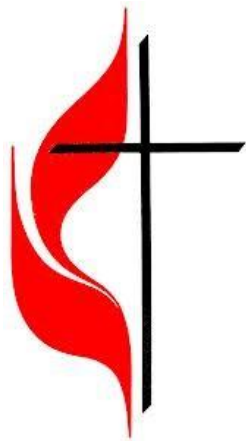


Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — October 2026



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Editor: Sharon Bartter

From the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Many of you might be aware of the United Methodist Church's mission statement: The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In May of 2025, the Council of Bishops released a guiding vision statement to complement the mission: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

These two statements are intended to guide the work of the denomination as well as provide a mission and purpose that binds us with other United Methodist Churches. I see three key ideas in the new statement: love boldly, lead courageously, serve joyfully. If United Methodists are to embody those three ideals, then I thought it was worth looking at each more closely. So I have created a 4-part sermon series based on the idea that United Methodists are people who transform the world by loving boldly, leading courageously and serving joyfully! The series will begin on October 4th:

- October 4 (World Communion Sunday)– Loving Boldly
- October 11 – I am out of town. Sharon Bartter is preaching.
- October 18 – Leading Courageously October 25 – Serving Joyfully
- November 1 (All Saints Sunday) – Saints Transforming the World

But wait, there's more! I appreciate being a part of a denomination that is intentional about who United Methodists are called to be and what we are to do. While the denominational statements provide some common ground, it is important for each local church to discern who they are called to be by exploring questions like "What are our values? What is God calling the Aldersgate United Methodist Church to become? What is God calling us and equipping us to do?"

While these questions have been explored before, the Council decided this is a good time to revisit them. Therefore, we will be entering into a process where we look at these questions. There is more detail elsewhere in this letter about this process. I encourage all of you to prayerfully consider being a part of these meetings as we discern together God's mission and vision for AUMC.

Be well! Pastor Wilson

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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, Ted and Natasha Carstens, Wendy Dunn, Laura Kimmel, Marilyn Sobus, Nancy Jones, Tammy Kephart, Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris, Kathy Peck, , Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health Concerns: Denise– Rick & Gloria Baker, Doug– Nancy Jones, Al– Gary Hogestyn , Marisa– Lisa Deutsch , Rebekah– Sharon Bartter Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Shirley Geier (Friendly Home), Becky Hess (Monroe Community Hospital) 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.

Visioning Process

The Council of AUMC has decided to begin a process of exploring our vision, mission, and values to help guide Aldersgate into the future. Pastor Gary Kubitz from Greece United Methodist Church will be leading us in this process. It's important that we have a broad representation of our congregation so that many voices and ideas can be heard. More details will follow, but for now, please set aside the mornings of November 7, November 21, and December 12 for this important - and fun - opportunity to discern who God is calling us to be.

November 2026 Hinge Deadline:

All items for the next newsletter are due in by
October 20, 2026.

Email items to sbartter.64@gmail.com

Communion Service Change at 11:00 Service

Since COVID, Holy Communion at the Traditional Service has been served at the rail using sealed communion elements. Last April, Pastor Wilson preached about communion and it was served by intinction. Everyone chose to receive in that way, indicating those at the 11 o'clock service are comfortable with this practice. The Worship Committee has decided that beginning October 4, Holy Communion will be served by intinction at the 11:00 service, with each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the chalice. Communion will continue to be served at the rail on the first Sunday of each month. Those who prefer may receive only the bread. As before, a tray of pre-sealed Communion cups will also be available for anyone who prefers that option.

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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.

United Methodist World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

The church is strongest when its leadership reflects the people it serves. But many communities—especially those historically underrepresented—face barriers to education and ministry. World Communion Sunday matters because it helps break down those barriers. It equips students from diverse backgrounds with the resources and training they need to answer God's call to lead. When we invest in these future leaders we're building a more faithful, inclusive church—one that is better prepared to share Christ's love in a changing world.

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sundays designated to support causes and ministries important to the entire United Methodist Church. On this Sunday, United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language or culture.

Here's how the funds are used: Scholarships (50%) for Graduate and Undergraduate students of color in the U.S. who are pursuing ordained ministry. Grants (35%) providing In-Service training grants that support diversity, equity and access training. And Leadership Programs (15%) supporting leadership development with partner churches in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America and Eastern Europe and communities of color in the U.S.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship services on that day, where special envelopes will be provided or you can give online at give.aumcgreece.org, selecting the World Communion Offering choice. Or, if you prefer mailing in your donation to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation anytime in October, making sure to include the notation: World Communion Offering.

Thank You for your generous support,
Jan Rothfuss
AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

Advent Devotionals Wanted



Calling All Writers & Artists!

We're gathering 27 short, Spirit-filled devotions (300 words or less) to create our very own *Be the Light* AUMC Advent Devotional Book. Submissions are welcome from individuals, families, youth, and small groups—and we'd love to include original artwork to accompany the reflections. We all know that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. This year, we invite you to reflect 1) on ways you can be that Light for others or 2) on the places where you have encountered the Light of Christ shining through other people, places, and experiences.

Due by Tuesday, November 11 (electronic submissions preferred). Contact Rhonda Simonelli rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org Each devotion should have a title, a meaningful scripture, and a closing prayer to reflect the heart of your message.

Let your words and creativity help us celebrate the season and share the light of Christ!

Harvest Sunday Donations

Cash donations toward Harvest Sunday will be accepted November 1 through November 15.



Your own produce donations can be put on the table by the altar room the week of November 15-21.

Help needed on Saturday November 21. We will need an extra car at the public market at 8:30am and/or extra hands at the church at 9:00am.

After adorning the altar on November 22, the produce, the produce will be given to the Open Door Mission to feed Rochester's unhoused population.

October at Aldersgate is Special

Aldersgate UMC is unique/special in several ways that you, likely, know and some you may not know, or may not have thought about. We hold 3 unique services, most every week, (occasionally combining) with a total congregation of 150-200 people. We do this with ONE Ordained pastor, one Licensed pastor and 2 retired pastors who assist with some duties.

Even more so, our other "staff" only consists of 6 paid positions, 1 full-time and 5 part-time positions. Other than that, the entire "Worshipping business " (both the worship services and maintaining and "running" of two properties) is done by unpaid laity. I consider that pretty amazing, don't you?!

October is unique/special too! Not just at Aldersgate but in the UMC across the board, **October is both Pastor Appreciation month and Laity "month,"** where a week is chosen where the Pastor "sits down " and the laity run the service, but, also where we stop to think about those lay people who do so much of the "running " of, both, our worship services and our properties.

I've been in the unique position of leading worship services (and that's only a very small part of what our Pastors do) and of heading "committees " and leading ministries. It's hard work! And, so, I'm inviting you to reach out, both to our Pastors and our lay "ministry leaders " and say Thank You! A handshake or hug, or a handwritten note under their office door (or the lay "ministry leader's" office mailbox) would, financially, cost you nothing. If you are able; give a gift or a gift card for a meal. And, most of all, Pray for them all- not just in October but every day. Find some small way, this month to say "Thank You " for all that they do for Aldersgate Church.

Blessings;
Sharon Bartter

Stewardship Corner

Being Simply Generous!

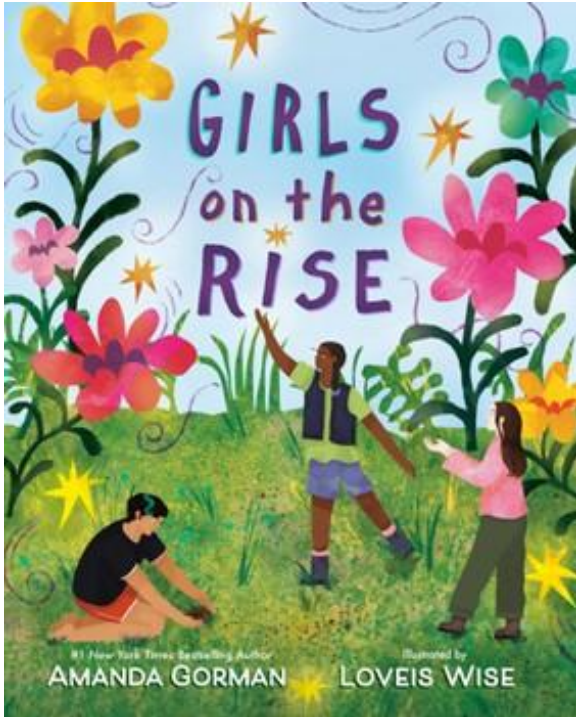
On September 13th we had a Mission Fair at church where we were asked to "Find your place at Aldersgate". Each person had an opportunity to find one or more areas of church life to serve with your time and talents. That's two prongs of Christian Stewardship – Where can I serve? The last prong of Christian Stewardship is sharing your treasure with the church to keep it strong and vital.

This is the time of year when church leaders put together an annual operating budget for the church for the next year. Much of how we build our budget is based on our anticipated income, and the bulk of our income comes from the offerings given by members and attendees of the church. Will we need to plan a budget that just barely makes payroll and pays our basic bills, OR can we plan a budget that includes more outreach to our community and more special programming for our members?

The answer to that question depends on us. Starting on October 25th we will explore how to be Simply Generous by Following Jesus, to Share Enough and on November 8th we will be asked to Act Together and answer the question What can I give? Pledge cards will be mailed out the beginning of November. Plan to attend worship on Sunday November 15th where we each can make a financial commitment to Aldersgate for 2027



Christian Education



Read with Miss Rhonda for October

***Girls on the Rise* by Amanda Gorman**

Viking Books for Young Readers (2025)

From presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman comes this picture book about girls standing together. As the book shares, girls are strong on their own but even stronger when they work to uplift one another. In this galvanizing original poem, girls and girlhood are celebrated in their many forms, all beautiful, not for how they look but for how they look into the face of fear. With vivid illustrations by Loveis Wise, Gorman reminds us how girls have shaped our history while marching boldly into the future. (Nurturing for Community, UWF selected books for 2027)



**Our next Texas Roadhouse fundraiser is
Monday, November 2nd!**

**Come for the food, the fellowship and let them
know, when you order, that you are there to
support Aldersgate UMC.**

**The Autumn
Leaf Café is
back again!
Sunday,
October 4**



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 moon and the apple seed. Oh, the Lord
is good to me.*



We are excited to begin a new Sunday School year
with **five class offerings** for children, youth, and adults:



**9:30
AM**

Middle School (5th-8th)

Rooms 3 & 4

Teacher: Rhonda Simonelli



**9:30
AM**

**Faith and Friendship
Specialized Support Class**

*Room 8 (Twice a month;
schedule TBD)*

Teachers: Julia Troiano and team



**10:45-
11:45 AM**

**Middle School & High School
(7th-12th grades)**

Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Nan and Rich Keller



**11:00
AM**

Elementary School (K-6th)

Rooms 3 & 4

Teacher: Rhonda Simonelli



**11:00
AM**

Adult Sunday School

Parlor

Teacher: Annette Thompson



*We can't wait to
grow, learn, and
worship together this year!*





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
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18
Ella Simonelli	October 19
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Bette Edgett	October 25
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sabrina McLeod & Gretta Schaefer	October 7
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
John & Karen Best	October 20

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Special Missions Moment

October 4

Mission Moments On October 4th there will be a special missions moment with a recorded message from Chad Bader of Transformando Vidas Mission in Guatemala. Chad grew up in the Aldersgate Church and we have supported his ministry in the past. Included will be information about how you might be able to support Chad's ministry again!

Laity Sunday

October 11



Pastor Wilson will not be present in worship on October 11. AUMC will be celebrating Laity Sunday. Sharon Bartter will be preaching and other lay people will be taking part in the service. Pastor Doug Hess will be presiding at table for Holy Communion.

Annual Food-Friend-Z Auction

Friday, November 20 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 off with a spaghetti dinner and some table trivia. Then Auctioneer Sue Zorn will auction off a delightful array of homemade desserts and gift certificates and Sharon Bartter will 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!

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RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 8TH (9:30 AM–6:00 PM), 9TH (9:30 AM–6:00 PM) & 10TH (9:30 AM–12:30 PM)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED
this year are:

- Appliances
- Bowling Balls
- Encyclopedias
- Knives
- Luggage
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Skis (downhill or cross country)
- Stuffed animals (new only).
- Larger furniture

THANK YOU!

Collection of items will begin on
Monday, September 28th
through
Tuesday, October 6th
in Ide
at the door near kitchen

Put your baking hats on.

We will be having baked goods for sale.

WE WILL NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING TO MAKE THIS RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS:

- ✓ Sorting items and putting them on the tables.
- ✓ Pricing items.
- ✓ Organizing books & DVD's
- ✓ Help the days of the sale – cashiers, bake sale, people to greet, people to walk around & put items in order.
- ✓ People to come in the last day and help pack up items.

Please pray about helping out & contact Candy Metzger with any questions. 355-9542

ANYONE CAN HELP.
You do not need to be a member of UWF.

Church Conference

October 25 at Livonia UMC

Aldersgate UMC's annual Church Conference will be held on October 25th at 3 PM at the Livonia United Methodist Church. We will be approving the Pastor's Compensation Package for 2027, renewing Sharon Bartter's certification as a Lay Servant, receiving reports from our retired clergy, and some other business that needs to be taken care of. It would be great to have an amazing turnout as we gather with other churches from the Genesee Valley District. It is not a contest but wouldn't it be fun if we have more folks present than the other churches...LOL! Everyone is welcome. All full members of AUMC will have a vote.

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

- 4 Susan DeVincentis
- 11 Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann
- 18 Kathy Bernardi
- 25 Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

- 4 Jenn & Shay Crandall
- 11 Denise & Gary Hogestyn
- 18 Mike A. & John Zorn
- 25 Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

A/V Sound Board

9:30 AM

- 4 Mark D.
- 11 Mary Sims
- 18 Ted Carstens
- 25 Michael Bartter

11:00 AM

- 4 Ted Carstens
- 11 Roger Hotchkiss
- 18 Steven Zeh
- 27 Roger Hotchkiss

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

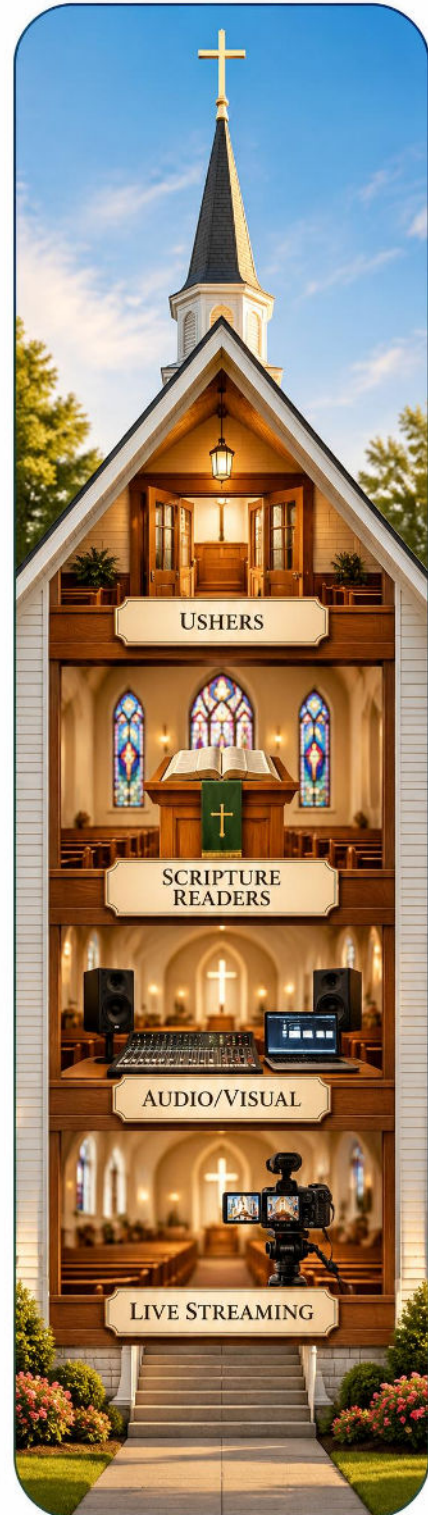
- 4 Kathy Bernardi
- 11 Jan Rothfuss
- 18 Debbie Simm
- 25 Kathy Bernardi

11:00 AM

- 4 Alyson Jones
- 11 Denise Hogysten
- 18 Sue Zorn
- 25 Alyson Jones

Live Streaming

- 4 Contemporary @ 9:30 with Mary Sims & Rich Keller
- 11 Traditional @ 11:00 with Juan & Tammy Ruiz
- 18 Contemporary @ 9:30 with Dave & Cindy Roza
- 25 Traditional @ 11:00 with Juan & Tammy Ruiz



OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
7:30am - AA (FH) 8:30am - CWT Rehearsal 10am - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - AA (FH)	7:30am - AA (FH) 6:30pm - BW Small Group 7pm - ALANON (2) 7:30pm - Greece Group	7:30am - AA (FH) 1pm - Yam & Dam 7pm - Trustees Meeting	7:30am - AA (FH) 4:30pm - CWT Rehearsal	12am - Diana Jason OOO 7:30am - AA (FH) 1:30pm - Reading Circle 7pm - SD Small Group (P)	7:30am - AA (FH) 7pm - GA (8)	7:30am - AA (FH) 8:30am - Prayer Group (S) 9am - GA (8) 3pm - African Ministry (C)
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POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

TAKING ORDERS FROM 10/25-11/8/2026

YOUR NAME _____

RED	PINK	WHITE
Qty: _____	Qty: _____	Qty: _____

(\$10.00 EACH)

IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

3 WAYS TO ORDER / PAY

- ☐ ORDER FORM / MONEY IN OFFERING PLATE
- ☐ MAIL ORDER FORM / MONEY TO CHURCH
- ☐ ORDER FORM IN OFFERING / PAY ONLINE

Thank you for supporting the church with your order.