

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — November 2024

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## From the Pastor

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As we enter the month of November, we continue our Stewardship Program, culminating with the celebration of Stewardship Sunday on November 24th. This season invites us to pause and reflect on our lives; to remember the many blessings we have received from God, and to express our gratitude to the Lord.

Personally, I find this time of year to be a meaningful opportunity to consider how we show our thankfulness. It's so important to express our gratitude — not only is it a powerful act of faith, but it also brings joy to our hearts. We all know from our own experiences that showing appreciation and waiting for an unexpected response is often one of life's sweetest moments.

Allow me to share a small story. Recently, I prepared two small goody bags for the lawn care workers. I wanted to express my appreciation for their hard work. Before even giving them the gifts, I felt a deep sense of joy imagining their responses. I realized again that even small gestures of appreciation can brighten someone's day and bring smiles all around.

This story reminds me of how our expressions of gratitude — no matter how small — can have a powerful effect. In this season of thankfulness, I encourage all of us to remember the blessings we have received from God and to offer our heartfelt thanks to Him. Just as we delight in the joy of giving to others, we can imagine the delight our gratitude brings to God.

As we celebrate Stewardship month, let's allow our hearts to be filled with joy, excitement, and thankfulness, expecting to see God's smile as we give back with grateful hearts.

In Christ's love,  
*Pastor Yohang Chun*

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# Our Ministry of Concern

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## Prayer Concerns

People are added and removed from our ongoing prayer list upon request. *Please call the church office to ADD, REINSTATE, or REMOVE names.*

### Aldersgate people with new or ongoing health concerns:

Rick Baker, Kathy Bernardi, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Mike Dunn, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Betty Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Mary Lou Jones, Rich Keegan, Sylvia Lynch, Harry & Roxana Muthersbaugh, Kathy Peck, Laura Piccarreto-Kimmel, Cindy Purzycki, Joe Quirk, Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, John Simm, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Laura Wagner, Jan Winter and the caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns

### Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

**Concerns:** Kristie (Jim & Nancy Bailey); Nancy Anderson & family; Denise, James, Maddie, Selina, sister Nikki, Mike Sullivan, Kirk Kimberly, Bob Coyne (Gloria Baker); Carol, Selena, Casey, Evan, Tisha & Damian (Sharon Bartter); Sister Diana Ross, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Lisa Robinson (Karen Best); son Ed (Natasha Carstens); daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); my sister, my boss (Jennifer Crandall); Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsh); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Joann Dunn, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Marianne Galligan, Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Lee Hartman, Rich Hartman (Nan & Rich Keller); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (Kim & Eric Lindenau); sister Susan Kiesel (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Nicole Mohrmann, Jeanne Sutton family (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Roger's sister Pearl, daughter Lynn (Roger & Charlotte Ridley); Glen Campbell, Sandi, Bev Palandro (David Rogenmoser); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Ali Musleh, Hilde DiNatale (Anna Simm); Lewis family, Bev, Bruce (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (Michael Smith); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Michael, Bill Weber, Mom, Matthew (Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle VanAllen, Cindy Andrews, Michael Appleton, Bobbi Jo (Laurie VanAllen); brother Phil (Louie VanKouwenberg); Ruth Walter; David Whitt (Deborah Whitt); sister Megumi, Cindy (Kaori Winter);

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly prayer concerns list updated. During office hours, send prayer chain requests to Diana Jason in the church office at [office@aumcgreece.org](mailto:office@aumcgreece.org). If your request needs posting after office hours, contact Chitie Edgett at [cge1935@gmail.com](mailto:cge1935@gmail.com).

Confidential prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Yohang Chun at [PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org](mailto:PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org).

### When Sharing Your Prayer Requests...

Prayer changes everything, and our church has a vibrant prayer ministry. When contacting the church office or our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Chitie Edgett, please let them know if you want your prayer request to be shared with only the Prayer Chain and Pastor, or if you want your prayer request shared with the Prayer Chain and our church congregation at Sunday worship.

As we continue to Live Streaming and use email communication, we want to respect those who wish their prayer request to remain confidential.



Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry & Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

**Nursing Homes/Living Centers:** Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Dick Keegan — Cobbs Hill Manor

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to Laura Wagner, son Scott, and their entire family following the death of Laura's husband, Hal Wagner, on October 4.

Sympathy is also extended to Karen Sladden and Sue Galligan following the death of their brother, Steven Galligan, on October 13.



# Church Events & Opportunities

## November Preaching Schedule

- Nov. 3 — **All Saints Sunday —**  
**We All are Connected in Christ**  
2 Kings 2:1-11
- Nov. 10 — **It is Not Easy to Follow Jesus**  
Mark 10: 17-22
- Nov. 17 — **What is Your Thorn?**  
Matthew 13: 18-23
- Nov. 24 — **We are All God's Stewards**  
Luke 12: 15-21 / Luke 19: 5-10



## Annual Food Friend-Z Auction

**Friday, November 15 — 6:00-9:00 PM**

Mark your calendars now and make your plans to attend this year's Food Friend-Z Auction. It will be an evening filled with fun, trivia, fellowship and of course. . . food.

The evening starts off with a spaghetti dinner and some table trivia. Then Auctioneer and Trivia Master Jan Winter will auction off a delightful array of homemade desserts and gift certificates as well as lead us in games of trivia.

To make the evening successful, we need YOU to provide the treats and certificates to auction off. Make and bring your favorite confection – or a certificate to your favorite area restaurant or business.

Proceeds from this event will support our Mortgage fund.

Sign-up sheets to attend are on the Opportunity Board. Donation forms are on the table near the bulletin board, or see page 12 of this newsletter. Return completed forms by November 10.

## 12 ft. Christmas Tree Donation is Needed



We need a Christmas tree for our church's sanctuary this year in time for our Hanging of the Greens service on December 1. If anyone would like to donate a pine tree this fall, please contact Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter. Thank you!

## UMCOR Relief for 2024 Hurricanes

Hurricane Helene has devastated parts of the southeastern U.S., bringing catastrophic wind, rain and flash flooding to many states and communities. In response, UMCOR is coordinating with affected annual conferences and supporting their local relief efforts. So far, UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to the North Georgia, South Georgia, Western North Carolina and Holston annual conferences. Additionally, UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating efforts to support the removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas.

Both Helene and Milton hit Florida. As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of these storms, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being delivered. Early Response Teams are removing debris, tarping roofs and cleaning homes. Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing.

**How can you help?** Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service where you can make a donation via cash or check. Be sure to indicate UMCOR Hurricane Relief. Give online using our site: [give.aumcgreece.org](https://give.aumcgreece.org). Or as you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this support. Feel free to donate any time in November being sure to include a notation for "UMCOR Hurricane Relief."

Thank you in advance for your generous support.  
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



**Support relief and recovery efforts  
by donating to UMCOR.**



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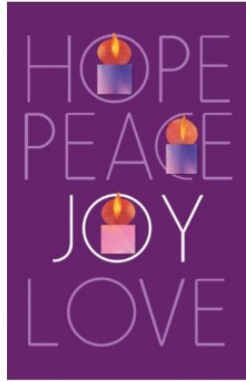
# More Events & Opportunities

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## Wanted –

### Advent Devotion Writers!

For this holiday season, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the advent of our Lord in the flesh and look ahead to His return, we invite individuals, families, youth, small groups, and others to submit a short, Spirit-filled Christmas devotion.



Our title this year is, “Follow His Star.” We are hoping for 24 devotions (one for each day of Advent) that are easy to read, appeal to a wide age range, and inspire people in their Christian walk. Our goal is to create an AUMC Advent Devotional book, offering our congregation a shared experience — to encourage one another to take time between Sundays to remember the meaning of Christ’s birth.

Submissions are due by Wednesday, November 6 (sent electronically with “Advent Devotion” in the subject line), and we recommend keeping them 300 words or less. For more information, please contact Brian Winter ([bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org)) or Rhonda Simonelli ([rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org)).

We look forward to reading your Christmas story!

### Help Decorate the Harvest Sunday Altar

To celebrate the season, the November 24 altar will be decorated with donated fresh fruits and vegetables thanks to you! Here’s how you can help:

Monetary donations will be accepted in the Offering Plate on November 3, 10 and 17. (Or mail or drop off at church by the 17th. This money will be used to purchase good from the Public Market on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Or you can donate items from your own garden (or shopping excursion) by dropping them off at church from Nov. 17-23.

Finally, help is needed on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11:00 a.m. to set up everything on the altar. The best part is that all donations will go to the Open Door Mission after the service, to help feed Rochester’s homeless population!

Thank you for your generosity and help!



## United Methodist Student Sunday — November 24

On November 24th we will celebrate United Methodist Student Sunday. Mark your calendar as, together, we educate students so they can make a difference in the world. This Special Sunday is to support and advance the education of our children. Last year, your generosity raised \$215 thousand, which funded over 70 scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs for United Methodist students. Every dollar received goes toward supporting and educating a new generation of future leaders for the United Methodist Church.



Celebrate United Methodist Student Day and invest in our students. Your gifts underwrite scholarships for United Methodist undergraduate and graduate students, allowing them to achieve their education goals with more financial freedom.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day when special offering envelopes will be provided. Give online using our site: [give.aumcgreece.org](https://give.aumcgreece.org). Or as you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation any time in November being sure to include a notation for “United Methodist Student Sunday.”

Thank you in advance for your generous support.  
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

### December 2024 Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Nov. 20**.

Please send to:

[karensladen@hotmail.com](mailto:karensladen@hotmail.com)

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## SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S WHITE GIFTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Helping Needy Families for 60 Years

You may help in the following ways:

- **Monetary Donations**
- **Adopt-A-Family** — Money will be provided from the White Gifts general funds. You have the rewarding assignment of personally shopping and delivering to your “family.”
- **Sponsor-A-Family** (Full responsibility for a needy family).  
Just like the “Adopt-A-Family” option except that you fully sponsor the cost of the food and gifts. Expect to spend between \$300-\$400 for food and gifts for an average-size recipient family. *You can give gift cards for food – normally from their choice of Walmart, Wegmans, Aldis or Tops.*
- **PURCHASE GIFTS** — A list of items will be provided – funds also can be provided

### PLAN NOW!

Speak to Jan or Tracy Winter at church or contact them by phone at 943-7353 for more information and to volunteer in this very rewarding venture as soon as possible. You may also e-mail Jan at [winterjanets@gmail.com](mailto:winterjanets@gmail.com).

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## Hanging of the Greens

A Special Advent  
Worship Service to Begin  
this Holy Season!

**On Sunday, December 1**  
**One Combined Worship Service**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

Join us on this special day at Aldersgate UMC.  
Festive treats after the worship service.



Follow His Star to Bethlehem!



### POINSETTIA SALE! — November 3 & 10

Purchase a plant to display on the altar in December.  
You can take it home after the Christmas Eve services.

6" PLANTS — \$10.00

Select your desired color and quantity:

RED \_\_\_\_\_, WHITE \_\_\_\_\_, PINK \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Three Ways to Pay:

- Mail check and completed order form to Church Office (Arriving no later than Nov. 12)
- Place check and completed form in offering plate on Sunday the 3rd or 10th
- Put your completed order form in the offering plate (by Nov. 10) and pay by Credit Card (Call Jan Winter at 585-943-7353 by Nov. 10).

**Thank you for Beautifying Our Altar for Christmas!!**

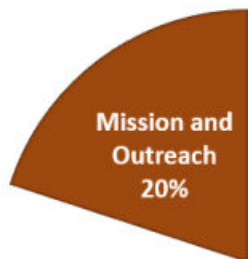
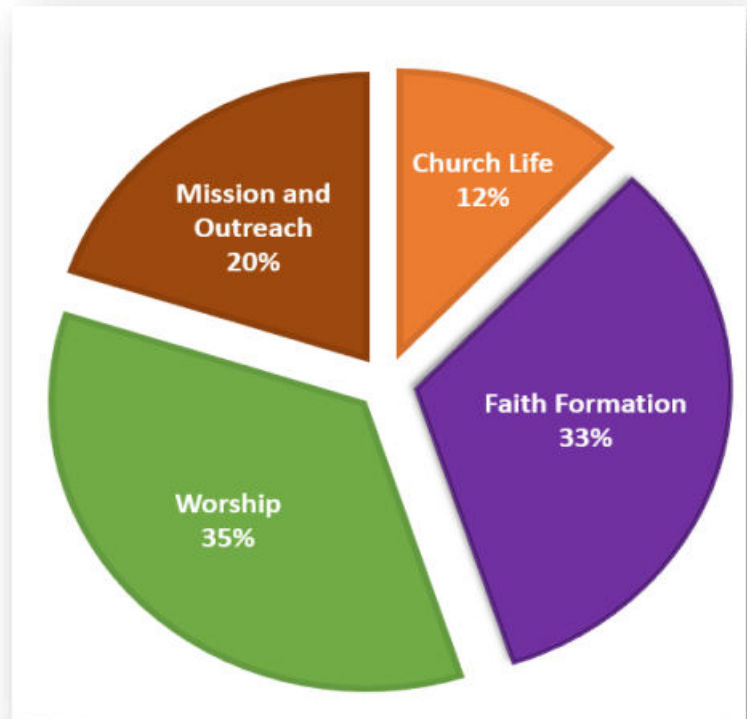
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# Stewardship Corner

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## Aldersgate Narrative Budget for 2025

We are the Body of Christ called to ministry in the Rochester community and beyond. From weekly worship services, children's ministry to community service, Aldersgate United Methodist Church continues in its mission of partnering with God to transform the world with help, hope and healing as disciples of Jesus Christ. We look forward to the challenge of growing ministry for generations to come. Please be in prayer as to your commitment and participation in providing resources for growing mission and moving forward in faith. Sunday, November 24th we will be making our collective commitment, pledging support for the ministries of Aldersgate in 2025. Our pastors' compensation, administrative and facilities budgets are used to support our Worship, Outreach, Faith Formation and Church Life Ministries.

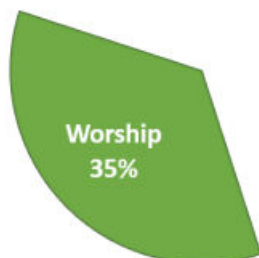


**Outreach Ministry – SERVING OTHERS – “You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters...serve each other through love.”** (Galatians 5:13)

Everyone can serve in some way within our outreach ministries. We support the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church by giving the apportioned ministry share to The United Methodist Church. This is an area we have struggled for the last 5 years as we have only been able to pay less than 50% of what we are asked to. This we do in addition to other thriving initiatives – Community Dinner, Ebenezer Hope Nakivale, and White Gifts to name just a few.

**20%** – This also includes Ministry Shares (Apportionment) to UMC and the African Ministry.

- African Ministry (Pastor Salary, Music Leader salary and various programs)



**Worship Ministry – LOVING GOD – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”** (Matthew 22:37)

Our worship is enriched by the musical talents of our staff and members alike. We want to grow our membership in 2025 and bring more people to Christ.

**35%** – This also includes our Music Director's, Organist's, and Contemporary Worship Team Leader's compensation.

- Adult Sunday School
- New Membership classes

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**Church Community Life Ministry – FOSTERING CONNECTIONS –***“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”* (Romans 12:4-5)

We intentionally work to learn and share the stories of our members, deepening the community and relationships. Our church family includes people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, understandings, attitudes and geography. Everyone is welcome to this church home.

**12%** – This also includes the Stewardship budget and Communications budgets as well as including:

- Church Council
- Church Website & Facebook page
- Video in main gathering space
- Visitation and Caring Ministry



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**Faith Formation – CHANGING LIVES –***“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”* (2 Corinthians 5:1)

Our ministry is blessed by opportunities for the formation and growth of faith for children, teens and adults.

**33%** – This includes Youth Director and Christian Ed Directors salaries, and Youth and Christian Ed budgets.

- Confirmation
- New Member
- Vacation Bible School



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A budget is a faith statement – it reflects our beliefs, values, and priorities. We share these numbers to understand what kind of commitment it takes to realize our hopes and dreams for ministry.

Each one of us can give at different levels and in a variety of ways. Giving is an act of faith – striking a balance between your personal needs and sharing your gifts with the world. You might ask yourself – ***does my giving reflect my values?*** Look at the total you give to the church and other organizations and compare it to other expenditures in your life.



***“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that is really life.”*** (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

(Note: Our Building Fund is separate from our Annual Budget. All gifts to the Building Fund are used to cover the current monthly mortgage. This is a commitment for approximately another 2 years.)

When we recognize and acknowledge both our abundance and our blessings, we are freed from the narrative of scarcity that our culture perpetuates. Consider your giving a reflection of your Blessed Life!



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# Christian Education

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## Preschool Class at 11:00 AM in the Nursery

For Toddlers and Preschoolers

Songs, Bible Stories, Crafts & Play

Teacher: Nan Keller with an assistant

**November 3:** Coloring Christmas Pictures for this year's Advent Devotional

**November 10:** 1 Samuel 17: 1-25, David and Goliath

**November 17:** Jonah 1: 1-12, Jonah and the Whale

**November 24:** One Service at 10:00 a.m. Pot-Luck Luncheon follows service. Practice for Hanging of the Greens service.



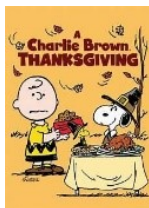
## For Children in K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**November 3:** Drawing and Coloring Christmas Pictures for this year's Advent Devotional

**November 10:** Finish pictures and pass out scripts for the Hanging of the Greens service. Read through.

**November 17:** Watch Charlie Brown Thanksgiving & Feast \*Make a Thanksgiving Day table centerpiece

**November 24:** One service at 10:00 a.m. Practice Hanging of the Greens service.



## Read with Miss Rhonda for November

### *A Very Thankful Prayer*

By Bonnie Rickner Jensen and Illustrated by Natalia Moore

**Help your little one grow gratitude as you join adorable animals thanking God for everyday blessings with this sweet fall-themed board book.**

From watching the autumn leaves fall to picking pumpkins from the patch, from sharing a Thanksgiving meal with loved ones to learning how to give — there's so much to be thankful for! Cultivate a grateful heart in your little one with this thank-you prayer to God, who gives us every good thing. (Cokesbury)



## All About Pumpkins & Prayer!

We would like to thank everyone who made baked goods and purchased baked goods for our fall bake sale. We raised \$256.00 for our Children's Ministry events here at Aldersgate. We would also like to thank Kathy Pearson for donating pumpkins from her farm for our pumpkin carving Sunday at church.



# Youth corner

## Thankfulness in All Seasons

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the power and necessity of gratitude toward God—not only because He is worthy of our thanks, but because our thankfulness keeps us mindful of God’s constant provision. Scripture tells us that every good gift, all wisdom, and every understanding come from Him, our ultimate Provider.

In his epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul encourages us to “pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). This isn’t a call to celebrate every hardship, but to find a deeper faith in God’s presence through them. Joseph, one of the great heroes of our faith, faced betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment. Yet, through these trials, God worked to prepare him to help multitudes survive a prolonged famine, including the very family that had betrayed him. When his brothers expressed remorse, Joseph said, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good” (Genesis 50:20). His faith in God’s purpose empowered him to rise above bitterness and embrace gratitude, even amid difficulty.

This Thanksgiving let us remember that true thankfulness sees beyond the immediate ups and downs of life. It reminds us of God’s faithful hand at work in every moment, providing for us and shaping us for His higher purpose. May we take each blessing and trial as an opportunity to trust Him more, knowing that He uses all things to draw us closer to Him. Amen.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make Trunk or Treat a success! Special thanks to Ella for her beautiful flute solo, “I Need Thee Every Hour.” We’re also grateful to Jack for his continued dedication as the Contemporary team’s drummer. And a big thank you to Shaylee and Adriana for serving as bell ringers in our All Saints’ Day service on November 3.



## Confirmation 2025

We are excited to announce that Confirmation classes will begin in January, culminating in Confirmation Sunday on Pentecost, 2025. These classes are specifically designed for a 6th to 8th grade audience, but high school students who have not yet been confirmed at Aldersgate are also welcome to join. The classes will be administered by our Youth Director, Brian Winter.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in the process, including members with specialized experience in the various topics involved, as well as mentors who can walk alongside our youth throughout this important journey. The mentorship aspect is a vital part of the Confirmation experience and plays a significant role in fostering a lasting faith in our young members.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please email us with “Confirmation” in the subject line at [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

We will be posting scheduling updates via WhatsApp to the group. For any questions, feel free to email me at [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org)



Aldersgate Greece  
Youth Group



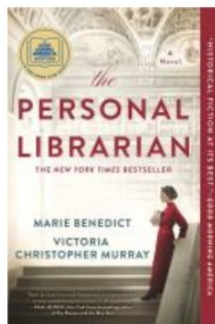
## Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group’s bottle and can drive! Donations can be placed in the marked barrels in the Gathering Space. Please keep them coming!

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## Reading Circle Discussion Book for Nov. 14

Join the Reading Circle on Thursday, November 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the church library when we will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, named as one of the Best Books of 2021 by the *Washington Post*. We have multiple copies of the book; contact Maureen Whalen at [whalenmt.7976@gmail.com](mailto:whalenmt.7976@gmail.com) or call her at 581-9164 if you are interested or for more information. All are welcome.



It has been author Marie Benedict's quest to bring history's most fascinating and courageous women to life for contemporary readers. In our November discussion book, *The Personal Librarian*, Benedict and co-author Victoria Christopher Murray relate the remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian—who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true. In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. Pierpont Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white — her complexion is dark because she is African American. *The Personal Librarian* tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go-for the protection of her family and her legacy-to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

## Reading Circle Christmas Luncheon

Save the date: Thursday, December 12, when the Reading Circle will celebrate the Christmas season with a luncheon. Everyone is invited. Plans are still being made so look for more details in the December Hinge and upcoming Midweek Moments.

## Wait (and Work) for Your "Wyatt"

Some of you may recall, I only asked for one thing the Sunday before our recent trip to Alaska. Of course, I asked for traveling "mercies," safe, on-time driving and flights, no lost luggage, etc. But then I asked for God to show me the Glory of His creation. And, Oh Boy, did He oblige! I had to wait a while, though, work for it a little (including getting a bit "messy"), then wait some more before God showed His Glory, in one of His Glorious creatures that this "city kid" had never seen before.

The first thing we did when we got on the ship was book our excursions. The first one wouldn't be for 24 hours. I could hardly contain my enthusiasm! I must have sounded like the 3-year olds I used to sing the song with, telling everyone: "I'm going on a Bear Hunt!" (I wasn't going to "shoot" one with anything but my phone's camera, but I was definitely looking for one.)

But first came the waiting. After 24 hours on the ship, there was another hour or so on a tour boat. Then came the "work," nearly a mile walk down a path through the woods (about the top end of what I can handle at one time). There was even a bit of "mess" when I stepped in some "bear skat" along the way.

Then we arrived at the Salmon Hatchery. When you're looking for a predator, you go where their favorite prey are. Then we waited some more. We could only stay there 30 minutes and we spent 20 watching the salmon swimming in the reservoir and admiring the "waterfall" created by the reservoir runoff.

Then, there he was —a magnificent black bear, probably 9 feet or so from his head to hind end, weighing at least 800 pounds. Mostly he had his head in the water, fishing for salmon. He must have noticed us staring, though, because at one point he stood upright on his back legs and puffed his chest at us as if to say: "Admire all you want, just remember, I'm in charge!" That's when one guide called out to the other: "Hey, It's Wyatt!" They had to report sightings, new or recurrent, so the guides give them names, and this one had a white "Y"-shaped streak on the center of his chest. It was an amazing experience!

How about you?! Are you asking God to show you His Power and Glory?! Maybe you need healing in your physical or mental health, finances or relationships. Be prepared to wait, and then wait some more. If God leads you to, there may be work you need to do, and it may get a little "messy." But, in His own way and time (He's in charge), God will give you your own "Wyatt" experience.

Blessings, Sharon Bartter

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## Serving in Worship This Month

### Ushers

#### 9:30 AM

11/3 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

11/10 — Susan DeVincentis

11/17 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

#### 10:00 AM — Combined Service

11/24 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

#### 11:00 AM

11/3 — Nancy & Terry Young

11/10 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

11/17 — Nancy & Terry Young

### Live Streaming

11/3 — **Traditional** @ 11:00 AM

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

11/10 — **Contemporary** @ 9:30 AM

Mary Sims & Dave Roza

11/17 — **Traditional** @ 11:00 AM

Juan Ruiz & Rich Keller

11/24 — **Combined** @ 10:00 AM

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

### Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

11/3 — Sandi Norris

11/10 — Annette Thompson

11/17 — Carol DeCann

#### 10:00 AM — Combined Service

11/24 — Jim Cobia

#### 11:00 AM

11/3 — Nancy Young

11/10 — Karen Sladden

11/17 — Sue Zorn

### Nursery Workers

#### 9:30 AM

11/3 — Anna Simm

11/10 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11/17 — Debbie Simm

#### 10:00 AM — Combined Service

11/24 — Julia Troiano

#### 11:00 AM

11/3 — Open

11/10 — Open

11/17 — Open

## Let's Celebrate!!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Farrell

November 4

John Simm

November 7

Sandi Norris

November 8

John Best

November 16

Betty Hild

November 18

Suzanne Spicer

November 18

Richard Caupp

November 19

Jan Winter

November 21

Tamara Gilzow-Kephart

November 24

Laura Wagner

November 30





# We are having a **Food-Friend-Z!!**

Friday, November 15 – 6:00 pm

**Spaghetti Dinner & Auction**

**Don't Miss It!!**



Proceeds from this year's Auction will support the AUMC Ministry Shares (missions of the greater United Methodist Church) and the Aldersgate Mortgage fund.

\_\_\_\_ **YES!** I want to donate a **Homemade Food item** to the Auction. My donation will be  
(Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ **YES!** I want to donate a **Gift Certificate** to the auction.

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**Estimated value** of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to specify a **minimum bid**, please indicate the amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(The item will not be sold if no one bids that minimum amount.)

\_\_\_\_ **YES!** I wish to make a donation, but **I need help** in developing an idea.  
Please give me a call.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Completed forms due by November 10.**