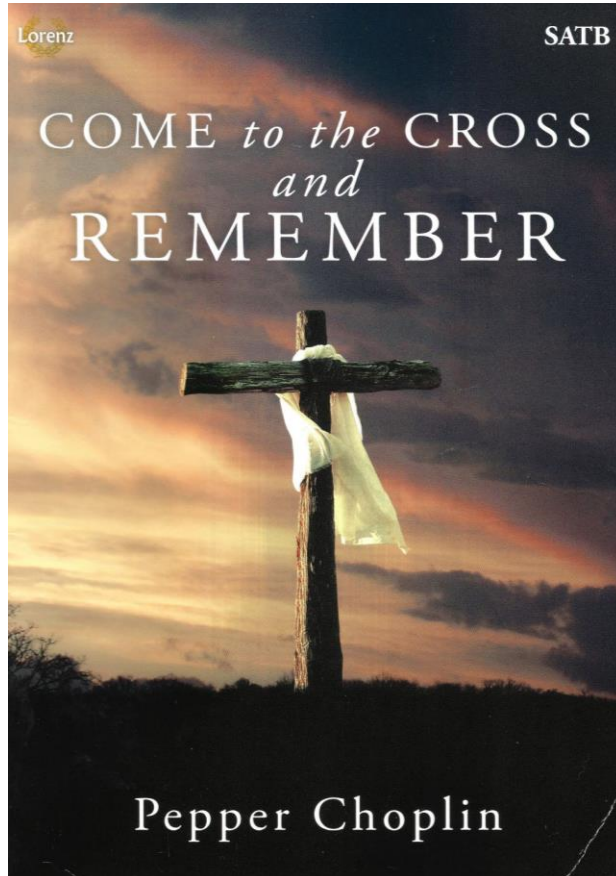




### From the Pastor's Desk

#### EASTER CANTATA

The Music Ministries at Aldersgate would like to invite you to our Easter cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember." Please join us for this beautiful telling of the Easter story through song and dramatic readings. We hope to see you there!



#### 3 WAYS TO GIVE

- In Person
- By Mail: 4030 Douglas Rd Toledo 43613
- On-line using bank Bill Pay or the Ways to Give tab on our website

419-473-1294 Church Office  
419-473-1295 Church Office Fax  
419-474-7144 Precious People Preschool

Please send May articles to:  
[office@aldersgatetoledoumc.org](mailto:office@aldersgatetoledoumc.org)

#### COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, Apr. 14 5-8 PM

#### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Sun., Apr. 23 8:30-10:15 AM

#### EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Are you a woman looking for fellowship and a closer walk with Jesus? If you're available on Wednesday evenings, please join our Bible study, "Come and See"- a study of the book of John. Our next meeting is April 26th at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. Light refreshments will be served.

#### MEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Group is doing a Bible study called an Invitation to the Gospel of John. The only study scheduled for April is on Sunday, April 16th at 5pm at the church, although another may be added.

Please contact Tony Edgington for more information or dates.

#### FOOD FOR ALL PANTRY

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. We need spaghetti sauce, noodles, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and toothpaste.

#### YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be held on Sundays from 5 pm until 7 pm during April except on Easter.

The Youth will be having the annual Easter egg hunt on April 8th at 11am. The Easter Egg hunt is open for pre-school through 5th grade children. Please consider donating candy to be used in the eggs during the hunt. A box for collection has been placed in the Narthex.

There will not be a youth luncheon during April, but we will resume in May.

The Youth are planning a spring clean-up around the end of April, weather permitting.


If you would like to help in any way with Youth Group events, please reach out to Amy Edgington at 419-474-7250 or leave a message with the Aldersgate office staff.

#### FACILITY CLEANLINESS

Aldersgate is a very nice facility, and the church is asking everyone to help keep it that way. If you look in Meinhart Hall, there are a few new signs. We are asking anyone that uses the facilities to help us keep them cleaned up.

Please be sure to take out the trash after every event. This will help prevent drain flies, gnats, odors, and other pests. A broom and dustpan are located in the kitchen.

It would be nice if tables could be swept under after usage along with spills being wiped or mopped up. Another thing everyone can do to help keep the facilities clean is to wipe down tables and chairs after use. Working together will help keep Aldersgate clean and welcoming. It also helps Miss Becky out with the workload to make it more manageable.

<p><b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p><u>April 2</u> Alexus Flores</p> <p><u>April 3</u> Helen Dennissl</p> <p><u>April 4</u> Doris Butz Sandy Garvin Dana Poturalski</p> <p><u>April 5</u> Ava Early</p> <p><u>April 6</u> Stanley Drum Janet Einhart Kadence Morse</p> <p><u>April 7</u> Justin Luce Dana Ward</p> <p><u>April 8</u> Mikayla Murphy</p>	<p><u>April 11</u> Tyler Murphy</p> <p><u>April 12</u> Brodie Poturalski</p> <p><u>April 13</u> Sarah Contos Ruth Paschen</p> <p><u>April 16</u> Bayless Byers</p> <p><u>April 18</u> Sydney Crowl Marie Ellison Joshua Galati</p> <p><u>April 19</u> Liam Allen Robert Christiansen</p> <p><u>April 20</u> Barb Burnett Sharon Merritt Jamie Simmons</p>	<p><u>April 23</u> William Semenovich</p> <p><u>April 26</u> Stacey Moore Justin Steiner</p> <p><u>April 27</u> Kyra Ervin Lilyona Moore</p> <p><u>April 29</u> Floyd Bell</p>  <p><i>Happy Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>ALDERSGATE STAFF</b></p> <p><b>PASTOR</b> Rev. Melissa Steinecker</p> <p><b>INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR</b> Amy Edgington</p> <p><b>SENIOR MINISTRIES</b> Barbara Myers &amp; Rebecca Grohowski</p> <p><b>STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER</b> Larry Godfrey</p> <p><b>CHANCEL CHOIR &amp; CELEBRATION RINGERS DIRECTOR</b> Jacob Smith</p> <p><b>ORGANIST</b> Judy East</p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b> Marlaina Kimple</p> <p><b>CUSTODIAN</b> Becky Buchanan</p> <p><b>PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR</b> Jennie Matuska</p> <p><b>GATEWAY EDITOR</b> Debbie Myers</p>
<p><b>PRECIOUS PEOPLE PRESCHOOL</b></p> <p>Precious People Preschool is delighted to share with the Aldersgate members that we have received a grant for very specific improvements. We will be using the grant money to update the preschool hallway with fresh paint. We will also be ordering and installing a new, age appropriate and ADA playground! The classrooms will also be receiving some new technology as well. We are very excited about these updates coming very soon.</p> <p>Registration for the 2023/2024 school year is open. We have already started to enroll students in both of our classrooms. All incoming students must be toilet trained and 3 years old before they can begin. If you know anyone that might be interested, we'd appreciate you passing our information along to them. Tours can be scheduled by calling the preschool at 419-474-7144 or emailing us at <a href="mailto:preciouspeoplepreschool@gmail.com">preciouspeoplepreschool@gmail.com</a>. We have three schedules to choose from. Students can come for 2 days, 3 days, or 5 days a week and the monthly tuition starts at \$150 with a \$50 registration fee.</p>			<p><b>BODY BETTER</b></p> <p>Body Better is Fridays from 9:15 to 10:15am. Please contact Barb Myers for more information.</p>
<p><b>UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UMW)</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be April 12th at 1pm in the choir room. Dessert is served.</p> <p>We will be having two fundraisers in June: a bake sale on June 4th during our next 75th anniversary event and a \$5 per bag rummage sale on June 23rd and June 24th. Set-up will be on June 21st and 22nd. Items may be brought to the church starting on Sunday, June 18th. Larger items will be priced separately. No baby car seats or tv's. If you have a question about an item, please call Carol Marckel (419-417-3228) or Sally Finnegan (419-382-1714). We are looking for good, <u>clean</u>, useable items.</p>			<p><b>ELDERSGATE</b></p> <p>The luncheon will be on April 25th from noon to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00. Please RSVP by April 20th to the church office @ 419-473-1294.</p>
<p><b>NEWS FROM REBECCA</b></p> <p>Our Ministry outreach to West Park Place continues on the third Sunday of each month. We meet in the Multipurpose Room (#131) with an average between 5-11 people. If you wish to participate in this worship service, please feel free to join us. At this time there are no requirements to mask.</p> <p>Aldersgate also has a ministry to ProMedica Skilled Nursing next to Flower Hospital. This ministry was requested by residents of the nursing center. We go out to present a worship service on the first and third Monday of every month at 2:30pm. Lois Garber has been participating and I invite anyone else that would like to join us to please come out to be with us.</p> <p>ProMedica Skilled Nursing has also reached out to Aldersgate to see if any individuals that would like to volunteer to come and visit residents. There are some residents there that have no family or have no family locally and, therefore, are alone and would appreciate visitors. If you are a people person and would like to volunteer to visit and chat with those that are all alone, please call the church office or Rebecca at (419)367-6235. Thanks.</p>			<p><b>EUCHRE</b></p> <p>Tuesday, April 18th at 1pm in the Choir Room. A sweet dessert and coffee will be served.</p>
			<p><b>FRIENDLY CENTER</b></p> <p>The next meeting is on April 11th with the business meeting at 11:00, lunch at noon (\$3.00), and a program after. Membership dues for 2023 are \$5.00, but do not require attendance.</p>
			<p><b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b></p> <p>Please sign up on the Flower Board outside the church office to request flowers for a service. The cost is \$30 each.</p>

## U.W.F. BRUNCH

On Saturday, March 11th, the afternoon UWF and the evening women's Bible study gathered for breakfast and enjoyed a drama presentation by Monica Vernot about Dorcas (Acts 9: 36-43) with vocals. Monica has a master's degree in music with a focus on opera. She and her husband are part of Mission Cry Christian Resources International, 200 Free St., P. O. Box 356, Fowlerville, MI 48836, which collects used Bibles and other religious books for redistribution.



## LIBRARY NEWS

There is a trolley in the hallway with books that are new to the church. You can take one out and even keep it. Please sign it out in the notebook, just as all other books are to be signed out.

There is a new book in the Spiritual Growth section titled Reckless Grace by Vanderbush and Eaton. I highly recommend it, though I have not finished it, because it has so much impact and meaning for me. But that is my personal copy. I went back and bought more-- one for the library and others to give away. I hope you find it as compelling as I have. Lois Garber

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Palm Sunday Youth Group 5-7pm	3 ProMedica Skilled Nursing & Rehab 2:30pm	4 Boy Scouts 7pm	5 Band 5:30pm	6 Choir 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	7 Body Better 9:15am Stations of the Cross 6-8pm	8 Easter Egg Hunt 11am
9 Sunrise Service 8am Easter Breakfast between services Choir Cantata 10:45am	10 PPP Spring Break Trustees 6:30pm	11 PPP Spring Break Food For All Pantry 12:30-4pm Boy Scouts 7pm Pastor's vacation	12 PPP Spring Break Band 5:30pm Pastor's vacation	13 PPP Spring Break Bells 6:00pm Choir 7pm Pastor's vacation	14 PPP Spring Break Body Better 9:15am Pastor's vacation	15
16 Gideon Speaker for service West Park Place 2pm Men's Bible Study 5pm Youth Group 5-7pm DEWS 5:30-8pm	17 ProMedica Skilled Nursing & Rehab 2:30pm Pastor's vacation	18 Euchre 1pm Staff 4pm Worship 5pm Finance 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm	19 Band 5:30pm	20 Bells 6:00pm Choir 7pm	21 Body Better 9:15am	22
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