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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

“Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy”

After Easter, Jesus spent 40 days appearing to his followers at different times and places and speaking with them about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). At the end of the 40 days, he was taken up into heaven while his followers watched (Acts 1:9). Jesus had told his followers to stay in Jerusalem until he sent them the Holy Spirit.



On Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, Jesus' followers were together in one place. Suddenly, they were filled with the

Holy Spirit and the fledgling church took its first steps into the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 11.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is symbolized in our stained glass window as a dove and reminds us of the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus at his Baptism. The Holy Spirit is the power of Christ working to bring persons into a personal relationship with

him. It is also the power of Christ at work in and through those who believe. The Holy Spirit gives each believer at least one Spiritual gift to be used “to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10) In other words, by the Spirit of God, each of us has been given the gift(s) we need to serve God and people in the unique ministry God has planned for us. It is when we are serving God according to his plan and the gifts of the spirit that we find true joy.

Paul encouraged the Roman Christians to put their God given gifts to use. “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully” (Romans 12:6-8). There are many gifts, each important to the whole.

If you don’t know your spiritual gifts, try going online to one of the following sites and do a spiritual gifts assessment. Then seek God’s guidance as to where and how God wants you to use that gift in joyful service to Christ. Talk it over with me and with others, and then get busy serving. You will not regret it.

www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355371/k.9501/Spiritual_Gifts.htm

www.elca.org/evangelism/assessments/spiritgifts.html

www.practechal.com/spiritualgifts/test.asp

As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost my prayer is that we will receive a fresh anointing of the Spirit that will empower us as individuals and as a church to move from “serve us” to service.

In Christ’s love,

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OUR MINISTRY OF CONCERN

People are added to our ongoing 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.

Moved to rehab: David Stanley – St. Mary’s

Recovering at home:

Rodger Burkhart, Carl Dunn, Don Heinz, Judy Hare, Betty Hild, Lynn Hoyt, Pat Jermyn, Gloria Montgomery, David Phelps, Elaine Sawyer, Jim Schaber, Tom Simons, Cheryse Tufano

Christian sympathy is extended to Marilyn & John Sobus and family on the death of Scott Toombs.

Those with ongoing health concerns:

Amy (grandniece of Sylvia & Jack Lynch), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda

Strauss), Al Antczak, Albina DeBell (mother of Jim DeBell), Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Don Bueg (friend of the Carstens), Phoebe Brown, Michele Cairns, Ted Coburn, Mary Colclough, Carol Flowers (niece of Bob Wiederhold), Tina Fogg (sister to Michele Cairns), Jean Frey, Cleida Galligan (mother of Karen Sladden), Ed Geier, Mary Good (mother of Cindy Purzycki), Les Hanson (friend of Sue Perkins), Judy Hare, Dave Haring, Kira Harpole, Jerry Hertweck (Barry & Nancy Massing’s friend), Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Glenn Ide, Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Linder), Ruth Loomis, Jack Lynch, Mary Lynch (daughter-in-law to Jack & Sylvia Lynch), Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia & Jack Lynch), Cody Mas-tradenato (neighbor of O’Connor’s), Charlotte McCabe (Betty Baybutt’s daughter), Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion

Murray (friend of Joyce & Jim DeBell), Gayle Penders, Kathy Perkins (sister-in-law of Sue Perkins), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Steven Savage, Tom Simons, Nora Spindler, John Sobus, Jr., Sebastian Sofia (friend of Don Heinz), Theresa (friend of the Geiers), Martha Thomson, Heather Tidwell (granddaughter of Ross & Nancy Wayne), Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski), Adele Wozniak (sister of John Sobus)

Our home-bound:

Jeanne Barr, Malcolm Beers, Ethel Couchman, John Haldane, Myrtle Koch, Orville Loomis, Jim Manfredi, Sr., Ethel Martin, Leota Matthews, Maxine Pollock, John Sobus, Betty Shoemaker, Marion Voglesong.

Please call the church office if you have other names that need to be added or reinstated to the list or re-

moved 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 Pas-



ALDRSGATE EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The church provides emergency services such as transportation and babysitting. If you can provide services, or need help, call Lyn Soeffing at 392-8988.



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 requests 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

PARISH VISITATION

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.

Jerry Sisson	May 4
Robert Royer	May 5, 1918
Steven Savage	May 6
Carline Wiley	May 7
Tyler Hanko	May 8
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8
Nancy Bader	May 10
Suzanne Unell	May 10
Nicole Carpenter	May 12
Brian DeCann	May 12
Cori Shukitis	May 13
Zander Cloete	May 15
Debbie Leanu	May 15
Brenda Ruell	May 18
Andrew Rice	May 20
Nancy Wayne	May 24
Barb Condon	May 24
Myra Needler	May 27
Chase Tyler	May 27

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



ANNIVERSARIES

Debra & John Simm	May 2
Eric & Stephanie Bock	May 5
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Floyd & Gretchen Hughes	May 29
Richard & Marisue Caupp	May 31

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

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|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Acts 1:1-11 | 15. 1 Timothy 1:8-12a | 29. Romans 2:17-29 |
| 2. Ephesians 2:1-7 | 16. 2 Timothy 1:12b-14 | 30. Romans 9:6-13 |
| 3. John 8:21-30 | 17. John 14:15-17 | 31. Matthew 7:1-6 |
| 4. Acts 1:6-14 | 18. Matthew 28:16-20 | |
| 5. 1 Peter 4:1-6 | 19. Colossians 3:5-11 | |
| 6. 1 Peter 47-11 | 20. Colossians 3:12-17 | |
| 7. John 3:31-36 | 21. Matthew 28:1-10 | |
| 8. Acts 2:1-11 | 22. Colossians 4:2-5 | |
| 9. Romans 8:14-17 | 23. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | |
| 10. Matthew 5:1-12 | 24. John 20:11-20 | |
| 11. John 7:37-39 | 25. Matthew 6:24-34 | |
| 12. Romans 8:18-24 | 26. 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | |
| 13. Romans 8:26-27 | 27. 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 | |
| 14. John 7:37-39 | 28. Matthew 12:38-42 | |





EDUCATION

Summer Camp

A Place where lives are changed. Where faith and fun are shared!

The 2008 Summer Camp theme is "Handle With Care" The curriculum this year deals with the story of creation and our relationship with God, one another, and God's creation. Campers will explore how we keep and break promises, barriers to trust God, identify the gifts God has given, and explore ways to proclaim, in word and in action, the new life revealed to us in Jesus the Christ.

For more information and registration call Jane Guitson 544-7787.



Registration forms and registration forms are in the Narthex.

Graduates

Is someone in your family graduating from High School or College this Year? If yes is the answer please call, the church office. 663-3665.

All Church Picnic

Sunday June 8th All Church Picnic at Braddocks Bay Park

Come one! Come all to out All Church Picnic immediately following the 11:00 A.M. worship hour.

We have an enclosed pavilion with rest rooms, playgrounds, picnic area and trails; and of course **good weather!** Bring a lawn chair to relax in and a dish to pass.

If your name begins with **A-P** bring a dish to pass or a salad
Q-Z bring a dessert.

Meat and beverages will be provided.

Sign up sheet will be posted on the Sign Up Bulletin Board. If you have any questions call Jane Guitson at 544-7787.



Vacation Bible School?

**July 21st-25th
"Power Lab"
Discovering Jesus'
Miraculous Power**

Get ready for an exciting adventure, following Jesus as he heals, helps, and gives power to people who need him.

What can run but not walk?

Water

Dwed says Water is everything—even inside you! God is everywhere too, **So we can be brave.**

**Station Leaders and
Crew Leaders
are needed.**

Any questions call Jane Guitson at 544-7787.

FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family:

With the month of May comes the re-awakening of nature and the time to take a drive out into the country (if you can afford the gas). You will be amazed at the beauty and the many lessons to be learned in observing God's great world.

Gloria Montgomery shared with me a little story that illustrates this truth. It is called:

Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse, But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing...Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see

that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to

find their way.

Good Aldersgate friends are like that...you may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. And remember ...be kinder than necessary — everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Perhaps we all need a little "horse sense" as we reach out to one another in our wonderful church family!

God bless you all in this beautiful "spring time"!

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor



***DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S
Monday, May 5, from 4:00-9:00 PM
10% of Food Receipts Benefits our
BUILDING FUND***

FAITH FACTOR YOUTH MINISTRY AT ALDERSGATE UMC

Summer Youth Mission Trip

We are utilizing Student Life again this year. Recording artist Todd Agnew will be our worship leader each day. Accommodations will be 2 person dorm rooms on-campus at Liberty University in Virginia, with meals served in the college cafeteria. Dr. Robert Smith will be the Camp Pastor/Preacher. July 13th-18th. Cost per person: \$299.00 includes meals. Financial Aid is available. Space is limited. Please see me ASAP for forms and registration. \$50 deposit required.

Early Sign-Up Incentive Program

An anonymous donor has volunteered to contribute \$30.00 towards the cost for each youth who signs-up and makes the \$50 deposit for the mission trip by May 15. Those who register by May 15th will, therefore, have the total cost of their trip reduced by \$30.00.

Sponsor a Youth

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a youth for the mission trip in part or in full please see me.

Direct Contributions

You can contribute money directly towards the mission trip by simply writing "Youth Mission Trip" on your donation envelope on Sunday and putting it in the offering.



Switchfoot Concert



On Sunday May 4th at 7:00 PM there will be a concert by the Christian Rock group **Switchfoot** at Roberts Wesleyan College. Cost is \$20 per person in advance, or \$25 at the door. Group discounts are available for groups of ten or more. If you wish to go, please see Philip ASAP. We are currently signing up youth to go. Adults are welcome to join us. The more the merrier!

Parent Meeting

Thanks very much to the parents who came to the parent meeting. It was a pleasure getting together and talking about the youth ministry. Lunch was yummy too!! For those folks who missed the opportunity to join us, I'm available to meet with you and answer any questions you might have.

May God Richly Bless You,
Philip Vitullo

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, & FRIENDS BANQUET ON MAY 10

This annual event sponsored by the UMW will for the **first time** be held in the Ide Family Life Center. Two years ago we met at Greece United Methodist Church because of construction and we cancelled last year because of the number of activities surrounding the Capital Campaign.

The name has also been changed in the hope that it will be clearer that all women of the church are included in this celebration of womanhood, not just those who are able to attend with their mothers and daughters. We also encourage you to invite your women friends to attend with you.

The popular "Paris (S.D.) Festival of Fashion" being put together by Gloria Montgomery and the Aldersgate Actors Guild will be sure to entertain all, even the very youngest.

We will gather at 5:30 PM for punch and crackers, followed at 6:00 by a ham dinner served family style and the program.

Please get your tickets in advance from the office or after services on Sunday so that we will be prepared with a place for you. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4 for children 11 and

under, and free for children 4 and under. (We will still need a count for the youngest children, even though there is no charge for their meal.)

Come to share a great time of Christian fellowship with your church family.

READING CIRCLE SPONSORS FIRST BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

Our featured speaker, **Charlotte Ridley** has selected for her review a book by Linda Hunt with this intriguing title: *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*. Join the members of the Reading Circle at their luncheon on **Thursday, May 1, at 1:00 PM in the Ide Family Life Center** to find out more. The luncheon costs \$8.00 per adult payable at the door. Please sign up on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we are prepared for your attendance.

In June the Reading Circle will be discussing Jimmy Carter's controversial book, *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. The Circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Church Library the year around. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about the Reading Circle activities, call Frances

Crabtree at 392-0772 or Helen Wolter at 621-1904.

TREASURES SALE COMING SOON!

Now is the time to organize all those items you've planned all year to donate to our annual rummage sale, now called "Treasures New and Used." You may bring them to the Ide Center **beginning on Memorial Day, May 26**. Please do not bring them earlier. We really have no place to keep them to be sure they actually get into the sale!

While the UMW sponsors this sale, it really is a whole church event because it takes all of us to create a successful sale. That is why each year half the proceeds are designated for a church project. The other half is used for UMW mission projects.

The sale is scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, **June 5, 6, and 7**. For the first two days the items will be sold individually, but there will be a bag sale on Saturday. Baked goods will be sold all three days as we have in the past.

We need **clean clothes in good condition** for men, women, and children in all sizes. It is especially helpful if the clothes are labeled for



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size. We sort by small, medium, large, and extra-large for men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothes.

Other items that sell well include **toys, games, puzzles, books, dishes, glass-ware, pots and pans, knickknacks, pictures, lamps, seasonal decorations, jewelry, clothing accessories, tools, sports equipment (no bowling balls!), household furnishings and small appliances**—all those “treasures” you are no longer using. We do ask that you bring only items that are **reasonably clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.



We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if help is needed. As use-

ful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds are usually heavier than we can manage. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

The sign-up sheets for helping with the preparations and the sale itself will be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway by mid-May. We need many willing workers for a successful sale.

SCHOOL BAGS GO TO SPRINGFIELD, MA

When our Conference UMW President Valerie Clark put out a call for UMCOR school kits to take to Springfield, MA for the last quadrennial Northeastern Jurisdictional meeting of UMW, our Sew 'n Sew's responded immediately with

30 of their already completed school bags. The bags were both appreciated and much admired.

If you would like to participate in making school bags or any other needlecraft projects, please feel free to join the group when it meets the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (former office).

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OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

- Anne O'Connor, Pastor** 621-4799
 (e-mail: annehoconnor@aol.com)
 (Church e-mail: aldersgate@frontiernet.net)
 Fax 865-8442
- Gerald A. Wolter** 621-1904
 Pastor of Visitation & Membership Care
 (e-mail: hgwolter@frontiernet.net)
 (Church e-mail: aldersgatejerry@frontiernet.net)
- Jane Guitson** 544-7787
 Christian Education Coordinator
 (e-mail: jguitson@rochester.rr.com)
- Tamara Ruiz** Organist
- Evelyn Welker** Housekeeper
- Lea McQuown** Custodian
- Candy Metzger** Office Phone: 663-3665
 Administrative Assistant
 (e-mail: aldersgatecandy@frontiernet.net)
- David Rogenmoser** Choir Director

- Philip Vitullo** 663-3665
 Cell Phone: 880-6261
 Youth Director
 (e-mail: aldersgateyouth@frontiernet.net)
- Robin Fox** Nursery Attendant

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MORNING CIRCLE ENDS PROGRAM YEAR WITH LUNCHEON

Join the members of Morning Circle for lunch at **Patty's Pantry** (formerly the Mulberry Mill) on Dewey Avenue at **noon on Tuesday, May 20**. We will be ordering from the menu to give everyone a chance to select a favorite.

One need not have been a member all year. Everyone interested may attend. Just be sure to sign up on the bulletin board or let Gege Dunn know by Tuesday, May 13, that you plan to attend.

SECRET SISTER PRAYER BREAKFAST

We are thankful to **Rachelle Vitullo** and **Barb Draft** who organized our first Secret Sister Prayer Breakfast on April 19 and to **Marilyn Sobus** who organized the food preparations. The coffee for the breakfast came from Coffee Connection at 681 South Avenue, a non-profit training center for the Women's Opportunity for Work Program for women in recovery from substance abuse. In addition to fair-trade coffee they sell light lunches and have a small shop with crafts from the Cuzco region of Peru.

Nearly 40 women have agreed to become part of this new community of prayer sisters.

OTHER UPCOMING DATES:

July 24-26 – School of Christian Mission, Daemen College, Amherst. Registration due June 30. See Gretchen Hughes for forms.

October 17-18 – Return of the Craft Show!

MISSION NEWS

FLOOD BUCKETS

One of the regular projects of the United Methodist Committee on Relief to meet the needs of flood and hurricane victims is the collection of supplies to clean up after the disasters. Flood buckets contain basic supplies needed to get started.

A young man from the Covenant UMC has launched a project to collect 100 completed flood buckets by June 1. If you wish to help with this project, please buy supplies to fill the three empty buckets placed under the coat rack in the entryway. Supply lists are available on the Missions Counter.

HUNGER CHALLENGE SUPPORTED

Both Grace Community Village and

Cameron Community Ministries participated again this year in the Feinstein Challenge to fight world hunger. Alan Shawn Feinstein, a New York philanthropist, gives a million dollars each year in matching grants to non-profits that raise money in March and April to feed the hungry. Both Grace and Cameron have food ministries. The Missions Committee in a special meeting on April 6 voted to send \$150 to each of those ministries from our General Benevolence Fund to help increase the money they have available for their services.

The General Benevolence Fund comes from special gifts and money raised by the Missions Committee and not specifically designated for other projects. The fund makes it possible for the

Missions Committee to provide timely assistance to organizations with which we have on-going relationships.

CROP WALK SUPPORTS HUNGER CAUSES

The Annual Greece CROP WALK in connection with Church World Service will be held May 4. If you still wish to participate, please see Joyce Farrokh for a sponsor sheet. If you have signed up to sponsor a walker, your making payment promptly will make the task of collecting easier for the walkers and get the money where it belongs much sooner. Thank you for your support of this very important and much needed ministry.



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GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING HELD ON MOTHERS' DAY

Each year on Mothers' Day, we take a special offering to support the chaplaincy and spiritual services for the residents of Wesley Community in Rochester and Beechwood and Blocher Homes in the Buffalo area.

This "Golden Cross" offering provides funding for the chaplains who provide support and comfort to residents of these

facilities, as well as worship and memorial services, study groups, visitation, and communion.

Your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC*, marked for "Golden Cross" or a gift in the pew envelopes marked for that purpose will help to sustain this important work for another year. Come prepared to give generously. What a wonderful way to honor or remember our mothers today!

DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP:

I understand we put some of the Auction money last November toward the exercise program Ken Rex is running. How is that going?
 Wondering If I Should Be Involved

Dear Wondering,

Should you be involved? Do you honestly for a moment wonder what I think! Absolutely you should become involved if at all possible. Of course, you do need the time—there are only three classes at present—and it must be all right with your doctor.

How is the program going? The morning classes (Monday at 7:30 & Wednesday at 10:00) have 6-8 people attending regularly. The Wednesday 6:00 PM class has 12-16 people. The mats, balls, ropes, and weights purchased for the program are in full use. As Ken puts it, many of us attending have a variety of "conditions" we wish we didn't have, but we can all do more

than we think we can.

This is both a spiritual and physical ministry for Ken. Each class begins with devotions; then throughout the hour we are "stretched" physically, mentally, and spiritually. I urge you to come yourself and to invite your friends who are looking for an exercise program they can afford in an encouraging environment. Each class costs just \$5.00.

There's more to the program. On the last Tuesday evening of the month, Ken is bringing in specialists to talk about different aspects of maintaining good health. Watch for those announcements and sign up.

Healing provided many of the opportunities for Jesus to reach people during his ministry here on earth. Healing and wellness ministries should be part of our membership care and our outreach. We have a growing number of other

efforts developing formally and informally. Don't overlook the opportunity to get your blood pressure checked by our volunteer nurses one Sunday a month. The Wednesday small group, the James 2:18 Gang, has sponsored two blood drives so far. Each year the Morning Circle has speakers on healthcare topics that are open to everyone. The activities planned by the Ide Center Recreation Committee get us moving and socializing—promoting both good fellowship and long life!

Take your pick or join them all! We are making good use of the facilities God has provided. Maintaining our health and strength will give us even more energy for the Lord's work!

To your good health,
 Sally Stewardship

Thank You

Dear Friends at Aldersgate,

Thank you to all who have participated in praying for our Granddaughter, Nancy, these last several months. We are happy to say that Nancy finally has a more complete diagnosis of the illness she has suffered. She can now be treated so that life for her will be much more pleasant even though she won't perhaps be able to do some of the things she was planning for her future.

Nancy has been aware of your prayers for her and is extremely grateful to all. The support all have

given us as a family is so very much appreciated.

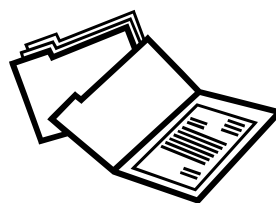
Sincerely,
Malcolm and Mavis Beers

The family of the late Wynne Brandenburg wishes to thank the many kind people of Aldersgate for their thoughtfulness and prayers.

*God bless you.
Ken & Jerry Sisson*

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

If you would like a copy of the 2007 Annual Report, please call the Church Office.



GAME NIGHT

What: Game Night (Featuring Euchre and Table Tennis)

When: Saturday May 17

Time: 6:00 - 8:00PM

Where: Ide Center

Last months Euchre competition held true to form in that there was another first-time winner. Some new people showed up and the snacks people bring keep improving. Just because you haven't participated yet does not mean you can't join in now. Partners are provided. This event is open to all.



CELEBRATION OF RETIRING

A banquet and evening of celebration for retiring clergy members of the Western New York Conference will be held on Wednesday June 11, 2008 at Samuel's Grande Manor in Williamsville, NY. A time of gathering and punch will start at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:15 PM. Both clergy and laity are invited to attend.

Those retiring this year are: Rev. Laura L. Chatelle, Rev. Cliff Cliver, **Rev. John D. Cooke**, Rev. Sandra L. Lasher, Rev. James E. Lesch, Rev. Gail M. Lewis, Rev. Gerald Piper, Rev. Carol Thayer, Rev. Douglas Wilson. Our dinner will be: Italian Wedding soup, Samuel Salad (crisp romaine, tossed in a traditional Samuel's dressing, topped with mandarin oranges, Italian crotons, and parmesan cheese), Chicken Cordon Bleu (stuffed chicken breast with ham & cheese), baked potato with sour cream and butter, vegetable dejour, and cheesecake with strawberries. We are offering a vegan entrée as well this year.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person **with the deadline for reservations by Saturday, May 31st**. Checks should be made payable to WNY Conference and please include the names of those attending and anyone who wishes a vegan entrée. Please send your check and names to Bill Emrick, 4217 Dry Brook Road, Scio, NY 14880-9625.

NEW "PRAYER AND SHARE" WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The new small group for people seeking fellowship and support for weight management issues is off to a great start. We are using a book entitled: "*Journey to Healthy Living – Freedom from Body Image and Food Issues*", by Scott Reall.

The group gathers for one hour on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30** in the church parlor to share our struggles, successes, challenges, and ideas with each other. We also spend time in devotion and prayer for each other as we all seek God's help with our personal journey to feel better and healthier.

We would love to have anyone join us at any time... no need to call – just come!

For more information, contact Jane Shukitis at 352-3749 or email shukitis@rochester.rr.com.



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**
*Items for the June Hinge are due
May 15th.*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/4	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell & Rene Tibbles
5/11	Ed Carstens	Rebecca & Ryan Lindeman
5/18	Usher	Mike/Nick Spicer
5/25	Usher	Zander, Keannu, & Chanze Cloete

NURSERY WORKERS - Robin Fox

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Nursery workers are needed (teens or adults)
Contact Jane Guitson at 544-7787,
if you are able to help.

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/4	Al & Myrt Holmes Glenn & Alene VanPutte	Terry & Nancy Young Tom and Zuni Simons
5/11	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Walt Dunn, John Cochran, Dean and Jackie Hogestyn
5/18	Al & Myrt Holmes Joan Michlin Larry VanAllen	Nancy Bader, Cindy Purzycki, Scott & Carline Wiley
5/25	Al & Myrt Holmes,	Vince & Laura Acciaio, Colleen Tyler, Evelyn Welker

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/4	Nancy Bader	Nancy Young
5/11	Cori Loudon	Marisue Caupp
5/18	Scott Wagner	Nancy Bader
5/25	Debbie Lenau	Wilma Shaughnessy

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A SECOND CHANCE

Do you ever wonder what might have been
As you watch your life go by?
If you had only taken that other road
When you heard the heavens cry!

What kind of fool allows the world
To be his judge and jury?
Knowing the way and not walking there
Incurs God's wrath and fury.

He's given you another chance
To leave this path of sin.
His call to you is very clear,
"My child, please let Me in.

I answered His knock on a the door of my heart.
That day, He made life all new.
With forgiveness, he's ready to wipe your slate clean.
Why not allow Him to do it for You?