

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

Message

Brad McConnaughey

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.

SERMON OUTLINE

For electronic users:

What is this? Scan this QR Code with your tablet and download today's sermon outline. Don't have a QR Code reader? Search for "QR Code Reader" in your app store.



→Giving Update

12/24/17 Sunday Attendance 2,147
Last Week's Giving \$70,263
Last Week's E-giving \$13,255
Needed Weekly \$60,945
Received Fiscal Year to Date \$1,047,133
Needed Fiscal Year to Date \$1,036,063

→Missions Giving

Last Week's Giving \$17,196
Last Week's E-giving \$1,252
Needed Weekly \$7,230
Received Fiscal Year to Date \$129,486
Needed Fiscal Year to Date \$122,903
(Fiscal Year: Sept. 2017 thru Aug. 2018)

MISSIONARY UPDATE

→Bruce and Carol Ingram

ACTION International

Dear Alderwood Church Family,
We thank God for **YOU** and your partnership with us in God's work of training pastors worldwide! 85% of the pastors overseas have no formal training in doctrine or ministry. God is doing an incredible work by His grace and strength (in spite of our weaknesses) as we trust Him. **To God Be the Glory!**

2017 Highlights: This past year Bruce conducted pastor trainings in India, Myanmar, Peru and Ethiopia, coordinated 10 visiting teams, coached national leaders and missionaries and provided books, Bibles and other resources.

The following is from Bruce's fall trip to Ethiopia.

A Pastor's Testimony: After last year's training, he went back to his village and saw 17 people come to the Lord. Muslims burned their house. He and his family fled for their lives. Christians from other towns gathered funds to rebuild the pastor's house. They came and met the pastor where his house had been destroyed and about 100 people from the village came to see what was happening. The Christians began praying in front of the crowd for 15 minutes. Then the crowd asked them about their prayers. They told them they were praying God would have mercy on them and they would come to know Christ and receive God's forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. The crowd became fearful and the pastor decided to befriend one of the leaders with God's help. A short time later, 280 were baptized with 400 people now in the church. **Pray for their ongoing Bible training mentor groups for multiplying disciples to Christ.**

GOD'S BEST FOR OUR ACC FAMILY IN 2018!

There are so many situations in our world out of control (hopefully it is not me too much of the time☺). But we know **the one** who is ultimately in control. Jesus promised the day when *"the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory . . . will gather together His elect."* And *"this good news of the kingdom shall be declared in the whole world...then the end will come."* (**Matthew 24:30-31 & 14**). We look forward to partnering with you in 2018 for developing nationally led and sustained pastor training centers for multiplying disciples, making known the gospel and building Christ's eternal kingdom, here and worldwide, in anticipation of His return.

**New Year Blessings,
Bruce & Carol**



ALDERWOOD community church

Happy New Year!

Sunday worship: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

Worship recordings and assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Center.

Church office hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30-4:30 and Friday 8:30-3:30

Free WiFi: AlderwoodFamily
Password: genesis1:1

E-Giving available through our website: alderwood.cc

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INFO & NEWS

→Church Office Closed

The church office and building will be closed for the holidays this Monday and Tuesday.



→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 today in the West Hallway.



→LifePaths Winter Quarter

Our new courses begin in three weeks. See the enclosed brochure for all the details! Sign-up online now or in the West Hallway. alderwood.cc/paths



→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.

→Choir Anyone?

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, **January 10th**, (Orchestra on 1/24). We’d love to welcome new members. Contact Linda.Collins@amcc.org for more information.

→Art Scene

Artists, our next Art Scene meeting is this Thursday, **January 4th** at 6:30pm in E106. Even if you are a beginning artist, or just like to dabble, join us. You will find an amazing group who will help you on your journey. Join our group on The City: “Visual Arts Ministry” and our Facebook page: “Alderwood Community Church Art Scene”. Questions? Email DeanHuberArt@gmail.com.

→Hymn Sing

Sunday, **January 21st**, at 6pm in W200. The theme for this Hymn Sing is “Favorites of the Faith”. Patrick McGrady will be leading the hymn sing with Breta as the pianist.

→Charitable Contributions

In order for a contribution to be credited to the 2017 tax year, it must be dated and received by the church before the end of the year. (Online giving can be done until 11:59pm tonight.) alderwood.cc/give
Please wait to file your federal income tax return until you receive your contribution statement from the church. You may not be able to deduct certain contributions if you file a tax return beforehand.

→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.

Date		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

→REFIT®

You don’t have to *get fit* in order to *be fit* at REFIT®. Held Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm and Saturday mornings, 8-9am in the Storm Cellar **RESUMING January 4th**. Ages 13 and up.

→Women's Missionary Fellowship

WMF invites all women to join us on Tuesday, **January 9th**, from noon to 2pm. Meetings consist of praying for missionaries, a potluck lunch, and guest speakers...this month we will hear from Alderwood’s new *Youth For Christ* missionary, **JJ Vancil**. Bring a dish to share and join us!

→IF:Gathering
February 9 & 10

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

→Quilting Retreat

Join us for a long weekend of quilting and relaxation at Camp Killoqua in Stanwood on the shores of Crabapple Lake. Bring your unfinished projects or start something new. **February 16-19**. Cost: \$100 includes food and lodging. Questions? NoraMeissner@hotmail.com

CHILDREN

→Children's Baptism Class

Parents and children are welcome to attend this Baptism Class held Sunday, **January 14th** at 11:30am in E106. We will discuss what baptism is all about and help provide some guidance as to whether your child is ready for this very important step of faith. Contact Lisa.Davis@amcc.org with any questions.

→Family Fun Night

Friday, **January 26th**, 6:00-7:30pm in the Manor. Come enjoy a night of fellowship with other Downtown Zoo (preschool) families of Alderwood. There will be crafts, inflatables, activities, and a photo booth. Bring the whole family.

→Family Swim Event

Saturday, **February 17th**, 2:45-3:45pm
We have the whole Lynnwood Pool booked just for ACC. Space is limited to 150 swimmers. Doors to dressing rooms will open at 2:30pm. Registration will open at the end of January. Must register online ahead of time. Children five and under must have an adult in the pool with them.

STUDENTS

→ASM Middle School, 6-8 grade

- Sunday Worship at 10am in the Storm Cellar. **NOT MEETING TODAY.**
- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm. **Movie Night** this week 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 TODAY.**
- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm. **Movie Night** this week 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

APRIL 22
Life Together Sunday

Our quarterly Life Together Sunday services include baptisms, communion, baby dedications, and recognition of new members during all three service times: 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30am. If you would like to be baptized or participate in a dedication for your child, please stop at the Welcome Center to pick up an information packet, or you may contact Lois.Harless@amcc.org to have an **electronic copy emailed to you**.

COMING IN 2018

→Marriage Retreat

April 27-29
Held at the Four Seasons Resort in Whistler B.C. **Early Bird Registration begins THIS WEEK!** alderwood.cc/marriage

→Spring Fusion Retreat

June 1-3 for all 3rd thru 5th graders

→Vacation Bible School

June 26-29 for grades entering Kindergarten through completed 5th grade.

→Family Camp

July 9-15
Come for the whole week, the weekend, or even just for a day. All ages welcome!

→High School Summer Camp

July 9-15
New location! Lake Koocanusa in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. Get your passports!

→Middle School Summer Camp

July 12-15 at Cascades Camp in Yelm

→High School Albania Mission Trips

TEAM 1: July 26-August 7
TEAM 2: August 2-14

→Taste of Alderwood

October 5-6
Our major missions event has been rescheduled for the fall.