



# The Gateway

NOVEMBER 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.



# Welcome

Encouraging  
Enriching &  
Empowering



## Warmed Thoughts FROM THE PASTOR

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

We are in full swing here at Aldersgate. With Sunday Schools, Bible Studies, Stephen Ministry, Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Scouts, Eldersgate, Precious People Preschool, Bazaar, and outreach opportunities in the community we hardly have a minute to breathe. Add to all that Thanksgiving and Advent which are just around the corner and we can feel overwhelmed. All of this is good news; we are an active and thriving congregation and we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In order to continue we need everyone to engage their gifts in the life of the church and the community. I am so grateful for the large number of people who are dedicated to the various ministries here at Aldersgate and I look forward to the growing numbers of active folks as we move forward. I have preached on the need for people to be engaged, not only for the health of the church, but for our own spiritual development.

Here are some places that we need

your help. First, our youth are our first priority and your continued financial support of Katie, our Children, Youth and Family director is greatly appreciated. This is a ministry that needs many active adults and we are always looking for people to pour into the lives of our youth. Specifically we need someone to teach the Jr. High group. You don't have to play the guitar or be "cool," you only need to extend love and share your faith.

Secondly, our sound and technical group needs volunteers. You don't need any experience we will teach you all you need to know. If worship is your thing, we could use your gifts as liturgists especially as we move toward the Advent season.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but are just some of the places that make our church effective communicators of the gospel. Thank you in advance for your passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ and how it is lived out here at Aldersgate.





## OUR STAFF

### PASTOR

Rev. Melissa Steinecker

### SENIOR MINISTRIES

Barbara Myers and John Paschen

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Katie Collins

### HEALTH MINISTRY

Lynn Creager

### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Larry Godfrey

### CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR

Jacob Smith

### CELEBRATION RINGERS DIRECTOR

Jacob Smith

### ORGANIST

Judy East

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Alana Danko

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Becky Buchanan

## THE GATEWAY VOLUNTEERS

Annie Bailey  
Pat Bischoff  
Rose Bodeman  
Helen Denniss  
Nancy Einhart  
Helen Gebhard

Sarah Hess—*Editor*  
Nancy Liming  
Vergie Johnston  
Barb Myers  
Debbie Myers

### A SCRIPTURE SECOND (OR TWO)

*Scripture Inspiration* | Psalm 51:12 (ESV)

*12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

God refreshes our spirit in the most unexpected ways. I had just begun my walk in a nearby park when I came upon a young boy, say 10 to 12 years old, crouching along side the path. His bike was on its side behind him. His attention was focused on the sandy ground next to the path and it looked like he was trying to pick something up. I was just about to approach him to see if he needed help when his buddy came riding toward him asking, “Hey, what are you doing?” I didn’t hear all of the crouching boy’s response, but I did hear something about a “cool-looking spider.” As I got closer to the two of them, the crouching boy had succeeded in getting the spider onto the back of his hand and was showing his friend. I turned left onto my path and continued my walk, smiling a great smile.

It occurred to me that there are still children who marvel at the wonders of God’s creations instead of electronic devices. They are out in the open air, riding, laughing, and learning about the world in “realtime,” instead of turning to electronics, alcohol or drugs for that high. I thanked God for this experience as it gave me renewed hope that all is not lost with our younger generations.

*Father, thank you for your visions of hope in a world of dysfunction and distraction. It proves to me that you are there, answering our prayers in your way and in your time. Because of your love through Jesus, all is not lost. Amen.*

Be renewed!  
Sarah Hess, Editor



**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.

## SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

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*Dear friends and family within  
Aldersgate United Methodist  
Church,*

For starters, I want to try to express my overbearing gratitude to each and everyone of you amazing people for making this whole ordeal possible! It means so much to me knowing that so many people are actively wanting the newer generations to go through and get a college education and are willing to help them get there. Believe it or not, that has actually inspired me to do the same in the future for not only my kids, but the others as well.

Some of you may already know this, but I want to become a mechanical engineer and specialize in mechanical engineering technologies, or MTEC for short. Now I know what some of you are saying right now, "What the heck is that?" Well, the easiest way to explain it is this, an engineer who specializes in MTEC is the one who makes and designs, while a mechanical engineer is the one who fabricates the parts and executes the MTEC's vision. Why MTEC you might be wondering? Simply because that combines my love of computer technology and design with my ambition to change the world.

Finally, I can get to the part of how this all helps out little ol' me. I am attending the University of Toledo! The base tuition is \$9,000 a term which is mostly covered by my other scholarships and I can pay for the rest of my tuition fees out of pocket to avoid debt. Where your generous scholarship gift of \$500 comes into play here is to help me

pay for my textbooks and other needed supplies to get me through the college year.

In closing, I can't thank you all enough for this. It means the world to me to know that my church family is helping to make my future brighter and my college years a little less stressful.

Sincerely,

Zachary Allan Thomas

## PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL

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Greetings from the preschool.

Thank you to everyone who supported us during our fundraisers! We also appreciate all that you do for the community and we would like to help you with your angel baskets by collecting food this month to add to your efforts.

Join us on November 21st for our student Thanksgiving parade and feast where the students will show their donations and present it to the church. We will also have our pen pals from West Park Place joining us that day as part of our on going connection with the residents and students.

Last month we had a wonderful field trip to their home for our Fall Festival which ended in a trip around their facility to go trick or treating.

If you would like to join us for future events or for more information about our parade and feast, please call 419-474-7144.

-Tiffany Davis

## YOUNG ADULTS!

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Would you like to gather with others your age for inspiration and support? Then check this out...

Aldersgate Toledo! is embarking on a new ministry for young adults. This new life ministry, **Words of God in Community**, focuses on words to help explore each individual's relationship with God, no matter what level. We will pray, learn, discover spiritual gifts, enjoy music, fellowship, and support each other as well as our community.

Our initial gathering will be on **Monday, November, 12, 7:00 pm at Sip Coffee**, (Cricket West Shopping Center just east of Secor and Central). Please let us know you'll be there by sending us an email to [wordsofgod@aldersgatetoledoumc.org](mailto:wordsofgod@aldersgatetoledoumc.org).

This ministry is open to all young adults 18 years and older in the community and beyond!

Ministry Leaders are Sarah Hess, Jacob Smith and Becca Shaw.

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: Micah 6:8 :  
: .....

:"And what does the Lord  
: require of you? To act justly  
: and to love mercy and to  
: walk humbly with your God."  
: .....



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.

## **WOMEN**

### RUTH CIRCLE

November 14 / 1:00 PM  
September-May.

### LYDIA CIRCLE

November 26 / 7:00 PM  
"Follow," an eight-session DVD study by Andy Stanley, takes us on a journey through the Gospels tracing Jesus' teaching on what it means **to follow**. September-May.

### ALDERSGATE

#### LADIES BOOK CLUB

November 28 / 7:00 PM  
Choir Room.

## **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 or needing a Stephen Minister should contact Larry Godfrey.

### EUCHRE

November 30 / 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 Wednesday Evenings / 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.

Contact Sarah Hess or Karen Price for information.

## **SENIORS**

### WEST PARK PLACE

3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

#### *Worship:*

November 18 / 2:00 PM

#### *Prayer Circle:*

November 7 / 2:30 PM

#### *Folding Chair Theater:*

November 12 / 1:00 PM

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

### ELDERSGATE

November 27 / 12:00 PM  
Meinhart Hall.

Please make reservations by 7:00 pm the Sunday evening before by calling Vicky at (419) 292-1004.

Guest speaker will be Tom Fitzgerald, "World War I to Current Conflicts and the Roles of Our Soldiers."

## **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: Wednesday 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  
November 6 & 20 / 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.

### FRIENDLY CENTER

Serving our community for 95  
years!

Our next meeting:

November 13 / Friendly Center  
Community Building, 1336 N.  
Superior St., Toledo, Ohio.

Craft and Bake Sale. Come and  
shop, we have a lot of goodies.  
Opens 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon is at 12 Noon and  
only \$3.00. Call Joan Pitson at  
419-476-7132 for luncheon  
reservations. (Continued)

Program:

We will have Installation of  
Officers and Recognition of Past  
Presidents.

At our last meeting, Rev. Mary  
Sullivan gave a "One Year Report."  
Some of the updates include:

Partnering with Promise House,  
Life Way Church and Salem  
Lutheran Church and Dr. Stacy  
Scott with Baby Safe Sleep and  
Baby First.

The food pantry was also  
reorganized.

## UMW NEWS

### *Annual Bazaar!*

November 3 / 9 AM to 3 PM

A fun and beneficial way to help us  
outreach to our community is to  
serve in one of the various booths  
our church offers. Here are some of  
the booths:

Ellen Newell / Silent Auction  
Becky Buchanan / Granny's Attic  
Denise Sparks / Jewelry  
Carol Lagger / Bake Sale  
Jay & Kay Merritt / Luncheon  
Barbara Myers / Purse Boutique

Let's get our entire church family  
involved and have a successful  
bazaar.

### **WORLD THANK OFFERING BOXES**

We are getting close to the end  
of another year and it is time to  
turn in your UMW World Thank  
Offering boxes so that the change  
can be counted and sent in soon.  
Please give them to Kay Merritt  
ASAP.

## LIBRARY NEWS

I want to tell you a little about a  
book Pastor Melissa recommended  
to me, "Touch" by Pastor Rudy  
Rasmus. Pastor Rudy leads a  
church in Houston, St. John  
Church. During his young adult  
life he was involved in helping to  
run his father's business. It was  
a hotel for "one hour visits." The  
title indicates his present purpose  
which is to touch people's lives.  
But it's more than that, it's the  
physical touch that helps people  
to heal spiritually, along with  
your presence and concern in  
their lives regardless of their  
physical appearance. His church is  
welcoming and widely attended by  
many of the homeless in Houston.  
As I was reading, I thought that I  
might add a quote from the book,  
but I had so many markers in the  
book to signal a possible quote, but  
here is one that stands out, "We  
simply can't have a real ministry 'to  
the least of these' if we are afraid to  
touch people."

I highly recommend this book to  
anyone who wants to follow in  
God's leading.



Reading is an exercise in  
empathy; an exercise in walking  
in someone else's shoes for a  
while.

– Malorie Blackman

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

### DEALING WITH DYSLEXIA

ONE IN 10 PEOPLE has dyslexia. That means that more than 700 million individuals worldwide have lifelong literacy issues and the social, financial and self-esteem struggles that result.

First documented 130 years ago, dyslexia occurs when the brain develops. It is a neurological difficulty with decoding the written word, not an intelligence issue. It's often hereditary and rarely gets noticed until a child enters school and begins to struggle with literacy.

Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial. There is a short window of time when children learn to read and, after that point, they must be able to read with comprehension in order to continue learning. Indeed, literacy is key for a healthy self-concept, learning practical life skills and optimal psychosocial development.

While some dyslexics become adequate readers through traditional instruction, more than 50 percent require specialized instruction to overcome reading or processing challenges.

These students respond well to a multisensory approach that includes visual, auditory, kinesthetic and tactile modalities.

While traditional instruction centers on memorizing the alphabet and each letter's individual sound, multisensory teaching methods allow children to gradually understand their particular learning styles and discover what lights up their brains. They discover what they are passionate about.

And these teaching strategies for dyslexics benefit all beginning

readers, not just the struggling ones. If your preschooler has trouble identifying rhyming words, pronouncing words, calling things by their right names, following instructions with more than one step, speaks less or uses fewer vocabulary words than his or her peers, screening for dyslexia is advisable.

If your school-age child struggles with reading, seek out programs through his or her school to optimize the learning environment. Help your child cultivate a love of story. Why? Reading will always be tremendously hard work for dyslexic children, but when they truly love stories, the fact that they can experience a great story makes the hard work of reading worthwhile.

Struggling readers need engaging stories with heroes of self-reference to develop a sufficient love of story to persist with their reading efforts. If they can develop tenacity and an identity as a reader, they may no longer think of themselves as a bad reader, but as someone who loves to read, no matter how much effort it requires.

Your Parish Nurse,  
– Lynn Creager, RN

### NEW ADDRESS

Florence Neuendorff  
Brookdale Medina South  
Room D19  
100 High Point Drive  
Medina, Ohio 44256

Laughter is the best  
medicine...

Remember: You don't stop  
laughing because you grow  
old, You grow old because  
you stop laughing."



In this church...

We are **REAL**,  
We make **MISTAKES**,  
We say "**I'M SORRY**,"

We give  
**SECOND CHANCES**,

We have **FUN**,  
We give **HUGS**,

We **FORGIVE**,  
We are **PATIENT**,

We  
**LOVE**.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### November 1

Tara Kuron  
Beth Snead

### November 2

Todd Anderson  
Orlo Cully  
Tyler Smith  
Denise Sparks

### November 5

Jeff Whitaker, Sr.

### November 7

Heather Davis

### November 9

Katie Collins

### November 10

Bob Bradner  
Caylen Crowl  
Brittany  
Williams

### November 12

Matthew Cluckey  
Sue Dickens  
Dave Neuendorff

### November 13

Brycen Dawson  
Michael Knott

### November 15

Thomas Black  
James Bucher  
Noah Feudi  
Jeanne Yeack

### November 17

Joyce Goodyear  
Brenden Limpf

### November 18

Laura Galati  
Kendall Morse

### November 19

Scott Sheppard

### November 20

Bethany Bryan

### November 21

Devon Mertes

### November 22

Paisley Dreyer  
Jody Smith

### November 23

Lynn Creager  
Janet Gorsuch  
Susan Smith

### November 24

Sharon Cox

### November 25

Kimberlee  
Anderson  
Jeff Morse  
Jeff Whitaker, Jr

### November 27

Alan Hazlett  
Richard Maxfield  
Judy Scherer

### November 28

Joel Keaton

### November 30

Braelynn  
Dawson  
Karen Moulton

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Report Ending September 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) .....\$176,971  
Total Expenses (YTD) .....\$185,419  
Net Income/(loss) YTD .....(\$ 8,448)

### **Conference Apportionments**

WOC Paid (YTD) .....\$7,700  
WOC Assigned Apportionments  
(Budget) .....\$11,000  
Balance Due .....\$2,300

### **District Apportionments**

District Paid (YTD) .....\$7,600  
District Assigned Apportionments  
(Budget) .....\$8,667  
Balance Due .....\$1,067

Our Stewardship giving is truly a blessing that allows us to spread the word of God as we follow Him. As we begin the fourth quarter of the year, we ask everyone to please remember your financial commitment to support our church, and wish to thank each of you for your continued generosity of your time, talents and resources.

### **Average Monthly Sunday Attendance**

September 2018: 126

## GIFT CARDS

Stop at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to place or pick up your order on these dates: **Order: December 2 Pickup: December 9**





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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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