

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



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

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany

1320 Umstead Rd, Durham, NC 27712



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919-477-0509



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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).

Adult Sunday School Classes: Come join us for Adult SS Classes (9:30 - 10:30) in the Family Life Center on 2nd floor. There are 3 class options, LIFT (room 207), Outbackers (room 202), and Iron Men (room 206).

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 was to name the new church “Homestead Heights Methodist Church” reflecting the surrounding area. However, Bishop Garber, hearing of the transformation of a dance hall into a church, said it reminded him of the radical change John Wesley experienced at Aldersgate and successfully proposed to call the new church “Aldersgate”.

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

Clara Boykin
Darlene and Barry Marlow
Annie and Richard King
Rose Smith
Tippy Sutton
Billie Staats
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 Schaffer
Tim Hayes
Inna Nichols
Dave and Carol Brese
Judy Schlegel
David Leonard

Family and Friends

Family of Destiny Lynn
Jim Brese
Family of Roy Chopping IV (grandson of Ingrid Chopping)
Larry Mahood (cousin of Pattie Bradshaw)
Jerry (father of Scott Thomas)
Jesse (cousin of Jill Bosecker)
Jennifer (friend of Mary Taylor)
Cate (friend of Ellen Venable)
Dusty N. (son-in-law of Richard & Annie King)
Allyson (daughter of Susan and Johnny Branch)
Katherine (friend of Cathy Voorhees)
Holly (friend of Wanda Crutchfield)

Connection Spotlights

Celebrating the Ministry of Stan Benton TODAY

Please join us TODAY, **Sunday, January 25** in the Family Life Center, immediately following worship for a special celebration and light lunch to honor Stan and wish him well as he begins this new chapter of life.

Church Calendar and Room Reservation

We have a very active ministry and well used resources on our campus. We are asking every committee and ministry to submit a room reservation for any of their meetings for 2026 (even if your committee/ministry is continuing to meet on its previous schedule). To reserve a room and get your meeting on the church calendar go to our website: aldersgate.org/event-space-request and use the button: “Event Request Form” or scan this QR code.



Room Request

Scout Sunday with Spaghetti Lunch

Celebrate Scout **Sunday** on **February 8** as we welcome Troop and Pack 400 to assist with our services. Following the 11:00 AM service, join us in the FLC Gymnasium from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM for a "Rave Reviewed" spaghetti lunch, including salad, rolls, and dessert. The meal is available for dine-in or take-out, with limited delivery available for the homebound. While there is no fixed cost, donations are gratefully accepted to support our Scouts (suggested \$10 for adults and \$7 for children). Don't forget to visit the Bake Sale in the gym for some mid-week treats! For more information, please contact Scott Thomas (chemikalguy@yahoo.com) Michael Elder (michael.elder@gmail.com), Randy Gordon (randygordon54@gmail.com), or John Howe (jhowe888@aol.com)

Need a Helping Hand?

The Aldersgate United Methodist Men are available to assist with small repairs, yard projects, or home maintenance tasks like changing smoke detector batteries and air filters. If you have a project or a "fix-it" need, we will assess the situation and either provide hands-on help or help you find the right outside professional. To see if we can assist, please contact Bob Gallegly (bobgallegly@gmail.com) or the Church Office.

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD Bill Vincent
Follow Me

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
MOMENT OF SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE UMH 77
How Great Thou Art

*SCRIPTURE READING Sharon MacLaurin
Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON Pastor Steve Murphy
Follow Me

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO OFFERING Pastor Steve Murphy

*OFFERING RESPONSE arr. Jeremy Johnson
I Surrender All

COMMUNION Rev. Lisa Brown Cole
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Bill Vincent

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

*SONG OF PRAISE UMH 504
The Old Rugged Cross

*BENEDICTION Pastor Steve Murphy

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME John Hall

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;
ALL: Jesus calls us to worship.

ONE: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;
ALL: Jesus calls us to love.

ONE: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;
ALL: Jesus calls us to justice.

ONE: Let us heed the call of Christ.
ALL: Let us worship and follow the path of our rabbi with joy.

*OPENING HYMN UMH 77
How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION Rev. Lisa Brown Cole
LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carol Chelette

Jesus, our Rabbi, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit to receive, understand, and put into practice Your way of life as we hear God’s word today. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 4:12-23

KIDS OWN WORSHIP INVITATION Lydia Cauley

SERMON Follow Me Pastor Steve Murphy

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

OFFERING arr. Jeremy Johnson
I Surrender All

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING John Hall

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 504
The Old Rugged Cross

RECOGNITION OF REV. LISA BROWN COLE

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lisa Brown Cole

**May the Lord be gracious to you.
Go now in peace as followers of The Way.
And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Peter Lutkin
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Cameron & McKayle Nye, musicians