

Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope and joy... Everywhere!

**Flowers on the altar are given in thanks and celebration for Venitta and Andre's seventh and Vera and Charles' fifty-sixth anniversaries.
To God be the glory!**

Special Guest Today

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday Today, we welcome a special guest preacher, Pastor Erin Newcomb-Moore. Her sermon title is "Showing Up."

High School Recognition Sunday – June 4th

Congratulations to the following youth who will be graduating from High School:

Jack Dorsey, Declan Hughes, Justin Randall, Shaylee Wright

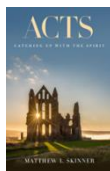
We will recognize our graduates during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

There will be a brunch for all from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate this milestone in their life!

Early Bird Bible Study

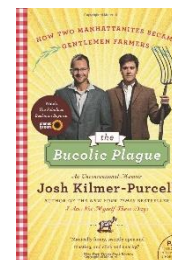
Early Bird concludes the series 'The Character and Attributes of God.' We will summarize the attributes and discuss ways of application. Please join for this session to better understand Almighty God. Early Bird meets at ten o'clock on Tuesday via Zoom.

Thursday Morning Class Time changed



*There has been a change in the day and time of the Thursday Morning Bible study schedule for next week. We will be meeting on **Friday morning(6/2) at 930AM** instead of our usual Thursday time. We will be finishing our study of **Acts-Catching up with the Spirit** with Chapter 6-This Changes Everything/Afterword. There will be cake.*

Book Club in the Concord Room and on Zoom May 30th



On May 30, at 7 pm, we will discuss “The Bucolic Plague” by Josh Kilmer Purcell (Robin’s pick) Let Deb know if you want to join by Zoom.

On June 27 we will discuss “On Tyranny” by Timothy Snyder, (Kim’s pick)

On July 25 we will discuss “The Keeper of Lost Things”, (Deb Teal’s pick)

Hope you all can join us! Blessings, Deb

Celebration Potluck Lunch 6/11

On Sunday, June 11, we will honor Maylis by presenting her with a stole as a gift from the church. After the second service, we plan on holding a potluck luncheon for Maylis, complete with a cake (we always have to have cake). We invite the congregation to the potluck and ask everyone to bring a dish to share. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Campbell, Robin Dye, Betsey Driscoll, or Roger Whitehead.

Reserve June 9, 2023, for Rev Maylis’ Ordination Ceremony

Reserve the evening of June 9, 2023. Rev Maylis will be ordained a Deacon in the United Methodist Church at a ceremony conducted by Bishop Peggy Johnson during Annual Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Manchester NH. We need to be represented at that ceremony in support of Rev Maylis.

We can set up carpools for those wishing to attend that session that is usually at 7 PM on Friday evening. We should plan on being at the Double Tree a bit early as Maylis says it can get a bit crazy during that time.

For those who cannot be in Manchester that evening, there will also be a streaming of the service available on YouTube at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@newenglandconferenceumc2273/streams>

or search YouTube for @newenglandconferenceumc2273.

At a subsequent worship service at Aldersgate, we will be presenting Rev Maylis with a Jordan River stole in honor and recognition of this important milestone in Rev Maylis’ journey with Christ. If you want to make a small donation for the purchase of that stole, make your checks payable to Aldersgate UMC but mark it with “Stole” in the notes section of your check. We don’t need that much, only a couple hundred dollars, so anything left over will be donated to the United Methodist Youth 2023 trip they will be taking.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12
AUGUST 14th – 18th from 9 - noon**

Our theme for VBS this summer is "Under Construction". We will learn about Habitat for Humanity and the way God helps us to Share, Care, Learn, Worship, and Celebrate!

Registration forms are on the welcome desk and the welcome table in the Church School area.



New Directory – Help Needed

A lot has changed since our last church directory was published four years ago in 2019: some congregants have left us, new friends are now part of our church family, and there has even been some turnover among the staff! The Church Council is looking to create a new directory to reflect our current church family and staff and is looking for someone to lead the effort. There is material from past directory efforts and a crew of volunteers identified to help. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Peter Smyton at thesmytonfamily@comcast.net or 978-256-1795.

BUILD Team Developing Ways to Reach Out to Community

The Church Council has commissioned a small team of congregants to develop ways to increase our outreach to the community. The team's name – Bolster and Unite for Inspiring Inclusive Loving Disciples (BUILD) – represents the objective to increase Aldersgate's ability to help meet the needs to the community and, potentially, increase involvement in all aspects of church life: worship, education, and fellowship. The team has been discerning how to apply our strengths to demonstrate "radical hospitality" to visitors and offer opportunities to better meet the needs of our local community. Look for information this summer about initiatives the team recommends. If you have questions, please ask one of the team's members: Pastor Bob, Cheryl Cruickshank, Betsey Driscoll, Katie Fisher, Clewis Howe, Christine Kelley, Cate Lehan, Michelle Mescall, Rick Newcomb, Jim Ortolf, Lee Pender, Peter Smyton, Jen van Buren, Dan Ward, and Nicole Wetherell.