



Music & Arts

Journey Band:

A contemporary band that participates in the family-friendly contemporary worship service. Practice is Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Contact Jeff Manns at jeff.manns@aldersgatede.org.

Chancel Choir: Practice Wednesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m. and are part of worship in the Sanctuary at the 11 a.m. service September thru June. Contact Jeff Manns at jeff.manns@aldersgatede.org.

Gateway Ringers—Bell Choir: Practice Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room. Contact Jeff Manns at jeff.manns@aldersgatede.org.

Aldersgate Brass: A group drawn from the Aldersgate community to contribute to the worship experience by accompanying the Chancel Choir or a stand-alone ensemble. Rehearses in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Bert Diemer at rbdjr@comcast.net.

Flute Players of Aldersgate: *New Group, Now Forming.* If you are interested, please contact Kathie Foss by email at: kcf1234@aol.com.

Children's Choir: Pre-K thru 2nd grade. Practice Sundays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Rainbow Room. Contacts are Rachel West (rachelwest86@gmail.com) or Molly Atwater (mka95@comcast.net).

Junior Choir: Grades 3 thru 6. Practice Sundays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Music Center. Contact Diane Shea at shadb@gmail.com.

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Vocal Impact: Grades 7 thru 12. Practice Sundays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Music Center. Contact Janet Atwater at jratwater@comcast.net.

Audio/Visual Ministry: The Aldersgate Audio/ Visual Ministry is an integral part of the weekly worship experience. Operating the sound board, creating and displaying worship slides, and offering technical support for special events and musicals. No experience is needed as training is available for all those interested in being a part of our team. For more information, or to schedule training, please contact Rebecca Manns at hopeandgrace4@yahoo.com.

Altar Guild: A group of dedicated women who support the pastor in worship preparation in the sanctuary each week and are also responsible for seasonal decorations. Meetings are held September to June on the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. Contact Mary Jane Prince for more information maryjane.prince@verizon.net.

Merry Methodist Mulchers: A group of gardeners who work to keep the outside church property looking good. They weed, mulch, trim, plant and water. If interested in joining, please call the church office and leave a message for Doug DeVoll or Caroline Fleckenstein.

Merrimakers Clowns: Clowning is a gift from God; ministering to those who suffer in hospitals, care facilities, and special needs groups. We visit care facilities, nonprofit and church events where we are called to serve. New members needed. Training provided. Come join us and share your joy with others. Contacts are Nancy Hough & Jackie Shuster.

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Life Groups

Gather as God's People
Grow in Faith & Love
Go into the world as Jesus' Disciples



Stephen Ministers: A system for training and organizing lay people, called Stephen Ministers, to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our

congregation, providing care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. Contact Carol Morell or Debbie Parrish at stephenministry@aldersgatede.org or leave a message at the church office 302-478-2575.



GriefShare: A faith-based, confidential 13-week program for persons who

have suffered the loss of a loved one. Two sessions are held each week in room 236; Tuesdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. & Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants can begin at any point in the 13 week program. Each video-based session can stand alone. It is not necessary to view them in strict order. Contact Phyllis Carr by leaving a message at the church office 302-478-2575.



DivorceCare: *New group now forming. Sessions will begin on Thursday, September 27 and run through Thursday,*

January 10, 2013.

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DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Contact Randy Husbands at randyhusbands@verizon.net.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship: A ministry to build men spiritually to be involved in the total ministry of our church. We welcome all men and affirm that Christ is the center of every man's life, creating spiritual growth and encouraging men to discipleship. Our model is the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. Breakfast meetings on the second Saturday of each month, September through May, in the Student Ministry Center (SMC) from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Contact is Jim Rindfuss (ammensgroup@aldersgatede.org).

United Methodist Men—Tuesday Lunch Fellowship: On the third Tuesday of the month from September through May from noon to 1:30 p.m. to renew friendships, have devotions, lunch and an interesting program and discussion. The timing fits best with men who can take a long lunch once a month or are retired. Programs frequently attract interest beyond men and guests are always welcome to join us. If interested, email umm@aldersgatede.org.

United Methodist Women (UMW) United Methodist Women (UMW) encourages the development of women within Aldersgate and our local community by focusing on Christian values of education, mission and service. Our goals are to enable women of ALL ages to establish meaningful relationships while worshiping and studying together in a supportive and nurturing environment. Members donate/raise over \$10,000 annually for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. Individual intergenerational Circles meet monthly September through June for fellowship partnered with bible study and/or other interesting programs, scheduled at various day and evening times. All circles collaborate to offer

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UMW Unit meetings four times a year as well as our annual Cookie Walk and Pecan Sale. Contact is Barbara Buckley umwcoordinator@aldersgatede.org

- **Ruth Circle**—Second Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
- **Sarah Circle**—Second Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- **Martha Circle**—Second Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- **Hannah Circle / Multi-tasking Moms**—Agreed upon Tuesday at 9 a.m. with a quarterly evening event
- **Esther Circle**—Second Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- **Rebekah Circle**—First Thursday at 1 p.m.

Co-ed Softball Team: Local community churches gather for competitive co-ed softball during Spring and early Summer. If interested contact John Jennelly at johnjennelly@yahoo.com.

Grill Girls: A covenant group of women dedicated to living a Christian lifestyle and holding themselves accountable to one another. The ministry makes commitments to be the hands and feet of Christ. Meets Saturday mornings. Contact Sarah Ogilby if you are interested in joining at sogilby@comcast.net.

Checkerboard Dances: Held four times throughout the year at 6:30 p.m. for people from our area with physical and mental challenges, ages 15 and older. Aldersgate's high school students assist with the dance each month. A fun outreach ministry and we are privileged to serve. Contact Natalie Dyke at snow12@comcast.net.

Dinners for Eight: Get to know people at Aldersgate where 8 people gather together for a meal and fellowship 4 times a year. Groups decide when and how they will meet. New groups are formed each year. Contact J.E. Hamer-Maanson catchpsu@gmail.com.

Check out the Bible Study Brochure and find a Sunday School Class or mid-week study group to assist you on your Christian Journey.

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