



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

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**Today’s altar flowers are offered by Mary Jean and Jeff Thurlow in celebration of their daughter’s wedding day and their 31st wedding anniversary on Tuesday.**

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### **Our Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Starts Today!**

Today, June 25, we move to our summer schedule with one service at 9:30 am and Coffee Hour at 10:30 am. For those of you watching remotely, we will live-stream and record the 9:30 service, so you can watch it as it is happening at 9:30 or later at your convenience by accessing the recording on the church website. We will return to two services on Rally Day, September 10.

During the summer when we offer one service (beginning June 25), the nursery will not be staffed by our childcare workers. Children are always welcome in the service. The nursery will be open, and parents are invited to stay there with their child aged 5 and younger during the service if they wish. Audio of the service is available in the nursery.

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### **Visit the Aldersgate Booth at the Chelmsford July 4 Country Fair**

Come visit Aldersgate booth during this year’s Chelmsford’s July 4 Country Fair! We will be selling our famous chocolate chip ice cream sandwiches – regular and vegan – along with drinks. Corn hole will be available for the kids, and everyone wins a prize! Hours are Monday July 3, 5:00 – 9:00 pm and Tuesday July 4, 8:00 – 1:00. Come to celebrate the holiday, enjoy some fellowship, and support the church! Proceeds support the youth mission trip to Youth 2023 later in July.

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### **Outreach – Request for Help**

The Wish Project has empty bins on their shelves for children’s clothes. We will have a box in the lobby to fill and deliver to them. If you can help let’s fill the box with clothes from toddler to elementary school age. Blessings and many thanks in advance, Outreach. Jane Vooyos will deliver them for us. Thanks Jane for bringing this to us!

### **Faire Workshops**

Carmen Umana will hold workshops for wreath decorations (picks) and bow-making from 10am to 6pm on July 3, July 5, July 18, July 20, July 25 and July 28.

No experience needed, come have fun in this creative activity to prepare for the famous AUMC wreaths and swags!

Please contact her to let her know who can join her! 978-376-9376

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### **Book Club in the Concord Room and on Zoom**

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

Let Deb know if you want to join by Zoom.

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

On August 29th is Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson, (Melinda’s pick)

On September 26th is True Biz by Sara Novic, (Betsey’s pick)

On October 31 is The Measure by Nikki Erlick, (Judy’s pick)

Hope you all can join us! Blessings, Deb

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**Music Notes**



THANK YOU to all the musicians who have contributed so beautifully to our worship during this last year! We are blessed by your gifts of time and talent, and your faithful participation and enthusiasm for our music program. We are looking forward to the wonderful music that will be shared throughout the summer!

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### **Lobby Window book display**

The books in the lobby windows are available for you to borrow and return at your leisure. You will find books on prayer, books that discuss Christian LGBTQ+ folks and books on creating deeper community. We welcome you to spend some time this summer expanding your faith and understanding of God's church.

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### **The Art Wall**

The art on the lobby wall is provided by our fellow members of the Congregation! Joining the original piece from Charlotte Bair, the photography is from Val Shupe and the oil pastel was done by Sara Williams. We'd love to see what you love! Contact Betsy in the office to get on the schedule. We can even help you hang and display.

## *A Note of Thanks from Maylis~*

Dear Aldersgate family,

My most sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you did to make my Ordination weekend memorable and exceptional. It was truly a “mountain top” experience for me, and your love and care contributed greatly to that.

Thank you to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), our Church Council, and all who took leadership in planning the caravan on Friday evening and the potluck lunch on Sunday. Thank you also to Pastor Bob and our staff for their support. I am still in awe of it all.

I thank God for you, and for the many ways in which you, as individuals and as a community, share the Good News of Christ through your witness, service, and love.

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### **Summertime Stewardship**

It’s hard to believe that we are already halfway through our year! There has been so much activity and hard work—by so many faithful servants at Aldersgate! As summer approaches please be sure to keep your church family in mind with your prayers and your pledges.

Please feel free to bring your 2023 pledged offerings when you join us on Sundays this summer at 9:30 a.m. You can also send them by mail or electronic bill-pay. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12 AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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