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We are in the midst of a five week study of the *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Bishop Robert Schnase. None of these practices are new, but from time to time we need to be reminded about the importance of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. The study is intended to give us an opportunity to look at ourselves and our church, celebrate what we do well and take the next step toward being more faithful in our life with Christ. There is a daily devotional that goes along with the study. If you have not picked one up, be sure to do that soon. If you have one, I pray you are using it and finding it a meaningful addition to the Sunday messages.

Among other things, I'm celebrating those who serve at Aldersgate. Last week, I had a conversation with someone. The person told me "Don't worry about it. I'll take care of it." From that simple conversation I was reminded how blessed I

am to be in ministry with all of you at Aldersgate. There are so many of you, many working behind the scenes, that make a huge difference for me personally and for the church and ministry as a whole. You may know how much you bless me and others when you say something like, "don't worry about it. I'll take care of it." or when you see a need and take care of it, but you do! I'm not going to name names because there are so many of you and I know many of you would be embarrassed by the recognition. The little things you do add up and make a tremendous difference. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! God bless you! "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Beginning the last Sunday in October, we will start another church wide study called *Living Beyond Myself*. We will be focusing on how we can live more fully for Christ and how that will transform our lives and teach us how to make them really count for something. This four-

week series has a small group component that you won't want to miss. If you are not currently in a small group, any of the existing small groups would be happy for you to join them for this study. I also will be starting a new group on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM beginning October 28. If you'd like to be a part of this new group, give me a call (663-3665).

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God that God has chosen you." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-4)

Thanks be to God!

## OUR MINISTRY OF CONCERN

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

**Hospitalized:** Olivia Marsh at Strong Memorial Hospital, Cheryse Tufano at Strong.

**Recovering at home:** Mavis Beers, Marisue Caupp, Ann Christie, Ted Coburn, Gege Dunn, Patty Forbes, Shirley Geier, Judy Hare, Lynn Hoyt, Nancy Jones, Lois LaFlair, Shannon Marsh, Muriel McKenna, Candy Metzger, Joan Michlin, Fran Okita, Wilma Shaughnessy, Tom Simons, David Stanley, Bill Tschorke.

**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 Lagragna (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

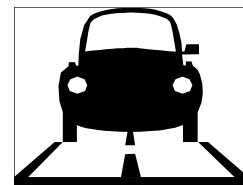
VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Clair Yeaman (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

**Our home-bound:** Jeanne Barr, Malcolm Beers, Ethel Couchman, John Haldane, 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.

**We extend our Christian sympathy** to the Sobus family on the death of John's sister, Adele Wozniak.

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.



### 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.

### 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 every one 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

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laure Van Putte	October 5	Jennifer Mack	October 24
Rachel Brehm	October 7	Ashley Manfredi	October 24
Susan DeVincentis	October 7	Nicole Manfredi	October 24
Orville Loomis	October 12	Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Katie Hess	October 14	Timothy Kephart	October 25
Robin Lindeman	October 15	Corrine Keller	October 27
Betsy DeVincentis	October 17	Kevin Ruell	October 27
Joyce Farrokh	October 17	Ted Carstens	October 30
Thomas Rankin Sr.	October 17	Mavis Beers	October 31
Laura Acciaio	October 17		
Brianna Kephart	October 18		
Nancy Young	October 20		
Amy DeVincentis	October 21		
Jonathan Schneider	October 22		
David Rogenmoser	October 23		
Nicholas Spicer	October 23		



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Philip & Rachelle Vitullo	October 13
Ron & Carol Witzel	October 17
Bob & Betty Judd	October 19
Tom & Zuni Simons	October 22



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Matthew 9:2-8         | 12. Matthew 22:1-14           |
| 2. Colossians 2:16-23    | 13. Jude 17-25                |
| 3. Philippians 2:14-18   | 14. Philippians 3:13-4:1      |
| 4. John 7:40-52          | 15. John 6:25-35              |
| 5. Matthew 21:33-46      | 16. 3 John 9-12               |
| 6. 1 Peter 2:4-10        | 17. 1 Peter 5:1-5             |
| 7. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 | 18. Matthew 14:1-12           |
| 8. John 11:45-57         | 19. Matthew 22:15-22          |
| 9. 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14  | 20. Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20 |
| 10. James 4:4-10         | 21. Revelation 18:21-24       |
| 11. Mark 2:18-22         | 22. Matthew 17:22-27          |
|                          | 23. Titus 1:5-16              |
|                          | 24. Titus 2:7-8, 11-15        |
|                          | 25. John 5:39-47              |
|                          | 26. Matthew 22:34-46          |
|                          | 27. James 2:8-13              |
|                          | 28. James 2:14-26             |
|                          | 29. Matthew 19:16-22          |
|                          | 30. Romans 2:17-29            |
|                          | 31. 2 Peter 2:1-3             |



## FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family:

As we come to the fall season and think of harvest and food and sharing, I pause to thank God for the wonderful caring and sharing people of Aldersgate. It seems that the more we help others, the more the Lord blesses us as a church and as individual Christians. I'm reminded of a parable that was shared with me recently by a former parishioner and friend. It is called~

### "A Parable"

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms. Each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first. There was a large round table with the large pot of stew which again made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

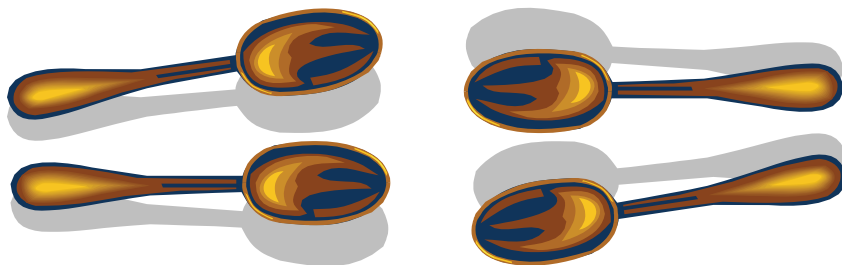
The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

May God help us all to be less "self-centered" and more "Christ-centered," knowing that "inasmuch as we have done it unto the least of these" we have done it unto Christ!

May God Bless You,

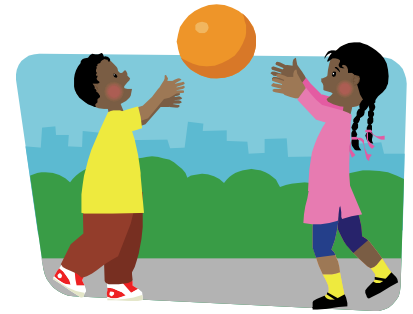
Visitation Pastor



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School Program is off to a great start with 19 smiling faces. We are trying some new curriculum for all ages during Sunday School. The kids are “Crazy about Jesus” and have been having fun with the “CRAZY” activities each week. We are so happy to have received all those boxes of cereal for the Food Shelf on the first week, and we had fun with our crazy hair and crazy T-Shirts. The children are looking forward to crazy shoes and hats too. The children are always encouraged to bring their friends and classmates to Sunday School and Jr. Church... we are always glad to have guests!

If you have some extra time one Sunday, we are always looking for Sunday School and Jr. Church helpers and teachers. Please see Jane Guitson if you would like to help teach. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, talk to Robin Fox.



A big THANK YOU to Walt Dunn and Harry Muthersbaugh for the new shelves they installed in the Nursery closet.



**AND GOD SAID,  
“IT IS GOOD”.**



## Family Fun Night

**When?** October 31st - 6:00-8:00 PM

**What?** It's a PARTY! Costumes, Games, Treats

**Who?** EVERYONE! Kids of all ages... moms, dads, grandparents, neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

**Where?** Aldersgate Ide Family Life Center

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

**Cost?** *IT'S FREE!*

This is the perfect opportunity for you to invite someone to come and experience the FUN and FRIENDSHIP we share here at Aldersgate. It is an **OPEN HOUSE**, so feel free to come and go as you are able. If you would like to help that evening please contact Cori Loudon. We'll need people to help with the games as well as donations of food and drinks.

## FAITH FACTOR YOUTH MINISTRY

**Attention all Adults!!! We need YOU!!!** Have you ever considered working with our youth? Do you think that you are too young or too old? You are just right for us! Come join us and minister to youth. Please take some time to prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to youth ministry. 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 have any questions, please speak to Kim at church. The youth thank you as you consider working with us.

**Lock In:** Attention all middle school and senior high youth: We will be hosting a lock in on October 10-11. Youth from all over Monroe County will come together to have fun, worship, play games, watch movies, and have plenty of time to hang out. Come make new friends and stay up as late as you want! \$5 covers make your own pizza, make your own sundaes, and breakfast in the morning. See Kim for permission slip.

**Come Join Us!!** We have some exciting plans, but we won't be complete without YOU!! If you are in middle school or high school, please join us for the fun. Bring your friends as well. We'd love to have you.

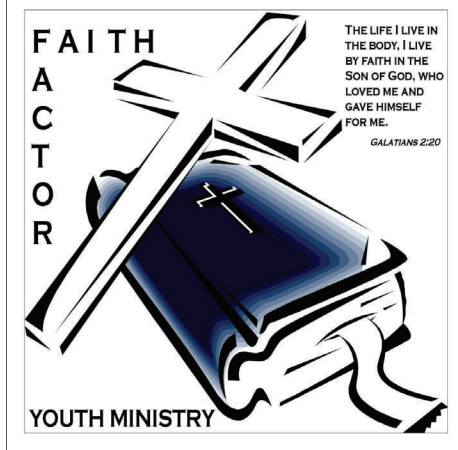
### Events planned for October...

#### Senior High

- October 7 – Current Events
- October 10-11 – Lock In at Church
- October 14 – Service Project
- October 21 – Music Night
- October 28 – Birthday Party Celebration

#### Junior High

- October 3 – Friendships
- October 10-11 – Lock In at Church
- October 17 – God's View of Us
- October 31 – Halloween Party



Blessings,

## Genesee Valley District Sunday

Mark your calendars for a wonderful day of fellowship, meeting new friends, and celebrating the changes in our District. Our new District Superintendent, Ted Anderson, will be preaching at both services *here at Aldersgate* on Sunday, October 19th. Later that afternoon, you are invited to come to join Ted and our Bishop, Marcus Matthews at Grace United Methodist Church for a variety of fun, fellowship and worship activities:

<b><i>District Fair</i></b>	<i>3-4:30</i>	<i>Fellowship hall and around church. Food and activities for God's children of every age (children's activities, Youth table, Adult sharing)</i>
<b><i>The Bill Ward Band</i></b>	<i>4:00</i>	<i>In the Sanctuary</i>
<b><i>Worship and DS Installation Service</i></b>	<i>4:30</i>	<i>In the Sanctuary</i>
<b><i>District Fair</i></b>	<i>5:30 - 7</i>	<i>Fellowship hall and around church. . . the food, fun and fellowship continues!</i>

*Offering: There will be an offering during worship . . .the food. . .fair and fun are free!*

*Dress: Please dress casually and comfortably.*

*Parking: Church Parking lot, on street around church, former gas station at corner of Driving Park and Lake, in plaza at southeast corner of Driving Park and Lake. Look for United Methodist Parking Ministers.*

## CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ***DINE WITH US AT***

#### ***APPLEBEE'S***

Monday, October 6, from  
4:00-9:00 PM

***10% of Food Receipts Benefits our  
BUILDING FUND***

**GRIEFSHARE:** The GriefShare grief support group continues to meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays in the Parlor. 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.



### **UPPER ROOM PRAYER**

**GROUP:** The Wednesday prayer group will be starting a new Bible study and prayer time beginning September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 PM in the parlor. The study is called Entering the Old Testament, Meeting God in Scripture and focuses on reading Scripture devotionally and will require daily study of no more than 10 to 15 minutes per day. We will spend about 30 minutes doing the study and the remainder of the time in prayer for the concerns listed in our bulletin. We welcome anyone interested! If you have any questions, please call Joyce Farrokh at 865-5135.

**CHRISTMAS THEATER:** Join in celebrating the birth of Jesus at the Aldersgate Actors Guild 13th Annual Christmas Theater. Plan on coming to church for dinner and the show on Friday, December 5 or Saturday, December 6, 2008. BETHLEHEM, P.D., THE CHRISTMAS

GROUCHES, and ROAD TO CHRISTMAS will be performed in loving memory of James DeBell. This holiday tradition at Aldersgate is fun for the whole church, and we encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join you also. Ticket sales will begin in a few weeks, but save the date now! If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Actors Guild Director, Gloria Montgomery.

### **LAKE UMC REJOINS US FOR ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION**

**ON NOV. 14:** After a two-year absence, the members of Lake United Methodist Church will once again contribute their donations and their presence to our annual auction. We have missed their fellowship. As in the past, the money raised by their donations will go to benefit their ministries, and those coming from our members and friends will benefit Aldersgate ministries.

Mark "**Attend Auction**" on your calendar for **Friday, November 14**. The spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the auction beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. **Carol Ritter Wright** will be back as our auctioneer for our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction. We also plan to provide both nursery care and activities for primary-aged children. Begin to think now about what good quality items or services you may wish to donate to the auction. Donation forms will be included in your bulletins starting in mid-October. If you have any questions or want to check out ideas for donations, see **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822) or **Jan Winter** (225-4927).

**ITS TIME ONCE AGAIN to "serve" here at church!** Come play Volleyball and/or Basketball here at Aldersgate in Ide Family Life Center on Monday Nights beginning at 7:00.

You do not need to be an Olympian... just someone who likes to have fun and play together on a team of friends and family. For more information, talk to Ken Sisson.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2009:**

"Living Beyond Ourselves" is the theme that the Stewardship Development Team chose for the annual Fall Finance Campaign this year. The theme is related to our upcoming church-wide study of Bill Hybel's book, *Living Beyond Myself*. It is also a reminder that, "It's not about us," as Rick Warren so frequently says. Even more important, the concept of the theme is Biblical.

In preparation for making your commitment to financial support of Aldersgate ministries in 2009, we ask you to be in an attitude of prayer as you read our pastor's letter that will come the first week of October and the letter from the Stewardship Team with the pledge card that will come later. Read the daily devotional guide this month and continue to be present each Sunday as our pastor focuses on the attributes of a healthy congregation. October 26 is Commitment Sunday, when you will be asked to bring your pledges forward as your step of faith for the year ahead. Let's all seek the blessing of "Living Beyond Ourselves" as we look ahead to a new year of "Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy."

**WE AR LOOKING FOR AN ELECTRICIAN** for what we think (hope!) is a small problem to be solved. If you can assist, please call the church office.



Items for the NOVEMBER *Hinge* are due **October 15th**.

## NEWS FROM ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT SCHEDULED

There is still time to sign up on the Opportunities Board to attend the Mini-Retreat on Saturday, October 4, from 8:45 AM to 2:30 PM. The day will be a time to focus on your own spiritual growth and will include worship, meditation, and journaling. There is no charge for the day. Bring your Bible, a writing utensil, a sack lunch, and a prayerful heart. A notebook, snacks and beverages will be provided. If you have questions, see **Barb Draft, Chitie Edgett, Laurie Ruell, or Colleen Tyler.**

### READING CIRCLE

New members and visitors are always welcome at Reading Circle. Join us if you like to read and like to talk about your reading with others. The Tale of Hill Top Farm by Susan Wittig Albert is the selection for the **Thursday, October 2**, meeting at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. Members take turns serving refreshments each month. For more information, call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

### FINDING SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL HUNGER

If missionaries in sub-Saharan Africa are looking for a crop that will provide soil cover; supply food that is nutritious; and grow readily in a hot, dry climate, where do they turn? What techniques will hold the soil and allow food to be grown for villagers living on rainy, mountainous terrain? What native plants have real healing benefits? Welcome to ECHO, an organization based in North Fort Myers, Florida, whose mission is networking solutions to the problem of global hunger.

At Morning Circle on Tuesday, October 21, we'll learn about the important and unusual work done by ECHO, which not only solves prob-

lems encountered by missionaries, but also trains many who are going to the mission field as agricultural specialists.

Our meetings begin at 11:00 AM and are open to anyone interested in the topic. Bring a light lunch. Beverages and dessert are prepared by our hostesses of the month. For more information, call Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Bobbie Eckert (225-9582).

### VENDORS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Are you a crafter or do you have a friend who is? Pick up a brochure in the Gathering Area & consider participating our First Indoor Crafts & Collectibles Show & Sale on Friday and Saturday, **October 17 & 18**. Homemade crafts, quality gift items, and antiques and collectibles may all be part of the show. We easily have room for 30 vendors and may add additional spaces if needed.

We originally planned to ask vendors for \$50 per space with a table and two chairs provided. Then we realized that we don't have enough tables to do that! We changed the fee to \$40 with a \$10 charge for a table, hoping some vendors will be able to provide their own tables. The chairs are still included.

There are other ways to help. We will have a church booth, for which we need items donated by our own members, usually those who prefer not to have their own booth. All sales from the church booth go toward missions and UMW projects as do the net proceeds from the sale of spaces. We will also hold a baked food sale and will be selling sandwiches and beverages for lunch.

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

### READING CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Congratulations are in order for the nine members of the Aldersgate unit of the United Methodist Women who received certificates for their participation in the UMW Reading Plan: **Frances Crabtree, Barbara Draft, Joyce Farrokh, Gretchen Hughes, Shirley Grierson, Alma Harmer, Ruth Loomis, Gloria Montgomery, and Helen Wolter.**

Each year the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries develops a new list of books, organized under the categories of Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. To receive a certificate, members read a book from each category and Response, the mission magazine of United Methodist Women.

### SOFREH TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25

Our annual thanks gathering and prayer service with women from the Rochester Iranian community will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the home of Joyce Farrokh, 177 Carrington Drive (off English Road between North Avenue and North Greece Road). This Sofreh is now an established tradition, giving us an opportunity each year to fellowship together and to share an international meal. Details will be available in upcoming bulletins and a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by October 5. This opportunity is unique to our unit and one not to be missed. Mark it on your calendar now and plan to attend.

### UPCOMING DATES:

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

**November 17—General Meeting** at 6:15 PM with a speaker from Gateway-Longview



## MISSIONS NEWS

### SPEAKER FROM LOUISIANA DISASTER RELIEF TO SPEAK AT ALDERSGATE

What progress has been made along the Gulf Coast in recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita? What impact have Gustav and Ike had this year? The **Rev. Daryl Allen Tate**, head of the Louisiana Conference disaster recovery ministry, will be at Aldersgate on Sunday evening, **October 12**, to answer your questions. We will gather first for a **Pot-luck Supper at 5:30 PM** in the Ide Family Life Center. After the meal, he will talk about the status of current recovery efforts in Louisiana and the opportunities we have to be in mission there.

A native of New Iberia, Louisiana, Rev. Tate is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, where he has served churches since he was 17 years old. In August 2005 Bishop Hutchinson asked him to organize the relief and recovery efforts for the conference, an operation that has more than 70 employees.

Plan to come and to bring your friends. The sign up sheet is on the Opportunities Board.

### ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE SUPPORTS GLOBAL MISSION PARTNER

Remember to vote on November 4—and to stop by the church (even if it's not your polling place) to purchase baked goods or Christmas crafts. With two election districts voting here and the higher traffic created by a presidential election, we hope to have a better than usual sale.

However, to have a good sale, we must have the goods! People come in the morning expecting to find

cookies, brownies, and breads to take to work with them. Throughout the day we have “regular customers” who look forward to the mouth-watering pies and cakes they find here every year.

The first call on the funds raised will be to complete our Global Missions Partner commitment to the support of a physician at Ganta Hospital in Liberia, Africa. Any remaining money will go to our General Benevolence Fund, upon which the Missions Committee draws to support other mission projects.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in mid-October for you to indicate your willingness to contribute both the product of your baking skills and your service in staffing the sale.

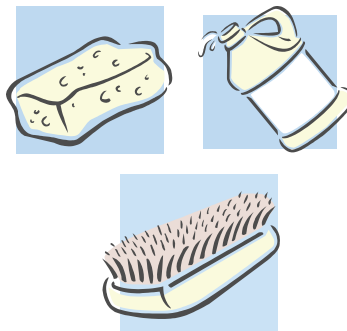
### UMCOR AT WORK IN LOUISIANA, TEXAS, AND AROUND THE WORLD

UMCOR's Sager-Brown Depot was humming with activity the week of September 14. Flood buckets, health kits, and generators were shipped out to locations in Louisiana and Texas for families who were victims of Gustav and Ike. As of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 8,935 flood buckets and 3,000 health kits had been sent out from Sager-Brown and from the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois. In addition, two forty-foot containers loaded with health kits, school kits, layette kits, bedding packs and sewing kits were on their way to Tblisi, Georgia, to assist people there who had to leave their homes due to the conflict between that country and Russia.

Much more needs to be done. The United Methodist Committee on Relief not only offers immediate relief from disaster but, because of its base in local churches, is able to stay at the scene to assist with long-term

recovery. In addition, preparations continue for the next event.

**We will continue to collect supplies for Flood Buckets.** The lists of items needed are on the Mission Counter. If you wish to make a monetary contribution to aid recovery efforts from the hurricanes this year, mark your check or the pew envelope **“Hurricanes 2008.”** If you want to respond to the needs in Georgia, mark the check or envelope **“Georgia Emergency.”** Checks should be payable to Aldersgate UMC.



### NEW FROM COOKSON HILLS

Meri Whitaker announced in the latest newsletter from Cookson Hills Center that, in addition to their “Little People” Day Care, they were approved for 47 additional spaces for “big kids.” The additional day care program is up and running. In other news, a building used in the 1950's as a medical clinic was returned to a similar function in June this year. A Health Resource Center run by Joyce Moroney, R.N. will provide teaching and connect people to the medical facilities they need.

She also reported that higher costs for gasoline, utilities, insurance, and food are affecting the Center and their clients.

Our continued support for this much-needed, expanding program is most welcomed.

## MISSIONS CONTINUED

### FACTS ABOUT RED BIRD SCHOOL

Seventeen of the 21 students who graduated from Red Bird Mission School in May will go on to further education at schools which include Eastern Kentucky University, Berea College, Brigham Young, and the University of Kentucky. Red Bird is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. The per pupil cost for 2007-2008 was about \$6700 with the total cost of operating the K-12 school \$1.8 million.

The chief support we at Aldersgate provide to the school is to collect the Campbell's Soup UPC codes and symbols and General Mills Box Tops for Education. (Did you notice that Ziploc packages now have the Box Top coupons?) You can help by saving both Campbell's UPC codes and GM Box Tops from your purchases and putting them in the Green Box on the Mission Counter.

### WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING PROVIDES CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Half the funds from the World Communion Sunday Offering, **October 5**, will be used to support Crusade Scholarships for students primarily from the Asia/Pacific region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe who don't normally have access to funding for graduate-level education. Students who plan to study in health-related fields, rural development, social work, teaching, theology, pastoral care, environmental studies, and agriculture are given priority. The students are expected to return to their home communities to use the skills learned for at least five years after finishing their studies. These are typical of the scholars who receive scholarships. Thokozile Jokwiro of Zimbabwe, a nurse, has returned to school to study midwifery. She believes that Christian mission work should benefit all and is "undertaken in love, with a desire to share and bring salvation to others."

Annie Solis Escalante understands the importance of nutrition to good health and wants to pursue a postgraduate degree in social management or public health in order to help the people in the Andean rural communities in her home country of Peru. The son of an Aymaran pastor in Bolivia, Samuel Condori, is grateful for the scholarship that will help him to continue in his community development work. (The Aymaras are one of the two major groups of indigenous peoples in Bolivia.) Our gifts benefit not only the lives of these young adults but also those of the people whose lives they will impact with their work.

The remainder is used to provide Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduates, with fifteen percent reserved to fund programs for ethnic people seeking second careers in church-related callings. Your gift can help to touch many lives. Write your check payable to Aldersgate UMC or put your donation in a pew envelope. It should be designated for "**World Communion Sunday.**"

## *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*

Thank you everyone for all the cards and prayers as I have been recovering from a broken ankle. Even my Dr. has said that God works in mysterious ways – I know it is all of your prayers and God's presence in my life that has brought about my healing so far and will continue to bring me to a full recovery! Bless all of you and our wonderful church family. ~Nancy Jones

To My Aldersgate Family,

This is a "better late than never thank you" for all of your prayers, loving thoughts and cards: before, during and after my recent shoulder surgery. It is a long healing process, but I'll make it.

Peace and Love, ~Marisue Caupp

Dear Sally Stewardship,

Every once in a while I hear someone say that the money for some project is in the “pass through” account. What on earth is that? Is it part of the budget? ~I’m All Ears!

Dear All Ears,

I’m not an accountant; so don’t hold it against me if my explanation doesn’t meet the standards of Accounting 101. As I understand it, the Pass Thru Account is a checking account separate from the budget in which funds are deposited for groups or special projects in our church. The money may come from units such as the Actors Guild or AMEN that do not have their own treasurers. The proceeds from fundraisers like the Auction or the Evening of Entertainment are kept in that account until they are spent for their designated purposes. Sometimes the money is held only briefly before being passed on to its destination. For instance, money from the sale of tickets to the recent Fiesta Latina was deposited there; but, once the event was over, it was sent on promptly to our sister church Emmanuel UMC to cover the cost of purchasing the food and to benefit their after-school programs for children. Still other money comes from donations for special purposes like the purchase of library books or choir music.

The main advantage of the Pass Thru account is that the funds deposited there can be carried over in their sub-accounts from year to year if not spent. That’s different from the budget, where money remaining at the end of the year becomes part of the starting balance for the new year, regardless of who did or did not spend their authorized budget in full. The balance in the Pass Thru account runs around \$19,000, not an insignificant amount of money. There are, however, nearly 30 sub-accounts with funds ranging from 54 cents to \$6900. With the approval of Church Council, we have on rare occasions borrowed small amounts from that account to meet an unexpected emergency, but we do pay it back promptly. Groups who have trusted us with their deposits expect that money to be available when they need it.

I hope that answers your question. I’m no expert, but I try! Keep those questions coming.

Responsibly yours,

~Sally Stewardship

### **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).

### It Pays to Increase Your Word Power

One of my favorite pastimes as a child was reading National Geographic and The Reader's Digest as I waited for my appointment at the dentist's office. There are specific things I remember about the office: the chair, of course, and an intriguing sign that hung on the wall directly across from the chair. It said "Payments will be made as the work progresses." My vivid imagination made me picture him stopping midway through the filling and asking for payment. He had a name that fit his occupation, "Dr. Perlman," and also a love for classical music with a tendency to drill in time with the music, always cause for alarm when he was getting near a nerve, and probably the reason why I am not overly fond of classical music! This was a long time ago, before the advent of high-speed, water-cooled drills, and I don't think my parents could afford an extra fee for Novocain. Reading was my anesthesia and I usually arrived a half hour early to make sure I would be feeling no pain! I loved to do the word quiz in The Reader's Digest and as a result was always good at the spelling bees we had at school. Vocabulary and the derivation of words were absolutely fascinating to me, and somehow that concentration on the magazines numbed me to the fact that I would be getting another filling. Memories of any pain have faded but the memories of the pleasure of reading will remain crystal clear.

We had other connections with Dr. Perlman. His daughter was in my class and his wife was my first Brownie leader. When Dr. Perlman was diagnosed with cancer, my mother, a government clerk, made sure that he applied for the veteran's benefits he was entitled to receive, something he was unaware of at the time. Her willingness to go out of her way to help someone has always been an example to me.

Back to Word Power! When I started reading the Bible, I was bad at memorizing verses and figured that was the purpose of having a concordance. If you could remember a key phrase, then you could usually find it, but of course, not as rapidly as you can do it now on the Internet. Along my spiritual journey, however, I found that certain verses stuck with me and would fall into the category called "life verses." I began to experience a different kind of Word Power, one in which I derived inner strength from absorbing God's Word. In times of stress, I found that these verses came to mind immediately, perhaps God's way of showing me that I should concentrate on His help rather than on the problem at hand.

One of the neatest things about Aldersgate is the number of Bible studies available in small group settings and in Sunday school for all ages. We are very blessed to have two adult Sunday School classes in addition to our programs for children. People are welcome to join a group at any time and can be assured of being welcomed. For those of us who do not have family close by, the bonds formed in our church family are especially important. In addition to helping our spiritual growth, small groups provide a place of caring and mutual prayer. I look forward to being with our group and hope this is something you will try.

Love in Christ,

Joyce Farrokh

#### PEWS FOR SALE:

We are selling some pews from the chapel that are no longer needed. The availability and suggested donations are as follows:

**1** 7 foot pew \$100    **6** 5 foot pews \$75    **4** 3 foot pews \$50

They will be sold on a first come, first served basis, so please call the office (663-3665)

soon if you would like to purchase one.

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN OCTOBER

### SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/5	Rich Keller	Nancy Young
10/12	Marissa Peck	Marisue Caupp
10/19	Glen VanPutte	Nancy Bader
10/26	Mark DeVincentis	Tom Simons

### ACOLITE SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/5	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell, Chase Tyler
10/12	Edward Carstens	Rebecca Lindeman, Ryan Lindeman
10/19	Brianna Kephart	Nick Spicer, Mike Spicer
10/26	Usher	Renee Tibbles, Caleb Thompson

### USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/5	Al and Myrt Holmes Dan and Jan Rothfuss	Tom and Zuni Simons Terry and Nancy Young
10/12	Al and Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader, Colleen Tyler Eric Bock, Walt Dunn
10/19	Al and Myrt Holmes Joan Michlin and Larry Van Allen	Scott and Carline Wiley Laura and Vince Acciaio
10/26	Al and Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker	Dean and Jackie Hogestyn Gary Hogestyn, Denise Furey

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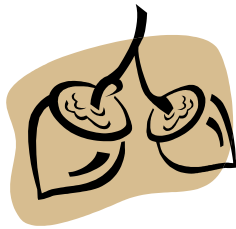
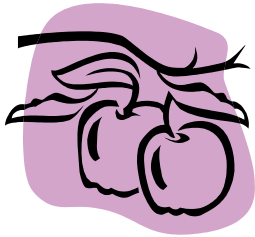
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*This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*~Psalm 118:24*

*"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend." ~Melody Beattie*