

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



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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

Jeff Whicker Church Organist



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



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919-477-0509



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. Scan the QR code on the connection card 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 (919-638-5711) or the church office (churchoffice@aldersgate.org or 919-477-0509).

Fall Kickoff Today

Our Fall Kickoff is today! Join us for Children’s Sunday School, Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. (Featuring two new classes), great music from our choir, and more great opportunities coming this fall!

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?

Did you know that there is a designated youth room? Not many people realize or have ever been to our Bull City Youth room. Our Family Life Center has two upstairs sections. The side closest to the sanctuary building has many of the classrooms you know and attend Sunday School, and meetings in...BUT there is an upstairs on the side closest to the recreation field. Upstairs is a large space that was split in two. One side for Bull City Youth and the other for Scouting ministries and more recently is also being used for our RWave ministries.



Prayer Requests

To add your own request to the prayer list: email 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 Dennis Shipman
Carol Lowans
Roxanne Parker
John and Alice Hagaman
Bob and Phyllis Carter
Joanne and Frank Wootton
Cynthia Gentry
Jackie Roberts
Hugh and Beth Osteen
Dave and Carol Brese
Judy Schlegel
Dana Staats
Rose Smith
Jenna Barton
David Leonard
Scott Thomas
Mark Mullins
Rudy Dunbar
Carl Allen
Carol Newman
Carol Chelette

Family and Friends

Jim B. (Brother of Dave Brese)
Jennifer (Friend of Mary Taylor)
Cate (Friend of Ellen Venable)
Allyson (Daughter of Susan and Johnny Branch)
Lynda Carrington (Friend of Mary Tom and Alan Roberts)
Joe Cochrane (Friend of Judy Alford)
Duane (Friend of Patti and Ron Bradshaw)
Cathy (Friend of Carl Allen)
Denita B. (Friend of Marie Padley and Lisa Pendergraph)
John (Brother of Sam Austin)
Cohen and his family
Bobby Bullin (Friend of Ron and Patti Bradshaw)
Dorothy W. (Mother of Cheryl Blake)
Tori (Eileen & David Hartwell's daughter-in-law)
Natalie (Eileen & David Hartwell's granddaughter)
Matt P. (Friend of Voorhees Family)
Erve B. (Brother of Dave Brese)
Dale Reynolds (Brother of Glenn Reynolds)
Rev. Jim Godwin (Friend of Lee King)
Ruth Clisham (Mother of Carol Newman)

Connection Spotlights

Agape Fall/Winter Consignment Sale

The Agape Shop 4 Kids Fall/Winter Consignment Sale will be held on Sept. 19th and 20th in the FLC Gym. Shopping times for Saturday are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and noon - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. For 11 years these biannual sales have raised thousands of dollars to support local and international children’s missions, as well as local children’s clothing closets.

We need your help to make this consignment sale a hit. Scan the QR Code for more information and how to sign up to be a volunteer! We have multiple volunteer positions available, sign up to help today!

Men’s Yard Sale

Coinciding with the Consignment Sale, we will have our Men’s Yard Sale on the opposite side of the AUMC campus, on Saturday, September 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sellers can reserve two parking spots to sell items from. The cost per spot is \$20 which goes as a donation to the church.

This is a great opportunity to clear out clothing, tools, small appliances, and more! Registration prior to the sale is required. Please email Roy Swaringen (royswaringen@gmail.com). We invite everyone to participate by selling, shopping, or both!

It’s Here: SHAPE Assessment

Your Spiritual Gifts Assessment Is Live! Our Spiritual Gifts and Missions & Ministry survey is open! Discover your unique SHAPE and how God has equipped you to build up this church body. Set aside 25–30 minutes this week to complete it in one sitting (it can't be saved partway through). You'll need your Church Center account — talk to Jonathan if you haven't.

As you go, prayerfully consider where you're feeling called to serve at Aldersgate. You'll get a personalized results summary by email afterward. Survey closes September 23 — don't wait. Questions? Jonathan Hudson is happy to help.

Building Beloved Communities

The Corridor District Anti Racism Team is coordinating a district wide book study. Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny by the United Methodist Council of Bishops. This book study is led by Pastor Steve on Wednesdays from 12PM-1PM. Join Steve next Wednesday, September 16th at Epworth UMC. Scan the QR Code to register for this great book study!

Consignment



Sale Info

Take our



Survey

Book Study



Registration

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD
“How Many?”
Debbie Sykes

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE
To God Be the Glory
UMH 98

*SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 18:21-22
Judy Sanders

SERMON
How Many Times
Pastor Steve Murphy

CONSECRATION SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT
Roy Swaringen

INVITATION TO OFFERING
OFFERING RESPONSE
His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Charles Gabriel

COMMUNION
Pastor Steve Murphy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
70th MOMENT
Debbie Sykes

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*SONG OF PRAISE
Just As I Am, Without One Plea
(v.1,2,5,6)
UMH 357

*BENEDICTION
Pastor Steve Murphy

Debbie Sykes, soloist

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME		Bill Vincent
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude No.10</i>	Claude Debussy
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		On Screen
*OPENING HYMN	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	UMH 98
70TH MOMENT		Carolyn Carle
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION		Bill Vincent
LORD’S PRAYER		
PASSING THE PEACE		
ANTHEM	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night sky, and see the work of Your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man, that You are mindful of him.
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Paula Alford
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
*SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 18:21-22	
KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION		Lydia Cauley
SERMON	How Many Times	Pastor Steve Murphy
CONSECRATION SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT		Roy Swaringen
INVITATION TO OFFERING		Bill Vincent
OFFERING	<i>Gymnopédie No.1</i>	Erik Satie
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 95
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Bill Vincent
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Just As I Am, Without One Plea</i> (v.1,2,5,6)	UMH 357
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Steve Murphy
Brothers and Sisters in Christ, go now in the blessing and assurance that you are a forgiven people empowered by grace to forgive and heal. Go in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who invites us to not hold back the love we have been given. Amen.		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Amen</i>	C.O. Beck
*POSTLUDE		

*please stand as you are able