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FROM YOUR PASTOR...

During the past year, the health of the US economy has dropped significantly. The financial crisis is effecting all of us, some more than others. People are being impacted not only financially, but emotionally and spiritually, as fear and worry increase and relationships are strained. God is good. God cares about these things and desires wholeness in all aspects of our lives. In October, I'll be doing a series of messages based on James 4 and a book by Michael Slaughter entitled, "*Upside Living in a Downsize Economy*." Together we'll examine what the Bible says to us about these challenging times and look at practical ways to experience the abundant life for which God created us. I pray you'll join us each Sunday.

Blessings and prayers,

Anne

Pastor Anne

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Youth News

We are excited to welcome Rachelle Vitullo back to our staff. Rachelle has agreed to serve as Interim Youth Director while we continue to look for a person to permanently fulfill that position. She'll be planning activities and getting the youth together soon. Keep your eyes and ears open for more news.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the position, please ask them to pray about applying. Contact Pastor Anne or Laura Acciaio.

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.

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

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

In rehab: Muriel McKenna – Atria of Greece

In hospice care: Orville Loomis – Unity

Recovering at home:
Donna Colangelo, John Cook, Pat Holmes, Pat Jermy, Bill Tschorke, Carline Wiley

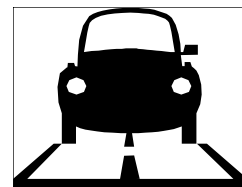
Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Acker-

man (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Mavis & Malcolm Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Phoebe Brown, Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Albina DeBell, Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Gerry Giehl (friend of Candy Metzger), Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Lois Hall (mother of Becky Hess), Dave Haring, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Linda Johnson (daughter of Bev & Myrle Johnson), Myrle Johnson, Earl Kelley (father of Cindy Groves), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Joyce Leblanc (sister of Nancy Bader), Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia & Jack Lynch), Stephen Lyons, Charlotte McCabe (Betty Baybutt's daughter), Lea McQuown, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Mark Nobb (friend of

the Geiers), Margaret Patterson (sister of Joyce DeBell), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Tammy Ruiz, Steven Savage, Mary Sims, Melody Simmons (friend of Karen Rice), Gail Snyder, John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Heather Tidwell (granddaughter of Ross & Nancy Wayne), Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Ross Wayne, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

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

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Jack Lynch, Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Leota Matthews – Monroe Community Hospital; Irv Robinson – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Robert Royer – St. John's
Christian sympathy to Thelma Hulbert and family on the death of her husband, Ambert. They are/were charter members of Aldersgate. Also to Evie Souve on the death of her cousin, Eleanor Batjer.



ALDRSGATE EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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

PARISH VISITATIONS

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



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

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

~Barbara Robinson

FROM THE PASTOR OF VISITATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARE

Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends

The fall season is well underway and we're all getting back into the routine. Our new Christian Education Director, Nancy Woodworth-Hill, is doing a great job in leading the education programs at Aldersgate. (Thanks to all who have agreed to help in various areas—and if you would like to be involved, See Nancy). Besides making a difference in the lives of our children, you might be entertained from time to time.

For instance, here are some real children's quotes:

Amen from the Little Ones

Lot's Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Good Samaritan

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. "Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people

walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

The Lord is My Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible—Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task—but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" the little boy replied, "Thank God he's in Bed."

Untimely Answered Prayer

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered, soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did."

Time to Pray

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. "Yes, sir," the boy replied. And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked. "No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime."

All Men/All Girls

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "and all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayer by saying "All Men."

Say A Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny, please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

There, I didn't make you cry this month, unless a few tears of laughter!

Have a wonderful October,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUCCESSFUL CHURCH SCHOOL STARTUP

Our Church School program is off to a good start! Thank you to all who are helping shape our children with our Christian story. The children in Sunday School are studying people of faith who make a difference. They are studying the story of Deborah (one of Israel's early judges) and Jeremiah (a prophet) from the Old Testament as well as a Roman centurion and the woman at the well from the Gospels of Luke and John.

The children attending Junior Church continue their look at the story of the Israelites as they cross the Red Sea and make their way through the wilderness before entering the Promised Land.

Our Intermediate class will be preparing journals with their bible verses. If you see a child in the fourth, fifth or sixth grade, ask them what their favorite verse is so far! Our Confirmation class has started, and will continue for the next two years. It's not too late to join them (youth in 7th grade or above). Contact Jim or Lorraine Christie 621-9028 for more information.

The High School class shows a promising start. They heard and discussed Kent Whitaker's story, and have begun a study of decision making. There's plenty of room if you would like to see what's happening.

The 9:30 adult class is studying the book of Revelation, and the 11:00 class is working with the "When the game is over, it all goes back in the box" curriculum. Consider joining one of these classes if you're finished with High School.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Please prayerfully consider helping the children of Aldersgate grow in Christ. There are openings for assistants (it would be great to have two adults in each classroom), teachers (a heart for teaching is all that is needed, as well as two or three hours preparation time), and substitute teachers (on an as needed basis). Contact Nancy at nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org or call Aldersgate (663-3663) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

ANNOUNCING A PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Starting mid-October a class for our three and four year olds will make its debut. The children will meet at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in Room 7 of the Church School wing. A BIG thank you goes to Zuni Simons who has agreed to be the lead teacher for these children. As this goes to press we are choosing an appropriate curriculum and contacting parents. For more information please contact Nancy at nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org or call Aldersgate (663-3663) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laure Van Putte	October 5
Rachel Brehm	October 7
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Orville Loomis	October 12
Robin Lindeman	October 15
Joyce Farrok	October 17
Thomas Rankin Sr.	October 17
Laura Acciaio	October 17
Brianna Gilzow-Kephart	October 18
Nancy Young	October 20
Amy DeVincentis	October 21
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Nicholas Spicer	October 23
Jennifer Mack	October 24
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Corrine Keller	October 27
Kevin Ruell	October 27
Ted Carstens	October 30
Mavis Beers	October 31



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

An Exceptional Church

Churches do what churches do! They provide worship opportunities and many other ministries. Churches can be immersed in evangelism, foster small groups and participate in just about any type of volunteering one can think of. However, that doesn't make a church exceptional in my opinion. After all, isn't that what churches are supposed to be doing? I want to present a different look at our church.

Let's take a look at what happens when a church is vibrant and alive! Things are happening in such a church! There are people of all ages and backgrounds that seem ready and willing to be help. Actually, most churches can claim that as well.

After our Whitaker weekend, it became very clear to me what makes Aldersgate an exceptional church. It is our attitude toward others. It is the way we touch other peoples' lives by our warm and Christian nature. This was "Catch the Spirit's" first real attempt to go into the areas of our community that are really hurting. It was so rewarding to see people from the inner city and surrounding areas coming through our doors to meet Kent Whitaker, to be inspired by his testimony and his witness of unconditional faith in God. The promise of Romans 8:28 is living in him! This was a true reach-out ministry weekend! Kent and Tanya were so pleased and surprised at our warmth and our willingness to serve Christ with joy-filled hearts. This is what makes us exceptional!! We are bearing witness to our Vision!

There are so many people to thank for weekends like this. Most importantly we have God to thank for the human resources that He brings to Aldersgate Church. He knows what He wants our church to be doing. I am so proud and blessed to be a member of this fellowship of many warm and committed Christians.

To reach all that deserve recognition for making this weekend so significant would take more space than we have. Naming names runs the risk of omitting some. It is easier to thank everyone, from the custodial staff, who had the church spic and span, to the Pastors who were willing and waiting to help anyone needing prayer or consoling. The kitchen staff and the music program all had their A-Game! The technical staff and the child care folks were as steady and reliable as always.

This is not by accident. It's not what you all did but it was the spirit with which you all did it. That is exceptional!

Thank you all for your part in this amazing and powerful weekend! We are a blessed church!

In gratitude,
Ken Rex

ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SUPPORT THE CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW & SALE ON OCTOBER 9 & 10

Come to help, come to shop, and come to eat. We need **helpers, shoppers, and diners** to have a successful second annual indoor Crafts & Collectibles Show on Friday and Saturday, October 9 & 10, from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. This is a good chance to get in some early Christmas shopping and to support local craft and collectible vendors, including our own church craft booth.

We already have more vendors than we did last year, but we still have room for more. If you should know of people likely to be interested, take a flyer to them from the Mission Counter in the Gathering Space.



Hotdogs and **our popular meatball sandwiches**, chips and beverages will be available for lunch from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM both days. **Baked goods** will also be sold each day. In addition to the cookies, brownies, pies, and cakes from home, several members of the UMW are planning to **get together to bake pies** in the church kitchen on Thursday for

sale. If you are interested in helping with that project, talk to **Gege Dunn (663-9235)** or **Bobbie Eckert (225-9582)** about the arrangements.

Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunities Board for you to let us know that you can help with the various tasks that will create another successful event: setting up on Thursday evening or helping with lunch service, working at the baked goods table or the church craft booth or greeting people as they arrive on both days.

The proceeds from the Crafts & Collectibles Show are divided between the church Missions Committee and Aldersgate United Methodist Women to help fund our Christmas White Gifts program and to make donations to outreach programs with which we are connected like the Greece Food Shelf, Cameron Community Ministries, and Cookson Hills Center.

Join in the fun and fellowship of working and shopping this year, knowing that in helping yourself you are also helping others.

TANYA'S GIFT

Those who were able to attend the Story Mentoring Workshop led by Tanya Youngling Whitaker on September 12 will be interested to learn that she returned the freewill offering of \$171 to the UMW to be used for our mission projects. She wanted the workshop to be her gift to the women of the church.

READING CIRCLE MEETS OCTOBER 1

The October book selection for Reading Circle is "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok. It is a novel about Jewish people, their traditions, and the dealings between fathers and sons. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library.

For those planning ahead, the November selection is "Three Cups of Tea," the true story of Greg Mortenson's adventures climbing the highest mountains in Pakistan and carrying out his vision of building schools for the people of that remote territory.

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

MORNING CIRCLE

Morning Circle will meet in the Church Parlor on Tuesday, October 20, at 11:00 AM. Bring a light lunch, and volunteer hostesses will have prepared beverages and dessert. Watch the bulletin notes in advance of the meeting for this month's program to be announced. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

SEW 'N SEW'S

Do you enjoy sewing or other needlework but would occasionally like a little company while working? Come to Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in Room 1. One of the projects right now is stitching up more tablecloths for our kitchen. On-going projects include children's quilts and school bags, and caps for preemies. Members also knit, crochet, or work on cross stitch projects. Feel free to join the group at any time. If you have any questions, call Betty Hild at 663-5032.



UPCOMING DATES:

October 17 – WNY Conference UMW Annual Meeting

November 21 – General Meeting at 9:00 AM.
Speaker topic will be "Decluttering."
Light continental breakfast will be available.

MISSION NEWS

OCTOBER 3 BBQ SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT EMMANUEL

Another Chicken and Rib Barbeque is scheduled for **Saturday, October 3, from 3 –6 PM.** This time the money will go toward support of the children's ministries at Emmanuel, for which a number of our church members have volunteered.

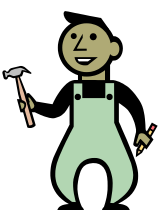
These events give us a chance to strengthen our connections with other United Methodists and to support their ministries as well as our own.

Tickets are still available from the church office and at the door. You may dine in or pick up take out dinners.

The members from Emmanuel will do the cooking, but we need to supply volunteers for the dining area and for ticket sales that day. Help us build this special connection by supporting their ministry to children in their Rochester neighborhood.

SIGN UP VERY SOON TO WORK ON HABITAT HOUSE

The framing is done and the house nearly closed in at **356**



Campbell Street, our fourth Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity project.

Much work, of course, remains to be done, but the hope is that the house will be completed in early November.

The churches who have signed on for this project are Aldersgate, Bethany Presbyterian, Greece Baptist, Greece UMC, Hope Lutheran, and Messiah Lutheran.

A "Blessing the Work" Ceremony was held on Saturday, September 19, to mark our takeover of the project in partnership with Rochester Lumber. It was well attended by representatives from each of the churches, the president of Rochester Lumber, Greece Supervisor John Auberger, officials from Flower City Habitat, future Habitat homeowners who are fulfilling their sweat equity requirements, and people from the neighborhood. One future homeowner told Joyce Farrokh and Gretchen Hughes that she was a single mother, nearing completion of an Early Childhood Education program at Monroe Community College and currently working for a childcare agency. Although she was finding it hard to fit the sweat equity requirement into her schedule, she hoped to qualify for a home within eighteen months.

Work on the site will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through early November. You don't need to be an experienced construction worker. Flower City Habitat supplies supervisors on site to assign appropriate tasks and to give help and instruction. Guidelines for what clothes to wear and what tools to bring are in the tri-fold display on the Mission Counter. To find available dates and to sign up, go to www.greecehabitat.org. See Steve Tyler, Joyce Farrokh, or Gretchen Hughes if you have additional questions.

On another note—we will once again sell Kelly's pies in November for a pre-Thanksgiving pickup to benefit the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity project. The 10-inch pies come in four varieties: apple crumb, apple-raspberry, pumpkin, and apple cranberry. They weigh 4.5 lbs. and cost just \$14.00 each. A two-pound loaf of apple crisp will also be

offered at the same price. Be looking for more information in the next [Hinge](#).

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE SUPPORTS GLOBAL MISSION PARTNER

Remember to vote on November 3—and to stop by the church (even if it's not your polling place) to purchase baked goods or Christmas crafts. Even if most of the election contests are local, we hope to have a good 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.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING PROVIDES CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Half the funds from the special offering on World Communion Sunday, **October 4**, will be used to support Crusade Scholarships for students primarily from the Asia/Pacific region,

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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.

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."***

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Former Senate Majority Leader Dr. Bill Frist is talking with leaders of the Global Health Initiative of the United Methodist Church about ways to work together? Based in Nashville, his organization Hope Through Healing Hands is focused on helping impoverished communities build sustainable development and "people power."

A Presbyterian, his reasons for approaching United Methodists are given in an article in the September/October issue of the *Interpreter*: "The United Methodist Church's power, he says, comes from an understanding of global health needs combined with having resources in place—pastors, churches, members—to reach people on the ground. 'I see no other organization in the world that has the sort of vertical integration and reach where

a dollar given to the church can go through the appropriate channels and with accountability and full transparency that dollar arrives on the ground...to have the impact of saving somebody's life,' he says." That is a high compliment indeed that can give us even more confidence that our money for mission is put to work where intended!

RED BIRD SCHOOL OPENS 89TH YEAR

Red Bird Mission School opened on Thursday, August 6, with an increased number of students, 225 this year over 213 last year. This is the United Methodist-supported school in Eastern Kentucky that we help to support by collecting **General Mills Box Tops for Education** and **Campbell's Soup UPC codes**. This summer the school building walls were freshly painted, the floors were waxed, and lockers were added to the elementary wing by Work Camp volunteers under the supervision of the custodial staff. Seventy to eighty percent of the students go on to higher education, and the staff is working to increase that percentage.

Please put the labels you have saved in the green box on the Mission Counter. They are counted and sent to Red Bird on a regular basis by Dick Harmer. This is an inexpensive way to support a school that has been improving lives of young people in this very needy area for 89 years.

THE BLESSING BARN IN THE NEWS

Last month the effort of a local moving company to help out the people in Gowanda hit by the floods in August was a major story in the business section of the D & C. When Matt Ferrentino of Lafayette Storage and Moving wanted to take furniture and clothing to stricken families in the

area, he was directed to Bill Webster of The Blessing Barn. He was able to pick up a full load of supplies from the Blessing Barn warehouse in Greece to take to the Red Cross site in Gowanda.

You may ask what our interest was in this story. It is The Blessing Barn that picked up all of our left-overs from the Rummage Sale this year. We packed up at the end of the sale on Saturday, and Bill and his workers were there to collect before the afternoon was out. They took everything! It was for us the smoothest and timeliest close to the sale we have ever had.

The Red Cross and the Salvation Army have now left the flood-stricken area. However, **the United Methodist Church is still there**, and volunteers are still needed to finish clean up work and to provide assistance especially to poor and elderly homeowners to restore their homes for winter. If you would like to help, call our WNY Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, the Rev. Carl Chamberlain, at 607-382-1403 or e-mail him at RevCarl2@lycos.com. Contributions are still needed as well. You may put your gift in the offering marked ***"Conference Disaster Fund."***

SAVE THIS DATE

Highlight **Sunday, November 8**, on your calendar and plan to attend a **Potluck Dinner and Mission Fair** in the Ide Center after the second service. Representatives from many of our local outreach agencies will be present with displays to share with you the opportunities for giving service in our area in ways that help change people's lives for the better.

CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Does the idea of a Nursing Home scare you ?

Have you seen or heard about a long overdue New concept that is up and running? Please join us for an informative session of "New Visions of Elder Care". A speaker from St. Johns Living Center will inform us of what is happening around the country and in the Rochester area. Mark these dates: 7:00 PM Tuesday night, **October 20th** in the sanctuary and **11:00 AM Tuesday, November 17th** in the parlor for Morning Circle.

All are welcome including those with aging parents. Feel free to invite your neighbors. It will give hope an insight to an unpopular topic.

Catch the Spirit Makes a Difference

The Whitaker weekend by all accounts was AMAZING! This is our second venture into bringing celebrities to our church. Our goal is to find ways to reach other people in the community that may not otherwise visit.

Last year we brought Jerry Lucas, NBA Hall of Fame Basketball Player. This year we wanted to try it again and God led us to Kent and Tanya Whitaker. Their ministry touched more than a few lives!

I want to thank all of the people involved in our exercise classes for their support. Without it we would not have been able to hold either event! Your class fees sponsor these ministries! **One hundred percent** of the class fees go toward these very important ministries, and that is no small contribution. When we can count on you and our generous free will offerings, we can bring more high profile people to our community! The more people we get involved in our exercise classes the more we will be able to do.

Many people are losing weight or inches while others are gaining much-needed strength. The classes are fun and we can work with just about any level of fitness. Please consider getting involved in our classes. We have big plans for the future and we want you to be part of them.

Keep it up!

Ken Rex

Lay Speaking Ministries Fall Training Retreat

is being held on **November 6, 7, 8.**

Call the Church Office for more information.

Registrations must be received by **October 12th.**

ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR NOVEMBER 13

Mark "**Attend Auction**" on your calendar for **Friday, November 13**. 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 22nd Annual Auction. Nursery care will be available. 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. Proceeds will be divided between our Greece Churches Habitat project and Cookson Hills Center. If you have any questions or want to check out ideas for donations, see **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822) or **Jan Winter** (225-4927).

*Save these dates for the
14th Annual Christmas Theater
presenting*

The Doors of Christmas

Pizza Night, Friday, December 4 - \$10

Dinner, Saturday, December 5 - \$15

Children under 10—1/2 price

INK JET AND LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES

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



CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES (CONT.)

CATCH THE SPIRIT—EXERCISE CLASS

The time has changed for Wednesday nights. The class meets at **5:00 PM** instead of 6:00 PM in the Ide Family Life Center.

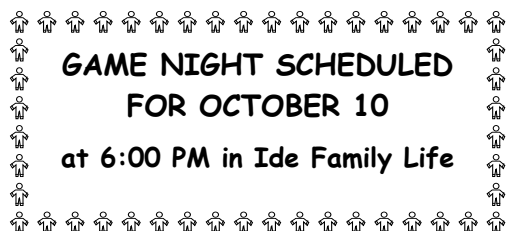
All are Welcome!

CELEBRATE APPLEBEE'S

When we started, who would have thought that going to Applebee's once a month would bring in so much money for our Building Fund! Or that it would become so much a part of our sense of community! (A youngster there recently was delighted because everywhere he looked, he saw someone he knew from church.)

To date we have received \$9121.45 from Applebee's from their Dining for Dollars program. Besides the benefit to our church and our pleasure in enjoying good food without having to do the dishes, we are supporting the local economy and the young servers that work there. We must be good tippers (and hopefully we are) because the manager has told us repeatedly that he has no trouble getting help to come in on the first Monday of the month.

Join us at Applebee's on West Ridge Road on **Monday, October 5, from 4:00-9:00 PM**. Remember to give your receipt to the Aldersgate representatives at the front table as you leave, and 10% of the food bill will be donated to the Aldersgate Building Fund.



Landscape Plans

We still have the Landscape Plans for the front of the Chapel and along the office area on Dewey Avenue, and some Memorial money designated to be used for the project. We lack enough funds, however, to even finish the next section to be planted in front of the Chapel. If you are interested in donating to this fund as a memorial, it would be feasible that we would have the money to pursue this project next year.



If you would like further information or would like to make a memorial donation, please call our Memorials Chairperson, Jackie Hogestyn, at 663-9232 or Barb Condon at 865-0871.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010

"Count Your Blessings" is the theme that the Stewardship Development Team chose for the annual Fall Finance Campaign this year. In a year when we've heard so much negative economic news and no doubt experienced some of the impact of the economic downturn, it is especially important that we focus on what we have rather than what we don't have. As an article in the November Joyful Noiseletter put it, we should be thankful "for the huge heating bill, because it means I'm warm," "for the clothes that fit a bit too snug, because it means I have enough to eat" and even "for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive." It's really not a matter of putting on your rose-colored glasses as it is of looking at your life from a new perspective.

In preparation for making your commitment to financial support of Aldersgate ministries in 2010, we ask you to be in an attitude of prayer as you read our pastor's letter that will come in early October and the letter from the Stewardship Team with the pledge card that will come later. October 25 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 "count our blessings" as we look ahead to a new year of "Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy" at Aldersgate.

DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I hear that we are hiring an outside consultant again for another capital campaign in the spring. Why can't we conduct this next effort ourselves? We've been through this a couple of times already and should know how to do it. Why spend money hiring an outsider—money that could go toward paying our mortgage?

Let's Be Careful

Dear Careful,

Excellent question. (That's what they all say!)

You are right. We do know how to run a capital campaign—the basic pattern for a successful campaign is similar regardless of who leads it. Did you realize that we had actually done one by ourselves before the first major campaign for our recent addition? Following the same guidelines, the Financial Resources Development Committee raised over \$70,000 to refurbish our former sanctuary in the nineties. However, it is highly unlikely that we'd have the \$1.6 million raised in the last two campaigns and be in our new facilities now if the project had been left to the same local committee. It also took us as long or even longer than either of the two professionally assisted campaigns. (In case you don't recognize the committee, it is now called the Stewardship Development Team.)

Why not go it alone? First, outside consultants can say things that need to be said to the congregation that local people—pastors and parishioners alike—are generally uncomfortable saying. Consultants

can be more frank in talking about money and giving. They bring us perspectives and new ideas that we may not even consider.

Even with a consultant, members of the congregation do most of the work; the more people involved the better. However, all the committees are more accountable for getting their work done when needed if they are reporting to someone they know we are paying to spend time with us. It's much easier to say, "Oh, my, I've been busy" or "I forgot" or "I'll get it to you next week" to someone local. Campaigns can fizzle and dry up without that accountability.

Each successive campaign gets harder. It is much less exciting to pay down debt than it is to raise money to build something new. Outside consultants bring the expertise to help us see the possibilities and to generate some excitement around the campaign.

Both our own experience and studies of all kinds of financial campaigns show that groups that hire consultants raise a great deal more money than would otherwise be expected—amounts that make the fees charged by consultants look small by comparison. Who would have thought that we would be able to raise nearly a million dollars in that first campaign? We raised even more than the consultant expected!

Finally, locally run campaigns take too much pastoral time. It's true that the pastor has a leadership role in any campaign. However, one WNY pastor I called for a reference for the last campaign volunteered the information that his church had tried to go it alone for a second campaign before finally hiring a consultant. He found that he was too busy raising money to keep up the mortgage payments even to begin to

implement the programs they had had in mind when they built their addition.

These are all factors that the Church Council considered before making the decision to hire the Rev. David Bell of Covenant Quest as consultant for this next effort. We actually are excited about working with him and trust our campaign in the spring will be another opportunity for our church to grow spiritually as well as to meet our financial needs.

Already looking forward to spring,

Sally Stewardship

RESPITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A number of our Aldersgate family members are giving 24 hour a day care to loved ones. It would be a great help if some were willing to stay for an hour or two a week (or a month) so that the care-givers could run errands.

This "respite care" would be greatly appreciated. If you could help or need this service, please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

LEANER GREENER *HINGE* SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. There were 47 responses. Ten responses came from posting the survey on the church website. Here's overview of the survey results.

1. 67.4% read the entire *HINGE* front to back.
2. The top three sections read are:
 Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities
 From your pastor
 Celebrations (*Please contact church office for revisions to listings*)
3. Top three sections mentioned that readers liked the most
 From Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care
 From your pastor
 Church Events
4. Top three items that readers would like to be improved
 Shorten *HINGE*
 Make format easier to read
 Add a "NEED" column to highlight urgent current requests for any ministry
5. 55% answered yes that a name/contact would be sufficient for text that rarely changes each month
6. 15 readers requested email copy of *HINGE* instead of mailing (*PLEASE contact church office if you would like email copy of HINGE instead of mailing*)
7. Additional Comments
 - a. Add church service attendance to *HINGE*
 - b. *HINGE* is important church ministry
 - c. Sunday School section should have puzzles and stories related to upcoming month's Sunday School lessons
 - d. Website is very attractive and kept current - thanks to Juan Ruiz
 - e. Congregation should pick up *HINGE* in Narthex if they don't have email available
 - f. *HINGE* is good reference for month's activities
8. Top three places participants look for church information (*Recommend, if you have not done so, to please check out the church website www.aumcgreece.org*)
 Bulletin (*Please contact church office if you would like weekly email copy of bulletin*)
 HINGE
 Worship Announcements



*If you would like to receive
 the Hinge by e-mail, please
 call the Church Office at
 663-3665 or
 E-mail Candy at
cmetzger@aumcgreece.org.
 (You will receive the Hinge by
 e-mail the day it gets mailed.)*

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN OCTOBER

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/4	Susan DeVincentis	Nancy Young
10/11	Rodger Burkhart	Tom Simons
10/18	Kevin Brown	Dick Stacy
10/25	Mark DeVincentis	Ellie Cook

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/4	Sammy Hanco	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler
10/11	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman
10/18	Brianna Kephart	Nick Spicer Marie Sims
10/25	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles Caleb Thompson

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/4	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
10/11	Al & Myrt Holmes Joan Michlin, Larry VanAllen	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
10/18	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
10/25	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Vince & Laura Acciaio Eric Bock, Colleen Tyler

SOUND SYSTEM

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/4	Ted Carstens Ed Carstens	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
10/11	Dennis Pankey Eric McHugh	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
10/18	Mark DeVincentis Chris Loudon	Dick Caupp Roger Hotchkiss
10/25	Chris Loudon Dennis Pankey	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio



Items for the November
Hinge are due
October 15

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, good wishes
and cards. I appreciate them.

Donna Colangelo

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October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily (except Sun.) 7:30 AM Sunday 7:00 AM. Sunday 7:30 PM Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM	ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (8) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)		<i>1</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>2</i> 5:00 PM Christmas Theater Rehearsal (P) 6:30 PM Small Group (Parents) (P)	<i>3</i> 9:30 AM—6:00 PM Fiesta Latina (Ide) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>4</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Jr. Church (Ages 6-9 (4) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 12:30 PM Experiencing God (P)	<i>5</i> 1:45 PM Catch the Spirit - Exercise (Ide) 4:00 - 9:00 PM Applebee's 6:30 PM ACWT (S)	<i>6</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Small Group (Coburn) (P)	<i>7</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 3:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>8</i> 9:00 Pie Baking (K) 6:00—9:00 pm Set Up for Crafts & Collectibles (Ide) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Finance (4)	<i>9</i> 7:00 AM Set Up Crafts & Collectible (Ide) 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Arts & Collectible Sale (Ide) 6:30 PM Small Group (Parents) (P)	<i>10</i> 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Arts & Collectible Sale (Ide) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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