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FROM YOUR PASTOR...

There's so much bad news out there that it's easy to get caught up in fear and negativity. Our tendency when things get tough is to want to circle the wagons, to work even harder at building security for ourselves. This is, of course, futile. The only real security we have is in God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is an alternative to worry and fear and the self-protective behaviors that often flow from these.

One thing we can do is to, in the words of an old hymn, "Count your blessings, name them one by one." (I probably don't have that exactly right, but I hope it's close.) When we take time to count our blessings, we are reminded how very much God has blessed us with from Jesus, to family and friends, to the church, to material wealth unmatched anywhere in the world, to the beauty we see around us, to special talents and abilities, to even the trials we experience that help us grow, and the list goes on and on. Give God thanks for all of these and ask for help in entrusting worries and fears to God.

We can also remember that God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others. (Genesis 12:3) God has given us so much so that we can share what we've been given with others. "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8) This does not mean that you have to give to every good cause and every special offering. It does mean that even when finances are tight we can keep on giving, because God will continue to bless us. God can take whatever we can give and bless others with it. Remember, Jesus is the one who took the five loaves and two fish that were offered and multiplied them to feed 5000 people.

The leadership of Aldersgate is diligent about being good stewards of the contributions you make toward the ministries of the church and the other resources we have. Last year, our second mile giving was \$35,279. That was significantly greater than in recent years and couldn't have come at a better time. Most of this money came from sources outside of our pledged giving. It's a great testament to the hearts of Aldersgate folk who continue to reach out in these tough economic times. I thank you for your generosity that makes this possible. I pray we will continue to be responsive to the growing need and trust that God will continue to make it possible as he blesses us.

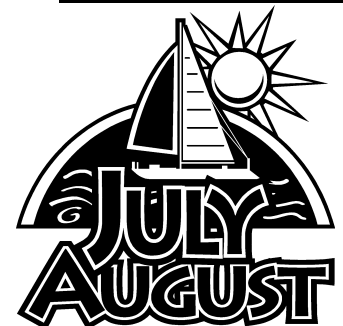
I pray you had a chance to participate in and be blessed by *A Call to Prayer*. If you didn't have time in June, you can do it any time. Pick up a guide on the shelf behind the welcome table.

In Christ's love,

Anne

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OUR MINISTRY OF CONCERN

People are added to our on-going prayer list on request. If you know of someone whose name and/or concern should be added, please verify that the person desires to be on a published list before requesting the addition. Names are added and can be removed from the prayer list by request. If you have a prayer request, please call Barbara Robinson at 227-7845. Reports regarding prayer results are made also.

Please call the church office if you have other names that need to be added or reinstated to the list or removed from the list.

Due to privacy restrictions at our hospitals They will no longer release patient information over the phone. In the event that you are hospitalized, please let us know. If you are unable to notify us, please have a family member or close friend call the church office, Pastor Anne or Pastor Jerry.

In hospice care: Orville Loomis – Unity Living Center

In rehab: Muriel McKenna—Hamilton Manor Nursing Home

Hospitalized: Noel Anderson, Jack Lynch — Unity Hospital

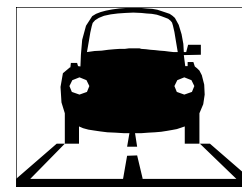
Recovering at home: Don Bliss, Donna Colangelo, Frances Crabtree, Jane Guitson, Gretchen Hughes, George Pierce

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Denise Bayer, Mavis & Malcolm Beers, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Mike Blair (son of Kathy Peck), Phoebe Brown, Ted Coburn, Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Albina DeBell, Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Gerry Giehl (friend of Candy Metzger), David Grierson (son of Shirley Grierson), Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Lois Hall (mother of Becky Hess), Dave Haring, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Linda Johnson (daughter of Bev & Myrle Johnson), Earl Kelley (Cindy Groves' father), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia & Jack Lynch), Charlotte McCabe (Betty Baybutt's daughter),

Lea McQuown, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Mark Nobb (friend of the Geiers), Margaret Patterson (sister of Joyce DeBell), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Tammy Ruiz, Steven Savage, Mary Sims, Gail Snyder, John Sobus, Jr., Sebastian Sofia (friend of Don Heinz), David Stanley, Heather Tidwell (granddaughter of Ross & Nancy Wayne), Ashley VanKouwenberg, Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Ross Wayne, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

Our home-bound: Malcolm Beers, Olive Chapman (mother of Barbara Marsh), Jean Frey, John Haldane, Glenn Ide, Myrtle Koch, Maxine Pollock, John Sobus, Martha Thomson, Marion Voglesong.

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jack Lynch, Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Robert Royer – St. John's; Leota Matthews – Monroe Community Hospital; Jeanne Barr – Hilton East



ALDERSGATE EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The church provides emergency services such as transportation and babysitting. If you can provide services, or need help, call the church office.

PARISH VISITATIONS

Please advise the church office when someone enters the hospital (or is discharged). This will help in providing better pastoral care and help avoid unnecessary trips. If you, or someone of whom you are aware, desire a pastoral call, please advise the church office. Arrangements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are encouraged. Both pastors visit regularly and would be happy to include others in the visitation schedule.

There are two prayer chains at Aldersgate. Each is coordinated by Barbara Robinson. One is for daytime calling. The other is for calling in the evening. Each member of the prayer chain has only one person to call and everyone will lift up the prayer re-

quests in his or her own way. This can be a very rewarding experience, especially when concerns turn into joy. We invite you to be part of this care team. Call me at 227-7845.

~Barbara Robinson



FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family:

Another school year is over—vacation times are here—perhaps a “Staycation” this year—whatever?

I wanted to share a little humor with you that will give you a lift—whatever you are facing today! June Griffin shared with me a story that I just had to pass on:

THE CHILDREN'S BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. This is amazing and brought tears of laughter to my eyes. I wonder how often we take for granted that children understand what we are teaching?

“In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, the Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, “Give me a light!” and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden...Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for

Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Isreal Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included grogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Isreal Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on them.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a

son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them. After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of the New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn! (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my Mom is always saying to me, “Close the door! Were you born in a barn?” It would be nice to say, “As a matter of fact, I was.”)

During his life Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Phari-sees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hand instead.



FAITH FACTOR YOUTH MINISTRY & FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The youth mission trip is here! On July 19-24, we will be serving the people of Illinois! We will be serving God by performing light home repair and painting. We will also be worshiping, growing in our faith, playing, and relaxing with hundreds of youth from around the United States. Please keep our youth in prayer as we serve the people of Chicago. Thank you!

Our Mission Team...

Shannon Forbes

Tanya May

Cullen Schwartz

Kim Hines

Dear Friends,

I have been honored and blessed to be in ministry with you this past year. Aldersgate and our youth have become part of my extended family, and I am grateful to have worked among you. THANK YOU for giving your love, your kindness, and your grace to me. I have truly been blessed by you. I will continue to keep everyone at Aldersgate and our youth in prayer as we continue to follow where God is leading us on our journeys. Please pray for our youth during this transition. Thank you!

Blessings and love,

Kim

Feeding the Hungry

In one of his resurrection appearances three times Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" When Peter answered, "yes," Jesus responded, "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." And "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15ff) Jesus calls his followers to feed and care for others, both spiritually and physically. Aldersgate is involved in both of these. In this short article we can't cover the whole gamut, but hope to clear up some confusion about our involvement in local food ministries. There are currently two ministries in Greece that offer food to those in need.

The Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf has been in existence for many years. Needy families from Greece can receive food from the Food Shelf once every three months. The Food

Shelf receives 25% of the money we raise through our Annual C.R.O.P. walk (the remaining 75% feeds hungry people around the world) and has been the recipient of our Brown Bag Sunday food collections. Our next Brown Bag Sunday for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf is July 26.

Mission Share has been a ministry of the Greece Assembly of God Church until recently when several churches, including Aldersgate, have joined together to expand this ministry because of the growing need in our area. Recently we collected rice and syrup to help stock the shelves of the newly opened facility on Long Pond Road (in the building that formerly held the Greece Town Court). Approximately half of the food from our most recent Brown Bag Sunday was also given to this ministry. This drive was part of a Greece Central School and Greece churches collaboration.

At present, a needy family can receive food from Mission Share each month. They also receive information about Christ and the churches that are part of Mission Share.

The two ministries are not in competition, but working together to provide food, clothing and other services to people in our area.

A third ministry is Angelfood Ministries. This is a totally different program. This is a ministry that by using many volunteers provides low cost (not free), good quality food to *everyone* who wants to purchase it. The Hope Lutheran Church currently hosts this ministry. We hope to be able to do the same at Aldersgate, but because of our proximity to Hope Lutheran we may not be approved as a distribution site in which case we will work with Hope Lutheran. For more information see page 9 or check their web site, www.angelfoodministries.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



ALDERSGATE UMC
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 August 10-14, 2009
 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 Optional Dinner at 5:00 p.m. in
 Ide Family Life Center

This is it! The time to get excited about and organized for Vacation Bible School! We are looking forward to an awesome week together, and trying out lots of different ideas and enjoying an intergenerational evening VBS. Here are some highlights of our week:

- Family Dinner together at 5:00 for a small fee.
- Casual worship and opening program at 5:30
- Bible Study for parents and adults while the children are enjoying their program.
- Some of the craft projects the children create will be for new homeowners of the Habitat Houses. Other projects will be for the kids to take home with them.
- Tiered pricing for families.

WE NEED LOTS OF HELPING HANDS!!! Thank you so much to those who have already volunteered! Also, many thanks to the Communications Committee for the wonderful article published in the Greece Post. We'll also need folks to assist with:

Teaching	Music	Dinner service	A/V	Preschool
Storytelling	Registration	Games	Follow-Up	

This will be a wonderful week! Don't be left out! To volunteer or register, contact Rachelle Vitullo at church, at home (943-9994), or email (rachellecf@hotmail.com)

During the Summer, it is our desire to continue the regular schedule of Children's Sunday School at 9:30 and Jr. Church at 11:00. The Middle School Sunday School will continue, thanks to Nan Keller, in Room 8. Because Summer is more "casual" the Elementary-age children will all be together in one group at both times. This age group will not follow a set curriculum, but will enjoy special lessons and activities each week as determined by Rachelle and other teacher volunteers. **PLEASE NOTE: We will have Sunday School and Jr. Church only if we have volunteers to be with the children.** If we don't have a volunteer for a particular week, *parents must care for their own children.* The QUIET BAGS have been updated with new books and toys for the children's enjoyment and can be found by the main entrance to the Sanctuary. The nursery is **ONLY** for babies and toddlers, and is not meant to be a babysitting service for our older children. This is for the safety of the young babies, and to follow NY State Laws regarding the ratio of children and adults in a child care setting. If you are interested in volunteering to teach or lead a project for elementary-age children, please contact Rachelle right away. Parents, be sure to check the CE Bulletin Board each week to verify that there is a program for your children, who the teacher is, and which room they should go to for this program. Thank you for your cooperation and **THANK YOU** for bringing your children to church!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Eric DeCann	July 2
Ivan Montgomery	July 2
Shirley Grierson	July 3
Colleen Tyler	July 4
Malcolm Beers	July 8
Ryan Lindeman	July 10
Marisue Caupp	July 11
Jared Jones	July 14
Debra Simm	July 14
Caleb Thompson	July 15
Daniel Brown	July 16
Pat Jermyn	July 17
Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18
Michael Spicer	July 19
Doug Hess	July 20
Brenda Love	July 20
Samantha Hanko	July 21
Floyd Hughes	July 23
Emma Bock	July 25

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dustin Deutsch	August 3
Cassandra Sobus	August 4
Amanda Carpenter	August 7
Ruth Loomis	August 8
Evelyn Welker	August 13
Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Mary Sobus	August 13
Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Gege Dunn	August 15
J. J. Wehrle	August 17
Nathan Dunn	August 23
Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Terry Young	August 26
Morgan Wehrle	August 30
Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31
Jane Shukitis	August 31



JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Irv & Barbara Robinson	July 1
Bill & Shirley Tschorke	July 2
Walt & Gege Dunn	July 8
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18
Jerry & Helen Wolter	August 1
Fred & Betty Hild	August 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Ken & Jerry Sisson	August 6
Steve & Sue Schneider	August 5
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
Orville & Ruth Loomis	August 16
Jimmie & Barb Condon	August 18
Don & Carol Wright	August 19
Vince & Laura Acciaio	August 20
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Dan & Jan Rothfuss	August 26
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28



Items for the September
Hinge are due
August 15

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

WATCH FOR EARLY START TO SALES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please help us gather supplies for School and Health Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief again this year for delivery to Mission Central. We'll start with school supplies, since those often go on sale as early as July. We will put collection boxes out under the coat racks as soon as we seen the school supply ads.

Each School Kit includes the following: 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper, 1 30-centimeter ruler, 1 hand-held pencil sharpener, 6 new pencils with erasers, 1 eraser (2 1/2"), and 1 box of 24 crayons.

In addition to this list for UMCOR, we will also be collecting **pens, two-pocket folders, and school glue** for the backpacks that **Mission Share** distributes before school starts each fall. These are needed by August 1.

For **Health Kits** we need these items: **hand towels (15"x25" to 17"x27"); washcloths; large, sturdy combs; nail files or fingernail clippers; bath-sized bars of soap; single toothbrushes in original wrappers; and adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.**

Last year we were able to send 152 School Kits, 100 Health Kits, and several boxes of Flood Bucket supplies. Members of Sew 'n Sew's are busy making the school bags. You can help us do the rest. Watch the weekly bulletins for updates.

RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

In case you haven't heard, we still hold the best Rummage Sale around! This last one was our best yet with the best results: total proceeds were over **\$4500**. Baked goods sold out every day and those sales alone raised **\$356** of the total!

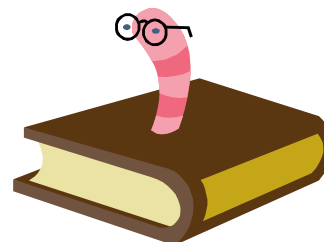
Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Treasure Sale this year. Whether you brought in donations, shopped or helped with the preparations or clean-up, your efforts were important to the successful outcome of this annual venture.

Half the proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase additional tables for the Ide Center and the other half will be used to meet our Pledge to Mission commitment and to support other UMW mission outreach programs.

READING CIRCLE CONTINUES TO MEET THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Reading Circle will meet on its regular schedule this summer. The **July 2** meeting is Show and Tell. Come prepared to share briefly a book you have enjoyed reading this summer and to make recommendations for books to read for the 2009-2010 program year. Then, based on the availability of the recommended books, the group will make their selections at the **August 6** meeting.

The Reading Circle meets in the church library the first Thursday of each month throughout the year, starting at 1:00 PM. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) for more information.



UPCOMING DATES:

July 13 & August 10 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room 1

September 24 – General Meeting in Ide Center to assemble School & Health Kits

October 16 & 17 – Crafts & Collectibles Show & Sale in Ide Family Life Center

MISSION NEWS

CHICKEN & RIB BBQ RETURNS

On **July 11 from 3:00-6:00 PM**, the men from Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be cooking for us once again preparing those chicken and rib barbeque dinners we enjoyed so much last fall. Chicken or rib dinners will be \$8.00 each and combo dinners will be \$10.00. The meals will also include rolls, corn on the cob, your choice of macaroni salad or beans and rice, and dessert. You may choose dine in or take out. For those of you eating in the Ide Center, lemonade and water will be available at no extra charge. Cans of soda will cost \$1.00. Tickets are on sale after services on Sunday and in the office during the week.

This will be the first of two fundraisers with Emmanuel this year. Net proceeds from this first one will be divided between our Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity project and the WNY Conference Offering for the projects in the North Katanga Conference. The second fundraiser will benefit the children's ministries at Emmanuel.



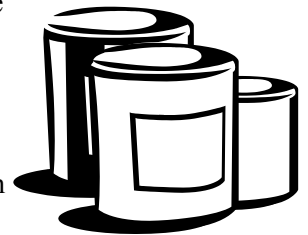
Chicken and ribs — I can't wait!

JULY 26 IS SUMMER BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Given reports about the increased need for food support locally the Missions Committee decided to hold a Summer Brown Bag Sunday again on July 26, in order to help keep the Greece Food Shelf well stocked. There is often a greater need in the summer when children are home and needing the mid-day meal they usually get from school.

Brown paper bags will be distributed after services on Sunday, July 19. Please fill those bags (or substitutes—we are not fussy) with non-perishable grocery items and bring them to church with you the following week. We will organize assistance for you to get the bags from your car to the church. You may also make a monetary donation by designating your check written to *Aldersgate UMC* or your cash gift for the **“Greece Food Shelf.”**

Providing this kind of assistance through the Greece Food Shelf gives relief to stressed individuals and families and is an important part of our ministry to our local community.



POTLUCK DINNER TO CELEBRATE ALDERSGATE VOLUNTEERS

After the second service on **Sunday, July 19**, the Missions Committee will sponsor a potluck dinner to honor all those who have participated in service opportunities both at our church and through community agencies. During our fellowship together, we will hear some of the stories from those who helped with White Gifts deliveries in Christmases past and from others who have been blessed by their service. If you have a story to tell or would like to put up a display to inform the rest of the congregation about the outreach effort in which you are involved, see Joyce Farrokh, call her at 865-2822, or e-mail her at efarrokh@rochester.rr.com. If you are looking for an area in which to use your time and talents, this might also be the chance to make a connection.

A signup sheet to indicate that you are coming and whether you are bringing a salad, main dish, or dessert will be on the opportunities bulletin board soon.



Do you have a story to tell?

CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES



ANGELFOOD MINISTRIES

Mission Outreach is sponsoring Angelfood Ministries in conjunction with Hope Lutheran Church. Angelfood Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational food program dedicated to providing assistance throughout the United States. It was started in 1994 and is now serving in 35 states and helps close to 500,000 families.

Their basic box of food (meat and vegetables) for \$30.00 will serve a family of four for a week. There are no qualifiers, all you have to have is a desire to eat. Anyone can purchase one box, or as many as they want. They also have a senior convenience boxes (for anyone who really doesn't want to cook) ten frozen dinners—just heat and serve, that are highly nutritious, and costs only \$28.99. They have special boxes also every month, fruit and veggie box, all meat box, etc. for very reasonable prices.

The menus change monthly. We will have their July order forms in the Gathering Space for you to look at and order from. At present, Hope Lutheran Church is the distributor, but we hope soon to have our church as a distribution point. We will be taking orders and volunteering with them for now.

GAME NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11
at 6:00 PM
Come and join us for Euchre, Golf, table games or table tennis.

Stop by at the Chicken/Rib BBQ (don't forget to get your tickets after services on Sunday or at the Church Office), have your dinner, and then go to Game Night.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Come to Aldersgate Night at
APPLEBEE'S
Monday, July 6th and August 3rd
from 4:00-9:00 PM

CALENDAR MEETING AT CHURCH COUNCIL

Just a reminder for all Chairpeople of committees, leaders of Small Groups, and anyone else that needs to get their meetings/activities on the **2010 Church Calendar** you need to be at the Church Council meeting on July 23rd at 7:00 PM.

WELCOME CORI LOUDEN AS PASTORAL INTERN

Cori Loudon will be serving as a pastoral intern at Aldersgate this summer. She'll be helping with visitation and in other ministry areas.

We welcome her to our team and know God will bless us by her ministry with us.

CPR/AED WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN for \$15 per person on Sunday, July 12, at 2:00 PM, at Greece Volunteer Ambulance (English Rd. and Long Pond Rd.). Please contact Ken Sisson (227-4353), Linda Smith (368-0385), or Candy Metzger at the church office to sign up. Make your checks payable to Aldersgate UMC with CPR/AED in the memo line and put them in the offering plate or give them to Ken or Candy.

INK JET AND LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Bring in your empty ink jet and laser printer cartridges to church. This is ecologically good for the environment and will help to raise funds for special projects. A container for you to deposit your cartridges is in the Gathering Space.



DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I heard that all over the country church offerings are down because of the current economic situation. Now we're being asked to pray for additional support to meet our mortgage? How are we doing? I don't want our church to go broke.

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

Neither do we. Yes, it's true. Our offerings to date have been a little lower even than they were two years ago—until recently. We track and report giving two ways: by reporting the giving each Sunday in each category (regular offering, specials, building fund, etc.) and by comparing the total to date with the two previous years. The reports from our Financial Secretary for the first quarter of the year showed that 2009 giving was trailing several thousand be-

hind that in both 2008 and 2007.

Now, in spite of what some people think, we really don't spend all our time talking about money for the budget. In fact even most of our fundraising projects are mission efforts. But a funny thing happened. We did start talking about it, formally at Finance and Church Council meetings and informally with others when the subject came up. We didn't want to set off alarm bells—the church is not going broke. On the other hand, we are in this together with the Lord, and people do need to know the situation.

And a funny thing happened. Offerings in May and so far in June have increased significantly, enough so that the June Finance Report shows that we are now ahead of 2007 and closing in on 2008. While, for the first time, we had to make the mortgage payment a week late in May, we were on time again in June. In the meantime work

areas are spending money that needs to be spent but managing their resources carefully. (When have they not had to do that?) We do have more "catching up" to do because it is not enough to stay even with previous year when our costs go up, but our finances are headed in the right direction.

Is this experience so odd? Not really! God has provided for our church every step of the way since we set off on this journey of expanding our facilities and our outreach. If we remain faithful to his call, God will continue to provide the resources.

I love giving Good News reports!

May God bless you all!

Sally Stewardship



Many thanks to Chitie and Dick Edgett for the gaily decorated anniversary table on May 30th. Delicious sheet cakes, appropriately inscribed "Continuing to give faithfully", marked the two-thirds point in our current Capital Funds campaign.

From the Mission Share Outreach Center...

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to your congregation for your generosity. You are amazing: you collected over 500 pounds of food during your most recent food drive and were able to bless two community outreach programs! Mission Share received nearly 270 pounds! That is truly exciting. We can achieve great acts of compassion only by partnering together with like-minded individuals and churches, who give generously of their resources. Thank you.

Thomas Hakes, Director
Mission Share

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES for May 21st, 2009

Continued planning toward making our fall church-wide personal spiritual journey meaningful.

The Parents' group has begun to develop a curriculum for continued spiritual growth in the fall.

Placing more information at www.aumcgreece.org, our church web site.

Probable "Ministry Fair" on November 8th.

Pastor Anne distributed personal copies of a book, How Churches & Leaders Can Get 'IT' and KEEP' IT' "IT" is the Holy Spirit!

Question for Aldersgate is: Are we alive with the Holy Spirit's leading?

Council members asked to read and be ready for study/discussion of Part I.

Financial Update:

Weekly offerings have been strong;

Mortgage payments to T.M.I. and Conference Loan for May, though both a week late, were paid. This is the FIRST TIME Aldersgate has ever been tardy!

Building Fund balance is about \$8,000, carrying us toward the June payment of \$17,461. Praise God for the continuing faithfulness of Aldersgate people.

Benevolence giving is strong and all ministries we support are up to date.

Our rental property next door is again vacant. We now have a home to rent. Can anyone recommend anyone?

Shannon Forbes, Tanya May, and Cullen Schwartz are going on the Youth Mission Trip with Kim Hines to Wheaton College July 19- 24. Funding almost complete.

Received report from our Follow Up Team/Stewardship Development Committee regarding a church-wide prayer emphasis in June as preparation for a pledge campaign to underwrite our \$70,000 Capital Campaign shortage.

Organizing about 25 prayer cells of 4-5 persons to pray for Aldersgate as well as for everyone's personal spiritual journey.

Pledge commitment Sunday is June 28th.

Urged everyone to read Pastor Anne's message in the June Hinge.

Summer worship times will remain the same, with recorded music for the 9:30 service and a choir for the 11:00 service.

Worship Committee is surveying itself for things they like about Sunday mornings and 5-10 things to consider for change. If ideas to share, please contact any Worship committee member. Report coming to Council next month.

Received a strong caution about friendliness of our congregation toward visitors. WE RECENTLY TURNED OFF SOME VISITORS WHO SAID THEY "WON'T RETURN." In the gathering space we need to be always on the look out for people who are not talking with anyone. We must be friendly to ALL was the conclusion.

Crop Walk Report: 10 local churches involved, AUMC contributed about \$1,270.

Habitat Report: \$1,168 donated to date. Anyone still having a Habitat Box may turn it in to the office.

The nominating committee is now complete with the addition of Susan DeVincentis and Nancy Young.

The congregation is now being surveyed about the most efficient way to disseminate the Hinge. Possibilities might be email for some people. There was a survey form in the June Hinge. Everyone is invited to express an opinion.

A Busy Meeting!

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN July & AUGUST

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/5	Cori Louden	Nancy Young
7/12	Susan DeVincentis	Nancy Brehm
7/19	Holly Deutsch	Sue Accapezzato
7/26	Carol DeCann	Betty Baybutt
8/2	George Shukitis	Mary Sims
8/9	Mark DeVincentis	Shirley Grierson
8/16	Rodger Burkhart	Nancy Bader
8/23	Gloria Montgomery	Gege Dunn
8/30	Al Holmes	Nancy Young

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/5	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell, Chase Tyler
7/12	Edward Carstens	Rebecca Lindeman, Ryan Lindeman
7/19	Brianna Kephart	Nick Spicer, Mike Spicer
7/26	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles, Caleb Thompson
8/2	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell, Chase Tyler
8/9	Edward Carstens	Rebecca Lindeman, Ryan Lindeman
8/16	Brianna Kephart	Nick Spicer, Mike Spicer
8/23	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles, Caleb Thompson
8/30	Usher	Usher

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/5	Al & Myrt Holmes, Nancy Bader, Candy Metzger	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
7/12	Al & Myrt Holmes, Susan DeVincentis, Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, John & Karen Best
7/19	Al & Myrt Holmes, Hal & Scott Wagner	Vince & Laura Acciaio, Dean & Jackie Hogestyn
7/26	Al and Myrt Holmes, Hal & Scott Wagner	John Cochran, Scott Wiley, Bill & Louretta Teasdale
8/2	Al & Myrt Holmes, Nancy Bader, Candy Metzger	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
8/9	Al & Myrt Holmes, Susan DeVincentis, Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, Vince & Laura Acciaio
8/16	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker, Linda Uebelacker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn John & Karen Best
8/23	Al & Myrt Holmes, Hal & Scott Wagner	Eric Bock, John Cochran, Colleen Tyler, Scott Wiley
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*If your day is hemmed
with prayer, it is less
likely to ravel.*



A Leaner Greener Hinge?

The Communications Committee would like you to participate in a survey about the monthly church newsletter, the Hinge. The Hinge is about 15 pages long (a lot happening at Aldersgate) and approximately 300 copies are distributed by bulk mail. The church office is in the process of leasing a new copier and it may impact printing.

1. Do you read the entire newsletter? Yes No
2. What sections do you read?

Section	Yes	No
From your Pastor		
Our Ministry of Concern		
From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care		
Faith Factor Youth Ministry		
Christian Education		
Celebrations		
Church Events, Ministries and Opportunities		
Aldersgate United Methodist Women		
Dear Sally Stewardship		
Mission News		
Church Council Notes		
Notes from Congregation		
Serving in Our Worship Services		
Church Calendar		

3. What do you like most?
4. What would you improve or change?
5. Would a name and contact suffice for text that rarely changes each month? Yes No
6. Would you like an e-mail copy of the HINGE instead of a mailed copy?
 No, I would prefer mailing Yes, Name: _____ Email Address: _____
7. Would you prefer e-mail notification when church website version of HINGE is updated?
 No, I would prefer mailing Yes, Name: _____ Email Address: _____
8. Where do you get information about upcoming events at church?

(Rank in order of importance):

Source	Rank
Hinge	
Bulletin	
Worship Announcements	
Overhead displays on Sunday	
Posters	
Church Website	
E-mails	
Word of mouth	
Other: _____	

9. Comments

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July 2009

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