



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

Flowers on the altar are given by Janet Marson in loving memory of her husband, Skip.

We Move to One Service at 9:30 am on June 28

Mark your calendars! We continue with two services at 8:30 am and 10:45 am in June through, and including, June 21. We move to our summer service schedule of one service, at 9:30 am, beginning on June 28

High School Senior Recognition Sunday

Congratulations to the following youth who are graduating from High School:



Sara Antonitis, Katelyn Gilkie, William Whitley

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!

Adult Education at Aldersgate

If you are looking for a summer read or to further your spiritual development over the summer, check out any of our past studies in the library downstairs or at the lobby display. Any member of the Adult Education Committee (Kim, Suzanne, Bob, Joanne, Debbie, Lee or Pastor John) can help point you in the right direction and make a recommendation. Help yourself, any time!

Early Bird Final Session – 6/9

Early Bird will conclude this Spring session on Tuesday. After this final session, we will break for the summer. This week's session will be a "Retrospective on the Seven Questions and More...." Do attend and discuss the questions and how they may 'speak' to you as you continue your faith journey. Whether you have attended or not, you are welcome to participate in this concluding discussion. Hope to see you on Tuesday when we meet via Zoom at ten o'clock.



Green Team Meeting - Sunday, June 14, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Aldersgate’s new Green Team will meet in the Concord Room between the worship services. Help our church care for God’s creation and serve our community with justice and compassion. All are welcome to drop in and share ideas!

Confirmation Class - Sunday, June 14, noon – 2:00 p.m.

All confirmation students and mentors will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our next class. Thank you to the Wilkinson family for providing lunch for this class.



Father’s Day Breakfast

Sunday, June 21 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

All donations will go towards the youth summer mission trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Youth Mission Trip meeting (7<sup>th</sup> graders will join us)

Sunday, June 7, noon – 12:30 p.m.

All youth planning to go on our mission trip and their parents should attend this important information meeting in the Concord Room.



Father’s Day Breakfast (7<sup>th</sup> graders will join us) (fundraising points)

Sunday, June 21, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Come help cook and serve breakfast! Please sign up for a shift by June 14 with Lee Williams or David Driscoll. This is a fundraiser for our summer mission trip.

Youth Mission Trip at Mission Central (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18

Join us on our summer youth mission trip to Mechanicsburg PA where we will serve at the Mission Central warehouse!

Today, June 7, is the last day to sign up! Please let Lee Williams know if you plan to go.





**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. Please see Lee Williams if you have questions or would like to help.

Registration is available online at

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

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### **Update on Flags in the Sanctuary Discussion**

We have received feedback from just a handful of congregants so far regarding the topic of whether to relocate the American and Methodist flags to the Fellowship Hall. We, as a congregation, have a diversity of opinions on the topic. To understand how the larger body of the church family feels, we invite others of you who have an opinion to reach out to Pastor John, Suzanne Hevelone, Peter Smyton, Dan Ward, Kim Ward, Roger Whitehead, or Lee Williams.

Thank you to everyone who has already provided feedback to the Church Council. To make sure we understand your perspective, a Council member will be reaching out in the days to come to see if you are willing to share your thoughts further.

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### **Presentation on What is Christian Nationalism**

Rev. Dr. Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Kraft Family Professor & Director, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College, gave a presentation on May 3 entitled "What is Christian Nationalism?" The presentation was followed by a pot-luck dinner and a lively and informative Q&A session. A recording of the presentation can be found on the church YouTube channel, the home page of the church web site, and at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJr27LPjv8>.

**We'd love to get feedback from you about the presentation.** What additional information or material you'd like to have to be better informed about this topic? If you couldn't attend, and you are interested in a watch party or a group to discuss the information, please contact Kim Ward ([mikdraw@aol.com](mailto:mikdraw@aol.com)) or any other members of the Adult Ed committee: Pastor John, Jo Coughlin, Suzanne Hevelone, Charles McCrea, Bob Peterson, Debbie Smyton, and Lee Williams with your thoughts and questions so we can plan for future events. The committee is meeting this week to discuss next steps and would love to include your input into our discernment.