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*Camp Aldersgate's Annual Newsletter 2018*

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## Summer Camp Update

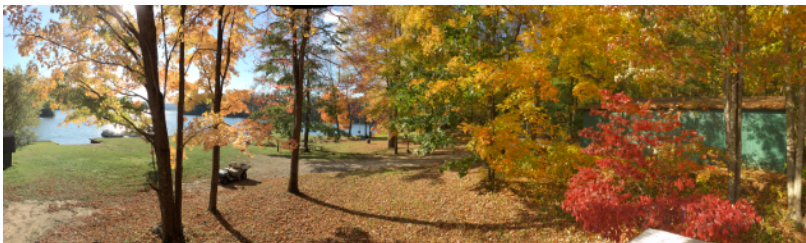
This summer at Aldersgate, if you shouted out “Stand Firm!”, you would hear groups of campers and staff respond with “And Suit Up!!” This was our theme for Summer Camp this year, as each day we studied a different piece of the Armor of God. We are thrilled to report that the Summer Camp ministry at Aldersgate is alive and well. We saw 20 more campers this summer than in 2017 with room to grow. We had 25 people on staff this summer, including 6 internationals from countries around the world! At Vespers, “My Lighthouse” has become one of the campers’ favorite songs. Some of the most popular activities this summer were Outdoor Survival Skills, Culinary Arts, Waterfront Activities, and of course Gaga Ball- a camper favorite. Campers had a blast being silly and sharing their talents at our variety show we call TML, and felt the power of the Holy Spirit as they walked the prayer labyrinth and prayed with each other. Each week, campers filled out an evaluation asking what they liked and their ideas to make camp even better. We also asked what they learned. Here are some excerpts from some of those camper evaluations:



- “I learned to treat others the way you want to be treated.” ~7th Grader
- “I learned that God is even more at work in my life than I ever imagined.” ~6th Grader
- “Everyone at camp was loving, even if they didn’t know me and if I needed to talk, they listened.” ~10th grader
- “At camp, I got saved, regained my connection with God, and have Him in my heart.” ~11th Grader
- “My Counselor helped me believe in and create a relationship with God again.” ~9th Grader

## Retreats at Aldersgate

When Summer Camp is over, the kids are back in school, and the Camp Counselors have left, Aldersgate transforms into a Retreat Center. In 2018, we had a variety of groups rent out the camp to run their own retreats. We had youth, men’s, and family groups from our United Methodist churches and many other denominations. Family Reunions, Marching Band Camps, Scrapbooking Clubs, Recovery Organizations, Boy Scout Troops and more also rented out the camp this year. The 2019 calendar is already filling up!

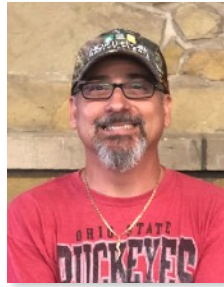


## Fall Color at Camp

As of the writing of this newsletter, the leaves at Aldersgate have started to change. Keep an eye on our facebook page for pictures of this years color. Check out this picture we took last year.

## Welcoming Nick

Aldersgate is excited to introduce our new Maintenance Director, Nick Colantonio. Nick served in the United States Navy for 20 Years, evident by his strong work ethic that he brings to camp. He lives in Carrollton with his teenage son. We are very excited to work alongside him!



Rick Myers, who has been the Aldersgate Maintenance Director since 2005, has stepped down in his role. However, he is still around camp often, giving us a helping hand. Nick and Rick have become a dynamic duo serving camp together!

## History Website and Photo Wall

Last year, Aldersgate launched a new project: A History and Alumni Website. With this web page, we hope to provide a place for you to reminisce: to look at old staff photos and position histories, read newsletters from past years, see how the grounds have changed over the decades, and more! We have a decent start on this project but still have much to do and we need help. See what we have completed so far at [www.campaldersgate.org](http://www.campaldersgate.org) on the "History and Alumni" page. If you can help us fill in the gaps or send us pictures, please submit to [director@campaldersgate.org](mailto:director@campaldersgate.org) or mail to camp.

Another new addition is the start of a Summer Staff Photo Wall in the Dining Hall. If you have pictures of the entire staff from years past, please send them to us. Here is the picture of the 2018 Summer Staff:



## Camp Recipe Corner

### BBQ Meatloaf

- 5 lb Ground Beef
- 3/4 C Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce
- 1/2 C Onion, Yellow, Diced
- 15 oz Stuffing Mix & Seasoning Pkt
- 6 Eggs

- 1) Preheat oven to 325F.
- 2) Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Don't overmix.
- 3) Spread mixture into a greased 9x13 pan. Brush top liberally with more BBQ Sauce!
- 4) Cook for 1.5 hours, until the center is brown and reads at 170F.
- 5) Let sit before slicing so it can set.

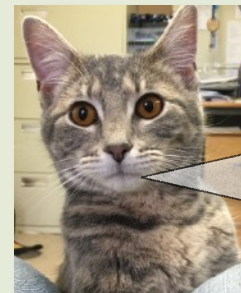
## Aldersgate on



Aldersgate has a new Youtube page. So far we have posted the MADD Camp videos from the past couple of years and a video of our 2018 summer staff, and there is more to come!

Check it out and subscribe!

## Nala's Nook



I love Camp Aldersgate and can't wait to see you next year! Also....meow, meow, meow!

\*Nala is the new camp cat!

## Shield of Faith- Awe and Wonder

This summer we studied the Armor of God, and on Thursdays we focused on the Shield of Faith. We learned that we are instructed to stand firm in our faith and use it as a shield when the flaming arrows of the evil one come. We also learned that a great way to keep our faith alive, active and on fire, is to each day spend time in awe and wonder of the majesty of God. To practice this, when campers were out on a hike, on a pontoon boat ride, saw a beautiful sunset or were under the night sky, counselors would take a moment to stop the group and just sit in awe and wonder. When was the last time you took a moment like this? If it has been a while, we challenge you right now: go outside, and take in the wonder of God's creation.



## Thank You To Our Volunteer Work Crews and Individuals

- First UMC of Carrollton
- Mount Tabor UMC Men's Group
- Mayfield UMC
- Wendy Lewis (Flower Gardens)
- Mary Robertson (Painted Decor)



## Thank You To Our Donors!

Aldersgate has an amazing group of supporters, alumni and donors. All the support you give helps us go further faster into the work God has called us to do. Thank you for your generosity that is helping us provide life-changing experiences for amazing kids like these:

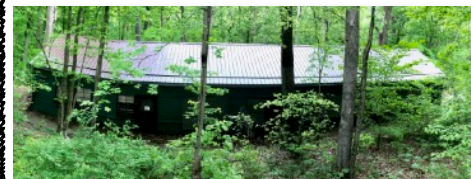


## Camp Gets Some Upgrades

### New Pontoon Boat



### Activity Center New Roof & Foundation Repair



### Green Cabin Ceiling Insulation

All 4 Green Cabins received new insulated ceilings as part of the A/C project and new LED lighting which make them much brighter!

### Boat House Organized

Boat House organization has been completed, allowing us to store both pontoon boats inside for the winter, protecting that donation for years to come.

### Staining & Painting Projects

Several items around site have been freshened up, including the indoor chapel deck and shutters, cabin ceilings, and more.

## Support The Ministry at Camp Aldersgate

The improvements you see above are made possible by our donors. Has camp been powerful and formative in your life or in the life of someone you love? If so, please consider one of these giving opportunities to help us make Camp Aldersgate even better for all!

- We are looking to raise funds to **pave the road from the Parking Lot down to the Cottage**. Campers and guests find the current gravel road to be very slippery and struggle when taking their luggage down to the cabins and back up. Initial bids for this project is approximately \$10,000.
- Give a partial or full **Campership** (\$355). By giving a Campership, you help a child experience camp that otherwise could not.
- Consider an **undesignated gift** to wherever needed most.
- Organize a **volunteer work crew** from your church or business. Camp can accommodate work crews of up to 50 people, ages 12+. Call or email to discuss projects and dates!
- Remember Aldersgate in your will (contact Gary Jones at 330-499-3972 ext 120).

### Two Ways To Give:

Online at [www.campaldersgate.org](http://www.campaldersgate.org) or  
 mail to camp at  
 3276 Dyewood Rd SW.  
 Carrollton, OH 44615  
*Gifts are tax-deductible.*



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## Online Registration for Summer Camp 2019 Opens in December!



## Online Camp Store

A great Christmas or Birthday gift would be an Aldersgate T-Shirt or Hoodie! Head to [campaldersgate.org](http://campaldersgate.org) to buy one online today and receive it in the mail!

## Aldersgate's Open House!

Saturday, March 30 from 2-5 PM

Get a tour of camp, see how camp has developed, and meet the camp staff! Have a friend who you think would love camp and wants to check us out? Invite them to the Open House!

## Rent Camp Aldersgate

Camp Aldersgate is a great location for your group's church retreat, family reunion, college staff training weekend, scrapbooking event, etc!

Open for rental groups August-May. Get a quote online at [www.campaldersgate.org](http://www.campaldersgate.org).

