

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — April 2025



From the Pastor

Waiting for Spring, Waiting for Easter

In the middle of March, the weather suddenly became warm. I was happy, thinking maybe spring had already come to Rochester. But after two days, the cold came back, and I had to wear my thick jacket again. Some church members reminded me where we are. "Pastor, we live in Central New York... Believe it or not, it can even snow here on Mother's Day."

Of course, I know this already. But still, my heart really wants winter to pass quickly and spring to come soon.

This made me think about my journey through Lent. Am I waiting for Easter like I wait for spring? I asked myself, "Do I just want to enjoy the joy of resurrection without going through Lent, Holy Week, and especially Good Friday?"

Again, I remember the connection between Lent and Easter — No Cross, No Resurrection.

In our lives, we also need to understand and accept this process. If we are going through a hard time, we should not only focus on our struggles and feel discouraged. Instead, we must look ahead, believing that something good will come after this difficult journey. In life, we cannot always get what we want. Sometimes, we face challenges and hardships. As disciples of Jesus, I hope we all remember that after Lent and Good Friday, resurrection will come.

Blessings,
Pastor Yohang Chun

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Our Ministry of Concern

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, Angie Benton, 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, Candy Metzger, Harry & Roxana Muthersbaugh, Suzanne Nyantole, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, 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); LaylaJean, Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deuth); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Marianne Galligan, Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); Brandon Gilzow (Tammy Gilzow); Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Lee Hartman, Rich Hartman (Nan & Rich Keller); Uncle Al (Brandon Kelley); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (Kim & Eric Lindenau); Barbara Marsh; 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); Amy (David Rogenmoser); grand-niece Norah (Jan Rothfuss); Lonnie Ruffino; 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); brother Chris (Maria Stanley); 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,

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. If your request needs posting after office hours, contact Chitie Edgett at cge1935@gmail.com.



Confidential prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Yohang Chun at 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 Stream and use email communication, we want to respect those who wish their prayer request to remain confidential.

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

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Dick Keegan — Cobbs Hill Manor

Condolences to the family of Robert P. Kennedy who died on March 1 in Aiken, SC. He and his wife, Bonnie, and their three children were members of Aldersgate in the 1970s and '80s while he was employed at Kodak.

May 2025 Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **April 20**

Please send to:

karensadden@hotmail.com

We Need to Replace... THIS OLD ROOF! And We Need Your Help!

Anyone who has been in the Parlor the past two years or so, can see damage to the interior wall and window, all done by a leaking roof. There has also been damage to the masonry on the exterior of the building as well, due to the same leaks. That section of roof stretching from the Parlor to the bathrooms and over the hallway next to the Chapel is now 71 years old and needs to be replaced.

Last year, we used money from the sale of the rental house to replace the leaking roofs over the Education wing all the way to the far south side of the building over room 8. This year we need to finish the job of replacing the oldest sections of roof to stop the leaking!

The cost to replace this section of roof is \$49,760. We currently have \$30,760 available. This leaves us \$19,000 short to do this much-needed replacement.

We don't want to have to borrow money to do this work, so we are designating the month of April as an opportunity for us to come together and raise the \$19,000 we need to fund this capital improvement to the Church.

This is designated giving beyond what you give to the Budget and/or Mortgage.

Make your separate gifts to this initiative using a check or envelope marked 'Roof project,' Online at give.aumcgreece.org under the Capital Improvement option with a note 'Roof project,' or call Jan Winter at 585-943-7353 to give via credit card directly.

Look for the Giving Thermometer at the entrance to the Sanctuary to see where we are each week toward our goal. We need your help... Let's work together to replace This Old Roof!



Hybrid/Zoom Technology Installation

Aldersgate has stepped up their game with some new technology. We have just completed installation of a Hybrid/ZOOM device that will allow us to schedule more flexible meeting communications where participants can join remotely.

This device and its setup were made possible through a gift in memory of Beverly Johnson, who was a longtime member, by her children Linda and Robert Johnson. We would like to share some words from the Johnson family regarding this gift.

"We are grateful to the Memorials Committee to be able to honor our mother with this Hybrid communication system. This system can help your congregation to stay in touch and be more productive. Beverly was all about communication. From her earliest days growing up in Wolcott, NY she aspired to be a secretary which in the 1950's was a very well-respected occupation. From her time at Eastman Kodak, her time on the various boards at Summerville Presbyterian Church, to her roles as Flower coordinator and secretary of the AUMC investment club, Beverly was always taking notes to publish from a meeting. Back in the day writing correspondence and telephone calls were the two technologies to inform people. Now with Zoom, Webex, and FaceTime technology has improved and we believe this is a fitting memorial to honor her.

Rich Keller & Maria Stanley



Introducing Our New Pastor

Wilson Jones & wife Alyson

Wilson is from NJ and has served many churches, most recently in the Cortland, NY area. They will move to the parsonage in June and his first service at Aldersgate will be July 6. They have three grown children; the youngest is a student at Brockport College. They look forward to joining our congregation and moving to Greece.

Church Events & Opportunities

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17

Please join us at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 17 for our church's Maundy Thursday service. Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Maundy Thursday also reminds us of Christ's humility, love, and sacrifice. As Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He calls us to serve others selflessly. And as He shared the Last Supper, He invites us to remember His sacrifice and live in His grace.

During our Maundy Thursday service, we are able to participate in Holy Communion and will hear from our Chancel Choir. There will be prayer and our Pastor will lead a time of Reflection. We invite you to join us in person, or online, as we gather to remember Jesus' great sacrifice.

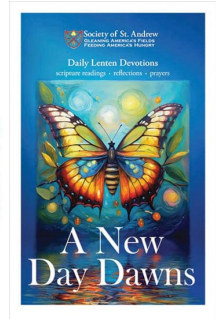
Good Friday Service, April 18

We hope you'll plan to attend our church's Good Friday service at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 18. Good Friday is the day Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross. On Good Friday, we are reminded of the depth of God's love – a love so great that Jesus willingly took our place, bearing our sins. Through His death, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored.

Our Good Friday service will include prayer, scripture, several hymns, and an opportunity to deepen our faith and understanding of Jesus' sacrifice. We hope you will join us on Friday, April 18 at 7:00 PM as we prepare our hearts for Holy Saturday and the glory of Easter.



For all children and youth! Easter Sunday, April 20 between Worship Services, 10:35-10:55. **We have A LOT of eggs to hide this year!**



Lenten Devotionals Still Available

During the Lenten season, embark on a meaningful 47-day journey to Easter with "A New Day Dawns," a devotional booklet from the Society of St. Andrew. Grounded in the hope-filled words of 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, this year's theme focuses on the promise of new beginnings, renewal, and eternal glory.

Each day's reading is designed to inspire, challenge, and deepen your spiritual journey through prayer, reflection, and gratitude.

Pick up your copy of this year's Lenten Devotional from the information table in the Gathering Space. Donations will go to The Society of St. Andrew, a United Methodist Non-Profit. Suggested donation per devotional is \$3.00.

Annual Easter Baskets Donations Needed by April 4

We are collecting small items (i.e. individualized wrapped candy (bunnies, chocolate eggs, crosses), cookies, chips, snack crackers, small water bottles, juice boxes, hand soap, notepaper, etc.) to make Easter baskets for congregation members that are home-bound or in hospitals and nursing homes. There is a large tote in front of the nursery to collect donated items. Thanks so much for your continued support! **The children hope to make 20 baskets on Sunday, April 6.**



Next Craft Workshop is Saturday, May 10

We will host our next craft workshop event on Saturday, **May 10** followed by a two-day event **August 15 & 16**. Let us know if you'd like to attend to craft along with us! Volunteer help and food donations will also be needed. Contact Karen Sladden (455-2920) or Sue Galligan (317-3138) if you would like to get involved in this fundraising effort.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Greece CROP HUNGER WALK

MAY 4, 2025

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Walk is a community, ecumenical effort to raise awareness and funds for Church World Service. The funds raised are used to end hunger and provide just and sustainable solutions to displacement and disaster at home and around the world. There are outdoor routes, from 0.5 to 2.5 miles for the walkers, as well as an indoor gym available.

The event starts at 1:00 PM, with registration and snacks available. The Walk will commence at 1:30 PM.

Join us in supporting our brothers and sisters around the world by raising funds and walking in the Greece CROP Hunger Walk!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/rochesterny>



Training for Volunteers Available

Be reminded that anyone who volunteers to work with our children, youth and vulnerable adults (including our 60+ folks) are required to attend this training. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jan Rothfuss.

Saturday, May 3, 2025: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Opens April 1, 2025 @ Midnight &
Closes April 30, 2025 @ Midnight (no exceptions)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/UGSg1m3ASA9yLsqW8>

Saturday, August 2, 2025: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Opens July 1, 2025 @ Midnight &
Closes July 30, 2025 @ Midnight (no exceptions)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/NZbjx91525fEw5629>

Saturday, November 1, 2025: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Opens October 1, 2025 @ Midnight &
Closes October 29, 2025 @ Midnight (no exceptions)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/c7vuv36VFcT2315F7>

Altar EASTER LILY & TULIPS Order Form

It's time to order the lily plants and tulip bouquets that will be used to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday. Plants can be taken home after the services that day. The cost for all plants is **\$10 each**.

Purchase quantity = Lilies: _____ Pink Tulips: _____ Red Tulips: _____ Yellow Tulips: _____ x \$10 ea. = _____

Indicate who you are honoring or remembering with each plant:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Orders with payment are due in the office between March 16 and April 6

Send form & check to church, or leave in offering plate. Clearly mark check: EASTER FLOWERS

OR: Fill out and turn in the form and make a credit card payment by calling Jan Winter at (585) 943-7353.

Thank You! ~ Altar Committee



Christian Education



Preschool Class at 11:00 AM in the Nursery

For Toddlers and Preschoolers

Songs, Bible Stories, Crafts and Play

Teacher: Nan Keller with an assistant

For the month of April, the children will learn about Palm Sunday and Easter, creating sticker story scenes, singing songs, and using special Holy Week Play-Doh mats.



Children's Sunday School (K-6th Grade)

Grow in Faith March Sunday School Calendar

April 6: *Grow Through Prayer:* Mathew 26: 31-58

Making Easter Cards and Baskets

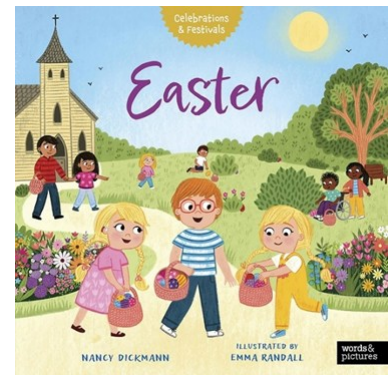
April 13: *Grow Through Praise:* Mathew 21: 1-11

Palm Sunday Parade and Dance



April 20: *Grow Through Love:* John 20:1-18, Happy Easter! Easter Egg Hunt between services. Make a beautiful cross or butterfly-stained glass effect suncatcher to hang up at home during class. Special music during Worship service.

April 27: *1 Grow Through Grace:* John 20:19-3, Learn about CWS and next week's Crop Hunger Walk * VBS volunteer sign-up sheet and short Q & A between services.



Read with Miss Rhonda

Book of the Month for April —

Celebrations & Festivals: Easter

By Nancy Dickmann, Illustrations by Emma Randall

Discover the meaning of Easter and learn how children all around the world celebrate this Christian festival.

Sam and his siblings are inviting you to celebrate with them! Join in as they prepare in the lead-up to the festival: Bake Easter treats, dye eggs, attend church, spot Spring flowers and new life, hunt for eggs, and enjoy a wonderful Easter Sunday of food and fun with all the family. Along the way, you'll learn all about this Spring-time festival, including: The significance of Shrove Tuesday and the period of lent, the importance of the Easter story and Jesus' sacrifice, the fun to be had baking Easter treats and dying eggs, the delicious food eaten and the fun to be had on Easter day, from egg hunts to Easter lunch.

The joy and excitement of this Christian festival are brought to even more life with:

- Instructions to make your own Easter basket
- A recipe to make delicious hot cross buns
- A fun quiz to try out all your knowledge (**Cokesbury**)

SCUBA VBS is Coming to Aldersgate UMC This Summer!

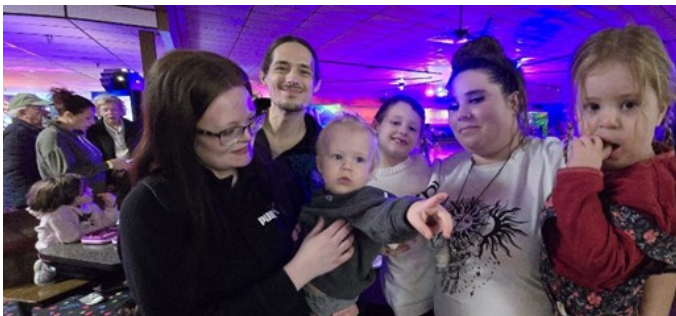
August 11-14 (Monday-Thursday)

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Registration will begin in June.

If you would like to join our scuba diving team, please contact Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or Brian Winter at bwinter@aumcgreece.org. We will have a sign-up sheet and short Q & A between services on April 27. We need you!

Youth corner



Horizon Fun FX

On Sunday, March 30, the youth, children, and parents gathered for a day of food, fun and fellowship—king of the hill, skating, games, and an intense yet fun round of laser tag—at Horizon Fun FX. It was a great time for everyone!

Youth Schedule

April 6: Confirmation (10:30 AM, Room 2) –
Service, Mission, and Evangelism

April 11: Group Night (7:00 PM)

April 13: Break week. No Confirmation.

April 20: Easter. No Confirmation.

April 25: Group Night (7:00 PM)

April 27: Confirmation (10:30 AM, Room 2) –
Service, Mission, and Evangelism (pt. 2)

Save the Date:

- **Kingdom Bound:** Monday, July 28 at Darien Lake.

Questions?

bwinter@aumcgreece.org



Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group's bottle and can drive! Please keep them coming!



Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group



United Women in Faith

Reading Circle Book for April

Join the Reading Circle on Thursday, April 10 at 1:30 PM in the church library when we will discuss *An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. We have multiple copies of the book; contact Maureen Whalen at whalenmt.7976@gmail.com or call her at 581-9164 if you are interested or for more information. All are welcome.

"Excuse me lady, do you have any spare change? I am hungry." When I heard him, I didn't really hear him. His words were part of the clatter, like a car horn or someone yelling for a cab. They were, you could say, just noise — the kind of nuisance New Yorkers learn to tune out. So I walked right by him, as if he wasn't there. But then, just a few yards past him, I stopped. And then — and I'm still not sure why I did this — I came back. When Laura Schroff first met Maurice on a New York City street corner, she had no idea that she was standing on the brink of an incredible and unlikely friendship that would inevitably change both their lives. As one lunch at McDonald's with Maurice turns into two, then into a weekly occurrence that is fast growing into an inexplicable connection, Laura learns heart-wrenching details about Maurice's horrific childhood.



S.A.I.L Exercise Program Continuing

The United Women in Faith will continue to sponsor the SAIL class (Stay Active and Independent for Life). It is a program centered around strength, balance, and aerobics (low impact) for Adults. Julie Battaglia from Lifespan will be teaching this class for us.

There is a class going on now that ends on May 16. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:00 PM and cost \$25 for 8 weeks.

Check the Midweek Moments and Bulletin for more information.



Yarn & Darn — April 1 & May 6

If you like to knit/crochet (Yarn), bring your needles and yarn or if you have a sewing project (Darn) you are working on, join us in the former office space in the basement from 1:00 to 2:30 PM the first Tuesday of each month. Come enjoy the fellowship while doing God's work.



Annual Rummage and Bake Sale Returns!

Mark your calendars now for October 9, 10 & 11

We will begin collecting items for the Rummage Sale on Sunday, September 28, after the 11:00 service in the Ide Family Life Center. **Help will be needed before, during, and after the sale. We will also need people to bake their delicious treats to sell.**



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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

4/6 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

4/13 — Susan DeVincentis

4/20 — Susan DeVincentis

4/27 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

4/6 — Nancy & Terry Young

4/13 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

4/20 — Nancy & Terry Young

4/27 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

7:00 PM — Maundy Thursday

4/17 — Terry & Nancy Young

7:00 PM — Good Friday

4/18 — Mark & Susan DeVincentis

Live Streaming

4/6 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

4/13 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Mary Sims & Britta Muoio

4/17 — **Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 PM**

TBD

4/20 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

4/27 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Rich Keller & Dave Roza

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

4/6 — Sandi Norris

4/13 — Debbie Simm

4/20 — Sharon Bartter

4/27 — Carol DeCann

11:00 AM

4/6 — Nancy Young

4/13 — Gary Hogestyn

4/20 — Brian Winter

4/27 — Candy Metzger

Nursery Workers

9:30 AM

4/6 — Anna Simm

4/13 — Julia Troiano

4/20 — open

4/27 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

4/6 — Joyce Chun

4/13 — Joyce Chun

4/20 — Joyce Chun

4/27 — Joyce Chun

Let's Celebrate!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Peeck	April 1
Natasha Burdick-Carstens	April 4
Judy Hare	April 6
Charlotte Ridley	April 21
Kevin Roza	April 23
Kathy Peck	April 24
Elizabeth Robinson-Bartter	April 26
Dennis Simm	April 28
Jennifer Crandell	April 29
Bobbi Mohrmann	April 30

The 2025 Crop Hunger Walk theme is Chickens, Beans, and Big Dreams!



END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME THROUGH THE CROP HUNGER WALK!

YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

nutritious FOOD clean WATER safe HOMES

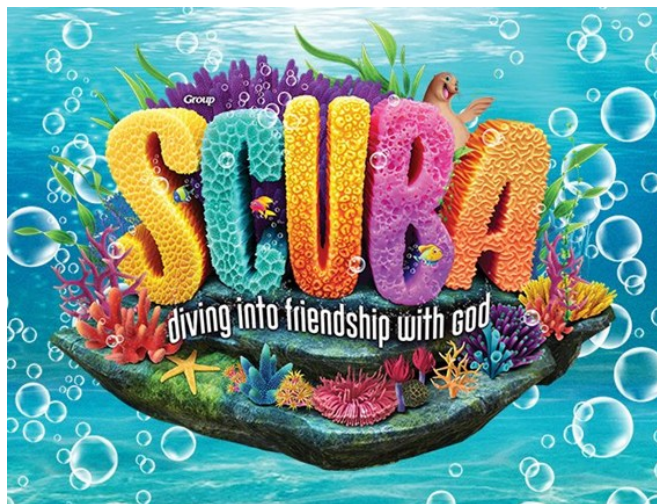
SIGN-UP, START A TEAM, OR DONATE TODAY AT CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG/ROCHESTERNY

SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT ALDERSGATE UMC

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Registration/Snacks: 1pm
Walk: 1:30 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY →



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