heredity, and if you smoke.

Sun exposure is the main cause of skin damage. The sun's ultraviolet light breaks down elastic tissue in the skin and causes the skin to stretch, sag, wrinkle, and become blotchy, occasionally with pre-cancerous growths and skin cancer.

Other factors contributing to skin aging includes loss of fatty tissue between your skin and muscle, stress, gravity, daily facial movement (smiling and frowning), and obesity.

Skin changes that accompany aging include:

- Roughened or dry skin.
- Benign growths, such as seborrheic keratoses and cherry angiomas.
- Loose facial skin around eyes, cheeks, and jowls.
- Transparent or thinned skin.
- Bruising easily from decreased elasticity.

Common skin conditions are:

- Wrinkles follow chronic sun exposure and form when the skin loses its flexibility.
- Smokers tend to have more wrinkles than non-smokers.
- Facial movement lines become more visible as the skin loses its elasticity (in your 40's or 50's).
- Dry and itching skin is due to the loss of oil glands (which help to keep the skin soft).

- Skin cancer: Sun exposure is the most common cause of pre-cancerous and skin cancer, either basal cell carcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma. Many Americans (a million each year) will develop a skin cancer by age 65.
- Age spots are brown patches that appear on the sun-exposed parts of the body.
- Bedsores are skin ulcers that develop from pressure when people lie in bed or sit in a chair for long periods of time. People with diabetes are more prone to bedsores because of their poor circulation and decreased feeling in their skin. Frequent rotation or re-positioning helps prevent sores.

How are skin conditions treated:

- Wrinkles can't be cured, but their appearance can be "softened" through the use of Renova.
- The best treatment for dry skin is to use a moisturizer which hydrates the skin. Humidifiers also help to hydrate the skin.
- Skin cancer: A hanging mole or new skin growth deserves evaluation by a dermatologist and perhaps a skin biopsy.
- Nothing can undo sun damage, but the skin can occasionally repair itself.

Here are a few tips to help keep skin healthy:

- Use sunscreen when outdoors. An SPF of 30 or more provides the most protection.
- Wear a hat, long sleeves, pants and sun glasses that block UV rays.

- Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps.
- Examine yourself regularly for changing moles and new growths.

Have a good and healthy summer!

– Your Parish Nurse,
Lynn Creager, RN

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

June 11 / 1:00 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. Pastor John Paschen facilitates this group.



"DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT MY FATHER?"

Three boys were in the schoolyard, boasting about their fathers.

The first boy said, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem and gets \$50 for it."

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song and gets \$100 for it."

The third boy said, "I beat you both. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

BIRTHDAYS

June 1

Lynne Bittner
Logan Lanigan

June 2

Jay Merritt

June 3

Lee Maxfield
Doris Spade

June 4

Janice Blansett
Nelson Schulak

June 6

JoAnn Newell

June 9

Sharon Whitaker

June 12

Rebecca Buchanan
Kim Jensen
Alex Merritt
Anna Belle Shepherd
Maryanne Spencer

June 14

Tom Meinhart

June 16

Kristen Hanacek

June 17

Shawn Hite

June 18

Nathan Collins
Carrie Krum
John McKenty
Chuck Snead

June 19

John Mohr

Ashley Tafelski

June 24

Austyn Chesser

June 28

Matt Warner

June 29

Meghan Godfrey
Dale Lanigan

June 30

Katie McKenty

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Report Ending April 30, 2018

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)	\$81,186
Total Expenses (YTD)	\$88,065
Net Income/(loss) YTD	(\$6,879)

Conference Apportionments

WOC Paid (YTD)	\$3,000
WOC Assigned Apportionments (Budget)	\$11,000
Balance Due	\$8,000

District Apportionments

District Paid (YTD)	\$3,000
District Assigned Apportionments (Budget)	\$8,667
Balance Due	\$5,667

April was a blessing for our finances, as we received over \$4,100 more than our expenses for the month. Our year-to-date expenses are \$6,879 more than our total cash receipts and givings. Though this is concerning, our 2018 operating loss is \$4,200 less than it was at the end of April 2017. This is in large part due to the faithfulness of our congregation giving in the name of our Lord and everyone working to keep our expenses at a minimum. We will continue to diligently work at keeping our expenses down and pray that our receipts will adequately meet our congregations needs. Blessings to all.

Average Monthly Sunday Attendance

April 2018: 137

with God,
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE





The Gateway

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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

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