



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

Today’s altar flowers are given by Wendy and John Baker, in loving memory of Wendy’s father, Dexter H Atkinson

Special Church Conference on August 13 at 10:30

We have recently received a bequest from Nancy Goodick, which needs to be approved by the Special Church Conference. We invite everyone to attend the meeting, as we will also share a report on the endowment activity, a tribute to Nancy, and other helpful information.

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.

Youth 2023 Sharing Time!

Save the date!



The youth and adults who attended Youth 2023 will host a pasta dinner and share a special presentation with you about our experiences at Youth 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

We have many stories to share with you along with photos and videos.

Come join us - all are welcome!

Sign up now for the next Aldersgate Blood Drive

Saturday August 12th, from 9 am to 2pm

You can sign up to donate by calling **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood> and enter “Aldersgate” to schedule a time.

Clean Sweep – Help Needed – Please sign up

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 make arrangements to borrow one or when to come. Thank you! Samples of the tasks this year include cleaning pew cushions, weeding around the church building, and cleaning windows.

Red Friendship Pad

On the center aisle of the pews are Red Friendship Pads. During the offering, please sign the pad and pass it down the row so all can sign it and pass it back to the center aisle. Please note who is in the pew with you. If you are visiting, we would like to welcome you and get to know you. Please fill in your contact information. For more information about our church, please talk to those around you or contact Betsy in the church office at 978-256-9400. The email address is aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net.

Comfort in the Pews for Everyone

An additional pew has been removed to make our existing seating more accessible and accommodating to people using wheelchairs, walkers, canes or crutches and those who may be accompanying them. If you need more space or find the pew difficult to sit in, please make yourself comfortable in the red chairs provided. Please let an usher or trustee know if you need something adjusted. This is a work in progress and an experiment. We want you to feel at home in our space.



Single Ladies Dining Out

Singles Ladies Dining Out will have lunch on **August 12th** at 1 pm at Olive Garden, which is located at 422 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879.

If you are a single lady and would enjoy a dinner/lunch out and lots of fun conversation, we would love to have you join us. Please RSVP by Thursday August 10th to Betsy Campbell 978-256-9400 or by email to aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net.

Donate Your Time and Talents

It takes many hands and we need your help in running the church! Over the summer we will be working to fill our slate of committees for the Fall and we wanted to extend an invitation for you to think about where God might be calling you to use your gifts. We ask that you send in your reply to the office by August 31st.

Committees Include:

Adult Education, Children's Ministry Team, Finance and Stewardship, Membership & Congregational Events, Memorial Gifts, Outreach, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, and Worship/Altar Guild. More informal groups include IT, Ushers and Recording.

Please contact the office at aldersgatehelmsford@verizon.net or Jim Ortolf (jamesortolf@gmail.com, 978/995-0614) if you have any questions or you are interested in serving in one of these areas!

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!