



The Gateway

JUNE 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.
- Sunday, June 2 / Communion Sunday, Annual Conference begins at Lakeside and continues through Wednesday, June 5
- Sunday, June 9 / Pentecost Sunday, Graduation Sunday

Welcome

Encouraging
Enriching &
Empowering



Warmed Thoughts FROM THE PASTOR

23 Let us stand unswerving to the hope we profess, for he who promised us is faithful. 25 Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near. – Hebrews

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is good news that summer is about to come into full swing. If you are like me, I welcome the warm weather, the creatures that seem to emerge from nowhere in particular, the longer days and the promises of rest. We are aware that this is also the time of vacations, baseball, swim meets, volleyball and going to camp. We take trips to see relatives far away or just sit around a campfire and relax.

Unfortunately, we often see it as a time for vacation from church as well. Now, the writer of Hebrews, wasn't competing with sporting events and vacations. His listeners didn't understand the power of "being in church." They didn't have the experience to know that worship happens in community. However, we know that regardless of what the world has thrown at us last week, whether it was being passed over for a promotion, the news of a sickness in the family or just the stress of living today, the sanctuary filled with believers is



an oasis where all that is left behind and we find peace and restoration. Thomas Long writes, "When we come heartsick over the brokenness in our lives, and with heavy hearts by the

worries of life, in worship the heart disease of humanity is touched by God's forgiveness and cured by the grace of God."

Whether to rejoice or to find rest, may I repeat the words of the Hebrew writer, "Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near." I'll see you Sunday.

– Pastor Melissa



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A SCRIPTURE SECOND (OR TWO)

Scripture Inspiration | HEBREWS 2:18 (TLB)

¹⁸ For since he himself has now been through suffering and temptation, he knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and he is wonderfully able to help us.

“...He himself suffered...”

Suffering is not a word we like to think about or endure. However, just like taxes and death, we can all be assured we will face suffering in our lives at some point or another. Whether we suffer a little or a lot, it is a great opportunity to reach beyond yourself and help others. Suffering is knowledge; it commands strength; it brings wisdom and understanding. Don't dwell on it, but refocus it to bring your life new meaning.

Jesus suffered unimaginably on the day of his crucifixion, but he did not complain or even speak much at all.

He knew his purpose was greater than any of the human afflictions being hurled upon him. He knew that the results would be glorious and timeless. So he kept going.

When I am in a time of suffering, I don't ask God, “Why?” I ask him, “What am I to do with this?” Sometimes I get an answer right away, but most of the time I have to wait. But I always get an answer.

Don't let your suffering paralyze you, instead, use what you have learned from it to wonderfully bless others.

Peace to you,

– Sarah Hess, Editor

No healthy Christian ever chooses suffering; he chooses God's will, as Jesus did, whether it means suffering or not.

— Oswald Chambers —



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.

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.

We are 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

June 4 / Our Lakeside trip. We will leave after school.

June 9 / 5 p.m. / We will go to Sportway of Toledo for miniature golf and go carts. Cost will be \$15. 5950 Angola Rd., Toledo.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER
Car Wash June 9 / 9-1 p.m. Bring all of your vehicles to get sparkly clean! Please use the parking lot near the playground when you come for the car wash.

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: June 16, June 23, and June 30 are the Sr. High Mission Trip preparation studies, 6–7:30 p.m. at church. ALL WHO ARE GOING ON MISSION TRIP MUST ATTEND.

HELP WANTED: We are looking for individuals willing to be on our team! We are looking to grow our ministry and need your help! Individuals who are interested in working with children, teens or young adults contact Katie Collins (marykate_42@yahoo.com, 419-345-3539). We are planning for next year already and would love your ideas!



ALDERSGATE SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU!

Dear Aldersgate Community,
I want to thank you for the years of support I have received from the church and from many individuals. Every time I come home many people say hello to ask how I am doing and hear about my studies. It means a lot knowing how much people care about me even though I can't come home very often. It is humbling to be a scholarship recipient again this year because our church family has been so generous through the scholarship program. I am truly thankful for the financial assistance the program has provided. The scholarship helps me pay for some of the tuition to attend Purdue University where I've just finished

my junior year. Every year I have spent at Purdue has been better than the last somehow. I love Purdue and am very grateful I am able to attend.

I am studying biochemistry with hopes of becoming a physician. I've been able to pursue that goal by doing research, shadowing doctors and volunteering at a hospital. On Sundays, I volunteer at a local hospital near Purdue. Even though I can't attend church at home regularly, I connect to God through my work helping others.

Besides volunteering at the hospital, I am a RA for a floor at Purdue. I get to be a positive role model for my residents and help them become successful women. This job is very rewarding, and God has blessed me with amazing staff and residents, so I have a strong support system away from home.

As a physician, I hope to use these interpersonal skills to connect to patients and help them get better. The donations from the church help me to continue my education so I can help people even more in my career. I am very blessed to have a family and church community that encourage and assist me in pursuing my passions. I'd like to thank the church community again for their support because it really does mean a lot.

ALYSSA LAMBRECHT

**THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE
IS TO CREATE IT**



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

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

RUTH CIRCLE

See you in the fall!
September-May.

LYDIA CIRCLE

See you in the fall!
September-May.

ALDRSGATE LADIES BOOK CLUB

July 31 / 7:00 PM

We'll read "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg. Choir Room.

MEN'S GROUPS

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

EUCHRE

June 21 / 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

WEST PARK PLACE

3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH

Worship:

June 16 / 2:00 PM

Prayer Circle:

June 5 / 2:30 PM

Folding Chair Theater:

June 10 / 1:00 PM

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

ELDRSGATE

June 25 / 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 Mrs. Jackie Konwinski who will tell us about the Underground Railroad at the Lathrop House.

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

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:

June 11 / Friendly Center
1336 N. Superior St.

Luncheon is at 12 Noon and
only \$3.00. Program is Memorial
Service. Make your reservations by
calling Joan Pitson at 419-476-7132
or by email at: pitsonj@yahoo.com.

August 4 – 10 is our annual
**Friendly Center Service Guild
Garage Sale** at Maumee United
Methodist Church / 405 Sackett,
Maumee, Ohio.

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

The church is currently looking for
volunteers to help in two ministry
areas. Please see Tony Edgington if
you wish to volunteer or you have
additional questions:

PARISH NURSE:

Interested individuals should be
licensed as a registered nurse,
have a current certificate in
CPR training, a minimum of
two years' experience in a hospital
setting, and personal liability
insurance. Individuals will be
asked to serve 1-2 Sundays a
month, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

BUS DRIVER:

Interested individuals should
have a current valid license and be
available to be trained to drive the
church bus. Bus drivers pick up
on average 4-6 individuals before
church on Sundays from 9:30 to
10:30 a.m., and also need to be
available to return members after
services end.

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...**

: A minister parked his car in a no-parking
: zone in a large city because he was short of
: time and couldn't find a space with a meter.
: Then he put a note under the windshield
: wiper that read: "I have circled the block
: 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my
: appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."
: When he returned, he found a citation
: from a police officer along with this note
: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't
: give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us
: not into temptation."



HEALTH MINISTRIES

KEEPING AN EYE ON UV SAFETY



June is Cataract Awareness Month. Cataracts are the leading cause of vision loss in the United States, and it is the leading cause of blindness in the world. 24 million Americans over the age of 40 are affected by cataracts. Eye medical doctors, or ophthalmologists, caution us that too much exposure to UV light can raise the risks of eye diseases, including cataracts, growths on the eye, and cancer.

Cataracts are a clouding of the lens of the eye, which prevents passage of light into the eye. The solution to cataracts is cataract surgery, which requires a surgeon to remove the deteriorated lens and replace it with an artificial lens called an intraocular lens.

Cataract surgery is one of the safest and most effective surgeries with a success rate of 95 percent. Over three million Americans undergo cataract surgery annually, making it one of the most common surgeries in the United States.

Diseases like cataract and eye cancers can take many years to develop, but each time we're out in the sun without protection we could be adding damage that adds to our risks for these serious disorders.

Babies and kids need to wear hats and sunglasses and people of all ages should take precautions whenever they are outdoors.

Sun damage to eyes can occur anytime during the year, not just in the summertime.

- Wear UV-blocking sunglasses and broad-brimmed hats whenever you're outside.
- Don't be fooled by clouds: the sun's rays can pass through haze and thin clouds.
- Never look directly at the sun. Looking directly at the sun can lead to solar retinopathy, which is damage to the eye's retina from solar radiation.
- Everyone is at risk, including children and senior citizens. Protect their eyes with hats and sunglasses.

Although there is no proven way to prevent age-related cataracts, choosing a healthy lifestyle can slow the progression of cataracts. By reducing exposure to UV rays and wearing proper eye protection you can help delay the progression of cataracts.

SARA MATUSZEWSKI, R.N.

Father's Love...

² He was a godly man, deeply reverent, as was his entire household. He gave generously to charity and was a man of prayer.

ACTS 10:2 / TLB



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

June 1
Lynne Bittner
Logan Lanigan

June 2
Richard Merritt

June 3
Lee Maxfield

June 4
Janice Blansett

June 6
JoAnn Newell

June 9
Sharon Whitaker

June 12
Rebecca
Buchanan

Kim Jensen
Alex Merritt
Anna Belle
Shepherd

June 16
Kristen Hanacek

June 17
Shawn Hite

June 18
Nathan Collins
Carrie Krum

John McKenty
Charles 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, 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)\$77,541
Total Expenses (YTD)..... \$88,402
Net Income/(loss) YTD..... (\$10,861)

Conference Apportionments

WOC Paid (YTD) \$3,000
WOC Assigned Apportionments
(Budget)\$3,700
Balance Due..... (\$700)

District Apportionments

District Paid (YTD)\$2,500
District Assigned Apportionments
(Budget) \$2,255
Balance Due.....\$245

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

April 2019: 138

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your phone number or email address?

Or maybe even your residence. Please let us know so that we can keep our files up to date. Just call the church office at 419-473-1294 or drop the information in the Sunday collection plate.

HOSPITAL CARE

Local hospitals do not contact the church office when you're admitted for medical care. If you would like a pastoral visit, please ask a member of your family to call the church office at 419-473-1294.

