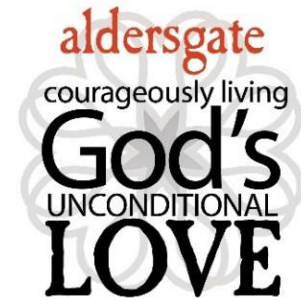


**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**  
**Zoom Leadership Team Meeting**  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 7 p.m.



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

Absent: Julie Pfister, Christine McElwain, & Rep from Youth

Congregation member: none

- I. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Paul Amos  
Paul welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.
- II. **The Wesley Challenge Chapter 3** – Karen Latta led us in a time of study and reflection on prayer.
- III. **Work of the Church** – Ministries
  - **Strategic Plan Update** – Debbie Farson  
That is that Connect team has finalized their MAP and will present it to the team at this meeting, Engage Team has met once and is on their way to getting their MAP done, and I will be in touch with Equip to get going on theirs.
  - **Engage** – Patricia Barron  
provided an update on the activities of the Engagement Team. Work has begun on creating the child map as part of the strategic planning initiative. She also discussed upcoming events primarily in the Fresh Expressions area
  - **Connect** – Connections & Fellowship - John Driscoll & Christine McElwain  
Presented latest version of Connection Team child MAP. A few number goals need to be completed but other than that it's done. We will set up a Connection team meeting in June to discuss progress on our goals and whether the child MAP needs to be updated.
  - **Connect** – Worship - Steve Larkin  
Reported that 600 attended the three Easter services with an additional 200 attending Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Reader, usher and communion server volunteers did an excellent job and made an important contribution to the services. Going forward, the Realm databases need to be tweaked so that the Worship lead can manage them. SignUp Genius needs to be adjusted to eliminate months that have already passed. Four ushers per service should be added to accommodate increased in person attendance. Six communion servers per month should also be added.

- **Equip – Education** – Shari Van Buren & Sue Kane  
 Many of the groups that are a part of the Equip/Small Group Ministries completed the Churchwide Study “The Lord’s Prayer” in conjunction with the sermon series. Participation of congregants who were not already part of a small group was again low for this study. This will continue to be an area of focus in the future. The Christian Meditation class did add 3 new members for the study. These members came through personal invitation of one of the members of the group, which is a reminder of how important the personal touch is in this area! Pastor Jon noted that Woodlawn UMC has invited members of Aldersgate to participate in a Zoom small group Bible Study on Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings. The study is entitled “Urban Apologetics” and more information will be in the newsletter. The Equip ministries leaders have been working on their Child MAP and plan to complete it soon.
- **Send – Mission & Service** - Sarah Lynn Mertins & Julie Pfister (absent)  
 For Missions we discussed our Serve Sunday, April 24th. All was ready to go. Ft. Hunt Rugby players were coming at 9:00 to help set up tables and help the Rise Against Hunger rep get everything set up for the event at 10:30. We were expecting 200 volunteers to come and help with the event (20,000 meals)and also had people come to stuff heart pillows for hospital patients.  
 All other missions are running smoothly.  
 Mondloch House  
 Phoenix Rising  
 Food for Rising Hope continues  
 May Focus Fort Hunt food drive for Insecure families
- **Connect - Youth Ministries** – Molly Johnson
  - This Sunday (4/24): Youth helping with SERVE Sunday; Youth Easter Party that evening
  - May 14: Confirmation Retreat
  - 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
- **Connect - UMW & UMM** – Karen Latta & Ed Little
  - UMW:
    - The prayer breakfast was very successful after a 2 year void. We had about 50 women in attendance. There were 3 ladies from Woodlawn-Faith and 5 from Rising Hope. Our speaker was LeeAnn Orndorff and she was entertaining and inspirational!
    - A decision was made not to do the entire marketplace at once.
    - 1st part Casserole sale on October 16 and the next part on Nov 12.
    - Circles are meeting again in person.

- UMM:
  - Dinner planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Presentations at the dinner will highlight the upcoming Fundraising activity sponsoring a trip to the Museum of the Bible on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Will lead the Father's Day Services on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Golf Tournament planned for August, date to be determined, at Fort Belvoir Golf Club.

#### IV. Operations

- **Finance Update** – Ed Little
  - Please correct the figures regarding total apportionments in my Budget review input. Total priority one payments are \$34,700 not \$16,500.- The Finance Team is pursuing a loan modification with Atlantic Union Bank. We are looking to extend the current loan by a few years with the current interest rate.
  - The February Budget Report did not include a report on Restricted Accounts. A separate report using the XL format will be send out to the Leadership Team.
  - The Financial Health Team has currently had two meetings. The past meeting included representatives from the United Methodist Foundation who discussed their programs for providing loans and for investing in our endowments. The next meeting of the Team is scheduled for March 22nd.
  
- **Trustee Update** – Hank Henderson
  - Replacement of lighting around building being completed.
  - Boiler inspection completed
  - Leak in Youth Room completed
  - Parsonage inspections completed
  
- **Nominations** – Pastor Randy Orndoff
 

Nominations nearly complete and report will be ready for May 17 for Church Conference. Still could use a co-lead on missions with Julie.
  
- **Executive Director** – Jill Cox
  - Finance: working with Ed & Patricia on AUB Refinance Shepherd Hall
  - Facilities: Cross Lighting – diagnosis of the issue & Lighting in general throughout hallways, stairwells and classrooms.
  - Upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Wesley Hall 5/15/22
  - Quarterly Contribution Letter to all our contributors

#### V. Pastor Updates – Randy & Jon

- Randy
  - Thanks to all our volunteers, could not do all we do without you!
  - Working on 3 funerals currently with one on the horizon and on May 21st a double funeral for my Aunt and Uncle at my home church where I grew up.
  - Wedding Saturday afternoon.

- Social Justice Team is working. Meets again Monday May 2- 7pm Woodlawn Offering a partnership study on Urban Apologetics either Tuesday April 24 at 11am or April 27 at 7pm- With Right Now Media.
- -Plus we are looking to participate with Woodland Faith for a Juneteenth Educational Event on June 12 at 7pm at their place.
- Financial Health Team meets again April 26 at 7pm- Ed will likely give an update.
- Volunteer Recognition Luncheon being worked on for Sunday May 15th after church- all Volunteers invited.
- Jon
  - We are continuing to experiment with Fresh Expression events.
    - Upcoming events include:
  - Frolic and Fellowship at Grist Mill Dog Park at 10:00 am on April 30
  - Bikes and Bibles at 3:15 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - riders will stop at the Custard Shack before riding back
  - Custard and Communion at Custard Shack at 4:00 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- We are making final preparations for Serve Sunday.
- We are planning for a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on May 15 in Wesley Hall at 12:15
  - Please send personal invites to all those who serve in your teams!

### **Closed Session**

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

Submitted by,

Jill Cox, Executive Director of Aldersgate UMC