

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



Aldersgate

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connecting . Knowing . Loving . Growing



8:30am and 11:00am

June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

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).

Sermon Series Reflection Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus is identifying himself with the marginalized (the hungry, the thirsty, the prisoner...), and how does seeing “Christ in disguise” in the face of strangers change the way we welcome people?
- How can we shift our focus from "performing" hospitality to simply "practicing" love until it becomes a natural reflex?
- What does radical hospitality for the “least of these” look like as it is lived out in your life and at Aldersgate?

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 cathedral ceiling and the clear glass windows in the sanctuary reflect the congregations desire to be the body of Christ looking outward into the world. Ministering to the community is the strength of the congregation.



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

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
Bobby Bullin (Friend of Ron and Patti Bradshaw)

Connection Spotlights

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 online at Aldersgate.org/you-are-more-than-welcome to guide you.

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

AUMC Undie Sunday (August 30th)

We are proud to partner with **Open Table Ministries** to support our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Our goal is to help restore dignity to the homeless in our community by donating new packaged men's underwear. Additionally, we will be collecting backpacks as these help the homeless move their possessions from place to place.

Every single pair makes a difference, if you're able, please bring a pack of new men's underwear and/or a backpack to donate on August 30th.

R Wave Memory Cafe

Come join R Wave on Saturday, 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

Hope to see you there!

2026 Crop Walk Final Tally | Thank You

Once again, Aldersgate showed that it has Durham's back! Thanks to more than a dozen-plus walkers, and numerous sponsors and donors, the final tally for in person and online giving was \$5,086.

All of the funds raised will help support local, state, and international hunger relief efforts. You truly show what God's love in action looks like, thank you for your generosity.

8:30 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND CENTERING WORD

Bill Vincent

"You Did It To Me"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND SILENCE

*SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:32-40

Barbara Atkinson

SERMON

Hospitality Is Love

Pastor Steve Murphy

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE

Let Me Be a Servant for You

Handout

COMMUNION

Pastor Steve Murphy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Barbara Atkinson

DISIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bill Vincent

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Lydia Cauley

*SONG OF PRAISE

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

*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.

11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME
LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Steve Murphy

*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

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION
LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Steve Murphy

PASSING THE PEACE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Lydia Cauley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Gallegly

**God of hospitality, you who welcomes the stranger, rich, poor, the
foreigner and wanderers, 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.**

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OFFERING

Let Me Be a Servant for You

On Screen

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Steve Murphy

*CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

*BENEDICTION

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE