

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — June 2026

From the Pastor

As Pastor Wilson recuperates from recent surgery, he is forgoing sending an article for this month. So; I am using this space for my:

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

I had both some family upheaval and some financial issues just before leaving for the **United Methodists of Upper New York Annual Conference** meeting in Syracuse, at the end of last month. I even began to doubt if I could go. (I should have learned by now never to doubt God!) But then, a member of our congregation loved on me. I would even say loved “Boldly” on me.

And that was this year’s theme for Annual Conference: “*Rise Up; Love Boldly!*” Actually, it is the first of a 3 year arc: “*Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously.*” **Bishop Hector** reminded us that our church’s future (both locally and the whole church) will not be formed by clever strategies but by being “radically committed to loving God and neighbor... Going deeper in love with God and wider in love with neighbor...Bold love sees God in everyone (and) everything depends on Love!”

Our Guest speaker, **Rev. Ken Willard** spoke to us about Evangelism. Evangelism doesn’t have to mean knocking on doors or standing on street corners. He quoted **Martha Grace Reece**, from her book: “*Unbinding the Gospel*”: She encourages us by saying: “Anything that helps people move closer to Jesus and into Christian community is Evangelism.” He did, at least in part, dispute the idea of: “Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words” saying that we will have to use words, but those words have to be used with “kindness and respect.”

The Conference commissioned 1 Deaconess, commissioned 3 elders (which is the step before ordination) and ordained 5 elders! At the Ordination service **Rev. De-lores Williamson** reminded those being ordained/commissioned, and all of us, that everyone we serve or we will come across is “somebody’s child.” She told us, as we’re told in *Hebrews 12:11* to “throw off everything that hinders,” all of the doubts and worries about what it will look like and “Boldly love somebody’s child!” We don’t even have to worry about how well it works, because: “If the willingness is there the service is acceptable to God.” **Rev. Williamson** is from New Orleans and, before the service was done, she had us dancing in the aisles! Yes; we attend Conference to do the “work of the church,” but we have fun too! Back to that work; we passed a Conference budget, slightly smaller than last year, with a slight reduction in apportionments. And, while I had left before then, they solidified Pastoral Appointments, affirming that we, at Aldersgate UMC/Greece NY are BLESSED with **Rev. Dr. Wilson Jones** for at least one more year, hopefully many more! (We Love You, Pastor Wilson, Godspeed In recovery!)

Sharon Bartter – Lay Representative to Annual Conference



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Our Ministry of Concern

Prayer Concerns

People are added to this list from requests given to Chitie, Diana or on Sunday mornings in the previous month..
Please contact Chitie or Diana with new prayer concerns.

Aldersgate people with new or ongoing health concerns:

Rick & Gloria Baker, Natasha Carstens, Wendy Dunn, Dick & Chitie Edgett, Nancy Jones, Pastor Wilson Jones, Tammy Kephart, Debbie Lenau, John Metzger, Kathy Peck, Louie Van Kowenburg,

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Doug (Nancy Jones), Bonnie (Rich and Bobbi Mohrmann), Evan, Tisha, Damian & Elizabeth (Sharon Bartter)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Shirley Geier (Friendly Home), Becky Hess (Monroe Community Hospital) Dick Keegan (Cobbs Hill Manor).

Christian Sympathy to Terry Young, whose wife, Nancy passed away, suddenly, on April 20th.

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.

Save the Date! Red Wings Game

Friday, August 14 at 6:45 PM

Faith & Family Night

Come enjoy a summer evening at the ballpark as the Red Wings take on the Charlotte Knights.

The night is filled with fun, fellowship, and special events for all ages:• PostGame Fireworks • PreGame Autograph Booth (45 minutes before first pitch)• Margaritaville Night featuring Gimme Buffet-Bucket Hat Giveaway for the first 1,000 fans• Discounted Tickets: Adults \$10 • Children (up to age 18) \$5

To reserve your tickets or learn more, please see or email Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org



I am thrilled to share that this year's 2026 **CROP Hunger Walk** raised \$10,821.87. With 25% staying right here in Greece to support our local Food Shelf, every step truly made a difference.

Thank you for supporting our May **Texas Roadhouse** Fundraiser—we raised \$100 for Christian Ed and Family Life events at Aldersgate! Great food! Great cause! Good time had by all!!

July 2026 Hinge Deadline

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

Church Events & Opportunities

MISSION MOMENT:

MISSION FAIR IS COMING!!!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!!

**“FIND YOUR PLACE”
AT ALDRSGATE UMC!!**

SAVE THE DATE:

**CHILDREN/YOUTH DAY AT CAMP
ASBURY!!!**

TUESDAY, JULY 28: 9AM-5PM

**TIE-DYING, FISHING, TUBING,
SWIMMING, WORSHIP BY THE
LAKE!!!**

**COST: \$25.00 (IF FINANCIAL ASSIS-
TANCE IS NEEDED, SPEAK TO MS.
RHONDA.)**

**LET MS. RHONDA KNOW IF YOUR
CHILD IS INTERESTED IN ATTEND-
ING!**

SCHEDULE:

9:00 ARRIVE

**9:15 MORNING WATCH (OUTDOOR
WORSHIP CENTER**

**9:30: CAMP OPTIONS: OPTION 1: TIE-
DYE/CRAFT. OPTION 2: FISHING/
KAYAKING. OPTION 3: GAMES**

UWF ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**SAVE THE DATE, AND YOUR
“RUMMAGE” ITEMS!!**

OCTOBER 8,9 &10!!!

**HELP WILL BE NEEDED FROM
SEPT. 27-OCT. 7 FOR SET UP, AND
DURING THE SALE, AND AFTER,
ON THE 10TH FOR CLEAN UP.**

**SEE CANDY METZGER FOR MORE
DETAILS!**



12:15 LUNCH

1:00 BIBLE STUDY/WORSHIP

1:30 CHANGE FOR SWIMMING

1:45-3:45 SWIM TEST/OPEN SWIM

**2:00-3:00 ROTATE GROUPS TO TUBING
ON THE LAKE**

3:45 CHANGE OUT OF SWIM SUITS

4:00 SNACK SHACK TREATS/GAMES

4:45 CLOSING.....5:00 HEAD HOME!!



True North VBS coming this summer!

August 10–13 • 9:00–11:30 AM at Aldersgate UMC

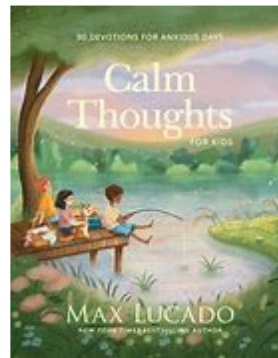
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Ages 4 (Preschool) – 6 th grade

This summer, children are invited to step into the breathtaking world of the Alaskan wilderness—towering mountains, sparkling glaciers, and wide open skies—as they discover that Jesus is our True North, the One who guides us through every twist and turn of life. Online registration is now open.

To make this week truly special, I'm looking for helpers, station leaders, snack assistants, and extra hands to guide our kids through their Alaskan adventure. Whether you can serve all four days or just one morning, your presence helps steady the trail and makes a real difference.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, July 12th from 12:00pm-1:00pm in Rooms 3 & 4. Hope you can join us!



Read with Miss Rhonda Book of the Month for June

Max Lucado offers hope and calm for kids who are facing fears and having anxious thoughts. Our children are growing up in an uncertain world, and it's hard for them to put their worries

into God's hands, especially as they struggle to name their anxieties and concerns. Author and pastor Max Lucado shares this 90-day devotional to help your children experience calm moments when they're having anxious days. (COKESBURY)

All graduates are invited to share their information with Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org by Sunday, June 7. High school graduates are asked to send their name, the high school they are graduating from, and their plans for what comes next—whether that's college, trade school, military service, or entering the workforce. College graduates may share their name, the college they are graduating from, and the degree they have earned. Trade school graduates are invited to send their name, the program or school they have completed, and the certificate, license, or area of training they received. We also welcome each graduate to drop off a photo for our display; all pictures are needed by Sunday, June 14. Our church family looks forward to celebrating and recognizing all of our graduates during both Worship services on Sunday, June 21, followed by cake during fellowship time as we celebrate their accomplishments.

Christian Education

Sunday School for Little Ones

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Location: Room 7

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

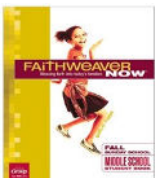


Designed for young children who thrive with extra support, where God's love shines through every lesson. Join us as we nurture faith, joy, and belonging in every child—celebrating the unique way God made each one.

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. Through engaging discussions, activities, and scripture, students will explore how faith weaves into every part of life—school, friendships, challenges, and growth.

Preschool Sunday School

Ages 3–5 | Sundays at 11:00 AM

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



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.

Big Faith – Elementary Sunday School

Grades K–5 | Sundays at 11:00 AM

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

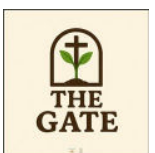


This dynamic and engaging Sunday School class is designed for elementary students! Through stories, activities, and meaningful lessons, kids will explore what it means to grow in faith and follow Jesus in everyday life.

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.

NURSERY CARE “SUSPENDED”

Nursery coverage will no longer be provided as of 3/1. Parents have the options of watching their own children in the nursery, (with a speaker to hear the message), in the Quiet Room at back of sanctuary (with speaker and “window”) or bringing them into the sanctuary. The Worship Committee will monitor this and make changes as needed.

Finding Direction — 3-Part High School Series

Ever feel unsure about what's next or where you're headed? Join us for a series all about discovering purpose, hearing God's voice, and taking your next step with confidence. After the series, we'll hang out and watch *The Case for Christ* together — a powerful story about searching for truth and finding real answers.

Fruits of the Spirit Pottery Painting Event!

Sunday, June 28th, 10am-2pm in the Ide Center

A FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY!!

**FROM TRINKET BOXES TO FRUIT BOXES AND
PLATTERS TO PAINT AND PURCHASE!**

PRICES VARY FROM \$5-\$20.

**FRUIT SNACKS PROVIDED FOR YOUR ENJOY-
MENT!**



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
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29
Roger & Charlotte Ridley	June 29

Serving in Worship This Month

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Ushers

9:30 AM

6/7 Kathy Bernardi

6/14 10am Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

6/21 Susan DiVincentis

6/28 Susan DiVincentis

11:00

6/7 John Zorn & Mike A./Jenn &

Shay Crandall

6/14

6/21 Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

6/28 Denise & Gary Hogestyn

Scripture Readers

9:30

6/7 Kathy Bernardi

6/14 10am Denise Hogestyn

6/21 Sharon Bartter

6/28 Debbie Simm

11:00

6/7 Allyson Jones

6/14 Denise Hogestyn

6/21 Sue Zorn

6/28 Allyson Jones

Live Streaming

6/7 Traditional: Juan & Tammy

Ruiz

6/14 Combined 10am Dave Roza

& Mary Sims

6/21 Traditional: Juan & Tammy

Ruiz

6/28 Contemporary: Dave Roza &

Rich Keller

AV/SOUND BOARD 11:00

6/7 Steven Zeh

6/14 Combined 10am

6/21 Ted Carstens

6/28 Roger Hotchkiss

AV/SOUND BOARD: 9:30

6/7 Mary Sims

6/14 Roger Hotchkiss (10AM)

6/21 Mark D.

6/28 Michael Bartter

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