NEW TO ALDERWOOD?

→For Our Guests

- We're glad you are here! Stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby and pick up a Guest Gift Bag...includes a gift certificate for a beverage of your choice at the espresso stand in our lobby.
- Please fill out a Communication Card located in the chair pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate later in the service, or drop it off at the Welcome Center.
- You are welcome to take one of the Bibles under the chairs as a gift from us.
- All of our worship services experience the same sermon but have distinct musical styles: the 8:30am service is a blend of hymns and contemporary worship songs, and may include Choir & Orchestra. The 10:00am and 11:30am services offers a modern, alternative worship style.
- We offer a supervised and secure nursery, a preschool aged program, and classes for adults and kids of all ages.
- If your baby becomes fussy during the worship service, feel free to take them to our Cry Room located in the East Hallway. (No sick children please.) The service will be on a TV monitor.
- If you need prayer, please come forward at the end of the service. We will have prayer team members there ready to pray with you.

→Our Mission Statement

To live and lead others to live as everyday followers of Jesus.

→Website

A wealth of useful information for newcomers and regular attendees is located on our church website,

alderwood.cc

which is updated on a regular basis with upcoming events, and sermons available on audio and video.

Large print editions of this bulletin are available on the usher's table at the back of the auditorium.



Join us on **The City**, our online network that is group-oriented and all about helping our attendees to stay engaged regularly as a church family. In **The City** you can set up a profile, use it as an online church directory, communicate with your service ministry, and more. To sign up for **The City**, or for more information, visit the Welcome Center today. **The City...** Where Church and Life Connect.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Life Together Sunday

Child Dedications (2nd and 3rd service)

Communion Pastor Curtis Warren
Gluten-free Communion is available in the back of the auditorium.

New Member Recognition

We extend to you an invitation to come to the front of the auditorium following the service and talk with a prayer team member if you have questions of a spiritual nature.

→ Giving Update

→Missions Giving

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Last Week's Giving	\$4,923
Last Week's E-giving	
Needed Weekly	
Received Fiscal Year to Date	
Needed Fiscal Year to Date	\$108,444
(Fiscal Year: Sept. 2017 thru Aug. 20)18)

MISSIONARY UPDATE

→Jon & Amie Cross SIM, East Africa

Dear Alderwood Family,

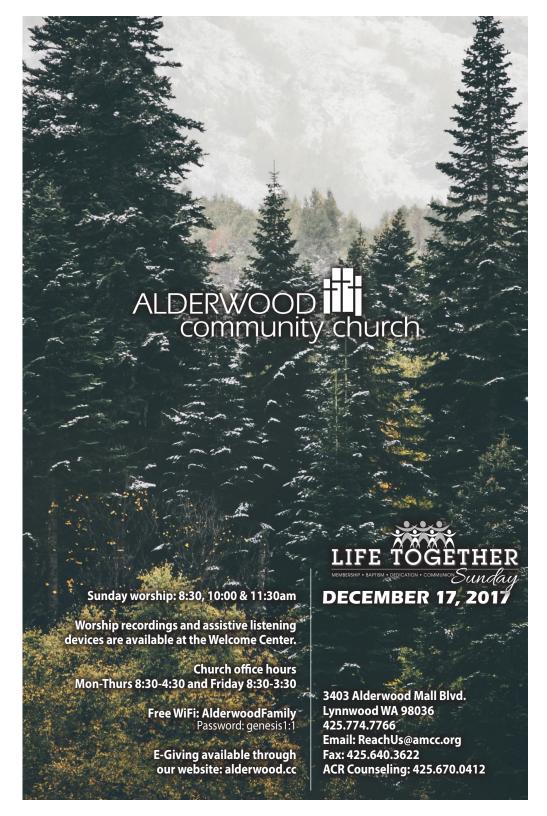
Thank you so much for your prayer and partnership for our family. We look forward to seeing you in person next summer. As 2017 comes to a close we want to celebrate with you what God has done through the clean drinking water program in South Sudan. Jon and his team were able to repair 26 boreholes. That is 20 communities that now have restored access to clean drinking water. That is approximately 60 households and 11,000 people. Praise God! The real gift though is the blessing that repairing those wells provided as inroads into the community. Because of the repairs the team was able to present the gospel to children in each of these villages as well as proclaiming Gospel truth to community leaders and elders. In this area of South Sudan many of the children do not have regular teaching, access to school and many of the churches have no programs for kids. The team taking the time to teach the children in their heart language gives this next generation not only access to the truth but a sense of worth as these technicians take time out of their "work" to share with them. Praise God with us!

In addition to God's work through this team of men, we rejoice that the water ministry was able to provide employment to five South Sudanese men who run the program on the ground. This employment empowers them to be able to support their families (one of them has nine children), and is a small step toward reducing poverty in South Sudan.

Jonathan has also had the chance to teach skills to some local South Sudanese youth in Nairobi Kenya. He is hoping that teaching them practical skills (such as carpentry and small engine repair) will not only give opportunities for employment but also provides a chance to speak into their lives. One of the biggest questions he gets as he "works" with these young men is, "Am I really saved?" "Can doing bad things take away God's love for me". Working with hammers and wrenches allows freedom to ask and discuss these hard questions.

Praise God with us for what He has done in South Sudan in 2017! Jon, Amie, Providence, Rosemary, William, Daniel and Eleanor





INFO & NEWS

→Christmas Assistance

If you are a regular attendee of Alderwood and in need of financial assistance for the holidays, please fill out a Christmas benevolence application available at the Welcome Center on Sundays.

Today is the deadline to apply.

Any requests where the applicant does not consistently attend ACC will be referred to local food banks. We ask that individuals only fill out requests for themselves or their immediate family.



→ Christmas Services Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, so we will have **four IDENTICAL services**... two in the morning and two in the evening. Childcare will be available through kindergarten. **Please be aware there is no Uptown Kidz or ASM on Christmas Eve.** (We encourage families to attend the Christmas Eve service together.) **Regular ACC attenders are asked to get free tickets for the service you want to**

attend in the West Hallway TODAY. SERVICE TIMES:

10:00am, 11:30am, 3:30pm, 5:00pm

Daily Bible Reading

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	READINGS	PSALMS OF PRAYER		
12/17	Revelation 4-6	Psalm 41		
12/18	Revelation 7-9	Psalm 42		
12/19	Revelation 10-11	Psalm 43		
12/20	Revelation 12-13	Psalm 44		
12/21	Revelation 14-16	Psalm 45		
12/22	Revelation 17-18	Psalm 46		
12/23	Revelation 19-20	Psalm 47		
12/24	Revelation 21-22	Psalm 48		

→ Made Known: A Community Gathering for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Volunteer teams needed for an upcoming event for those who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss in our church and in our community. Please email Lisa. Schmidt@amcc.org or call 425.774.7766 if you are interested in helping.



→ New to Alderwood Community Church? Come join us for *Starting Point!*

Sunday, January 21st, 5-8pm Starting Point is the place to begin to get involved at ACC. You will find a safe environment to ask questions, learn what makes ACC unique and how you can begin to feel "at home" here. We would love to meet you! Come get acquainted and enjoy a delicious dinner. Childcare provided. RSVP by 1/16... call the church office 425.774.7766 or email Julie.Marshall@amcc.org.



→Life Group Sign-ups

Winter quarter *Life Groups* will begin soon! *Life Groups* are the answer to the question of how to really "connect" at ACC, and we encourage everyone to participate in one! Sign-ups begin in two weeks.



→ LifePaths Winter Quarter
Our new ten-week courses will begin in January.

See the enclosed brochure for all the details!
Sign-ups begin in two weeks.

→ Campus Expansion and Design Q & A Meetings

Pastor Brad, the Elders and Executive Administrator Josh Bishop are making themselves available to answer your questions about the acquisition of the three-story building to the East of us, the Poplar Bridge Project and our Campus redesign. Please come join us and have your specific questions answered!

These meetings are also designed to provide ACC members with adequate information to be able to affirm the unanimous recommendation of the board of elders at our **Special Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, **January 21st** at 10:00am. The members will be asked to approve the purchase of the building as well as the sale of a strip of our land to the City of Lynnwood for the Poplar Bridge Project.

Da	te	Q & A Session	Time	Location
Sunday	January 7	#1	9:45am	W200
Wednesday	January 10	#2	7:00pm	E106
Sunday	January 14	#3	11:15am	E104
Thursday	January 18	#4	7:00pm	E106

WOMEN



→IF:Gathering February 9 & 10

IF:Gathering exists to gather, equip, and unleash women to live out their calling in their communitites. Registration is open now! alderwood.cc/IF

CHILDREN

→Dynamic Praise Kids

Registration is open now for our children's choir... 2nd-5th graders meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:15pm begining **January 9th** and going through the end of May. Registration and regular attendance is required. <u>alderwood.cc/DPK</u>

STUDENTS

- →ASM Middle School, 6-8 grade
- Sunday Worship at 10am in the Storm Cellar. **NOT MEETING 12/17 thru 12/31.**
- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm in the Storm Cellar. NOT MEETING 12/20 or 12/27.
 Movie Night January 3rd, in the Manor.
- WINTER CAMP January 13-15 at Black Diamond Camp. Prepare yourself for an epic weekend of snowball fights, games and great friends! Registration is open NOW! alderwood.cc/blackdiamond

→ASM High School, 9-12 grade

- Sunday Worship at 10am in the Manor. **NOT MEETING 12/17 thru 12/31.**
- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm in the Manor.
 NOT MEETING 12/20 or 12/27.
 Movie Night January 3rd, in the Manor.
- New Year's Eve Eve Saturday, December 30th, 9pm to midnight in the Manor.
- WINTER CAMP February 9-11. We are heading back to Tall Timber this year for a weekend of snow-filled fun, action-packed adventure, great insights from God's Word and some much needed rest and relaxation! Registration is open NOW! alderwood.cc/talltimber

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barry & Pam Beeninga



Dayna Feller



Scott & Krista Fiser



Marian Leben



Cory McDaniel



Jim & Beth Mitchell



Zach Smith



Michael & Deborah Turcotte

