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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Inside this issue:

Summer time is a time when many of us take journeys. We may journey to visit family, to a favorite vacation spot or to some place we've never been. I enjoy all these kinds of journeys, but I find journeying to a new place especially fulfilling even if I do occasionally get lost along the way. While I don't plan these little "side trips," they sometimes lead to new discoveries that can enhance the journey.

In the same way, the Christian life is a journey. Our destination is not a place, but a person—Jesus Christ. Everyone on the journey is in a different place. There are some who have yet to get on the road. Jesus is reaching out to invite them to join the journey even though they may be unaware of it. This is what John Wesley called preven-

ient grace. Others are at the very beginning of the journey. They aren't too sure about the destination or if they even want to leave the driveway, but they are open to *explore* the possibilities. Some have come to believe in Jesus and are beginning to get to know him. Others are letting Jesus guide them on the way and are *growing* in the journey. Some have journeyed *close to Christ* and come to depend on him for daily guidance. Others are closing in on our destination and living *Christ centered* lives.

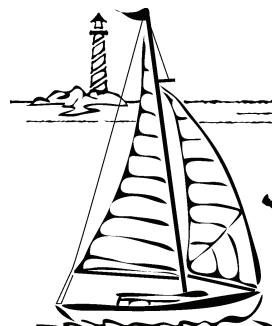
We each need to ask ourselves if we are moving forward on this journey of faith. We should be asking ourselves on a regular basis: Where am I on the journey? Am I more spiritually mature

today than I was last year? Am I stuck on the side of the road and need to get growing again? What is my next step?

Leaders at Aldersgate have been working on developing a map that we can use to determine where we are on this journey and give us ideas about possible next steps we can take. We hope to be able to introduce it to you this fall. So watch for it, pray for us as we continue this important work, and journey with us in Christ.

May God bless you on the journey,

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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.

Recovering at home:

Rodger Burkhart, Jerry Eckert, Judy Hare, Lynn Hoyt, Gayle Penders, David Phelps, Tom Simons, Jean Smith, David Stanley

Those with ongoing health concerns:

Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Albina DeBell, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Don Bueg (friend of the Carstens), Phoebe Brown, Ted Coburn, Carl Dunn, Jean Frey, Cleida Galligan (mother of Karen Sladden), Ed Geier,

Mary Good (mother of Cindy Purzycki), Les Hanson (friend of Sue Perkins), Dave Haring, Kira Harpole, 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, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia & Jack Lynch), Cody Mastradenato (neighbor of O'Connor's), Charlotte McCabe (Betty Baybutt's daughter), Lea McQuown, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Kathy Perkins (sister-in-law of Sue Perkins), Kamran Pickering (autism – grandson of Donna Colangelo), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Steven Savage, Betty Shoemaker, Nora Spindler, John Sobus, Jr., Sebastian Sofia (friend of Don Heinz), Theresa 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)

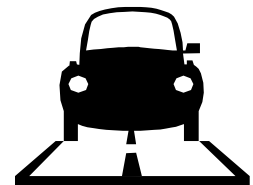
Our home-bound:

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.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Mark and Susan DeVincentis and family on the death of Mark's father.

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



ALDERSGATE 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 reward-

ing 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 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.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Eric DeCann	July 2	Dustin Deutsch	August 3
Ivan Montgomery	July 2	Cassandra Sobus	August 4
Shirley Grierson	July 3	Amanda Carpenter	August 7
Colleen Tyler	July 4	Ruth Loomis	August 8
Malcolm Beers	July 8	Evelyn Welker	August 13
Ryan Lindeman	July 10	Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Marisue Caupp	July 11	Mary Sobus	August 13
Ethel Martin	July 12	Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Jared Jones	July 14	Gege Dunn	August 15
Debra Simm	July 14	J. J. Wehrle	August 17
Caleb Thompson	July 15	Nathan Dunn	August 23
Daniel Brown	July 16	Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Chanze Cloete	July 16	Terry Young	August 26
Pat Jermyn	July 17	Morgan Wehrle	August 30
Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18	Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31
Michael Spicer	July 19	Jane Shukitis	August 31
Doug Hess	July 20		
Brenda Love	July 20		
Samantha Hanko	July 21		
Floyd Hughes	July 23		
Emma Bock	July 25		



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Irv & Barbara Robinson	July 1
Bill & Shirley Tschorke	July 2
Walt & Gege Dunn	July 8
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Helen Wolter	August 1
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
Jerry & Elizabeth Jones	August 19
Vince & Laura Acciaio	August 20
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Dan & Jan Rothfuss	August 26
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. 1 John 4:1-6 | 11. Romans 15:14-21 | 21. Revelation 14:12-20 |
| 2. Matthew 11:20-24 | 12. John 12:44-50 | 22. Galatians 4:21-5:1 |
| 3. Romans 7:1-6 | 13. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 | 23. Matthew 12:15-21 |
| 4. Romans 7:7-20 | 14. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 | 24. 1 Corinthians 4:14-20 |
| 5. Luke 10:21-24 | 15. Ephesians 4:17:5:2 | 25. Acts 7:44-53 |
| 6. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 | 16. Matthew 13:10-17 | 26. Matthew 12:38 |
| 7. Romans 1:18-25 | 17. Hebrews 2:1-9 | 27. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 |
| 8. Romans 31-8 | 18. Hebrews 6:13-20 | 28. James 3:13 |
| 9. John 13:1-17 | 19. Matthew 7:15-20 | 29. James 3:14-18 |
| 10. Romans 212-16 | 20. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 | 30. Mark 4:30-34 |
| | | 31. Philippians 4:10-15 |

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

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| 1. Romans 9:6-13 | 11. 2 Peter 2:4-10 | 21. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 |
| 2. Matthew 7:7-11 | 12. Romans 9:14-29 | 22. 2 Corinthians 10:12-18 |
| 3. Matthew 14:13-21 | 13. Matthew 8:23-27 | 23. Matthew 16:5-12 |
| 4. Romans 1:8-15 | 14. Revelation 15:1-4 | 24. Matthew 16:13-20 |
| 5. Acts 2:37-47 | 15. Acts 14:19-28 | 25. Romans 2:1-11 |
| 6. Matthew 15:32-39 | 16. Matthew 14:34-36 | 26. Romans 11:33-36 |
| 7. Acts 17:10-15 | 17. Matthew 15:10-28 | 27. Matthew 26:6-13 |
| 8. Acts 18:24-28 | 18. Acts 15:1-21 | 28. Ephesians 5:1-6 |
| 9. Matthew 16:1-4 | 19. Romans 11:13-29 | 29. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 |
| 10. Matthew 14:22-33 | 20. Matthew 8:1-13 | 30. Matthew 8:14-17 |
| | | 31. Matthew 16:21-28 |





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 are in the Narthex.



All Church Picnic

Around 70-plus people attended our annual All Church Picnic. A perfect Day, **Hot! Hot! And more Hot!** But with all the good food and fellowship it was a relaxing time, even if Jane forgot those pickles.

Thank you for a day of
"Good Fellowship".

Summer Sunday School

Yes! and Yes! And your help is needed.

There will be Sunday school through the summer. Regular Sunday school will end June 29th.

Beginning July 6th all classes will meet as a group in room 3~4. Pre-school through age 5 will be in the Nursery.

Our "Kids Own Worship" curriculum that we now use for our Jr. Church program, will serve as our regular Sunday school material.

At the 11am hour we are going to try something new. Each week through August 31st we will have a different theme.

Week 1: Craft and Puppet skit

Week 2 Christian Movie

Week 3: Play games

Week 4: Bible Skit

Week 5: Kids Choose

Call 544-7787.

Your help is needed for the summer. If you can help for one Sunday in July and/or August, it would be great. We cannot have Sunday school and a Jr. Church program for our families without your help. Call the Church office or 544-7787.

Thank You

Have you ever thought,
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.

Pre-school Leaders and helpers are needed. If you have some free time and would like to help at "**Power Lab**" we can sure use your help

Everyone is Welcome!

Station Leaders and Crew

Leaders are needed.

Any questions

Call 544-7787

**It's all happening
July 21st ~ July 25th
9:00 am. to 12 noon**

FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family:

The month of July begins with a very special holiday (Independence Day) as we begin the summer season. On July 4th we need to remember that this special day is more than a day for picnics, family gatherings, etc. It is a time to thank God for our freedoms and remember those who have paid a high price for the freedom we so often take for granted. An article shared with me by Zuni Simons illustrates it well. It is called:

Anne Margaret's Tribute

Richard, my husband, never really talked a lot about his time in View Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing.

When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted.

Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home. Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it." She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for my gentlemen".

With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he were the only one there.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I'll never forget Ann Margaret for

her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

I now make it a point to say "Thank you" to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

On July 4th, pause for a moment and reflect on the meaning of the day!

Sincerely,

Visitation Pastor

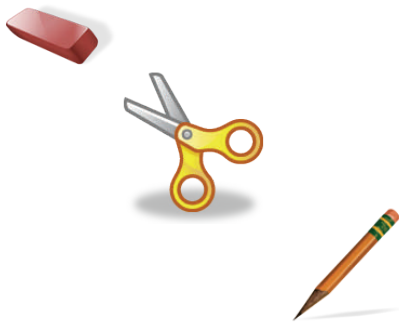
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOOK FOR SALES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES THIS SUMMER.

The Aldersgate United Methodist Women will 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 see 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.

Last year we were able to send 157 School Kits, 100 Health Kits, and several boxes of additional supplies for use by Mission Central in kits assembled there. 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.



TREASURES SALE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Treasure Sale this year. It was again very successful in many ways. The net proceeds were **\$3247**, an excellent return on our efforts, especially in this somewhat tougher economic climate. Those who worked together daily to sort and organize enjoyed each other's company as well. What a group of willing, cheerful workers! And during the days of the sale, we especially enjoyed the air conditioning!

Half the proceeds from the sale will be used by the Trustees to help to meet their equipment needs, and the other half will be used to support the programs and mission projects of Aldersgate United Methodist Women.

READING CIRCLE CONTINUES TO MEET THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Reading Circle will meet on its regular schedule this summer. At the **July 3** meeting, everyone attending is asked to be prepared to share briefly a book she has enjoyed reading this summer and to make recommen-

dations for books to read for the 2008-2009 program year. Then, based on the availability of the recommended books, the group will make their selections at the **August 7** 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

UPCOMING DATES:

July 14 & August 11 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room 8

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

October 17 & 18 – Crafts, Antiques, & Collectibles

**PUT ON YOUR
CALENDAR!**

*Actors Guild Planning
Meeting
for
Christmas Theater
August 15 at 6:00 PM
in the Office.*



**COME TO
ALDERSGATE
NIGHT AT
APPLEBEE'S**

**Monday, July 7 &
Monday, August 4
4:00-9:00 pm**

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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David RogenmoserChoir Director
Robin Fox..... Nursery Attendant

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MISSION NEWS

JULY 27 IS SUMMER BROWN BAG SUNDAY

When we didn't hold a Brown Bag Sunday last summer, we were asked why. (It was because we had participated in Crop Walk, which benefits the Greece Food Shelf and supports world hunger relief efforts. There was no Crop Walk in Greece in 2006.) However, this year, given reports about the increased need for food support, even for local families, the Missions Committee decided to reinstate the summer Brown Bag Sunday.

Brown paper Wegman's bags will be distributed after services on Sunday, July 20. Please fill those bags (or substitutes—we are not fussy) with non-perishable grocery items and bring them to church with you on July 27. 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.



CAMERON DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Kathy Pearce, the Executive Director of Cameron Community Ministries, is leaving at the end of the summer to move with her family to North Carolina. She has directed the day-to-day operations at Cameron for nearly six years. A search committee has been formed to find a new leader. The job description will be available soon at www.cameronministries.org.

DR. CHRIS HENA SENDS LETTER

Dr. Hena visited our church quite a number of years ago and continues to maintain contact through occasional e-mails. She is currently assigned as a medical missionary in Semey, Kazakhstan, developing a Comprehensive Rural Health Program in many of the villages in the area. The most recent communication is not as upbeat as her letters usually are. She and her fellow workers are experiencing some bureaucratic hassles that remind her of life under the communists in the Soviet Union. A shipment of medications from one of her supporting churches continues to be held up by customs, even though a court ruled that the medical personnel did not have to pay the fees they were asking. A member of a dental team there for a short time was bitten by a dog & was sent

back and forth to different health posts in order to get the complete set of shots. Unfortunately, these incidents, along with other harassment of foreigners by local authorities, have led the workers to decide against holding their usual VBS this summer.

On a happier note, she reports that she still enjoys her work with the people in the villages and that they are taking more responsibility for their own health care.

Kazakhstan is one of the former Soviet Republics. It is worth our political attention because it is from Kazakhstan that Russian astronauts (and often our own) lift off to go to the space station. It is also an oil-rich country. Please keep Dr. Hena and the work in Kazakhstan in your prayers.

DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP

Dear Sally Stewardship,

Maybe I missed Christian Basics 101, but just what is “stewardship?” I know it has to do with our giving to the church. Now I hear it used in connection with the environment.

Just Want a Simple Answer

Dear Questioner,

Oh, my! Whole books are written on this subject. The short answer is that a steward is someone who manages property for others. As Christians we believe that all we have comes from God. We are in turn called to be “good and faithful” managers of all He has given us.

Usually the focus is on our stewardship of money. For years in most churches the primary function of the Stewardship Committee has been to organize and carry out the annual fall finance campaign. This is important. Recognizing and helping us to see that the financial resources we feel we have earned indeed are from God and that it is our responsibility to manage those resources for the good of the kingdom is often one of the hardest ideas for us to internalize.

However, all we have is from God—our time, our talents, our spiritual gifts, the world

around us—all of it. The leader at a conference a few years ago demonstrated this by holding up a newspaper and pointing to the varied articles on the front page, asking, “Is this a stewardship issue?” Indeed we found that they all were, since each dealt ultimately with the choices we were making as individuals, as communities, and as nations about using the resources we have been given.

When we make a commitment to be Christ’s disciples, we all become His stewards. As we grow in discipleship, we also need to grow into mature, faithful stewards. It’s not just about the choices we make as individuals, but about the choices we make as a church. We’re in this together. (The Trustees are not the only stewards in the church.)

That’s as simple as I can make the answer. If you want to know more, our church library is a good resource. One of the best books I’ve read in recent years is Dan Dick’s “Beyond Money: Becoming Good and Faithful Stewards.” He does write about our use of money, but his focus is primarily on our recognition and wise use of spiritual gifts—a much broader question and one Pastor Anne has been talking about with us.. Check it out!

Still growing,

Sally Stewardship

DID YOU KNOW THAT

A Gallup Poll conducted in March 2008 found that Methodists have the highest positive ratings of religious and spiritual groups in the United States?

According to UM Communications press release, 49% of the 1,005 persons interviewed had a positive view of Methodists and 47% were neutral. Only four percent had an overall negative view. The survey did use the name “Methodist” rather than the specific name “United Methodist.” United Methodists, however, are by far the largest of the Methodist denominations in the U. S.

The other three religious groups with high positive ratings were the Jews with a 42% positive rating, Baptists 35%, and Catholics 35%. Gallup said that the poll has a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points. The panel interviewed was weighted so that it was demographically representative of the U. S. adult population.

Thank You

 * To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: *
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 * Your donation to our Deacon's Table *
 * ministry was AWESOME! We'll continue to *
 * help those who are hungry and need a little help *
 * with their food supplies. Thank you so much. *
 * * * * *
 * Lesley DeLong, Director *
 * Grace Community Village, Inc. *
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 * THANKS! To Rich Keller (and Nan) for *
 * taking charge of the "Game Night" for the *
 * last several months. It brought together a *
 * group of people who like to play euchre *
 * (and other games) and table tennis, but also *
 * provided a time to get acquainted with new *
 * friends. Thanks, Rich! *
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 * Ed and Shirley Geier *
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 * To My Aldersgate Family: *
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 * I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to every- *
 * one who sent cards and telephoned me to express their *
 * sympathy on the death of my husband, Gordon. *
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 * It's wonderful to be in a warm and caring *
 * church. *
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 * In Christ's Love, *
 * Martha Thomson *
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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 7 & 8

If you are interested in going to the Leadership Summit, please contact Anne O'Connor by July 9th. After this date the tickets will be available to other churches.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

DEDICATION

The dedication of the Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary will be held on All Saint's Day Sunday, November 2.



A planning committee is now working on the details for this observance.

WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastors and church representatives met in Buffalo, June 13-15, for the Western New York Annual Conference. This body has oversight of the shared ministry of United Methodists in Western New York. The budget for 2009 was set at \$3,201,093, which is a \$9,401 decrease from 2008. It includes \$50,000 to build the Hispanic ministry in our area and \$54,500 for building new faith communities. This is exciting! For years the Conference has talked about starting new churches. We are now getting serious enough about it to fund it.

The Conference voted to strongly encourage churches to adopt a Safe Sanctuaries policy to ensure the safety of children and adults. Saturday evening there was a cele-

bration recognizing the ministry of our Bishop, Violet Fisher, who is retiring at the end of August. In July, we will learn who our new bishop will be. The commissioning and ordination service was held on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Darryl Tate, Executive Director of Recovery Ministry for the Louisiana Conference and his wife Carolyn joined us. A recovery team led by Bishop Fisher had been assigned to clean up his house after Hurricane Katrina. He will be coming to Rochester in October and will be visiting our church. Watch for more information. We are planning a mission trip for February 14-22, 2009. Set the dates aside now. Also, on August 31, we will be receiving a special offering to help rebuild the churches in the hurricane-

affected areas. The millions of dollars that have been raised thus far have gone to rebuilding homes. Now it's time to rebuild the churches.

If you have other questions about Annual Conference, talk with Pastor Anne, Pastor Jerry, Jan Rothfuss or Philip Vitullo who were all in attendance.

WE ARE STILL GROWING

With the help of Geysen's Nursery and landscaping, Inc. (who designed and planted our courtyard), we now have a design for landscaping **the front of our church**. This includes the Chapel, Offices, and new Sanctuary. The proposal is to plant the trees and shrubs as we acquire the funds.

The first stage of planting will begin in a section just in front of the new Sanctuary centered at the long vertical window. We are able to begin by using Memorial money approved and designated for this purpose. Geysens will be planting this first section the week of July 7th.

The selection of plantings will have attractive curb appeal, low maintenance, and will enhance the architecture of our church. Randy Geysen has the ability to design with thought given to color throughout the seasons as well.

We are most grateful to be able to get started on this project and look forward to eventually having the front of our church completed. If you might be interested in purchasing a planting in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact our Memorials Committee Chairman, Jackie Hogestyn at 663-9233 or Barbara Condon at 865-0871.



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST

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.

7/27	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker	Vince & Laura Acciaio, Scott & Carline Wiley
8/3	Al & Myrt Holmes	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
8/10	Al & Myrt Holmes	Vince & Laura Acciaio, Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn
8/17	Al & Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker	Eric Bock, John Cochran, Nancy Bader, Colleen Tyler
8/24	Al & Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker	Scott & Carline Wiley, Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn
8/31	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn, Gary Hogestyn, Denise Furey

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/6	Marisa Peck	Nancy Young
7/13	Rich Keller	Nancy Bader
7/20	Carol DeCann	Marisue Caupp
7/27	Cori Loudon	Wilma Shaughnessy
8/3	Susan DeVincentis	Nancy Young
8/10	Debbie Lenau	Nancy Bader
8/17	Nancy Bader	Shirley Geier
8/24	Rodger Burkhart	Nancy Young
8/31	Cori Loudon	Dick Stacy

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/6	Al & Myrt Holmes	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
7/13	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker	Walt Dunn, John Cochran, Nancy Bader
7/20	Al & Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn, Gary Hogestyn, Denise Furey

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I asked the Lord to bless you
As I prayed for you today,
To guide you and protect you
As you go along your way...
His love is always with you,
His promises are true,
And when we give Him all our cares
You know He'll see us through;
So when the road you're traveling on
Seems difficult at best,
Just remember I'm here praying
And God will do the rest.

