

## Offering Our Gifts

Our vision is **Connecting, Knowing, Loving, and Growing** as disciples of Jesus and his Church to bless Durham and beyond, and you are key to making it happen! Every gift, large or small, directly supports the foundational ministries and daily operations of Aldersgate. Join us in this vital work—your offering helps us bring this vision to life.

### A few ways to give:

- **In-person:** Place your offering in the plate during service.
- **Online:**  
Visit [www.aldersgate.org/give](http://www.aldersgate.org/give)



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## Friendly Faces of Aldersgate

**Rev. Steve Murphy** Pastor, Preacher, Teacher

**Henry Branson** Director of Music

**Lydia Cauley** Director of Family Ministries

**Jonathan Hudson** Communications and Office Director

**John Hall & Barbara Atkinson** Certified Lay Ministers



# Aldersgate

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

June 14, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



[info@aldersgate.org](mailto:info@aldersgate.org)



919-477-0509



[aldersgate.org](http://aldersgate.org)

# Welcome to Aldersgate UMC

## Thank you for joining us for worship.

If this is your first time we invite you to fill out a Connection Card. Either scan the QR code below or use the one in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate.

**Assistance:** Please see any usher or friendly face.

**Worship:** Stand as you are able for starred (\*) moments. We use the UMH and TFWS hymnals (in your pew) and the NRSV bible translation.

**Congregational Care:** For congregational care needs, including hospitalizations or home-bound needs, contact Barbara Atkinson (habnc@hotmail.com) or the church office (churchoffice@aldersgate.org or 919-477-0509).

## Sermon Series Reflection Questions:

- What is your definition of hospitality?
- Abraham and Sarah welcomed the strangers offering just a 'little' water to wash their feet, and a 'little' bread to refresh them, instead they brought out a feast. Where in your life or as a church are we doing "just enough", and where is God calling us to be radically hospitable?
- Share a story of experiencing radical hospitality in your life and how that made an impact on you.
- What would have to change in our hearts to be willing to be interrupted in order to provide over-the-top hospitality to strangers like Abraham and Sarah?
- What does this story reveal about the significance of hospitality, and our part in being a people reflecting God's hospitality?

## Connect:

Scan the QR code to fill out our Digital Connection Card.



## Weekly Newsletter:

Sign up for the weekly email newsletter to stay connected to Aldersgate news.



## Churchcenter App:

Scan the QR code for the church directory and more.



# Did you know?

The original plan for our building was a three-phased design?

- Phase 1 – Sanctuary
- Phase 2 – Fellowship Building
- Phase 3 – Educational classrooms
- It was decided most cost effective to build phase 1 and 2 at the same time and phase 3 at a later date. The Aldersgate building plan won the Kampoeffner Award for phased Design from NCSU.



# Prayer Requests

**To add your own request to the prayer list:** email [churchoffice@aldersgate.org](mailto:churchoffice@aldersgate.org), fill out a paper prayer card in the pew pocket, or call us at 919.477.0509 any time.

## Church Members

Family of Linda Diane Weller (Mother of Kira Williams)  
Family of Billie Staats (Wife of Dana Staats)  
Family of Darlene Marlow (Wife of Barry Marlow)  
Tippy Sutton  
Carol Lowans  
Roxanne Parker  
John and Alice Hagaman  
Bob and Phyllis Carter  
Joanne and Frank Wootton  
Cynthia Gentry  
Jackie Roberts  
Hugh and Beth Osteen  
David and Linda Shaffer  
Dave and Carol Brese  
Judy Schlegel  
Dana Staats  
Rose Smith  
Jenna Barton  
David Leonard  
Scott Thomas  
Dennis Shipman  
Janeen Webb  
Todd Nye  
Kaye Denbo

## Family and Friends

Family of Destiny Lynn  
Jim B. (Brother of Dave Brese)  
Jennifer (Friend of Mary Taylor)  
Cate (Friend of Ellen Venable)  
Allyson (Daughter of Susan and Johnny Branch)  
Carol (Sister of Wanda Crutchfield)  
Lynda Carrington (Friend of Mary Tom and Alan Roberts)  
Jakob Dennis (Nephew of Cindy Stanley)  
Joe Cochrane (Friend of Judy Alford)  
Duane (Friend of Patti and Ron Bradshaw)  
Carthy (Friend of Carl Allen)  
Fran (Sister -in-law of Kitty Creery)  
Denita B. (Friend of Marie Padley and Lisa Pendergraph)  
Sally C. (Friend of Ingrid Chopping)  
John (Brother of Sam Austin)  
Cohen and his family

# Connection Spotlights

## Upcoming Sermon Series: You Are More Than Welcome

June 14 - July 26

Living into the radical hospitality of Christ where welcoming the stranger changes the world.

We invite you to dive deeper into radical hospitality. Either individually or as part of a small group, you can use the You Are More Than Welcome prayer liturgy and reflection questions found in the sermon series guide handout or online at [Aldersgate.org/you-are-more-than-welcome](http://Aldersgate.org/you-are-more-than-welcome).

Immerse yourself in this sermon series as you explore the importance of hospitality through God.

## Dine & Donate: Support Janeen Webb

We are thrilled that Janeen Webb continues to recover well from her brain surgery! To help support her, Texas Roadhouse is partnering with Aldersgate UMC for a Dine & Donate event on Sunday, June 14. Pull up a chair at Texas Roadhouse (1809 N. Pointe Drive Durham, NC), show them the promotional barcode when you pay your bill, and 10% of your total will go directly to support Janeen. Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity!

Dine & Donate  
Barcode



## R Wave Memory Cafe

Come join R Wave on June 27th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the R Wave room of Aldersgate's Family Life Center for a two hour event to promote care partners and loved ones having fun together. There will be arts and crafts, games, snacks, and fun conversations.

Please RSVP to our e-mail: [RWaveRespite@aldersgate.org](mailto:RWaveRespite@aldersgate.org)

Hope to see you there!

## Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bedding Drive | Thank You

The Missions and Evangelism Committee thanks everyone who helped make May 31st a special sunday at Aldersgate. Your support of Sleep In Heavenly Peace resulted in the **donation of 153 bedding items!** Your generosity helps ensure that "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town."

# 8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD

Regina Whitaker

"Radical Hospitality"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND SILENCE

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
(v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

UMH 92

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

SERMON

A Little Over The Top

Pastor Steve Murphy

RESPONSE

70<sup>TH</sup> MOMENT

Lee King

INVITATION TO OFFERING

\*OFFERING RESPONSE

*He Leadeth Me*

arr. Gary Lanier

COMMUNION

Pastor Steve Murphy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DISIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Regina Whitaker

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH 581

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Steve Murphy

ONE: Children of God, go from this place knowing the Triune God welcomes you in extravagant love.

**ALL: We go as a people who extend radical hospitality to all the people God places on our path. Amen.**

Anabela Mendes, flute

# 11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME John Hall  
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Welcome into our doors  
**Welcome to a time of wonder and sharing music that calls us home**  
Welcome to hear our God speak words of love that inspire and challenge  
**Welcome to being reminded that we are offered holy hospitality**  
Christ's hospitality teaches us how to open our lives to others  
**Let us worship the God who welcomes us,  
that we may become God's hospitality to all.**

\*OPENING HYMN UMH 92  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
(v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION John Hall  
LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC arr. Gary Lanier  
*He Leadeth Me*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Barbara Snyder  
**God of hospitality, you who welcomes the stranger, rich, poor, the foreigner  
and wanders, the sinners and want-to-be saints, help us to welcome your  
words of grace just as you have welcomed us into your divine life. Amen.**

\*SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18: 1-15

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION

SERMON Pastor Steve Murphy  
A Little Over The Top

RESPONSE

70TH MOMENT Lee King

INVITATION TO OFFERING John Hall

OFFERING arr. Gary Lanier  
*Abide With Me*

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING John Hall

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH 581  
*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy

ONE: Children of God, go from this place knowing the Triune  
God welcomes you in extravagant love.  
**ALL: We go as a people who extend radical hospitality to all the  
people God places on our path. Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG UMH 557  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE  
Anabela Mendes, flute