



June 28th, 2026

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

One Service at 9:30 am on June 28 TODAY

Mark your calendars! We move to our summer service schedule of one service, at 9:30 am, beginning on June 28

VBS Planning Meeting - Sunday, June 28, 8:30 a.m.

There will be a planning meeting in the Concord Room for all who would like to help with this year’s VBS program. Please see Lee Williams if you have any questions.

Confirmation Class - Sunday, June 28, 10:45 a.m. –12:30 p.m. All confirmation students and mentors will meet after Worship in the Fellowship Hall

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

July 4th Booth (*7th graders will join us*) (*fundraising points*)

Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4

Please sign up with Lee or David for a time to work at the Chelmsford Country Fair on Friday evening or Saturday morning selling our very popular ice cream sandwiches! There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

Youth Mission Trip Meeting -

Sunday, July 5, after worship, in the Concord Room

This is our final planning meeting for parents and youth who wish to go on the trip.

Youth Mission Trip at Mission Central (*7th – 12th grade*)

Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18

Our youth are going on a summer mission trip to Mechanicsburg PA where we will serve at the Mission Central warehouse! We will support their disaster relief work with jobs like packing flood buckets, assembling hygiene kits, and sorting donations. We will also visit HersheyPark on the way down and Philadelphia on the way back.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

August 10 – 14, 9:00 a.m. – noon - Children Ages 4 – 12

This year’s VBS, “Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep With God,” is an invitation and a challenge to dive into the waters of God’s Word and discover what true faith is all about. Kids of all ages will experience God’s Word, explore and create through fun crafts and activities, music, snacks, and games. Please see Lee Williams if you have questions or would like to help.



Registration deadline is Monday, July 27. The cost to participate is \$20 per child; max of \$60 per family. The registration form is available online at

<https://www.aldersgatechelmsford.com/education/vacation-bible-school/>

Summertime Stewardship

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year! There has been so much activity and hard work, by so many servants at Aldersgate! As we journey through the summer months, please be sure to keep your church family in mind with your prayers and your pledges.

Please feel free to bring your 2026 pledged offerings when you join us on Sunday services this summer at 9:30 am. You can also send them by mail or electronic bill pay. Thank you for your faithful stewardship! For questions about bill pay through your banking institution, contact Kelly Mongiovi, our Financial Secretary at kmongiovi@aol.com, or Finance Chair, Bob Peterson, at peterson.robtk@gmail.com.



Clean Sweep

Please see the signup sheet in the welcome area and consider signing up for a job or two helping to spruce up the church this summer. The jobs can be done on your time! If you don’t have a key, ask Betsy in the office to borrow one or when to come. Thank you! Samples of the tasks this year include clean windows, vacuum pews, remove wax off the sanctuary rug, paint the office ceiling, clean out the kitchen refrigerators, and repair hymnals.

Service in the Fellowship Hall on Hot Sundays This Summer

If the sanctuary is uncomfortably hot on a Sunday morning this summer, we’ll plan to hold the service in the **air-conditioned** Fellowship Hall. Our rule-of-thumb will be hold the service in the Hall if the temperature that morning is predicted to be over 80°. Watch for an all-church email and/or One Call-Tell All notification of the venue change if time permits. In lieu of the livestream on those Sundays, a recording of the service will be uploaded later that morning.

Sermon Notes

1. Throughout this new sermon series, “The Church’s First Big Decision” we’re going to be looking together at backgrounds, tributaries, and the modern-day implications of the first church council described in Acts 15—the Council of Jerusalem (50 A.D.). From the scriptures we read this morning, what was this council supposed to be about?

2. One “tributary” leading into the council involved the long and complicated history of social/cultural/religious antagonism between ancient Israel and its neighbors—a relationship that only became more fraught in an environment of Greek and Roman imperialism. How do you think cultural imperialism might have affected Jewish attitudes towards their own culturally-specific practices (like circumcision, keeping a kosher diet, or maintaining culturally-specific customs and holidays)?

3. The Deuteronomy reading for today names another reason for social separation. God desires to raise up a holy people and offer that people as a light to the nations. What is involved in becoming a holy people? Why do you think boundaries were drawn out around that social experiment?

4. Why do you think we humans need community? Why do we thrive when we know who we are and where we belong?

5. What are some elements of today’s service that speak to these themes? What do they seem to say?



Visit the Aldersgate Booth at the Chelmsford July 4 Country Fair

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

Green Team News

Aldersgate U.M.C. recently established a green team which will focus on how we can be better stewards of the earth. We will focus on education, practices and advocacy. Our church has been recycling for many years.

The Garden Club has already been busy with early spring crops. We have been serving our bounty to the congregation over the last couple of weeks and have started the Chelmsford Food Pantry.

The following was our first delivery to the Chelmsford Food Pantry this season: 4 pt of peas, 6 bags of lettuce, 1 bag of asparagus, 1 large bag of garlic scapes.

Check out the Green Team News next week!