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FAMILY NIGHTS

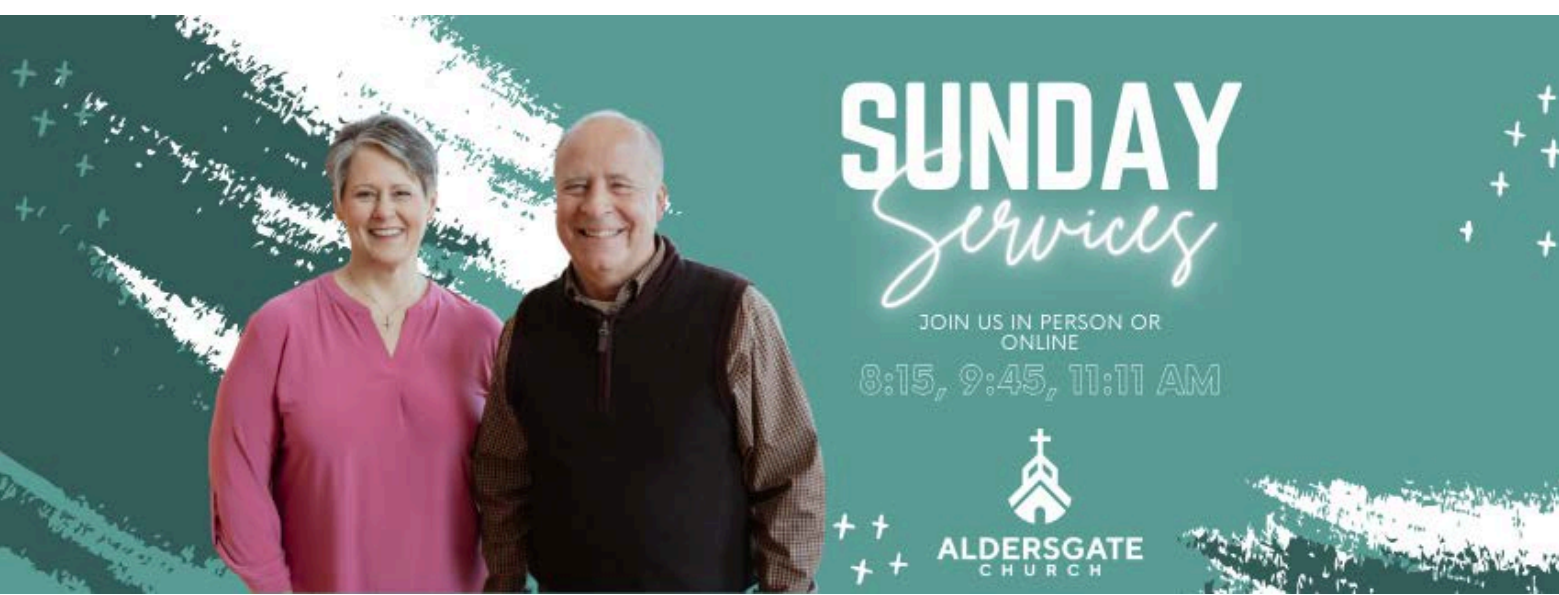
VBS REGISTRATION

MISSION TRIP

Upcoming Events

01	YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER	9AM - 1PM
	NO COMMUNION	
04	CHARITY SEWING PARTY AT THE PARK	1:30 PM 5:30 PM
05	VBS WORKDAY LEADERSHIP DEV. TEAM MEETING	1:00 PM 6:30 PM
07	MEN'S BREAKFAST VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING	7:30 AM 10:00 AM
08	YOUTH MISSION BAKE SALE JOYFUL NOISE YOUTH 9 SQUARE & SUNDAES	2:30 PM 4:00 PM
09	VBS WORKDAY	10:00 AM
10	PROPERTY OVERSIGHT MEETING	6:30 PM
11	FAMILY SERVE NIGHT MISSION TRIP MEETING	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
13	VBS WORKDAY	9:00 AM
16	VBS WORKDAY	9:00 AM
17	FINANCE MEETING	6:30 PM
18	VBS WORKDAY	6:30 PM
19	VBS WORK DAY	1:00 PM
20	VBS WORK DAY	9:00 AM
22-26	VBS	6:30 PM
26	MISSION TRIP MEETING	7:30 PM
29	TOWN HALL MEETING EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP	1:30 PM 4:00 PM
30	VBS CLEAN UP BOOK CLUB	9:00 AM 5:30 PM





Happy summer, Aldersgate family!

With summer comes new opportunities and new challenges to stay connected to Christ and continue living out our mission of being Christ in the world.

As the month of June brings the opportunity to celebrate fathers, I encourage you to consider also the spiritual fathers who have shaped your life and faith journey by their godly example – mentors, coaches, teachers, youth leaders, pastors, family friends, and Sunday school teachers, to name a few. Take a minute and send a text (or stick a card in the mail for us older folks) to a godly man whose wisdom you appreciate, let him know that he made a difference in your life.

Of course, June would not be complete without Vacation Bible School! What a perfect opportunity to reach out to the kids in your family and neighborhood and invite them to experience the Truth. We have a true north, a point of truth that never changes and will never let us down – Jesus! Do more than invite them. Bring them with you as you come to serve! We have so many ways you can help, whether you prefer to serve behind the scenes or with the kids. See the ARK page for info on registration!

Summer vacation season is here, and summer sports are in full swing. That can make attending church a challenge, but don't take a vacation from your faith. Summer is the perfect time to explore new avenues of prayer and new places to encounter the amazing beauty our God created to delight us and to testify to his power and glory! Need a few ideas to make your summer amazing? Check out our church library for a new devotional book or see all the free resources for families available through Family Life at <https://www.familylife.com/?s=summer>.

Aldersgate is an awesome church, and as we continue to journey together through the discernment process regarding joining the Global Methodist Church. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunities to learn more, ask questions, and engage in conversations with our Task Force and Board at our Town Hall meetings. Please keep praying! We are Jesus' church, led by the Holy Spirit, and he will "lead us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." (Psalm 23)

For the Kingdom,
Pastor Sarah





Pickleball Court

Learn to play pickleball! We now have a pickleball court in the CLC gym available on weekdays from 8 am to 10 am. The plan is to teach people how to play so they can feel comfortable joining in play at local courts. Paddles and balls will be available to use. If you are interested in playing, please sign up to be scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Dolph Neubauer at 417-861-8319

Photography Team

We have a lot of events and special moments that happen at our church, and we are always looking for people who would be willing to capture those moments on film. If you have an eye for photography, we would love your help! Contact Casey Freeland, if you would like to be added as a photographer.



Sound Booth

Do you have a good ear for music? Can you hear when something is out of balance? You might make a great member of our sound team! Come find out how you can put those talents to use for worship services and/or special events! Training is required and provided. Talk to Christian Barnard if you are interested at 417-725-4949.

LifeGroups

Doing Life Together

We were not created to do life alone but in community with God and others. A small group provides opportunities to meet new people and grow supportive relationships no matter your stage in life!

There are multiple groups that meet on a variety of nights. We are always looking for new groups to spring up too.

If you are interested in joining or starting a LifeGroup, please reach out to Cindy Hughes or Grace Bryson. For a listing of current LifeGroups, please visit our church website and click on the Connections tab.



What We Know About Sin

By: Ed Vigneaux

1 John 3: 4-6 – “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.”

Now let's break these verses down and see what we know about sin.

- 1. Everyone who sins breaks the law. AGREE
- 2. In fact sin is lawlessness. AGREE
- 3. You know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. AGREE
- 4. In him is no sin. AGREE
- 5. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. UH.....
- 6. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. UH.....

So we agree with 1-4, but it seems we have trouble understanding 5 and 6. It would also seem that there are only 3 options here.

- a. It's not true. John heard it wrong from the Holy Spirit.
- b. John means something completely different, when he uses the word sin.
- c. It's true.

The most common understanding of the word sin is to miss the target. Most people believe it's impossible to live a life free from sin. Me, too. In other words, human beings are destined to miss the mark. If that's true, what about Jesus? Because of his death on the cross to forgive us of all our sins, and because of the power of the resurrection to give us power over sin, we can now hit the target.

I don't want to go through life aiming at a target that I know I will never be able to hit. If we believe we can never hit the mark, don't we just want to quit trying? Perhaps we don't believe sin has lost its power or that we have power over sin.

It seems the biggest problem Christians have with sin is our lack of belief that it can be overcome. Think of the sin or sins that we struggle to overcome. Do we really want to overcome them, or do we believe it's not possible?

The Word says that we have the power over sin. Satan has no power over us. Any power that Satan has is the power we give him.

Jesus has defeated Satan and sin. We can now live a life free from the power of sin. Sin was always at the feet of Jesus, and he overcame the temptation of sin by keeping his eye on the Father and the Word. It seems like a good place for us to start.

Let us love and serve one another. Let us Be Love. Let us be Christ in the world.

We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Aldersgate Book Club

Monday, June 30 at 5:30 PM, WC 110

Join us as we discuss Legacy: A Novel (The Lambswool Chronicles) by Anna Moore Bradfield. We always discuss the book while eat our dinner that we bring with us. All are welcome to attend.



Youth Update



**Youth
CAR WASH**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

9 AM - 1 PM

Donuts and Burgers are provided while you wait. All funds go to the Youth.

ALDERSGATE
YOUTH

Bake Sale

Support our Mission Team, as they raise funds for the summer Mission Trip.



made

with love

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Buy some cookies, cake pops, muffins, cupcakes, and more. Items will be sold in-between services.



9-Square and Sundaes!

Sunday, June 8, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
In the Youth Building

Grades 7th-12th

We're playing some 9-square!

When you're not playing, make your own brownie or strawberry shortcake sundae!

Youth Mission Events

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**EVOLVE SERVE
BRANSON, MO**

Our service project with Evolve in Branson will include delivering meals to people from 5:30-8:15 PM. We will leave the church at 4:30 PM and plan to return around 9:15 PM.

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**MISSION TRIP
MEETING**

This meeting will be in the Youth Building at 7:30 PM. All online paperwork must be completed by this meeting. If you have any questions or have problems logging in, let Rob Howard know.

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**MISSION TRIP
MEETING**

This final meeting before we leave is mandatory, and each student needs to have a parent present as we go over the packing list and last minute details. We will be in the Youth Building at 7:30 PM.



**VBS Registration is LIVE!!!
SAVE THE DATE
SIGN UP TODAY**

**SCAN
ME!**



Join us for a True North adventure!!

Scan the QR code to sign up your kids and/or yourself to volunteer!
June 22-26 from 6:30-8:30pm.



VBS Amazon Wishlist

If you would like to support our efforts with crafts, snacks, and decor, please scan the QR code to see what items are needed to make VBS a success this year.

VBS Workdays

Mark your calendars for our VBS workdays! Choose a couple of days that work for your schedule and come and leave as needed!! We'd love to have your help!

June 5th, 1-3 pm

June 9th, 10-12 pm

June 13th, 9 am-3 pm

June 16th, 9 am-3 pm

June 19th, 1-7 pm

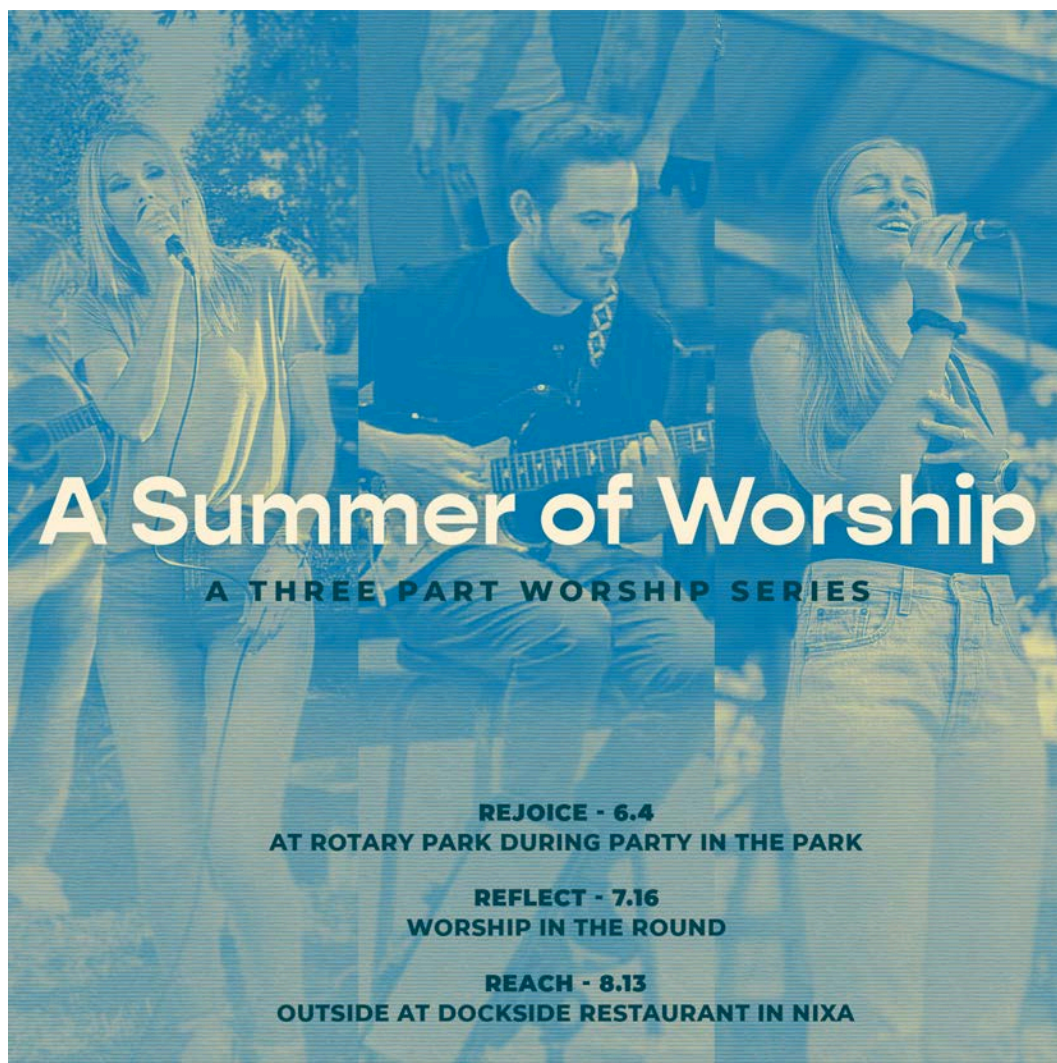
June 20th, 9 am-3 pm



June Bible Buddy:
Tina the Termite

May Verse: "If God is for us,
who can ever be against us?"
Romans 8:31

Join us each Sunday morning at
9:45 AM, PK-4th grade, in the
ARK Wing for Sunday school.



Why the Global Methodist Church Matters

From: the Aldersgate Church Board with assistance from the Affiliation Task Force.

The Global Methodist Church was born not just out of conviction, but out of expectation. In a world where churches can easily become comfortable, distracted, or divided, the GMC is choosing to remain on the church's historic and orthodox path: to stay awake, stay faithful, and stay rooted in the hope of Christ's return.

The Global Methodist church is committed to biblical truth, grace-filled holiness, and a mission that reaches across the street and around the world. They understand the church is not meant to blend into culture or just simply wait things out—it is called to shine, to serve, and to prepare the way of the Lord.

Affiliating with the GMC isn't about fear or pressure—it's about living with hope and intention, knowing that Jesus will return. We don't prepare out of anxiety, but out of love and trust in the One who promised to come again.

Jesus once told a story about ten women waiting for a bridegroom. All of them had lamps, but only five brought oil. When the moment came, half were ready, and half missed it. The point wasn't about wedding customs. It was about spiritual readiness.

"Keep your lamps burning," Jesus said. Be prepared. Be faithful. Live like the Kingdom is near—because it is. The Kingdom of God isn't just something we wait for; it's something Christ is already building in the hearts of those who follow Him boldly and love Him deeply. When we live unashamed of Jesus, the light of His Kingdom shines through us, here and now.

The Global Methodist Church is committed to being deeply rooted in Scripture and boldly engaged in global mission. For many of us, this may be one of the greatest opportunities in our lifetime—to be part of a Spirit-led movement that unites biblical faith with worldwide outreach.

It's not just about belonging to a church; it's about joining a purpose bigger than ourselves. To belong to the Global Methodist Church is to be part of a people who take that calling seriously. A church that wants to be found awake, active, and filled with the Spirit when the Bridegroom arrives! Luke 12: 40 (NIV) 40 "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

And isn't that the oil Jesus spoke of? It's more than just private faith—it's the life of obedient discipleship, fueled by the Spirit and poured out in love, service, and mission. When we stay rooted in Scripture and step into Christ's call to go from Jerusalem to Judea, to Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, we're keeping our lamps full. We are called not only to reach the world, but to go make disciples of all the nations—spreading holiness throughout the land, one life, one community at a time.

The Global Methodist Church stands together: connected, accountable, and united in its mission to the world.

A special thank you to the West Virginia Conference for their contribution to this article.

If you have questions or would like someone to come to your group to answer questions, please contact Greg Shank @ 417-234-5554 or Dorothy Brucks @ 417-860-1392.



Do you have a compassionate heart and enjoy visiting with others? This ministry may be for you, and you're invited to come and hear what it's about.

Are you currently serving in the Visitation Ministry? Then this will be a refresher for you, and you can share your experience with those just getting into this ministry.

Please make plans to attend our orientation and update meeting on Saturday, June 7, 10-11 a.m., WC Conference room. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sandy at: slkanagawa@att.net

Visitation Ministry



Handymen Day Out



Arts Fest.



Summer Kick-Off



Nerf & Nachos



Andy B's



Arts Fest.



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Young Adults

SUNDAY LUNCH
12:15PM - UPSTAIRS IN LC 204

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY
6:30PM - UPSTAIRS IN LC 204

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

1984 ARCADE NIGHT

MAY 17

MOVIE & BONFIRE

JUNE 6

BOWLING AT ANDY B'S

JULY 12

END OF SUMMER PARTY

AUG 3

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHRISTIAN BARNARD AT (417) 425-2718

Calling all Crafty People

Aldersgate Church will be hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Booth space will be available for \$60 and that will be a donation to Least of These Food Pantry. We will open this event to outside vendors but want to save space for anyone in our church who is interested.

If you don't want to do a full space, you can combine with someone. There will be an Aldersgate Church booth available with donated items from our crafty people who would rather use that space. If you're interested or have any questions, please call Carolyn Jacobs at 501-226-9125 or Grace Bryson at 417-830-6706, and they will send you a registration form.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 8:30 AM
COME SERVE WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY
ALL WORK WILL BE OUTSIDE.



Men's Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, June 7th, for the monthly Men's Breakfast. All ages are welcome for a hot meal, fellowship, and a short devotion time.

7:30 AM - CLC GYM

Weekly EVENTS

Sundays - Young Adult Lunch - 12:30 PM

Mondays - Stronger - 5:30 AM

Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM

Tuesdays - Aldersgate Time of Prayer - 6:30 PM

Wednesdays - Young Adult Bible Study - 6:30 PM

Thursdays - Knitwits - 10:00 AM

Stephen Ministry - 6:30 PM - 2nd and 4th

Saturdays - Cardio Workout - 9:30 AM

BY: BEN STONE

Financial Brief

Year-to-date financial summary through April 30, 2025:

Revenue \$ 423,355
Budgeted Expenses \$ 479,171
Actual Expenses \$ 388,007
Net \$ 35,348

The original amount of the loan for the new Learning Center was \$4,162,200. The current balance as of April 30, 2025, is \$2,983,881.

A year ago, the story on Aldersgate's finances was a familiar one – we had fallen into a deficit over the first few months of the year, and already had a deep hole to dig from over the rest of the year. The story is different this year! For the month of April, revenue exceeded expenses for the second month in a row, and for the third of the first four months of the year! While the summer months typically see a drop in attendance and giving (paired with high utility bills), we are in great shape financially at this point in the year, and it is due to your faithfulness. Thank you for the way you are exercising your faith through generous and disciplined giving. May we all continue to strive for stewardship as a key component in our pursuit of holiness!



We are here for you!

Are you hurting and broken within? Are you lonely or going through a difficult time? Talking to a Stephen Minister might be just what you need. There are Stephen ministers available for you to talk to. They will listen and support you through whatever it is you're walking through. For more information contact Stephanie Scott at 417-840-6074.

JUNE dinners

- *June 4 - Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- June 11 - Japanese Fried Chicken
- June 19 - Stroganoff

Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM

*the first dinner will be at Rotary Park

RSVP by 9am the day before dinner



PARTY IN THE PARK

WED. JUNE 4

5:30-7:30 PM

DINNER AND WORSHIP

Thank you

Dear Aldersgate Family,
Thank you all so very much for sending Ron and me the beautiful Easter flowers. What a wonderful gift!!
We are praying we will soon be over this horrible, long Covid. It has been such a terrible illness for both of us!
We really want it over.
Love, Phyllis and Ron Schenone

Thank you

Aldersgate Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. It was perfect to have them as a reminder of our church family and the prayers that we know and felt being said on our behalf. We love and appreciate you all!
Kristal and Gregg Glenn

New MEMBERS



Sherrie Kuster

Thank you

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the thoughtful gifts of the shawl and wooden cross. Most of all, for the prayers that you have said on our behalf.
Mike and I are still in Arkansas, and he is in remission right now from leukemia. He is having a very hard time walking, no strength in his legs. We are really wanting to come home, but do not know when that will be at this time. He is still so very ill and we sincerely appreciate your thoughts and prayers.
Mike and Connie Pace

Thank you

We would like to thank Aldersgate for the continued support of our program. This is our last week of school, and we start summer break. I will be working this summer, trying to enroll families into our program. If you have any community events this summer where I could possibly set up an information table about our program, please let me know. Our program is FREE to qualifying families, and we work with children 3 -5 years old. Once again, thank you and see you in the fall.
Matthew Jones (MJ)
Nixa Head Start Family Advocate

New MEMBERS



Charley, Erin, Elise, and Walter Powell

