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## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

It's been feeling a bit like fall these past few days with cool nights and moderate days. Vacations are over. The college students are already heading back for the fall semester. Golf leagues and softball leagues are winding down. The fall schedule at church will soon be in full swing. And what a fall we have planned!

On September 2, the Senior High Youth Group will start up again and on September 5 the Middle School Group will begin meeting again.

On September 7, we officially welcome to the Aldersgate staff our new youth pastor, Kim Hines, our Contemporary Team Worship Leader, Kevin Brown, and our new Contemporary Team

Administrative Leader, Debbie Simm. Also, on the 7th, the children's Sunday school will be starting a new program where the children will be involved in different learning stations such as science, art, cooking, games, storytelling, and others.

On September 20, we will join with the Emmanuel UMC to host our first Fiesta Latina BBQ. You can learn more about this and how you can help elsewhere in this newsletter.

On September 21, we will begin an exciting 5-week series on Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Everyone will receive a daily devotional to help him/her get even more out of

the series. Teams and committees dealing with hospitality, worship, faith development, mission, and stewardship will be encouraged studying their area more in depth.

Of course, there are the ongoing ministries as well. All in all it's shaping up to be a great month.

It's my prayer that all we do will bring glory to God and the light and love of Christ to our community.

Blessings,

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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.

### **Receiving Hospice Care at Home:** Gayle Penders

**Recovering at home:** Marisue Caupp, Jerry Eckert, Patty Forbes, Shirley Geier, John Haldane, Judy Hare, Lynn Hoyt, Nancy Jones, Sammy and Michelle Maggio, Candy Metzger, David Phelps, James Schaber, Wilma Shaughnessy, Tom Simons, Jean Smith, David Stanley, Bill Tschorke, Cheryse Tufano.

**In rehab:** Muriel McKenna at Latta Road Nursing Home.

**Those with ongoing health concerns:** Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Albina DeBell,

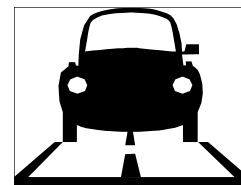
Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Don Bueg (friend of the Carstens), Phoebe Brown, Ted Coburn, Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Jean Frey, Cleida Galligan (mother of Karen Sladden), Ed Geier, Shirley Geier, Dave Haring, Kira Harpole, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Glenn Ide, Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kim Latragna (daughter of Evelyn Welker), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), 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), Kamran Pickering (autism – grandson of Donna Colangelo), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Tammy Ruiz, Steven Savage, Betty Shoemaker, Gail Snyder, Nora Spindler, John Sobus, Jr., Sebastian Sofia (friend of Don Heinz), Martha Thomson, Heather Tidwell

(granddaughter of Ross & Nancy Wayne), Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Adele Wozniak (sister of John Sobus), Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski),

**Our home-bound:** Jeanne Barr, Malcolm Beers, Ethel Couchman, Myrtle Koch, Orville Loomis, Jim Manfredi, Sr., Ethel Martin, Leota Matthews, Maxine Pollock, Robert Royer, Juanita Scrivens (mother of Larry Scrivens), 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 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.

### **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**

## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Grizzanti	September 1	Nan Keller	September 20
Melissa Eckles	September 3	Debbie Williams	September 21
Paul Wagner	September 3	Benjamin Norris	September 24
Vincent Acciaio	September 5	Becky Hess	September 27
Pat Geiselman	September 8	Kevin Brown	September 28
David Roza	September 8	Renee Jerva	September 28
Lorraine Christie	September 9	Jenna VanKouwenburg	September 29
Al Holmes	September 11		
Shirley Geier	September 11		
Michael Streb	September 11		
Jim Carpenter	September 12		
Wendy Dunn	September 14		
Pauline Ashley	September 18		
Carey Hughes	September 18		
Glenn VanPutte	September 19		



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Anne O'Connor	September 3
Daniel & Kathy Savage	September 6
Scott & Carline Wiley	September 7
John & Candy Metzger	September 14
Mike & Wendy Dunn	September 15



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Revelation 3:1-6       | 12. Acts 7:9-16           |                         |
| 2. Revelation 3:7-13      | 13. Matthew 6:7-15        |                         |
| 3. Matthew 12:22-32       | 14. Matthew 18:21-35      |                         |
| 4. 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 | 15. Hebrews 11:23-29      | 23. Romans 16:17-20     |
| 5. Romans 10:15b-21       | 16. Romans 14:13-15:2     | 24. Matthew 18:1-5      |
| 6. Matthew 23:29-36       | 17. Mark 11:20-25         | 25. James 4:11-16       |
| 7. Matthew 18:15-20       | 18. 2 Corinthians 13:1-4  | 26. Acts 13:32-41       |
| 8. 1 Peter 2:11-17        | 19. 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 | 27. Mark 11:27-33       |
| 9. Romans 13:1-7          | 20. Matthew 19:23-30      | 28. Matthew 21:23-32    |
| 10. Matthew 21:18-22      | 21. Matthew 20:1-16       | 29. Philippians 1:3-14  |
| 11. 1 John 3:11-16        | 22. Romans 16:1-16        | 30. Philippians 1:15-21 |



## FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family:

Where did the summer go? I doesn't seem possible that September is here already and it is time to get back into the regular fall schedule.

With September, it means "back to school" for many (students & teachers). This means new challenges for both. In light of that, I'd like to share with you an appropriate story entitled:

### *A Teacher's Expectations*

After being interviewed by the school administration, the teaching prospect said, "Let me see if I've got this right: You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in

them a love for learning. You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride.

You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship, and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook and apply for a job. You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they pass all the state exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English and Spanish by letter, telephone, newsletter and report card. You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a

starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps. You want me to do all this and then you tell me....

**....I CAN'T PRAY?!"**

Let's all pray for our teachers and students since they can only pray the "silent" kind.

A Happy September,

Visitation Pastor



## EDUCATION

### Vacation Bible School Review and Wrap-Up

Whew! We made it through Vacation Bible School! We ministered to 24 children from pre-school through grade six. We had children from our congregation, **and from the community.** I wish to thank all who worked on Bible School. ***You were a blessing to me, to Aldersgate and most of all to the children.***

**Thank You To:** *Pastor Anne, Dick Edgett, Chitie Edgett, Roxanne Muthersbaugh, Kathy Peck, Scott Wagner, Michael Streb, Cori Loudon, Holly Deutsch, Amanda Farrell, Gretchen Hughes, Nancy Young, Shirley Grierson, Priscilla Farrell, Colleen Tyler, Annette Thompson, Debbie Wolfe.*

I thank all of you for your support, your patience, and your never-ending spirit.

Bible School is over and it's time to begin the Fall Semester for Christian Education. I am looking to you, the congregation of Aldersgate, for assistance. As you can see the list of participants for Bible school did not consist of one gender or one age group... it was an intergenerational, community effort. This group pulled together and made a difference. Are you willing to pull together and make a difference once again? Volunteering in a busy and growing church, we always get so busy and stretched with commitments... but before you say an immediate "NO"

please ask yourself one question, **"What Would Jesus Do?"** Pray about this, let Jesus lead you; ask yourself how can I best use my gifts & talents to serve Christian Education at Aldersgate? When you have that answered, please contact me and we will find a place that you will feel comfortable in serving.

### Power X Express

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Bible Experience Stations

We will begin using Cokesbury curriculum for the fall. After a gathering time in the Parlor the children will move from station to station each week. Classes will be 45 to 50 minutes. There are eight stations in all: art, cookery, computers, games, science, music, story and movies. We will start with two stations.

Our young people will be divided into groups (much like in VBS). For Session 1 (Arts and Cookery), one half of the group will go to Art the other will go to Cookery. The following groups will switch to Cookery and Art.



***For six weeks beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> our Sunday school will have a "crazy" theme and a key bible verse each week***

**"We are CRAZY about Jesus; Jesus is CRAZY about you"**

#### ***Week One: Crazy Cereal Day.***

Bring a box of cereal for the food shelf. *Scripture:* Luke 11:3.

#### ***Week Two: Crazy Team Day.***

Dress in your favorite sports outfit. *Scripture:* Hebrews 10:24-25.

#### ***Week 3: Crazy Hair day.***

Wax it, braid it, color it! *Scripture:* Genesis 1:27

#### ***Week 4: Crazy Feet Day.***

Slippers socks, paint your toenails. *Scripture:* Romans 10:15.

#### ***Week 5: Crazy Hat Day.***

Favorite cap or hat. *Scripture:* Revelation 4:4

#### ***Week 6: Crazy Twin Day:***

Students bring a friend to church and dress alike.

Matthew 28: 19-20

### **Classes Begin September 7th**

**AND GOD SAID,  
"IT IS GOOD".**



## CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES



**NEW MEMBERS** will be welcomed into the Aldersgate Church family on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are not yet a member, we'd be happy if you would consider membership at Aldersgate. Membership classes will be offered beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Pastor Anne or Pastor Jerry if you are interested.

**GRIEF SHARE:** The GriefShare grief support group will begin the fall series on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays for 13 weeks. You are welcome at any or all of the sessions which end at 12:15 p.m. If you, or anyone you know, have lost a loved one by death- you are invited. If you have any questions contact Pastor Jerry at 621-1904 or 663-3665.

**APPLEBEE'S INCOME EXCEEDS \$8000** Over the last three years \$8026 has been added to our Building Fund from our nights out at Applebee's. That does not include the income from the most excellent August 4 turnout! Thank you to all who have come early (or late) and often! Yes, we will be there on Labor Day, September 1. Why "labor" in the kitchen or over the grill if you can come to Applebee's and

enjoy all the fellowship? Our biggest participation has often been on holidays. For those who are new to this fundraiser—if you come to eat at the Applebee's just off West Ridge Road between 4:00 and 9:00 PM on the first Monday of the month, turn in a copy of your receipt to the Aldersgate representatives at the front table. Applebee's will donate 10% of the cost of the food to our Building Fund. See you there!

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE** by joining the Choir this year! Rehearsals are in the sanctuary and begin on September 3rd at 7:00 PM. For more details, see Dave Rogenmoser.



**COMMUNITY MUSIC AND WORSHIP EVENT:** On September 6th, Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting an outdoor **END OF SUMMER SAMPLER**. This free event is from 1-5 p.m. and is an opportunity to reach out to our community with games and food, along with awesome performances by 5 contemporary Christian bands: Mercy Falling, 3rd Generation, Jeffrey Orr, Without Question and Jeff Parshall. Then, at 5:00, you can celebrate and worship at the Saturday evening praise and worship service. You won't want to miss our very own contemporary worship team from Aldersgate, who will be sharing their talents during the service.

**ALDERSGATE BELL CHOIR:** A bell choir would be a great addition to the already vital music ministry here at Aldersgate. If you are interested in playing in a bell choir, contact Shirley Grier-son at [sgreirson@frontiernet.net](mailto:sgreirson@frontiernet.net) or 621-1909. We are looking into getting a set of bells if there is enough interest. All are welcome, and you should be able to read music.

**SECRET SISTERS:** Have you remembered to pray for YOUR Secret Sister today? Also, don't forget to double check your information sheet for upcoming birthdays or anniversaries... or just send a quick note to say "hello!" Your act of kindness and prayers may just be what your Sister needs that day... be a BLESSING!

**LADIES' RETREAT:** A special day is being planned for Aldersgate Women of all ages. You are invited to a mini-retreat to grow spiritually through an inventory of your current spiritual habits and experiences to enrich your journey of faith. Join us on October 4th from 8:45 am – 2:30 pm. Sign up will begin in September. We hope to see you there!



Items for the OCTOBER  
Hinge are due  
**September 15th.**

## CHURCH AND EVENTS, MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**NURSERY HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS** are always needed here at Aldersgate. As families return from their summer vacations and the fall schedule gets underway, we will see the attendance in the nursery grow. Teens, perhaps you need community service hours for school, scouts, or another club. Adults, maybe you'd just like some fun time to play!! Whatever your calling, you will be most welcomed in our nursery. Talk to Robin Fox or Jane Guitson if you are interested in helping on a regular or one-time only basis.

**LIBRARY RETURNS:** We will be sending out notices of overdue books shortly. Please check your book shelves at home for church library books, and return them as soon as you can.



**LIVING FULLY, AGING WELL** will be the theme of the WNY Older Adult Ministries Conference at the Rush United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 4. It is a topic of interest to many of our own older adults. Dr. Catherine Ansuini, the keynote speaker, received her Ph.D. in Health and Fitness in 1983. She has been described as having boundless energy, a superior intellect and a vivacious personality. Who better to present her message of Healing, Hope and Humor? Car pools can be arranged. For additional information, see the Sign Up Sheet on the Opportunities Board.

**JOY OF STRETCHING** Have you ever been stiff and thought about how good a stretch would feel? You know your body will respond if you stretch it. Think about stretching yourself physically and spiritually! Try doing something that you wouldn't normally consider, but have often thought about...volunteering, taking part in an event, joining a new group. The *Catch the Spirit* wellness program was a stretch and it has been a great ride so far! Join us for one or more of the exercise classes offered at Ide Family Life Center. Class times are noted on the Church Calendar, or see Ken Rex for more details.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERED AT 9:30** "From atheist to devout Christian." Such is the path of faith taken by C.S. Lewis. He describes his faith journey in his well-known book, *Mere Christianity*, a series of radio addresses broadcast to the people of London during the WWII siege of Great Britain to bolster their faith in God. **YOU** are most cordially welcome to be a part of the Adult Christian Education Study Group this fall as we learn about being a Christian. Inasmuch as we all are on a journey of faith toward our own spiritual maturity, C.S. Lewis has much to offer us as he describes his faith journey. Come be inspired, challenged and blest together. We meet at 9:30 in room 6, second floor. We begin Sept 7th. Oh, and don't forget to bring your coffee!"

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AT 11:00 AM:** Do you long for a new outlook on life? Could you be more positive? Forgiving? Joyful? Change is possible. Beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, the 11:00 am adult Sunday School class will begin studying "Jesus, Lord of your Personality". In this dynamic book, author, Bob Russell (pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky) deals with the 4 most common inhibitors to a positive personality and lights the way to real change. You don't need to purchase a book, just join us for class. Stop for a cup of coffee after the 9:30 am worship service and then join us in the parlor. This is a place for singles and couples – everyone is welcome! Mark and Susan DeVincentis will be facilitating.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** The Confirmation Class will meet at 9:30 am on September 7 in room 1 on the lower level to continue our program for youth in eighth grade or older. This program will help you check out what it means to affirm the vows made at your baptism and later an opportunity to become a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. This is an important decision in your life and should not be made lightly. Just come, or call Edith and Ted Coburn at 544-0660 or contact Jane at the church office at 663-3665.



## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MINISTRY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Fiesta Latina BBQ Fundraiser with Emmanuel UMC September 20, sales from 3-6 PM

Enjoy a tasty meal for a good cause!! **For only \$8** you can select the BBQ ribs or ¼ chicken meal. Your meal also includes rice & beans or macaroni salad, corn on the cob, roll & butter, and dessert.

Combo plate of chicken and ribs with the above sides is \$10. Soda pop will be available only for those who eat in at an additional charge.

Ticket sales begin September 7 after the church services. Checks may be made out to AUMC with BBQ in the memo line. **You can help** by selling tickets, helping to prepare food beginning at 10 AM on Saturday, working on the sales and distribution of the food between 3 and 6 PM, donating food items used in the preparation, and/or making baked goods for dessert.

### *A CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENT*

*You are invited to attend the New York West Area Episcopal Leader Welcome Service of Celebration of Appointment for our new Bishop, Marcus Matthews, on Sunday, September 28, 2008 beginning at 4:00 pm. This service will be held at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue here in Rochester.*

*A reception will follow.*

### **SAVE THE DATE for a....Family Fun Night!**

**When?** October 31st - 5:30-8:30

**What?** It's a PARTY! Costumes, Games, Treats. and maybe even some Tricks too.

**Who?** EVERYONE! Kids of all ages... moms, dads, grandparents and friends. Invite your neighbors, cousins, even your mother-in-law! Anyone who likes to have fun!

**Where?** Aldersgate Ide Family Life Center

**RSVP?** Sign up will be available but not required.

It's an open door party for all...Just COME and ENJOY!

**Cost?** IT'S FREE!

More information will be coming... watch for future announcements!

**LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!**





## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



**RECENT FLOODING IN FLORIDA** and elsewhere makes Health Kits and Flood Buckets even more important. As the current supplies on the shelves of UMCOR warehouses are depleted, they need to be replaced in order to be ready for the next emergency. Pick up the list of needed supplies from the Mission Counter in the gathering space (located) opposite the main doors of the sanctuary. Take it with you as you do your shopping this week.

**CHURCHES IN NEW ORLEANS NEED TO BE REBUILT, TOO!** The millions of dollars raised by United Methodists so far have been used to rebuild homes in hurricane-stricken areas (not just New Orleans). Now it's time to rebuild churches. We took a special offering in church on August 31, but you may still, of course, make a donation to this important cause. Your check written payable to *Aldersgate UMC* marked for "Rebuilding Churches" or your gift in a pew envelope so marked will go directly for that purpose. Please be generous. We will hear more about this need on October 12, when the Rev. Darryl Tate, Executive Director of Recovery Ministry for the Louisiana Conference will be with us for an evening potluck supper. Remember also that we are planning another mission trip to New Orleans for February 14-22. We can build connections while we help to rebuild churches.

**YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS STUDYING FOR THE MINISTRY** We are blessed to have had members of our church called into full-time ordained ministry. That is one sign of a healthy church. Responding to this call often requires a considerable personal sacrifice. Philip Vitullo completed his work at Colgate-Rochester-Crozer Divinity School in May; so Doug Hess is currently our only member still in school. To provide tangible encouragement and on-going support, the Church Council established a Ministry Education Support line in the Benevolence account for those of us who wish to make a contribution. The money is disbursed only to the educational institution to cover tuition and other required education expenses or to the recipient as reimbursement for expenses such as textbooks and supplies. If you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and designate it for "**Ministry Education.**" Your gift is welcome at any time but especially appreciated at the start of a semester of school.

**A PLAN TO FOLLOW:** If you have noticed, the new plantings in front of the new Sanctuary are doing well, loving all of that rain just after they were put in! We have the PLANS for the PLANTS all across the remaining areas along the front, designed by Randy Geyssen. We will have them planted as soon as the funds become available. If you are interested in contributing to this Fund, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please call Jackie Hogestyn (Memorial Committee Chairperson) at 663-9232, or Barb Condon at 865-0871.

## NEWS FROM ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### JOIN US ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH FOR THE FALL GENERAL MEETING:

Assembling **School and Health Kits** has become a tradition for the **Fall General Meeting** of Aldersgate United Methodist Women. The evening will begin with a light soup, salad, and dessert supper at **6:15 PM**, although work will start as soon as people arrive. After completing the tasks, there will be a brief business meeting primarily to approve our Pledge to Mission for 2009.

The kits will be delivered to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA, for distribution by the United Methodist Committee on Relief. School and Health Kits and Flood Buckets are used in response to needs after natural disasters or as part of on-going health and education programs here and around the world.

Additional supplies for the kits may still be brought that evening. This meeting is **open to anyone who is interested** in the project. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. Many hands make light and enjoyable work.

The **cost of the supper** continues to be just **\$3.00 per person** payable at the door. Please do **sign up** on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we know how many places to set at the table.

### ALDERSGATE UMW TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING

The Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women will hold their Annual Meeting at

Aldersgate on Saturday, September 27. The group will gather to sign in and view exhibits of books and materials at 9:00 AM. The worship service begins at 9:30.

The program includes worship together, a brief business meeting which includes recognitions of Reading Certificates, Five-Star Units, and Mission Today Units; Beth Woolever and Marilyn Israel speaking about Israel and Palestine, and installation of officers. Time after lunch will be spent in Leadership Training through "Table Talk," an opportunity to get your answers to your questions about UMW. The program will end by 2:30 PM.

We hope for a good turnout from Aldersgate to help host this event and to let people know how active our unit indeed is. We also need help with greeting, ushering, serving the lunch, and clean up. Please sign up on the bulletin board and give your \$7 registration fee to our UMW treasurer, Betty Hild.

### NEW KITCHEN CUPBOARDS INSTALLED

When you get a chance, stop by the kitchen to see the new cupboards, installed recently by Dennis Pankey. The funds came from the 2007 Treasures Sale. These will make storage of supplies and equipment in the kitchen much more organized.

### READING LISTS DUE

For those of you working on completing requirements for the UMW Reading Certificates,

please return the list of books you have read this year to either Helen Wolter or Bobbie Eckert by **Sunday, September 7**. They need to compile the information and get it in to the District so that you can be recognized at the District Annual Meeting. Reading Circle members may bring their lists to the September 4 meeting.

### READING CIRCLE

Home to Holly Springs, the first book in a new Father Tim series by Jan Karon, is the selection for the **Thursday, September 4**, meeting at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. Father Tim, the leading character of the popular Mitford series, returns to his home in Holly Springs, Mississippi, to encounter his past with surprising results. (Of course!)

New members and visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are served by our hostess of the month. For more information, contact Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

### POTLUCK LUNCH STARTS PROGRAM YEAR FOR MORNING CIRCLE

Join the members of Morning Circle on **Tuesday, September 16, at 11:00 AM** for a potluck luncheon at the home of **Joyce Farrokh**, 177 Carrington Drive, Greece (off English Road between North Ave, and North Greece Rd.) We will share lunch and plans for the programs for the year. While phone calls or e-mails will go out to past members, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## UMW NEWS CONTINUED

We welcome new members and visitors. For more information, call Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Bobbie Eckert (225-9582).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October 13 – Sew ‘n Sew’s at 1:00 PM in Room 1.



### ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW TO RESUME IN OCTOBER

Have you missed our Annual Craft Show? Clearly once construction began we could no longer hold the show outside. After an absence of two years, this annual event will be held once again with some changes: It will be **held in the Ide Family Life Center** and in the entryway and gathering space; and it will last **two days**, Friday and Saturday, **October 17 & 18**. We also hope to add antiques to the mix of crafts and collectibles.

Funds raised from this project are divided between the work of the Missions Committee and the projects of the United Methodist Women.

The fee charged vendors will be \$50 for the two days, with an additional charge of \$5 for electricity. We will also sell baked goods and sandwiches for lunch as we have in the past.

For more information, contact Joyce Farrokh (865-5135) or Candy Metzger (227-3138).

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I haven't heard any special appeals for budget or building fund money. Does that mean things are okay? How are we doing, especially in the middle of summer?

Curious & Concerned

Dear Curious,

"Things" are okay—at least as of the first Sunday in August. (I realize that you won't get this answer until the end of the month.) The church financial secretary reported that, as of August 3, \$176,340 had been given toward the budget. To compare, that's \$4653 more than at the same time last year. Regular giving and careful management of expenditures keep all the bills paid. Payments on pledges to the Building Fund are also coming in very regularly so that our loan payments have been covered as well—important to our bondholders! This is good. Support for the ministries here at Aldersgate remains strong.

We are also called to do more than take care of our own needs. We continue to respond to special appeals for ministries beyond our church. Just read through this [Hinge](#) for a sample of what's happening in and through our church. It's exciting!

We are still learning how well the Lord does provide, both for us as a church and as individuals.

Trusting and Obeying,  
Sally Stewardship

### ***A Message from the Staff Parish Relations Committee***

*John Seiger, who directed the Contemporary Worship Team during part of this past year, will not be returning to Aldersgate this fall. His busy schedule as a musician and his involvement with another church prevents him from being able to be present for many Sundays and rehearsal dates. We appreciate all the work that he did with the team and wish him well as he continues in musical endeavors*

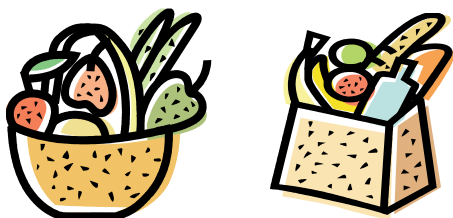
## MISSIONS NEWS

### DRIVERS NEEDED FOR GREECE FOOD SHELF

According to a recent Greece Post article, the Greece Food Shelf has been receiving more calls for help and needs additional drivers willing to make deliveries. Drivers usually make three deliveries in a month and are normally called upon to serve just four months of the year. However, about 30 drivers delivered food to 120 families in July, and those staffing the food shelf expect to receive about 140 calls in September. Drivers are given boxes of nonperishable food items and money to purchase basic fresh foods for each family. Daytime drivers are especially needed.

This is an opportunity to **be in mission** to our own community. If you are willing and able to help in this effort, call **food shelf staffer Ann Walker at 865-0870** to sign up or for information.

Along with more deliveries is a need for more food. In addition to our special "Brown Bag Sundays," we continue to collect nonperishable food supplies for the Greece Food Shelf on a regular basis. Please remember the needs in our community when you shop for your own groceries, and place your contributions in the blue box marked for the Greece Food Shelf behind the Welcome Table.



### COOKSON HILLS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MINISTRY CENTER

**Meri Whitaker**, our covenant relationship missionary, has written that the Cookson Hills Center is planning to expand to meet the needs in that rural, very needy, part of Oklahoma. The Mission Center Board has authorized a \$600,000 capital campaign to raise funds to build a 6000 sq. ft. building to house a reception center to receive families; a food pantry, school supplies, thrift store, and layette center; and a computer lab, youth activities area, and a reading center; and some staff offices. The most recently completed building houses the senior center and the child care facilities.

The Cookson Hills Center serves mostly Native Americans, primarily members of the Cherokee tribe. While some assistance is available through their own tribes, other church and government help is needed. To people who are often isolated, poverty-stricken, and poorly educated, Cookson Hills offers social, educational, physical, and spiritual services. The church is truly responding to the needs there of the "least of these."

If you would like to make a contribution to support this campaign, you may do so by designating your gift for the "Cookson Hills Center Campaign for Life" on a check made payable to Aldersgate UMC or with your cash gift in a pew envelope.



### BUILDING CONNECTIONS

We have a new opportunity to reach out. Pastor Anne and others from our church participated this spring in two projects at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, a primarily Hispanic church. First was a cooperative children's program and the second was a work day. We hope to draw our congregations closer with other joint programs in the future.

Our conference is making a similar effort by asking us to support ministry in our Hispanic churches with Hispanic Awareness Sunday in September. Hispanics are a growing population within the area covered by our annual conference, and United Methodists are actively reaching out to support ministries within that community. Just as we at Aldersgate originally received help in forming a new congregation when Greece was growing, and indeed continue to get help when we launch new ventures, ministries in these areas of growth are in need of additional resources. You can help with a special gift to that ministry on the third Sunday in September and by responding to upcoming calls to plan and help with our growing ties to Emmanuel.

## Plan NOW for the next United Marriage Encounter Weekend

There will be a United Marriage Encounter Weekend held in the Rochester area November 14-16, 2008. This is a wonderful, 48 hour experience for married couples to enrich their relationship with each other and with God. Dr. James Dobson says this about it: *“Shirley and I attended a Marriage Encounter and it proved to be one of the highlights of my life...I just wish every couple wanting to strengthen their relationship would now accept this advice: attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend at the earliest opportunity!”*

Don't let financial constraints or the tight economy keep you away! The only required expense for the Weekend is an \$80 registration fee. There is also an opportunity to make a free will offering at the end of the Weekend.

Brochures are available in the Narthex (behind the greeter table) – including a wonderful free DVD inside each brochure that explains what a Marriage Encounter Weekend is all about. We highly encourage every married couple at Aldersgate to take a brochure, watch the DVD, and decide if the weekend is something you might like to experience. For us, deciding to go on a Marriage Encounter weekend turned out to be the best thing we ever did for our relationship. Whether you have been married for two years or fifty two – we believe it can be for you too.

If you would like to talk with us about our experience, ask questions about the weekend, or get assistance with registration, please don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to talk with you!

~George and Jane Shukitis,

352-3749 or [shukitis@rochester.rr.com](mailto:shukitis@rochester.rr.com).

*Hi! My name is Kim Hines, and I am your new Youth Director. I am excited to join your ministry and am looking forward to knowing the people of Aldersgate and its youth. I know that your youth are active and I pray that our youth ministry will continue to be vital! I will be working with the youth to create a calendar for the year's events. Events will include some old favorites, plus some new ones as well! We will also be discussing our Christian journeys and continuing to grow in our faith as well.*

***Come Join Us ~ Back to Youth Group Celebration! We will be starting youth group on September 2 for High School and September 5 for Middle School. Come for games, fellowship, and time to talk about our plans for the year. I can't wait to meet you!***

*In this time of transition, maybe some of you adults are interested in working with our youth for the first time. Youth ministry is a wonderful calling; youth are an important part of our church, and your ministry is really needed. Plus, it's a lot of fun!*

*If you are in middle school or high school and have not been to youth group in a while or are new, come join us! We want you to feel welcome and have fun with us.*

*I look forward to beginning our journey together!*



*Blessings,  
Kim*



## *Notes from friends and neighbors*

*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your support during my father's illness and passing. Your prayers and concern helped make this difficult time easier for our family. We feel blessed to be a part of such a loving and kind church.

Most Sincerely,  
Mark DeVincentis

Dear Aldersgate Church Family, Rev. Anne, and Rev. Jerry,

Thank you all for the inspirational "Get Well" cards I received. They helped cheer me up. I'm still recovering and in some pain. I am truly blessed to have a great Christian Family so close to me.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Patty Forbes and Family.

Dear Joyce and Aldersgate United Methodist Church,

Thank you for participating in the 2008 Baby Bottle Fund Drive with Embracing Options. Your generosity will enable Embracing Options to serve the inner city youth of Rochester. We appreciate your work, and may God bless you in your service to Him.

Sincerely,  
Sandi, Kirsten, and the EO Volunteers

Dear Church Family,

We are so happy about the new cupboards installed in the church kitchen. Thank you, Dennis Pankey, for recognizing a fantastic savings on Oak Cupboards that were being discontinued. Thank you also to Dennis for your expertise on applying the polyurethane to the cabinets, for installing the cabinets and for building the much needed pantry. This addition to the church is so appreciated. To the United Methodist Women, we thank you for the funding to purchase these cupboards. It will be so wonderful to have a place for everything. Praise God for all these people for their sharing their talents and gifts to make this happen.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Sobus

My thanks to many of my Aldersgate family for the courtesies extended to me during my long siege following my July 4 accident. I have received so many cards, visits, phone calls and all sorts of assistance including transportation, food, and responses to requests for help of one kind or another. It seems as though it has been forever since I was able to be out and around, but hopefully after my next doctor's appointment on August 26 I will be able to abandon my sling, drive my car once again, and proceed on to outpatient rehab.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in church,  
Wilma Shaughnessy.

Dear Pastor Anne,

A highlight for me last year was your series of "Leadership Meetings" that were open to anyone interested. It was a blessing to see the many people sharing from their variety of gifts and talents. Their insights combined to give us superior results and I was uplifted by the spiritual gems that were shared.

~Ted Coburn.

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

### SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/7	Al Holmes	Nancy Young
9/14	Susan DeVincentis	Dick Stacy
9/21	Joyce Farrokh	Suzanne Unell
9/28	Rodger Burkhardt	Nancy Young

### ACOLITE SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/7	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell, Chase Tyler
9/14	Edward Carstens	Rebecca Lindeman, Ryan Lindeman
9/21	Brianna Kephart	Nick Spicer, Mike Spicer
9/28	Usher	Renee Tibbles, Caleb Thompson

### USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/7	Al and Myrt Holmes Dan and Jan Rothfuss	Tom and Zuni Simons Terry and Nancy Young
9/14	Al and Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn Gary Hogestyn Denise Furey
9/21	Al and Myrt Holmes Joan Michlin Larry Van Allen	Scott and Carline Wiley Vince and Laura Acciaio
9/28	Al and Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker	Dean and Jackie Hogestyn John Cochran Colleen Tyler

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### **A BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:**

TOOTHPICK - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. - Matthew 7:1

RUBBER BAND - to remind you to be flexible. Things might not always go the way you want,  
but it will work out. - Romans 8:28

BAND AID - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. - Colossians 3:12-14

PENCIL - to remind you to list your blessings everyday. - Ephesians 1:3

ERASER - To remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay. - Genesis 50:15-21

CHEWING GUM - to remind you to stick with it, and you can accomplish anything. - Philippians 4:13

MINT - to remind you that you are worth a mint. - John 3:16-17

CANDY KISS - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday. - John 4:7

TEA BAG - to remind you to relax daily and go over your list of blessings. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*--Author unknown*