



# The Gateway

MAY 2019

## 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

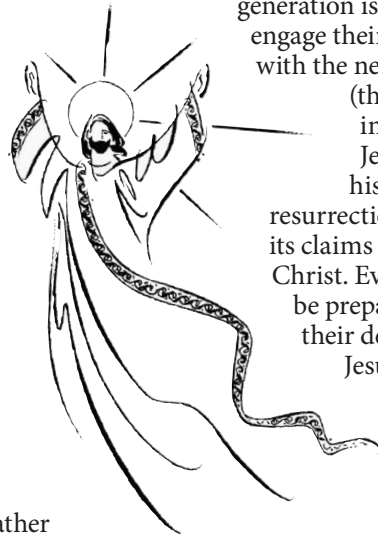
“It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw it was the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again. ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.’” – John 20:21

### *Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord!*

I hope and pray that you were blessed through the Easter celebration. The scripture above comes immediately after the Easter text in John. Jesus appears to the disciples and gives them evidence that He is Jesus, and that everything he had promised had come true. Jesus then tells them that in the same manner as the Father had sent him, so too, was he sending the disciples. The word that Jesus chose for “send” means to send in an apostolic manner. In other words, he was sending the disciples out to proclaim the good news. Even though Jesus was talking to the disciples, it is clear that His intention was that they would be the first in the long chain of believers who are commissioned to be sent to share the good news.

Here’s where it gets important for us. We are to carry on the commission. Just as the disciples were sent so are we sent. Andy Stanley in the study we have

been following tells us that every generation is required to engage their generation with the new covenant, (the covenant instituted by Jesus through his death and resurrection), and its claims of Jesus as Christ. Everyone must be prepared to defend their decision to follow Jesus.



To fail to proclaim the good news is to render

Easter just another irrelevant holiday. If we are unable to defend our faith it is because the church has not prepared us. My goal for this year is to prepare people to defend their faith in meaningful ways so that we are unafraid to share the good news.

I am inviting you to join us as we take this very seriously and make a difference in the community and around the world.



## OUR STAFF

### PASTOR

Rev. Melissa Steinecker

### SENIOR MINISTRIES

Barbara Myers and John Paschen

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES PASTOR

Katie Collins

### HEALTH MINISTRY

TBD

### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER

Larry Godfrey

### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### DIRECTOR

Jacob Smith

### CELEBRATION RINGERS

#### DIRECTOR

Jacob Smith

### ORGANIST

Judy East

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Alana Danko

### CUSTODIAN

Becky Buchanan

## THE GATEWAY VOLUNTEERS

Sarah Hess, Alana Danko and Debbie Myers –*Editors*

### Thank You, Volunteers!

For so many years, volunteers have folded and collated the monthly Gateway Newsletter. Their dedication to getting the Newsletter out on time was very much appreciated. As the Gateway format has changed, so has the monthly gathering of volunteers. THANK YOU to all who gave of their time over the years.



**The HEART of a  
volunteer  
is never measured  
in size, but by  
the depth of the  
commitment  
to make a difference  
in the lives of others.**

– DEANN HOLLIS



**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.

## UMW RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 3 / 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Saturday May 4 / 9 a.m.–12 noon

The sale will be a “\$5 Bag” sale with the bags provided. Please sign up to help with this sale, setting up and cleaning up afterward.

– Carol Marckel

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24–28 / 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Dinner provided for kids attending at 5:30 p.m.

Explore where God’s power can take you with “**To Mars and Beyond.**” Galaxy voyagers journey from their galactic outpost on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they’ll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too.

All are invited to help us to prepare for VBS . This is for young and old, no experience required. Below is our schedule for May. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

- Thursday, May 9 / 5–8 p.m.  
Decorating
- Saturday, May 11 / 9–11 a.m.  
VBS Training
- Saturday, May 18 / 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Decorating
- Thursday, May 23 / 5–8 p.m.  
Decorating
- Friday, May 31 / going out into the neighborhood to personally invite everyone to VBS.

We are also asking for helpers for the week of VBS.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Bennett at 419-351-3777.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Youth Meetings on Sundays

May 5 / 5 p.m. / How about some chips and salsa for Cinco De Mayo!

**No Youth Group on May 12 (Mother’s Day) or May 26 due to “Late In” on May 25.**

June 9 / 5 p.m. / We will go to Sportway of Toledo for miniature golf and go carts. 5950 Angola Rd, Toledo.

### MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

#### Cake Walk

Sunday, May 19 / Our next mission fundraiser is a “CAKE WALK!” On May 19, come preview the cakes before the 10:45 service. We will be taking bids on cakes after service with a light soup and salad luncheon. Sign up to make a cake or pie to contribute at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

#### Car Wash

June 8 / 12–4 p.m.

Bring all of your vehicles to get sparkly clean!

### SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

July 7–13 / We will be meeting as a group in the month of June to get ready for our trip. Meeting Day and time to follow.



## ALDRSGATE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The Aldersgate Scholarship Education Grant Application Review Committee is pleased to announce that the 2019 recipients are:

- Katie Collins
- Jeremiah Galati
- Joseph Galati
- Meghan Godfrey
- Alyssa Lambrecht
- Adam Ley
- Diane Ley
- Matthew Ley
- Aislynn Ward

The formal recognition of these recipients will take place during the 10:45 a.m. service on Graduation Sunday, June 9.

These nine \$500 Education Scholarship Grants were only made possible due to the generosity of the Aldersgate family. Thank you to all those who made contributions during 2018.

While we are investing in the future of our members and our church, we are struggling to have enough funding to support our annual scholarship efforts. Consider how you can contribute moving forward.

On behalf of the Aldersgate Education Scholarship Grant Application Review Committee, thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Judy Price, Ross Graves,  
David J. Neuendorff



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, contact our office with your suggestion.

## **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

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**9:30 to 10:30 AM**

### CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Discussion group about current issues and faith.

### THROUGH THE BIBLE

An adult study following a Wesleyan curriculum.

### 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'S GROUPS**

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### RUTH CIRCLE

May 8 / 1:00 PM  
September-May.

### LYDIA CIRCLE

May 20 / 7:00 PM  
September -May.

### ALDRSGATE LADIES BOOK CLUB

May 29 / 7:00 PM  
"The Island of the Sea Women" by Lisa See. Choir Room.

## **MEN'S GROUPS**

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### MEN'S GROUP

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

## **WOMEN & MEN**

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### STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

### EUCHRE

May 31 / 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.

### WORDS OF GOD IN COMMUNITY

A ministry for young adults 18 years and older which focuses on words to help start, grow, or refresh each individual's relationship with God.

The schedule is available on the Young Adults page of our website.

### TRAVELING LIGHT LIFE GROUP

This group meets at a member's home on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from April to December at 7:00 PM. They study, fellowship and travel life's roads together. Contact Sarah Hess or Karen Price for information.

## **SENIORS**

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### WEST PARK PLACE

3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

#### *Worship:*

May 19 / 2:00 PM

#### *Prayer Circle:*

May 1 / 2:30 PM

#### *Folding Chair Theater:*

May 13 / 1:00 PM

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

### ELDERSGATE

May 21 / 12:00 PM  
Meinhart Hall. Please make reservations by 7:00 PM the Sunday evening before by calling Vicky at (419) 292-1004.

Our guest speaker will be Joyce Barger "Women's Work Was Never Done."

## **MUSIC**

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### 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**

**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**

Our next luncheon meeting:

May 14 / Friendly Center 1336 N. Superior St.

Luncheon is at 12 Noon and only \$3.00. Program will be Toledo Zoo Education Dept.

Make your reservations by calling Joan Pitson at 419-476-7132 or by email at: pitsonj@yahoo.com.

Become a member for only \$5.00 and support our mission!

*Food pantry:* canned tuna

*Personal items:* toilet paper / laundry soap.

Items can be put in the hallway boxes with Friendly Center name.

Food items for food bags are always welcome. We serve the people of north Toledo.

Thank you!

**OUTSIDE SPRING CLEAN**

Saturday, May 18 / Starts 9 a.m.

Join us for this year’s yard cleanup.

The Trustees would also like to invite all who are interested to join in maintaining the flower beds and picking up trash in the yard on the following dates: June 5,

June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31,

August 14, August 28,

September 12 and September 25.

These are all Wednesday dates and we will work from 4–6:00 p.m. Light weeding and trash pickup will be easy work.

Come out have some fun and help us maintain our grounds. Bring garden gloves and a rake if you are able. You do not have to come for all the cleanups and even if you can only stay and help for a short time, your help will be appreciated.

JAY MERRITT

**LIBRARY NEWS**

There is a catalog of all library books in the blue binder on top of the bookcases in the main hallway. They are categorized by author, title, and subject. The location is also indicated so you can browse or look for something in particular. Many of the books are in room 112 (Youth & Family Pastor’s office) in the Education Wing. If you would like one of those, ask or leave a note for Katie or myself.

I just added Mitch Albom’s “Have a Little Faith” on CDs. There have recently been over 100 new books added. Thank you for your contributions.

LOIS GARBER

**GIFTING THAT GIVES BACK**

Find gifts for everyone and every need while raising funds for Aldersgate with the Scrip gift cards from over 750 top brands. It’s simple and it’s thoughtful. Vendor lists and order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the church narthex.

Place or pick up your order on these Sundays:

**2019 DATES**

Order . . . . .Pick Up

June 2 . . . . .June 9

September 8 . . . .September 15

November 24. . . .December 1

December 15 . . . .December 22



**Summer Laughs...**

My two-year-old cousin scared us one summer by disappearing during our lakeside vacation. More than a dozen relatives searched the forest and shoreline, and everyone was relieved when we found Alex playing calmly in the woods. “Listen to me, Alex,” his mother said sharply. “From now on when you want to go someplace, you tell Mommy first, okay?” Alex thought about that for a moment and said, “Okay. Disney World.”

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/weatherjokes/summerjokes.html>

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

### SUN PROTECTION

Spending time in Florida for the past ten days has been a good reminder for me as to why sun protection is so important. Even a few hours out in the sun on our first day at the pool left my little one's legs red with the beginnings of a noticeable sunburn. Sun protection campaigns have become more and more popular and were designed to raise awareness among parents about the importance of providing adequate sun protection for their children. They encourage them to use protective measures such as clothing, hats and sunscreen, as well. And, although we have a tendency to be more aware of our children when it comes to sun protection, the "Five S's" of Sun Safety should apply to everyone. According to SKCIN. Org, the "Five S's of Sun Safety are an easy way to make sure that you can have fun in the sun and still be safe.

- **SLIP on a T-shirt** / Clothing can be one of the most effective barriers between our skin and the sun and should cover as much skin as possible, such as shoulders and arms which can easily burn. Choosing clothing with a high UPF rated fabric provides the best protection. Sun shirts are not only becoming more popular, but are easy to find and stylish. And, they accompany most swimwear.

- **SLOP on SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum UVA Sunscreen** / There is no sunscreen which will provide complete protection from the sun so you should never rely on sunscreen alone. When choosing a sunscreen, always use a sunscreen

with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30 or above, preferably water resistant, and make sure it's broad spectrum and carries a UVA symbol. Sunscreen should be stored in an accessible, cool place and remember to check the expiration date. Always apply a generous amount 20 minutes prior to your activity to clean dry skin. Make sure that you reapply every two hours or more. Lips also need protection and applying an SPF 30+ lip balm will help keep your lips from becoming dry and chapped from the sun.

- **SLAP on a Broad-brimmed Hat** / Always wear a hat with a wide brim that shades the face, neck and ears, and although baseball hats seem like a good choice, they do not shade the ears and neck leading to possible sunburn. Flap or bucket style hats are the best choice to avoid too much sun.

- **SLIDE on Quality Sunglasses** Solar UV Radiation can be damaging to a person's eyes. Make sure that you choose glasses that are close fitting and wrap around to stop ultra violet rays from entering through. Choose a high EPF to provide the best protection and remember that high-priced glasses and darker lenses don't always mean that they are better on the quality of protection.

- **SHADE from the Sun Whenever Possible** / Shade can be a great barrier between us and the sun. It is important to find shade whenever possible and at the hottest times of the day, usually between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., as this is when UV rays are the strongest. Toddlers and babies should be in the shade as much as possible and

always combine shade with the rest of the sun protection measures.

By following these five simple safety steps for sun protection, you can help reduce your risk of sun damage while still enjoying yourself outside.

SARA MATUSZEWSKI, R.N.

### His Word...

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

PSALM 5:11 / NIV



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

May 4  
Porter McElroy  
Bea Piehl

May 5  
Evan Allen

May 6  
Richard Vassar

May 7  
Don Anderson  
Barbara Crawford  
Matthew Ley

May 8  
Lloyd Allen  
Katie Grice

May 9  
Antonio Feudi  
Stephen Kuron  
Lorri McKenty  
Jane Newmeyer

May 10  
Nicholas Dawson

May 11  
Larry Godfrey  
Michael Sanderson

May 14  
Judy East

May 20  
Baxley Allan  
Jodie Crowl  
Gabriella Galati  
Cliff Grooms  
Janet Hazlett  
David Langhals

May 21  
Michelle Thomas

May 23  
Tom Critch  
Jeremy Horner

May 24  
Jeff Hite  
Suzanne Ziemke

May 25  
Jacob Dickens  
Eric Hamm

May 4  
Megan Warner

May 4  
Tony Steiner



## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Report Ending April, 2019

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) .....\$55,053  
Total Expenses (YTD)..... \$65,889  
Net Income/(loss) YTD..... (\$10,835)

#### Conference Apportionments

WOC Paid (YTD) .....\$2,000  
WOC Assigned Apportionments  
(Budget) ..... \$2,775  
Balance Due..... (\$775)

#### District Apportionments

District Paid (YTD) ..... \$1500  
District Assigned Apportionments  
(Budget) .....\$1,691  
Balance Due..... (\$192)

No conference or the district apportionments budgets have been prepared as of this printing.

Please turn in your pledge card if you haven't already done so.

#### Average Monthly Sunday Attendance

March 2019: 122

#### New Address...

Phyllis & Ross Graves  
have moved. Their  
new address is:  
4720 Glendale  
Unit 204  
Toledo, OH 43614  
419-214-2237

#### Thank you...

*Aldersgate family:* This is truly a "love one another congregation." Our family wants to thank the pastors for their visits and beautiful service. For the cards, concerns and prayers of everyone, all the workers for a wonderful memorial luncheon, and to Alana that takes care of each and everyone of us.  
Thanks to our Lord and Savior,  
THE BAILEY FAMILY