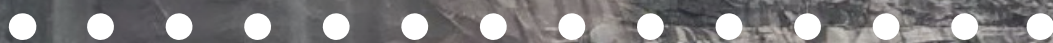


# fusion

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## YOUTH HANDBOOK 2018-2019



*"Reaching, Teaching & Transforming young people to an active faith in Jesus Christ and releasing devoted disciples into ministry in our community and world."*



# MEET THE LEADERS



## Elizabeth Buchanan

### *Director of Youth Ministries*

Elizabeth Buchanan has been the Director of Youth Ministries since 2006. She loves being a mother and wife. Her fun family has grown (and expanded) in many ways the last few years including three weddings and the addition of their seven-year-old nephew as a new member to their household. Elizabeth continues to enjoy loving on teens through the youth ministries at Aldersgate. She works hard to give them opportunities to grow with one another and develop a deep understanding of their faith.

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## Caleb Brandt

### *Assistant Youth Director*

Caleb was hired in 2016 as the Assistant Youth Director, but he has worked as the Youth Ministry Intern since 2012. He was involved in Fusion Youth throughout junior high and high school. Caleb discovered his call to ministry with the first small group of junior high guys that he taught. He knew that students at that age need someone to love them unconditionally and show them the God who loves them unconditionally as well.

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*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." -Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)*

## Sunday Mornings

### **Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 AM**

High School students meet in the Youth Building for donuts and class! Junior High students go to the CLC Gym for donuts and then break into classrooms.

## Sunday Nights

### **Junior High Ignition: 6-8 PM**

Grades 7 & 8 spend time together being encouraged in their spiritual growth through worship, inspiring messages and games!

### **High School Small Groups: 6-8 PM**

Students in grades 9-12 meet in host homes for small groups. These groups allow students to dive into the Bible and get to know each other on a deeper level while strengthening their relationship with Jesus.

## Wednesday Nights

### **Junior High Small Groups: 6:30-7:30 PM**

Guys & girls meet separately to develop positive relationships with each other while strengthening their understanding of Jesus. *Doors open at 6 p.m.*

### **High School Infusion: 6:30-8:00 PM**

Grades 9-12 come together for a night of worship, a weekly challenge and encouragement!  
*Doors open at 6:00 PM.*

Check out the enclosed *events calendar* for special events, conferences, fun activities, & service opportunities!

*Scholarship funds* are available for all retreats & trips! Never let the cost of an event be the reason you can't attend. We will always keep your request confidential.

## SAFETY & NORMS

Aldersgate UMC is a spiritual community that provides a safe and nurturing environment for youth who participate in its ministries. All adults working with youth must become Safe Sanctuary certified through the Missouri United Methodist Church Conference, which includes background checks. Parents may find the full ***Policy for the Safety and Protection of Youth*** online at [aldersgatechurch.com/youth](http://aldersgatechurch.com/youth).

**In order for us to function successfully as a Christian group, we must agree to the following norms of behavior:**

- Respect all persons and property
- Refrain from any put-downs towards others
- Be polite & supportive to everyone
- Appropriate & modest dress – no inappropriate T-shirt slogans
- No excessive public displays of affection
- Serve one another in Christian love
- Use of cell phones & other electronics will be limited & monitored

## GET INVOLVED

**Parents – join us in the Youth Ministry by:**

- Providing meals
- Donating food & supplies
- Becoming a small group leader
- Sharing your resources
- Being a prayer partner for the youth

**Stay Connected with:**

- Weekly updates from the church bulletins, emails & announcements
- Aldersgate's monthly *Gatepost* - a newsletter with upcoming info for the entire church
- Follow Fusion Youth on social media – we are on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. Just search: AUMCFUSION
- AUMCNIXA app – available from the App Store & GooglePlay





## OUR MISSION

*Under the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, Fusion Ministries inspires youth to engage in an active, growing, and everlasting relationship with God.*

## OUR VISION

*Compelled by Christ's love, supported by a heart of worship and a community of believers, students will learn to study the Bible, pray, serve, evangelize, and experience fellowship.*



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