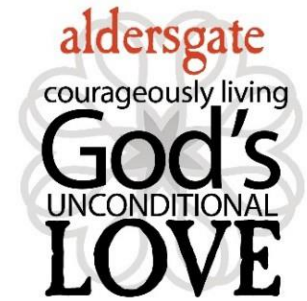


**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**  
**Zoom Leadership Team Meeting**  
May 17th - 7 p.m.



Leadership Team & Staff Members Attendees: Paul Amos, Ed Little, Steve Larkin, Christine McElwain, Karen Latta, Sarah Lynn Mertins, Sue Kane, Shari Van Buren, Molly Johnson, Debbie Farson, Patricia Barron, Hank Henderson, Cel Beck, Claire Woods, Joel Simpson, John Pike, Barb Roach, Pastor Jon Poarch, Pastor Randy Orndorff & Jill Cox

Absent: Julie Pfister

Congregation member: Kenneth Hamilton, Joni Koons, Louise Williams, Paul Tuohig, Colleen Walker

- I. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Paul Amos  
Paul welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.
- II. **The Wesley Challenge Chapter 3** – Ed Little led us in a time of study and reflection on prayer.
- III. **Work of the Church** – Ministries
  - **Strategic Plan Update** – Debbie Farson
    - We are looking to move the Leadership Summit from June 5 to July 10. The reason is plane fares were high and it was a very busy weekend for the church with Confirmation already happening.
    - Will run from right after 11:00 service until 5pm. Start with lunch, then Loving, Learning and Leading - - Loving is glory sightings and worship Learning is review of Discipleship Pathway, our teams and how they fit into that, how it all goes into the Mission and Vision for AUMC, the role of Strategic Priorities. Worth reviewing because we are all trying to coalesce around a common language so repetition is not a bad thing. Will also have some new people there.
    - Will break into groups to work on Child MAPS for the last hour or two.
    - In preparation, we will be reading the Leading Together book. Author is with SLI so it will really help flesh out what we've been doing with the MAP process and the language around our strategic planning. About 160 pages, easy read, published 2022 so current with strategies/information for post-COVID world. A main idea is that the solo-hero leader, the guy who does everything, is a thing of the past. To go anywhere important, collaboration is key
    - Also, SharePoint; will send everyone login info.

- **Engage** – Patricia Barron
  - Patricia discussed the upcoming Fresh Expression events and the progress on the strategic plan child map. She noted the next large event to be held on church grounds will be in the fall with the Blessing of the Animals.
  - **Connect** – Connections & Fellowship - John Driscoll & Christine McElwain
    1. I'm going to set up a meeting in early June with the connection team to discuss how the child MAP strategies and goals are progressing.
    2. Youth group members are volunteering to serve as greeters for the 5/22 and 6/5 services. Molly can provide additional details, if needed.
    3. Mugs for welcome bags should be arriving if they haven't already.
    4. I purchased more candy for the welcome bags.
    5. We'll need to order more welcome bags. I'll email Jill the details this week.
    6. We've been getting new visitors. The welcome bags are being distributed.
  - **Connect** – Worship - Steve Larkin
    - We are gaining an increasing number of usher volunteers
    - Communion Servers remain a challenge.
    - Our Lay Reader volunteers have filled most of the slots.
    - Since our meeting JD has extended the Signup Genius window to June 30
    - Steve Farson has agreed to help out as a worship lead on those weekends when I will be out of town.
    - The bottom line is that we are making good progress but need to keep doing what we are doing — communicate the need for worship volunteers—especially communion servers.
  - **Equip** – Education – Shari Van Buren & Sue Kane
    - Pastor Jon reported that this Sunday, 5/22, is the last Children's Sunday school for the school year.
    - We are grateful for all the Volunteers that make Sunday School and children's ministry happen.
    - Elaine is working on Evening VBS and needs kids to sign up as well as adult volunteers.
  - **Send** – Mission & Service - Sarah Lynn Mertins & Julie Pfister (absent)
    - recap of Serve Sunday. 20,000 meals 200 volunteers. All done and cleaned up by 12:30pm
  - Youth Ministries – Molly Johnson
    - May 22: Youth/Graduation Sunday (folks can find info on the Student Ministries page on the Aldersgate website); youth will serve as worship helpers during both services
    - June 5: Confirmation Sunday!!!
    - June 12: end-of-year Youth Party – say farewell to our graduates and welcome our rising 7th graders! We'll shift to the summer schedule after this weekend.
    - Planning service projects for youth during the summer in lieu of a mission trip
- UMW & UMM – Karen Latta & Ed Little
  - UMW:
    - Day to Serve and other times have 76 pillows to donate this month.
    - 56 pillowcase dresses donated to Cambodia for street children.

- Blankets being made for babies in Ukraine.
- November 12 we are planning a Marketplace fund raiser.
- UMM:
  - Dinner on May 10th was successful
  - Museum of the Bible Tour tickets are on sale-Tour on June 25
  - Golf outing scheduled for August 12th at Pohick Golf Course
  - Will lead the Father's Day Services on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

#### IV. Operations

- **Finance Update** – Ed Little
  - April a down month
  - Good news-Plate offerings increasing to \$800/Mo
  - Lent/Easter giving of \$17K
  - Mortgage May going well. Payment for additional mortgage principal will be made at end of this month
  - AUB loan extension unlikely to happen due to climate of greater interest rates
  - Budget now segregated into Engage, Connect, Equip, and Send.
  - Those responsible encouraged to review closely especially the Restricted Accounts.
- **Trustee Update** – Hank Henderson
  - Fence for Pastor Jon's home
  - Light Post in parking lot. Have one quote for \$8k. Awaiting second quote. Exploring feasibility of filing insurance claims.
  - Have received florescent lights to replace in the facility. Will have ballasts in approx 2 weeks to complete replacing overhead lights.
  - We have experienced a leak in the Shepard's Hall HVAC, damaging the closet ceiling of room 212 and soaking the carpet.
  - A leak in the bathroom of Room 115 and 117 was resolved. Our roofer investigated and found a opening at a ventilation stack. He made repairs.
  - Completed the paint in Guback room.
- **Executive Director** – Jill Cox
  - Christine McElwain has started as our Receptionist and she's doing great.
  - We will have staff our 18<sup>th</sup> Month calendar meeting in July, please submit what events you will be planning
  - Facilities: Guback is painted, light bulbs have for the most part all been replaced & issues with live streams resolved
  - Finance: Jane & I have continue to work on AUB loan/accts with Ed & Patricia
  - Digital Ministries: Elaine Woods has been assisting with the newsletter, Molly Johnson is going to be starting in Digital Ministries Coordinator position after Confirmation
  - Volunteer Luncheon was a success!

#### V. Pastor Updates – Randy & Jon

- Randy
  - Pastor's report to LT- May 17, 2022

Work with Nominations will be shared as part of the Church Conference tonight. We need a SPRC led and I'd like to express my appreciation to Cel Beck for being with us through a rough year. Our Social Justice/Creation Care team continues to meet with our primary focus being on our Partnership with Woodlawn Faith. They have invited us to the Fish Fry Say May 21st and Jazz Festival June 5-3-6pm. We also have a Juneteenth Educational event planned on Sunday June 12 at 3pm followed by a reception.

Plus, missional opportunities at the community garden Fri Food distribution and Memorial Day meal for soldiers at the gates at Fort Belvoir.

We are working on a webpage drop down button that pulls all this together for better communication and ways to get involved with contact inform.

A Capital Campaign team is being formed now to begin work on our next Capital Campaign, to develop a strategy, theme, key scripture, and a tentative outline to promote the campaign which will culminate the end of March 2023. Mark Easton is recruiting a team now and the Financial Health team will be providing support.

2 more funerals in process one Sat- Jon has this one- and one next Wed that I have, plus I have my Aunt and Uncle's joint services to do on Sat at my home church where I grew up.

And of course, working closely with SPRC and Jill on staffing matters.

And to add, UMM supper went very well, had 2 baptisms and a new family join recently.

Participated in the confirmation retreat, and looking forward to golfing in the Rising Hope Golf Tournament Mon with 3 teams from AUMC.

On a personal and I will need to be out a Sunday in August, likely the 14th for my grandson's baptism at Mt Herman.

Submitted by Randy Orndorff,  
Lead pastor

- Jon
  - Fresh Expression exploration continues to go well. We are repeating some of the events we've had and our trying to tweak on others that we have not yet repeated. We are also trying to plan for Kayaks and Communion sometime this summer as we were not able to host it in May due to weather. The next events are Bikes and Bibles and Custard and Communion on May 22nd.
  - Debbie Farson and I are continuing to meet with or are about to start meeting with Engage, Connect, Equip, and Send teams in their mapping process. Connect is nearly done, Engage is in the middle of the process, and Equip and Send will begin in June.
  - I will be on vacation May 26-31 and am looking forward to some renewal and time away.
- **Closed Session**

The open meeting concluded, and the Leadership Team moved into a closed session.

Submitted by,

Jill Cox, Executive Director of Aldersgate UMC