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*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*



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ALDERSGATE BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Aldersgate family and friends, You are invited to pray together (with other Aldersgate folks) below prayer (Aldersgate's Breakthrough Prayer) at least twice a day (6:03am and 6:03pm) remembering Aldersgate's anniversary, June 3rd. In your prayers, please imagine open gates through which the Holy Spirit pours upon us. We will pray that Aldersgate will celebrate many, many more anniversaries with open hearts and minds to serve our community. When you sense, hear and feel nudges of the voice of God as you recite Aldersgate's Breakthrough Prayer, do not hesitate to share with others in Aldersgate. Contact Jenny Graham, Shary Stelter and Pastor Sarah for any questions. Thanks be to God for the gift of our church, Aldersgate!

God of renewal, open the gates! We are your church longing for a new path forward. You are the God who restores what is weary and breathes new life into what needs to live again. We open our hearts, and our ministries to you. Amen.



JUNE, 2026
NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the sun." - Ecclesiastes 3:1



A wise cinematic sage once said, *"Life is like a box of chocolates..."* Sure, there are good times, but there are also bad times. Yes, there are sunny days, but there are also stormy days. This is all part of the rhythm of life.

Church is a social organism with a life rhythm. Aldersgate experienced seasons of abundance and seasons of famine. There were seasons of growth and seasons of decline. Back in February, Aldersgate was invited to join the "Missional Church Consultation Initiative." The goal of MCCI is church renewal. Specifically, this program focuses on prayer movements. I am happy to report that we launched our Breakthrough Prayer on May 10. I am humbled by our leaders' willingness to implement these prayer movements in our congregational life. It's exciting to see God already working among us as we pray. I encourage everyone to join us in praying the Breakthrough Prayer every day at 6:03 (AM and PM). As you pray, invite yourself opening yourself to receive the breath of the Holy Spirit. Be attentive to God's calling for your personal life and Aldersgate's future. Shall we recite the Breakthrough Prayer together here?

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May is a season to celebrate GRADUATES. Students wear their cap and gown as they walk across the stage and receive a diploma that marks the end of one chapter and the start of another. Families gather to congratulate graduates and bless them as they take new steps in life. As we celebrate with our graduates, I encourage Aldersgate to be expectant and be open to new possibilities for our congregation. While we do not know what the future holds, God knows the unique DNA of our congregation. God will reveal God's plans as we surrender our own agenda and listen for God's leading.

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NOTE FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK *(Continued from Page 2)*

Thank you to everyone for offering your time and talents. I am grateful for our Sunday School teachers and children’s ministry volunteers. I am thankful for our music ministers: accompanist Jane, guitarist Bill, Bell Choir members, Ensemble members, folks who offer Special Music. Thank you to those who take care of our building and grounds by mowing, weeding, cleaning, and planting flowers. Thank you to committee members, the Chosen movie group, AWED group, Romeo group and others who gather for fellowship and prayer. I praise God for all mission works for our community. I am confident that God will mature, grow and bless us as we offer our lives in service to others.

As you recite the Breakthrough Prayer, live each day with an attitude of gratitude. Start each morning with prayer like. Approach each day with openness to the blessings God has provided all around you. Sure, there are challenges, but there are opportunities. Sure, there are troubles, but in the bleakest of days, there is beauty.

As a church, we may host a funeral on Friday, a wedding on Saturday, and celebrate a baptism on Sunday. Just like a box of assorted chocolates, life is complicated but beautiful, and it is always a gift. Let’s embrace the gifts God has in store for us by renewing our commitment to prayer.

Pastor Sarah

JUNE HELPERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>A/V Technicians</u>
June 7	Shary Stelter	Anne Niday	Jenny Graham
June 14	Coralee Hardwick	Jean Caruthers	Coralee Hardwick
June 21	Mike O’Hea	Marylon Cole	Mike O’Hea
June 28	Andy Gloor	Andy Gloor	Jenny Graham

WE WILL BE HONORING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT BIBLE STUDY VOLUNTEERS

during the service on June 7th. We are grateful to the following people who have given their time for the benefit of our congregation:

- Jamie Weisse Barb Pefley
- Shary Stelter Mike O’Hea
- Rich Thurman Stuart Glenny
- George Franklin Linda Ruhl
- John Ruhl



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01	Corey Gloor	13	June Foster	24	Jordon Brown
02	Marge Huenkemeier	13	Scott Gould	25	Nick Johns
04	Abigail & Madeline Champeny Johns	15	Tracy Clark	27	Brittany Swartout
07	Megan Alms	15	Shon Maurici	28	Laura Stephenson
09	Jane Sohner	17	Lukas Ball	28	Annalise Downs
09	Sydney Didier	19	Ray Boeke	29	Cathy Anderson
11	Connie Dorsey	21	Jon Boettner	29	Josh Gorham
11	Jean Caruthers	22	Sam McNames	29	Ayden Schap
12		23	Mark Ingham	30	Sharon Miller



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06 Ryan & Charlotte Alms
 19 Joe & Kelley Beard
 22 George & Myra David
 23 Jerry & Marilyn Lang

Remember In Your Prayers

- Sympathy for John Day's family. He passed away on May 8th (Fri) afternoon at Wesley Willows. He was 90 yrs old.
- healing prayers for Bill Hooker
- Mary Ewaldz
- Pastor Thomas Hardwick
- Congratulations to Beth Eden UMC for their 75th Anniversary today(May 17th).

Note: After the printing of this *Squeek*, there may have been others hospitalized or ill. We need your help. *Please notify the Church Office. Thank you.*



SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, June 18th is the deadline for the July, 2026 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. We would be happy to have you join the "Squeekers." Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Tom B. Fisk
 William B. Hooker and Rhonda S. Hooker
 Ruth A. Graham

NEXT NOISY CAN SUNDAY will be June 21. Save your change to bring for various local missions. Contact Sue Murr for any questions. Thanks to all at AUMC who help Noisy Can Sunday make a difference for local agencies. Have your coins.....make a change.

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2026

Jacob Fisher; Grandson of Cindy Fisher; Graduating from Harlem High School; Isabella "Bella" Taylor; granddaughter of Cindy Fisher; Graduating from Genoa-Kingston High School; Katie Hardwick, youngest granddaughter of Thomas and Coralee Hardwick, will graduate from Hononegah High School Maddie Guilinger (Brenda Westphal granddaughter) graduated from culinary school in Jr. College. Adam Guilinger (Brenda Westphal's grandson) graduated Morris High school. Congratulations to Annabelle Gohr (Jan Barrett's granddaughter) who graduated Liberty Highschool. Sam Colucci (Barb & Charles Pefley grandson) - graduated with a degree in Finance and a minor in Economics in Illinois State University.

JUNE 2026 ALDERSGATE HAPPENINGS

June 7 8:50 AM Announcements; 9:00 Worship; 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Communion; Christian Ed Volunteers recognition; Sunday School, Coffee & Fellowship

June 14 9:50 AM Announcements; 10:00 Joint Worship with Beth Eden at Aldersgate; 3rd Sunday After Pentecost, Barbeque & Salad Luncheon after worship

June 21 8:50 AM Announcements; 9:00 Worship; 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Fathers Day, Noisy Can Sunday; Coffee & Fellowship

June 28 8:50 AM Announcements; 9:00 Worship; 5th Sunday after Pentecost, 8:00 AM Trustee meeting, Coffee & Fellowship

THE SECOND AUMC PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY PANTRY.

This drive runs from May 24 - June 7, 2026. Donated containers of peanut butter and/or jelly may be dropped off at the shopping cart located in AUMC's Narthex. If desired, financial donations can be made - please use the standard offering envelope and mark it with text "2026 RRVP PB & J Drive". Thank you for considering this Mission Committee event! Your AUMC Mission Committee

BIG THANKS to Rich Thurman (Church Council Chair) and Andy Gloor (Lay Leader) for writing congratulatory letters for Beth Eden's 75th anniversary on May 17th. Thank you to Aldersgate congregation to embrace the worship order changes on May 17th help pastor Sarah get to Beth Eden earlier.

WESLEY WILLOWS MEET AND EAT will be June 5, 2026, Friday 11:30 in Bistro.

THE JUNE AWED DINNER will be on Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 at Shogun Restaurant on North Mulford Road, Rockford. Attendees should RSVP to Monica at 815-988-0913.

THERE WILL BE A CORN BOIL this year. Tentative date is July 26. Watch for more details to come.

JOIN 'THE CHOSEN' watch/ discussion on every Wednesday morning at 10am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the Combined worship and after worship lunch with Beth Eden UMC on June 14th (Sun.) 10am at Aldersgate UMC. The lunch menu will be BBQ and salads.



TOY MINISTRY JUNE 2026

We are six months into the year and getting close to half of the toys we need for this year. We have a lot of cars that are almost finished. There are 600 toys that are finished, bagged and ready for delivery. We still have wheels that need to be painted and 325+ cars that need to be painted. If anyone is interested in joining us, please give Beth Boettner a call at 815-633-6416



COMBINATION RUMMAGE SALE & RESCUE MISSION COLLECTION



We were asked to fill a trailer for the Rockford Rescue Mission Thrift Store, so we first held a rummage sale and then planned to load the trailer with the remaining items. Donations poured in, ranging from children's toys and clothing to power tools, picture frames, vases, and puzzles. The neighborhood also turned out to shop, giving these



treasures a second home. Through the generosity of the Aldersgate congregation, we raised more than \$400. Local charities will benefit from Saturday's efforts and from the dedication of the volunteers who made it all possible.



We took notes, made plans for

improvements, and hope to make this an annual or biannual event. So as you do your spring and fall cleaning, please keep us in mind. We hope to continue giving these treasures a second chance while raising funds for local charities and supporting the Rockford Rescue Mission. Special thanks to Wesley Willows for their participation as well.





June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Special Music some Sundays TBD</i>	1	2 ROMEO at Geno's 8am	3 Fellowship/The Chosen 10am	4	5 WW Eat & Meet	6
7 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday Recognizing Sunday School Volunteers 8:50am Service 10am Coffee	8	9 ROMEO at Swedish Pancake House 8am	10 Fellowship/The Chosen 10am	11	12	13
14 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Joint Service BBQ & Salad Luncheon	15	16 ROMEO at Gill's 8am	17 Fellowship/The Chosen 10am Church Council Meeting 5pm	18 Deadline for July Squeek articles	19	20 1 st Day of Summer
21 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Fathers Day Noisy Can Sunday 8:50am Service 10am Coffee	22	23 ROMEO at Full Plate 8am	24 Fellowship/The Chosen 10am AWED at Shogun 5:30pm	25 July Squeek sent out	26	27
28 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Trustee Meeting 8:50am Service 10am Coffee	29	30 ROMEO at Doc's 8am	ROMEO = Retired Old Men Eating Out AWED = Aldersgate Women Evening Diners Corn Boil on July 26 Please submit dates for July to John Ruhl by the 10th or write them on the calendar in the office			