

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 17, 2025

THE ALDERSGATE MISSION: To make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

THE ALDERSGATE VISION: To change lives by connecting, growing, and serving through Christ.

A. Opening Devotion: Comments/Topics for Celebration.

B. Review Agenda and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes and Executive Summary. (2/17/25)

C. Discussion Topics

1. Follow up-One Board ad hoc committee is requesting 2 additional members on the Nominations and Leadership development committee.
2. Marketing Team Charter
3. . Next steps in organization of mission teams.
4. Discuss how to achieve leadership development.
- 5 . Revisit Mission, Vision, and Values of Aldersgate. Is it time to update current Mission and Vision Statements?

D. Comments on Updates (Reports emailed to council prior to meeting.)

Pastor Update Lay Leader Earth Stewards

- **Ministry Teams**

Care Ministry, Fellowshiping, Learning/Family Ministry, Spiritual Living,
Worship Planning, Earth Stewards

- **Administrative Committees**

Board of Trustees, Financial Management Team, Nominations and Leadership
Development, SPRC, Lasting Legacy.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor's Monthly Report (Feb. 17 – Mar 17, 2025)

Number of Meetings (attended at and outside the church): 4

Number of Visits made: 6 visits on Ash Wednesday. 7 people were given Ashes. One visit made after Ash Wed.

Events Attended: Friday Fling; Men's breakfast.

Continuing Ed: > Feb 23 Laity Summit Watch Party at the church via Zoom.

> 2/25 "Active Aging, Engaging the Power Within You" by Gayle Resh of Southlake Village Rehab & Care. Arranged by Lincoln Caregiver Ed Group.

> 2/25 "City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan" with Anna Oetting. Arranged by Earth Stewards of Aldersgate.

> 3/11 "Life and Legacy Planning Series" by Kristine Roberts and Sharon Schmidt of (NUMF). Arranged by Last Legacy Team.

> 3/12 "An Interfaith Approach to Spiritual Direction" by Rev. Steve Griffith (via zoom). Arranged by Faith Coalition of Lancaster County.

Forth Coming:

Church Council Meeting – Committee Reports for March 17, 2025

Finance Committee

- Update on Finances. Expenditures for January and February exceeded income by a total of \$10,727. This has eliminated the positive balance in the Operating Fund. The balance in the Operating Fund as of February 28, 2025, was a negative \$875.54. A copy of the current financial snapshot with more details is available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19oCUAT1dQRJE1OQVRWfaeZMy6UBdPwO/view?usp=sharing>.

- The following funds have balances that should be spent:

- Summers' Fund Education Balance: \$7,293.86

- Summers' Fund Music Balance: \$1,475.42

- Larry Coffee Fund Balance: \$2,237.00

- The Financial Management Team is reviewing, developing, and updating policies and procedures for affecting management of the church's finances. Its next meeting on March 13 will focus on memorial funds.

Board of Trustees

Work on the enhancements to the audio/visual/livestreaming system is essentially complete. This included moving a camera and adding a microphone for the choir in the sanctuary, resolving the problem with the sound system in Fellowship Hall, and adding a digital display in Room 4. There is work remaining in Room 4, including adding an electrical outlet for the new digital display, moving the shelving next to the digital display to a different wall, and installing a new white board where the shelving

is currently located.

At its March 10 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the following expenditures and projects:

- A gratuity of \$150 in Walmart scrip to Larry Ogden in appreciation of clearing snow from the church's parking lot.
- Purchase of two AEDs to be placed in the narthex and hallway, using designated memorial funds and donations.
- A contract with Hy-Electric for the following work: installing an outlet in Room 4 (\$779.09), an outlet on the outside of the office area (\$630.72), re-installing the cap on a light pole (\$430), and removing the lighting for the exterior walls of Fellowship Hall (\$3,270). The latter will allow future insulation and energy conservation in Fellowship Hall.
- A contract with Bryant AC & Heating for \$9,278 to replace the heating and cooling systems for the west half of the Sunshine Room. Both are original equipment and show signs of failure. Replacing them will provide energy saving.

The Board of Trustees discussed but deferred action on several other projects:

- A contract with NL Driveway for crack sealing, slurry sealcoating, and restriping the church's parking lot (\$10,505, less 5% discount).
- A solution to the sound problems in the Sunshine Room.
- Replacing the church's PBX phone system.
- Replacing a broken vacuum cleaner (eligible for Dale Kirkland memorial funds).
- Financial audit recommendations.

Aldersgate Gardens

The annual biomass removal is set for Saturday April 26 with a rain date of May 3.

Here is the link to the 2025 Planting Plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c8jqifLOfr6CtvPFCY84i5nzJ1uBXonC/view?usp=sharing>.