

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — October 2025



From the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus! What a blast I have had over the past few weeks meeting with more than 50 of you. Although we journey together, each of us is on our own journey with God and each journey is unique. I was truly blessed by everyone who opened up and shared, sometimes very personal facts, about your life. And after hearing your stories, I am more confident than ever that God has been, is and will continue to be at work in our world and in our lives!!!! There are a few others who have indicated a desire to meet and I am working on getting another time set up soon.

The next step in our transition is for me to hear the stories about Aldersgate UMC. See page 9 for information about our history event. I truly hope that many of you can and will attend. I know from experience these events can be a great time of remembering (or learning about) what has happened in the past (both celebrations and challenges). And most importantly, this is a great opportunity to celebrate and honor God's presence in the history of our church.

While we can celebrate what God has done in the past and the joy we have experienced as we have begun being in ministry together, we do not know what the future holds. There are challenges we face as a church, but challenges are an opportunity to trust God and to seek God's will. There is a prayer that has become one of my favorites. Thomas Merton was baptized at the age of 23 and became a trappist Monk. His writings and thoughts have had a profound influence on many Christians – especially his spiritual autobiography, *The Seven Story Mountain*. Many have found this Merton prayer meaningful, especially during times of uncertainty and so I share it with you. Peace and be well!

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.
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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, Ted Carstens, Dick Caupp, Mike Dunn, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Bette Edgett, Joyce & Ali Farrokh, Patti Forbes, Shirley Geier, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Mary Lou Jones, Dick Keegan, Debbie Lenau, Harry & Roxana Muthersbaugh, Suzanne Nyantole, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Charlotte & Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, John Simm, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Laura Wagner, David Whitt, Bob Winter, Jeanette Zeh 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; Brother Andy, Denise, James, Maddie, Selina, sister Nikki, Mike Sullivan (Gloria Baker); sister Diana Ross, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Lisa Robinson (Karen Best); Bernice Bird; Steve, Layla Jean, Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsh); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Marianne Galligan, Reed & Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); Brandon Gilzow (Tammy Gilzow); Jason DelVecchio, Carol Poole, Billy Haley; 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; Doug Potter, sister Susan Kiesel (Sabrina McLeod); Roger (Candy Metzger); Bonnie Bush, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); Mary Jane Bargy (Debbie Pankey); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Ellie Wagner (Karen Rice); 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); 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; sister Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh)

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

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 Wilson at PastorWilson@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 Live Stream and use email communication, we want to respect those who wish their prayer request to remain confidential.



Third graders James Conlin, Teddy Muoio and Iris Simonelli received Bibles from Pastor Wilson during the September 7 service.

Church Events & Opportunities



Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

October 9 (9:30 a.m.-6:00 PM), October 10 (9:30 AM-6:00 PM) & October 11 (9:30 AM-12:30 PM)

Drop off donations in the Ide Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through Tuesday, October 7.

We need help before, during and after to make this Rummage Sale a success. Sign up on the bulletin board. Help areas include:

- Sorting items and putting them on the tables.
- Pricing items.
- **Baking and donating delicious treats to sell.**
- Help the days of the sale — cashiers, bake sale, greeters, people to walk around & put items in order.
- People to come the last day and pack up items.

Contact Candy Metzger with any questions: 355-9542

United Methodist World Communion Sunday, Oct. 5

World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students.

Contributions fund scholarships for U.S. and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity, and access training.

Special offering envelopes will be provided at our in-person worship service that day. Give online using our site: give.aumcgreece.org selecting the World Communion offering choice. Feel free to make your donation any time in October, being sure to include a notation for "World Communion Sunday."

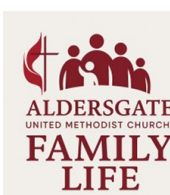
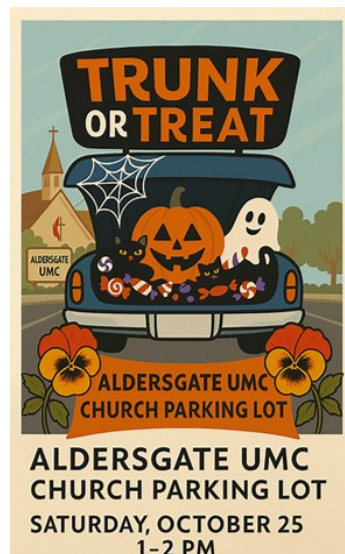
Thank you in advance for your generous support.
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

Outdoor Fall Fun at Aldersgate! 🎃 Trunk or Treat in the Church Parking Lot Saturday, October 25 1:00–2:00 PM

Get ready for a joyful afternoon of costumes, candy, and creativity!

🚗 **Decorate your car** 🎃
Dress in costume 🎃 **Hand out treats**
Prize awarded for the most creative trunk theme!

Enjoy **pizza, festive treats, and beverages** while celebrating with friends and family. All Aldersgate members, family and guests are welcome—**please invite your friends!** Special Visit from Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse! He will be handing out coupons and candy again this year!



Sign up on the main bulletin board or email **Rhonda Simonelli** at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org. (In case of inclement weather, we'll move indoors and decorate tables instead.)



Annual Church Conference, Oct. 19

The Annual Church Conference for Aldersgate UMC will be held on October 19, beginning with a meal at 5:00 PM. We will be joined by the folks from the Hilton UMC who will be holding their Conference concurrently with ours. Everyone is invited and all professing members will have a vote. Business will include the approval of pastoral compensation packages, Lay Speaker reports, and acceptance of other reports required by the Annual Conference. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Those with last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a dish to share or a salad, while M-Z are asked to bring a dessert.



Can You Help on Sunday Mornings?

Worship is how we praise and celebrate our God through the word, scripture, music, prayer, communion and so much more. Our Pastor and music directors lead us in setting our worship environment. The worship committee works to support them and our congregations during our services and behind the scenes. Currently we have several areas where we could use more support. If everyone would help 3 or 4 time a year, as able, it would make a huge difference. The areas where we could most use more people power are (with coordinators listed): **A/V** (Juan Ruiz), **Choir Members** (Savannah Norton), **Contemporary Worship Team** (Brandon Kelley), **Nursery**, especially for 11:00 service (Debbie Simm), **PowerPoint slides** (Maureen Whalen), **Security during services** (Mark DeVincentis), **Ushers** (Susan DeVincentis - 9:30 service, Nancy Young - 11:00 service), and **Coffee Hour** help. Orientation and/or training are provided for some areas. Volunteers are welcome in any area whether "listed" or not. Pastor Wilson and Bobbi Mohrmann (committee chair) are available for any questions or information. Thank you for prayerfully considering these requests.



Training for Volunteers Available

Anyone who volunteers to work with our children, youth and vulnerable adults (including our 60+ folks) is required to attend this training. If you have any questions, contact Jan Rothfuss.

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>

November 2025 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

Next Craft Workshop is November 28 — Join in the Fun or Volunteer to Help!

We will host our next craft workshop on **Black Friday, November 28**. We welcome anyone working on their latest crafty projects — scrapbooks, card making, sewing, painting, needlework or anything else!

The event is from 9:00 AM—9:00 PM. You get an 8' table to work on your projects. Breakfast and lunch are included. The cost to attend is \$45 if registered by Nov. 15.

We will need help setting up on Wednesday evening. We could also use help serving meals, as well as cleaning up the kitchen afterward. If you would prefer to make a food donation, we need eggs, soups, sandwich fixings and desserts. Contact Karen Sladden (455-2920) or Sue Galligan (317-3138) to sign up and to let us know how you want to help with this fundraising effort.

Calling All Writers & Artists!

We're gathering **26 short, Spirit-filled devotions** (300 words or less) to create our very own 2025 **AUMC Advent Devotional Book**.

This year's theme is **God with Us, Matthew 1:23**. Let your words and creativity help us celebrate the season and share the light of Christ!

Submissions are welcome from **individuals, families, youth, and small groups**—and we'd love to include **original artwork** to accompany the reflections.

Each devotion should have a title, a meaningful scripture, and a closing prayer to reflect the heart of your message.

Due by Tuesday, November 11 (electronic submissions preferred). Contact Rhonda Simonelli if you have any questions, rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org.



Christmas Tree Needed for the Sanctuary

We're looking for a **10–12 ft. Christmas tree** to grace our sanctuary in time for the **Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, November 30**. If you feel led to donate a tree this year, please reach out to **Rhonda Simonelli**. Your generosity will help make the season

bright for our entire church family

Stewardship Corner



Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

This is the time of year when church leaders begin to work out the budget for 2026. In order to determine our spending budget, we need to estimate our income, and the best way for us to do that is through our members pledged support. The church functions because of the faithful commitment of our collective time, talents and treasure.

Starting on October 26, we will focus on Generosity; Receiving God's Blessings, Managing God's Blessings and Sharing God's Blessings. Sunday, November 16 will be Commitment Sunday where we will offer our pledged support for Aldersgate in 2026.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. ***"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"*** (Luke 6:38).

Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature.

Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

We believe these three weeks will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

Let's Celebrate!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Benton	October 1
Sharon Bartter	October 2
Annette Thompson	October 5
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Dale DeCann	October 12
Zachary Farrell	October 16
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18
Ella Simonelli	October 19
Nancy Young	October 20
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Bette Edgett	October 25
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Sabrina McLeod & Gretta Schaefer	October 7
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
John & Karen Best	October 20



United Women in Faith

S.A.I.L Exercise Program Continuing

The UWF will continue to sponsor the SAIL class. It is a program centered around strength, balance, and aerobics (low impact) for Adults. Julie Battaglia from Lifespan will be our instructor.

This session runs October 14 – December 16. No class on November 4th, 14th & 28th. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:00 PM for \$25 for 8 weeks.

There are only a couple of spots open. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

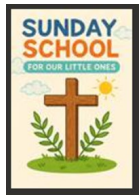


Christian Education

Sunday School for Little Ones

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Location: Room 7

Teachers: Anna Simm, Julia Troiano and more to come!



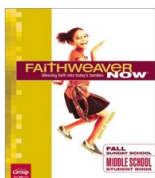
A special class designed for young children who thrive with extra support, where God's love shines through every lesson. Join us as we nurture faith, joy, and belonging in every child—celebrating the unique way God made each one.

This month, we celebrate God's faithfulness through the stories of Noah and Moses. With joyful songs, playful activities, and meaningful lessons, children will experience the wonder of God's promises and the joy of learning together.

Faith Weavers – Middle School Sunday School

Grades 6–8 | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Location: Room 3/4, **Teacher:** Rhonda Simonelli



Middle schoolers are invited to dive deeper into their faith journey with *Faith Weavers*. Through engaging discussions, activities, and scripture, students will explore how faith weaves into every part of life—school, friendships, challenges, and growth.

This month, our class will focus on King David and King Solomon. Through the books of *Samuel*, *Kings*, *Psalms*, and *Proverbs*, we'll explore their faith, leadership, and the enduring lessons God teaches through their lives and writings. From David's heartfelt prayers to Solomon's wise counsel, we'll reflect on how their stories and words continue to shape our understanding of what it means to walk with God.

Preschool Sunday School

Ages 3–5 | Sundays at 11:00 AM

Location: Room 7, **Teachers:** Nan Keller & Assistant



Our Preschool Class offers a joyful and nurturing environment where young children begin to discover God's love through songs, stories, play, and hands-on activities. This class helps little ones build a foundation of faith in a way that's fun and age appropriate.

This month, our children will explore the love and teachings of Jesus through Bible stories and joyful songs—including "Jesus Loves Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and "The B-I-B-L-E." These timeless tunes help reinforce God's truth in a fun and memorable way.

Big Faith – Elementary Sunday School

Grades K–5 | Sundays at 11:00 AM

Location: Room 3/4, **Teacher:** Rhonda Simonelli



Join us for Big Faith, a dynamic and engaging Sunday School class designed just for elementary students! Through stories, activities, and meaningful lessons, kids will explore what it means to grow in faith and follow Jesus in everyday life.

Our focus this month is on God's protection, as seen in the lives of David, Elijah, and Esther. Through these Bible lessons, children will discover how God gives courage, provides in times of need, and places us where we can make a difference

High School Sunday School

Grades 9–12 | Sundays at 10:45 AM

Location: Fellowship Hall, **Teacher:** John Simm



High school students are invited to a space where faith meets real life. Through thought-provoking movies and open discussions, this class sparks meaningful conversations about spirituality and everyday challenges.

This month, we'll gather to watch and reflect on *The Shack*, a powerful story that opens the door to meaningful conversations about faith, forgiveness, and God's presence in our suffering. Through this film, we'll explore what it truly means to trust God in the hardest moments.



Autumn Leaf Café ☀ Sunday, October 5

Between Services (10:30-11:00)

Treat yourself to a **homemade Apple Crisp Sundae!**

The Johnny Appleseed Blessing

*Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me.
Anonymous*





Read with Miss Rhonda

In social entrepreneur Rebecca Hui's *Old Enough to Make a Difference*, meet 12 enterprising and inspiring kids from around the world who have started businesses to help people and the planet, featuring full-color illustrations by Anneli Bray.

Be inspired by these real-life children building businesses for a more sustainable future:

- Maya from Georgia who is fighting fast fashion
- Lena from Germany who is working to end period poverty
- Reyhan from Azerbaijan who is promoting green energy
- Fabienne from the Netherlands who is reducing paper waste
- Chmba from Malawi who is supporting women and girls through arts and education
- Thomas from France who is protecting our oceans
- Aahan and Amal from the United Kingdom who are putting a stop to single-use straws
- Jiahua from China who is redistributing food destined for landfill
- Chaeli from South Africa who is campaigning for disability access
- Archie from Australia who is an ambassador of the Seabin Project
- Jefferson from Kenya who is growing food through sustainable farming
- Omid from Italy who is making healthcare more accessible

Their acts of social enterprise are bringing positive change. Learn about the work they do and discover how the future of our world starts here. . . with you.

(Amazon)

Sunday, October 26 For All Children & Youth *Pumpkin Carving Fun with Christian Symbols*

Children & Youth are welcome to wear their **friendly Halloween costumes** to church if they'd like. Enjoy **cider and donuts during class** as we celebrate faith and fall together!



Oak Leaf Café on Sunday, October 19

Bake Sale: Please donate plated cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and breads to sell. Each plate should be priced between **\$5.00–\$10.00**. Thank you for your delicious donations!

Latte Station: We'll be serving **Vanilla and Caramel Lattes**—perfect for a crisp October morning!



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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

10/5 — Susan DeVincentis

10/12 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

10/19 — Susan DeVincentis

10/26 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

10/5 — Nancy & Terry Young

10/12 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

10/19 — Nancy & Terry Young

10/26 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

Live Streaming

10/5 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Mary Sims & Rich Keller

10/12 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**

Juan & Tammy Ruiz

10/19 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**

Mary Sims & Rich Keller

10/26 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**

Juan & Tammy Ruiz



Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

10/5 — Bobbi Mohrmann

10/12 — Sharon Bartter

10/19 — Carol DeCann

10/26 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

10/5 — Nancy Young

10/12 — Denise Hogestyn

10/19 — Nancy Young

10/26 — Candy Metzger

Nursery Workers

9:30 AM

10/5 — Anna Simm

10/12 — Debbie Simm

10/19 — Bobbi Mohrmann

10/26 — Open

11:00 AM

10/5 — Open

10/12 — Open


10/19 — Open

10/26 — Open



Our children, youth and entire congregation wished Brian Winter good luck with his new job during his final Sunday with us on September 7.

Save These Dates in November!




Fundraising


Join us for dine in or curbside pick-up on
Monday, November 3, from 3pm to 10pm
for a **FUNDRAISING NIGHT** to support
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Texas Roadhouse® Greece will donate a percentage of your
total food purchases, dine in or takeout, to the fundraiser!
10% back guaranteed
15% for sales \$1,500-\$1,999
20% for sales greater than \$2,000

Support Aldersgate United Methodist Church
by presenting this invitation to your server at
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phone) in lieu of paper copy but may not be distributed on Texas Roadhouse property*



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Annual Food Friend-Z Auction

Friday, November 14 at 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 will start with a spaghetti dinner and some table trivia. Then Auctioneer Sue Zorn 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 the AUMC Ministry Shares for the Greater United Methodist church.

Sign-up sheets will be on the Opportunity Board by mid-October as well as forms for making your donation(s) to the event. Be on the lookout for both!



A lively crowd enjoyed apple cider and donuts at the Blue Barn Cidery on Sunday afternoon, September 21

Sharing AUMC's Story, Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:00 AM

Come share your Aldersgate memories! Lunch will be provided. Discussion will begin with the earliest pastor those present can remember and move forward one pastor at a time. Questions will include: What was happening at the church during this time? What celebrations do you remember? What challenges did you face? Plan on joining us as we honor God through sharing the history of the church.

