

OUR CHURCH

Aldersgate is a community in which God's love is in action in our lives—in the family, in church, in the workplace, in the community, and in the world. To this end, we try to provide ways of strengthening our faith and commitment to the individual, the family, and our near and distant neighbors through the hand of mercy, redemption, reconciliation, justice, and just plain friendship.

WORSHIP

Our worship services feature a variety of experiences that aid in interpreting the word of God for our lives. Scripture, music, drama, liturgy, prayer, and morning message all work to inspire and challenge the community to be effective stewards of the Christian faith and give of their talents. Worship services are led by our pastor, Rev. Sharon G.W. Jones, and enriched by our Chancel choir, hand bell choirs, acolytes, and lay readers.

Regular Sunday Services: 8:30am and 10:45am

Summer Services: 9:30am
(May 29 through Sep 4 in 2005)

Sunday School Time: 9:30-10:30am



CHILDCARE

We offer childcare in our nursery for infants through age 2 from 8:15-12:15 covering our regular services by our professional childcare provider, Sheri Boland. During the summer, we offer preschool childcare from 8:15 -10:45 am.

FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday, we have a fellowship time after the first service where we share food and drink, greet each other, and welcome and get to know visitors and new members. We also offer many family life activities and new member social events.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education provides adult, youth and children from our church and the community opportunities to grow spiritually and explore applying the Gospel to life's experiences.



Our Sunday morning program from 9:30- 10:30 offers classes from age 3 through adult. We also offer many other opportunities for adult study throughout the week.



MUSIC & DRAMA

The Chancel Choir and Shepherd Bells enhance our worship experience with music and drama. The Worship Arts group for children provides Christian experiences through drama, music, and crafts.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth ministry serves our youth in grades 6-12. Youth Christian education classes meet on Sunday morning. Confirmation classes are open to any youth in grades 7- 12, run from the fall through the spring and meet the first and fifth Sunday of each month. The classes explore a variety of subjects to help each youth examine their faith and commitment to Christ. Our Youth Fellowship group meets on Sunday and combines fun, fellowship and spiritual growth and service projects.

LIBRARY

The Violet Hopkins Library contains books and media for all ages. The materials provide a Christian perspective to daily living, teaching, growth of personal faith, fiction, books for children and youth, and Bible study/reference.

ADVOCATE

Aldersgate UMC publishes a monthly newsletter that contains: a pastor's letter, worship service news, church events, Christian Education news, outreach events and a monthly calendar.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have a covenant with Habitat for Humanity to which we provide financial support, and volunteers one Saturday a month to be on-site to help in the actual building of new and renovated homes.

We also have a covenant relationship which began over 14 years ago with Sierra Maestra Church in Nicaragua. We provide funding for teachers, students, and the church. In years past, we have sent material aid and provided loans for school building projects.



We continue to operate the Aldersgate Pantry which provides donations of food and money throughout the year to people in need in our town, schools, and local community. Every November, we also provide Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 30 families in the area.

We also participate with many local churches to provide the St. Paul's feeding program at the Elliot Presbyterian Church in Lowell.

We also support many other religious and social outreach activities in the local area, such as My Father's House, and UMass Campus Ministry.



PASTOR AND STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Sharon G. W. Jones
Administrative Assistant: Joanne Snook
Christian Education Director: Cheryl Ortolf
Director of Music: Carol Prasad
Organist: Jane Vooyoys
Child Care Provider: Sheri Boland
Director of Children's Music: Rebecca Adams
Custodians: Stephen Langley, Henry Savoie

LAY LEADERS

Church Council Chair: Marti Kane
Lay Leaders: Walt Ciesluk, Curt Newill

OUR WISH

We wish you to be part of our church family!

We wish you to worship with us on Sunday!

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We wish you to become involved in our church activities and ministries!

MORE INFORMATION

If you need or desire more information about our church and/or our ministries, we urge you to contact us by phone or email.

Telephone: 978-256-9400
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We also maintain a web site at:

www.chelmsfordumc.org

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OUR INVITATION

If you are new to the community or have worshipped with us before, or are seeking new meaning for your life, we welcome you on behalf of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church family. We hope that you will have an opportunity to worship with us and/or participate in many of the activities which are part of our outreach, fellowship, education, and community service.

OUR MISSION

Aldersgate is a family of faith called out by Jesus Christ to serve our congregation, community and the world through loving, witnessing, and teaching God's Word.

