

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — June 2025



From the Pastor

Dear Aldersgate Church Family,

As I prepare to say goodbye at the end of this month, my heart is full. When I arrived in July 2023, I never imagined how quickly and deeply I would grow to love this church. Though I have served here just two years, it feels as if we have shared five or six—because of the strong bonds we have formed and the meaningful journey we have walked together.

It has been a true honor to serve as your pastor. I am especially grateful for our every Sunday worship—those sacred gatherings where we experienced the presence of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. I also give thanks for every Saturday morning prayer meeting—those quiet, holy moments when we gathered to pray and then stayed to share fellowship. I will never forget the warmth of our monthly community dinners, where we welcomed neighbors and served with Christ's love. VBS, the Christmas Concerts, craft workshops, and so many other events showed me how alive this church is.

I also want to thank the church council members who worked faithfully to build up the body of Christ. Your commitment and heart for ministry inspired me. Visiting many of you, hearing your stories, praying together—these personal connections have been one of the greatest joys of my time here.

On July 1st, I will begin a new role as District Superintendent. I carry your prayers and love with me as I move into this next chapter. Though I will no longer serve as your pastor, you will remain in my heart.

Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine. May the Lord continue to bless Aldersgate and lead this church with grace, faith, and hope.

With deep gratitude,
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 & Ali Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Shirley & Ed Geier, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Mary Lou Jones, Rich Keegan, Sylvia Lynch, Harry & Roxana Muthersbaugh, Suzanne Nyantole, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Charlotte & Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Laura Wagner, Jan & Bob 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); 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); Steve, Layla Jean, Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsh); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Marianne Galligan, Reed & 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); Ellie Wagner (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 Shirley, Matthew (Annette Thompson); Joe Troiano (Julia Troiano); 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); Sullivan, Penny Baart

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.



(Terry & Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Hild (Wallace, Burke) who died on May 10.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Joe (Joseph) Quirk, who died unexpectedly on May 17.

July/August 2025 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to:

karensadden@hotmail.com

Church Events & Opportunities



June 6 Concert at Aldersgate

Our Aldersgate United Methodist Church is hosting the Rochester Grace Choir for a concert on **June 6**. Grace Choir (Grace also stands for Greater Rochester Area Christian Ensemble) is an interdenominational, community-based Christian choir under the direction of Dr. Lon Beery. The choir performs a variety of sacred music, focusing primarily on contemporary gospel styles including Southern Gospel, Black Gospel, and Contemporary Christian music. The choir seeks to demonstrate the unity of the body of Christ through shared ministry.

"Believe For It!" will be presented at **7:30 PM**. The concert is free to attend, but money collected by free-will offering will be used to support our Aldersgate **Ministry Shares**. This is being promoted as a community-wide concert so be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. Bring a handshake and a smile as we welcome all.

Combined Service at 10:00 AM on June 8 to Celebrate Pentecost & Confirmation

Please join us at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 8, as we celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday! On that morning, we will have special music from our Contemporary Worship Team, Chancel Choir and African Choir. Also, we will joyfully witness the Confirmation of a dedicated group of young students from our church. Following our combined worship, all are invited to participate in a Fellowship and Snack Time in our gathering space. And we hope you'll help by bringing a snack to share with others! Look for a sign-up sheet on the Opportunity Bulletin Board at church!



United Methodist Native American Sunday — June 15

On June 15 we will celebrate United Methodist Native American Sunday special offering. Mark your calendar.



United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. The United Methodist Church acknowledges a gap in understanding Native American life and culture, while affirming the sacredness of Indigenous peoples, their languages, their unique identities and their contributions to the church and the world.

Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry.

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. 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 June, being sure to include a notation for "Native American Sunday."

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

Safe Sanctuaries 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, 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>

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 June, the children will be learning about prayer. The children will learn about Jesus' love for us through stories, art, songs and play.



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

Grow in Faith May Sunday School Calendar

June 1: Pastor Chun's Celebration and Pot-Luck Luncheon at 12:15 PM. Recite Psalm 23!

June 8: Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday! Wear the color red. Make a Pentecost Paper Crown to wear. One Worship service at 10:00 AM.



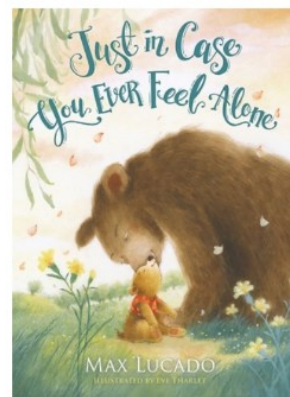
June 15: Happy Father's Day! Donuts for Dad after each worship service. Make Dad/Grandpa/Uncle a special card!

June 22: Graduation Sunday! Celebrate our Aldersgate UMC Graduates!

June 29: Teacher Appreciation Sunday! Summer Bucket List & Popsicles on the Playground



Separate Sunday School classes for Preschool and High School will conclude for the summer months on June 29 and resume on Sunday, September 7. However, All-in-One Sunday School classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will continue throughout the summer months with Miss Rhonda & Mr. Brian.



Read with Miss Rhonda

Book of the Month for June —

Just in Case You Ever Feel Alone by Max Lucado

Even children experience lonely moments. When they do, this book reminds them that you will always be there, and God is right there too. Max Lucado's comforting words reinforce the thought that no matter what happens — the good and bad, the firsts and lasts — children will never be alone... just in case they ever wonder.

To a child, a day can last forever, and hurt feelings sink in deep. Whether they're having trouble making friends, struggling to learn something new, or just having a sad day, children need daily reminders of how much they are cherished. *Just in Case You Ever Feel Alone* soothes away loneliness by promising children that their parents or caregivers will always make time for them — they will squeeze away the sad and welcome back the glad every single day.

Draw your little ones close as you affirm your unconditional love for them and God's never-ending presence and desire to be with His children. (Cokesbury)



Rhonda Simonelli: 9:30 & 11:00 K-6th grades

Brian Winter: Confirmation Class

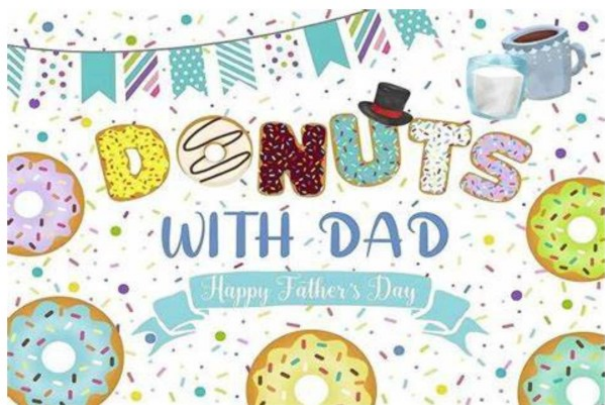
John Simm: 10:45 High School

Nan Keller: 11:00 Toddler & Pre-K

Pastor Doug Hess, Annette Thompson and Sharon

Bartter: 11:00 Adult Sunday School

We will be honoring you on Sunday, June 29, at both Worship Services!



Sunday, June 15th! Let's celebrate our wonderful dads with the perfect Sunday treat — Wegmans donuts! Enjoy great fellowship and tasty bites after each Worship service!



Congratulations to our High School Graduates, Molly Donovan and Ella Simonelli! Join us as we celebrate their achievements on **Sunday, June 22**, at both Worship Services!



Outdoor Summer Fun Day!

Wednesday, July 16

For all Aldersgate Families!

Side yard at Aldersgate UMC 10:00 AM-12:00(ish) PM

Bible message Skit, Beach-themed crafts, Water balloons, Octopus tag, Pizza, and Kona Ice Truck!

Please sign up today on the bulletin board, connection card, or email Rhonda rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org. If you would like to help out at this event, please let me know!

For All Aldersgate Families!



Faith and Family Night at the Ballpark!

Friday, July 11 at 6:45 PM

Rochester Red Wings vs. Worcester Red Sox

Join us for a special evening featuring a pre-game musical performance by Mission Rochester, presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

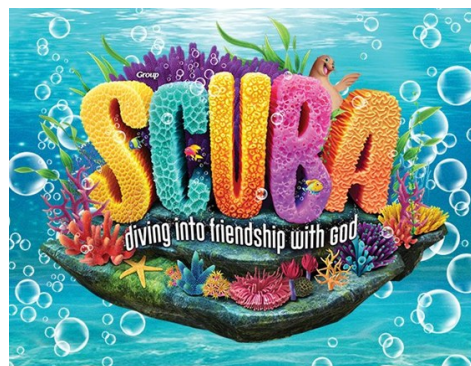
Tickets: \$10.00 each Adult & \$5.00 per Child
(For Group Pricing we need at least 20 people)

Sign-Up & Payment Deadline: Sunday, June 29th

Secure your tickets by signing up on the bulletin board or emailing Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org.

Payment options: Cash or check payable to AUMC
(Memo line: Red Wings Baseball Game)

Don't miss this exciting night of baseball, music, and fellowship!

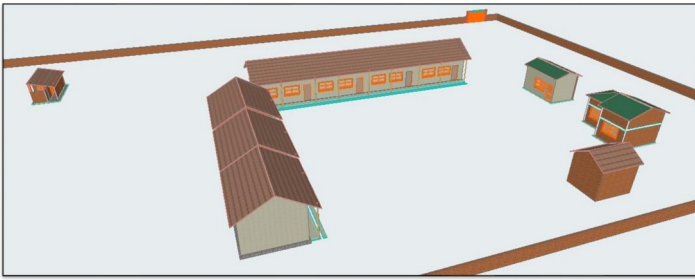


SCUBA VBS is Coming to Aldersgate UMC This Summer!

August 11-14 (Monday-Thursday), 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Registration begins this month.

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. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the main bulletin board. We need you on our SCUBA Diving Team! We will be having a team meeting in July.



Update To Ebenezer Hope Ministries School Building Project in Africa

The first classroom building for this project, built with your donations, was recently completed, and classes were started in early 2025.

- Currently there are 180 students in four classrooms, 84 girls and 96 boys.
- While many of these students are refugees in the Nakivale Camp, there are 20 students able to pay tuition of 18,000 Ugandan Shillings.
- These tuition payments are supporting the operation of the school.

The following web address (link) will take you to the Aldersgate UMC web page containing an update for this project. There are two video links on this update page showing activity in some of the classrooms: <https://aumcgreece.org/update-school-building-project-in-africa/>

One video shows excited students learning to count in English. The other video shows students learning to spell in English, focusing on the word “Drinking” for this video.

Thank you for your support of this project. Pastor Renzha will be in Africa in June to guide construction of the other six classroom buildings, library, canteen, and office.

Please continue to support this project with your donations marked “African School Project.”

Ministry Shares Fundraising Update

May was Ministry Shares month at Aldersgate! We learned that each United Methodist church in our Upper New York Conference is assessed a fair share of our total Conference Annual budget. We refer to this amount as our Ministry Share, and it’s used for mission and outreach — both nationally and internationally. Our Ministry Share money is also used for a variety of trainings, as well as our Conference Resource Center — a library that provides resources for our Sunday School and Small Groups. Additionally, our church has benefitted from grants provided by Conference agencies. During our Ministry Shares Campaign this month, our church collected \$2,034! This is exciting, and we hope you will keep Ministry Share giving in your mind going forward. There will continue to be brightly labelled envelopes in our chair backs for the next few months, and you can also continue to give by check (indicating Ministry Share on the Memo line) or via our online Vanco giving site. Thank you for your generosity!



NEW RECORD! HOORAY!

Crop Hunger Walk Totals Are In!

Aldersgate United Methodist Church raised an amazing \$2,378.78 to help fight hunger!

A huge thank you to our incredible Crop Hunger Walkers and generous donors! On May 4th, 42 participants from Aldersgate UMC joined together to walk for a cause, raising an amazing grand total of \$14,039.74! Your support makes a difference — 25% of the funds go to the Greece Food Shelf. Special thanks to Mark’s Pizzeria for donating delicious pizza and to Wegmans for providing healthy snacks. We all had a fantastic time walking to end hunger! *(Photo of walkers below.)*





United Women in Faith

Reading Circle End-of-Season Lunch on June 12

The Reading Circle has just wrapped up an interesting year of good books and conversations. To top off the season, on Thursday, June 12 at 12:30 PM, we are gathering at Bill Gray's Restaurant at the Port to enjoy lunch together. We invite anyone who might be interested to join us and find out what Reading Circle is all about. Email Maureen Whalen at whalenmt.7976@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

Let's Celebrate!!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gretta Schaefer	June 1
Michael Bartter	June 3
Carol DeCann	June 7
Michael Simonelli	June 10
Betty Baybutt	June 12
Mark DeVincentis	June 12
Rick Donovan	June 12
Robert Farrell	June 12
Julia Troiano	June 16
Betty Judd	June 17
Jan Rothfuss	June 19
Candy Metzger	June 24
Music Sims	June 25
Edward Carstens	June 29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann	June 6
Chitie & Dick Edgett	June 7
John & Sue Zorn	June 11
Bob & Jan Winter	June 15
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29
Roger & Charlotte Ridley	June 29

Yarn & Darn — June 3

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 and donate their delicious treats to sell.** Stay tuned for sign-up sheets and more details.

Join the UMC Discipleship Ministries Summer Reading Challenge

Embark on a journey of spiritual growth and discovery. This year, we'll be reading through **Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians** — three powerful letters from the apostle Paul that continue to shape our faith and understanding of Christian community.

The challenge begins **Monday, June 9**, and concludes **Saturday, July 26**. Each day, we will read **one chapter**, walking together through Paul's teachings on faith, grace, love, and the call to live as disciples of Christ.

Sign up online: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge>.

Flexible Reading Options:

1. Read from your own Bible, allowing you to engage with the familiar pages, translation, and language you prefer.
2. Read the day's chapter via email, making it convenient to keep up with the readings wherever you are. We will be using the Common English Bible.

Let's begin this journey with open hearts and expectant spirits!

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

6/1 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

6/15 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

6/22 — Rich & Bobbi Morhmann

6/29 — Susan DeVincentis

10:00 AM

6/8 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

11:00 AM

6/1 — Nancy & Terry Young

6/15 — Nancy & Terry Young

6/22 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

6/29 — Nancy & Terry Young

Live Streaming

6/1 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Rich Keller & Mary Sims

6/8 — **Combined (Pentecost) @**

10:00 AM — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

6/15 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Mary Sims & Dave Roza

6/22 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

6/29 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Rich Keller & Dave Roza

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

6/1 — Sandi Norris

6/15 — Debbie Simm

6/22 — Bobbi Mohrmann

6/29 — Rich Keller

10:00 AM

6/8 — Jan Rothfuss

11:00 AM

6/1 — Nancy Young

6/15 — Gary Hogestyn

6/22 — Sue Zorn

6/29 — Candy Metzger

Nursery Workers

9:30 AM

6/1 — Debbie Simm

6/15 — Bobbi Mohrmann

6/22 — Julia Troiano

6/29 — Anna Simm

10:00 AM

6/8 — Open

11:00 AM

6/1 — Joyce Chun

6/15 — Open

6/22 — Open

6/29 — Open

Save the date: Panera Bread Fundraiser Night

July 21, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
800 Greece Ridge Center Drive, Greece, NY

Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

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WILL BE
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