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From Your Pastor

Inside this issue:

There are several different things on my mind as I write this article.

Thanks to all who participated in the 90 in 90 Challenge, to Jane Shukitis who organized the celebration on February 14, and to those who shared their service experiences. The challenge period may be over, but our service must continue, if we are going to follow Christ each day. Remember we are servants of Christ, serving as he calls us, not volunteers doing what we want to do.

I pray you are finding our Lenten study on the "24 Hours that Changed the World" meaningful. Through March we will continue to focus on the last 24 hours of Jesus' earthly ministry. Palm/Passion Sunday (March 28) will mark the beginning of Holy Week as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his death less than a week later. During Holy Week, there will be special services at 7:00 PM on Maundy Thursday (April 1) and on Good Friday (April 2). I hope you will join us for all of these services that are intended to help us fully prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter on April 4.

By now you should be aware that we are going to New Orleans April 17-25 to continue the rebuilding effort there. There will be mission trips to other places, but this is likely to be the last year we go to New Orleans, because the United Methodist Committee on Relief is running out of funds to support the work there.

It's not too late to sign up to go, but you need to do so soon. Don't miss this great opportunity to serve. Talk to anyone who went in 2008 or 2009 and you'll discover how meaningful it was for them. Contact me *today* for more information or to sign up.

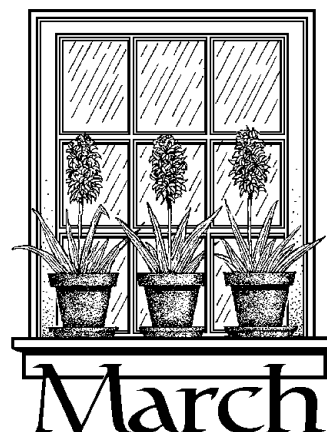
The Nominations Committee is hard at work seeking those we believe God may be calling to special service within in the church. If you are asked to serve, I encourage you to prayerfully consider if God is indeed calling you to that ministry. If you sense God may be calling you to serve in a certain area, be sure to let me know soon. "We have many parts in the one body and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So, we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God had given us." (Romans 12:4-6a) Many thanks to all who serve God in and through Aldersgate!

"I pray that out of his glorious riches God may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19)

Pastor Anne

Anne

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Our Ministry of Concern

People are added and deleted to our ongoing prayer list on request.

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

If you have a prayer request, please call Barbara Robinson at 227-7845.

In hospice care: Orville Loomis – Unity, Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home

In rehab: Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodas, NY

Recovering at home: Marisue Caupp, Dick Coonan, Carole Jermyn, Bob Judd, Nancy Woodworth-Hill

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Phoebe Brown, Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan,

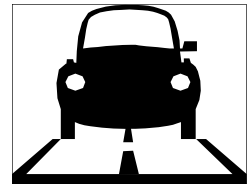
Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Don Gilzow (husband of Ann Gilzow), David Grierson, (son of Shirley Grierson), Lois Hall (mother of Becky Hess), Dave Haring, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huene-mann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), Linda Johnson (daughter of Bev Johnson), Earl Kelley (father of Cindy Groves), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kim Latragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Luke Loomis (brother of Orville Loomis), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Stephen Lyons, Charlotte McCabe (daughter of Betty Baybutt), Eleanor McKee (sister of Bob Wiederhold), Lea McQuown, Joan Michlin, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Mark Nobb (friend of the Geiers), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Tammy Ruiz, Steven Savage, Mary Sims, Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), 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), Chris Woessner (brother of Maria Satnley), Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

Our home-bound: Jean Frey, Myrtle Koch, John Sobus

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; Don Bliss – Livingston Co. Nursing & Rehab Center; John Haldane – Hamlet; Leota Matthews – Monroe Community Hospital; Myra Needler – Legacy in Henrietta; Irv Robinson – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Martha Thomson – Woodlands; Jean Smith & Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge.

Christian sympathy is extended to Joyce DeBell on the death of her sister, Margaret Patterson. Christian sympathy is also extended to the family of Robert Royer, who passed away on February 10th.



Please call the church office, if you need a ride for a doctor's appointment at 663-3665.

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



Items for the April *Hinge*
are due

March 15

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends,

As we come to the month of March, we hope the worst of winter is behind us! The period of the church year known as Lent is well under way. This is the season of preparation for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter! (April 4th)

Perhaps you have felt alone and fearful as you journey through Lent. If so, you may relate to the story of:

The Legend of the Cherokee Indian

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He

cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watch-

ing over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story: Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean he is not there. 'For we walk by faith, not by sight.'

This story reminds me of a sermon Tony Campolo preached titled, "It's Friday — but Sunday's Coming"! You may feel like the disciples did on Good Friday — but remember Easter Sunday is coming!!!

God bless you,

Visitation Pastor

Easter Lilies

Time will be flying by now as we prepare for our Christian Observance of the Lenten Season and resurrection of Jesus Christ! East Sunday is April 4th, and it is now time to consider placing a lily in the Chancel and Worship Center in memory or in honor of a loved one on that glorious day!

As of this writing, we have not received a price from our vendor, but we plan to have order blanks inside the Sunday bulletins beginning March 7th. The information will be on them and the deadline for ordering a plant will be March 21st.

If you have any questions regarding this traditional display, please call Barb Condon at 865-0871.



Faith Factor

Dear Friends at Aldersgate,

January and February were two more wonderful months with the Faith Factor Youth Group kids. We continued with our tradition of monthly service projects by having a canned soup drive in January, raising funds for Mission Share and the USO during the Souper Bowl of Caring, and made Valentine's Day cookies for our shut-ins. We also enjoyed fellowship events including Laser Quest, Super China Buffet, and Sub Night with games in the Ide Family Life Center. We continued learning from God's Word by watching Rob Bell's Nooma Videos. The kids were really touched by the testimony of our guest speaker, Tom Hakes from Mission Share. It was good for the kids to hear about his Journey with the Lord, and to put a face with the name of one of the recipient organizations for the Souper Bowl. Perhaps you and your family can volunteer with Mission Share now that this special connection has been made. I'm sure Tom would love to see you and your kids again!

On a personal note, it has been such a joy to be able to work with the youth again for the past several months. I have loved spending time with the kids and their friends. These kids are wonderful individually and wonderful as a group, and it has been a thrill to see them bond, learn, serve, grow, and fellowship together.

While we may not be around Aldersgate as much anymore, we know that "our kids" are being left in very capable hands. I have enjoyed getting to know Derek and Becky, and I ask that you uplift them in prayer, and support them in their ministry here at Aldersgate.



May God continue to bless you and bless this Youth Ministry.

Love from your Sister in Christ,
Rachelle Vitullo

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Youth Director. It is a wonderful opportunity for me and I am looking forward to starting my ministry with the youth of Aldersgate UMC. Over the next couple of weeks I will be talking with and learning from the youth in order to better understand what they want to get out of their experience in youth group and how we can go about doing that together. Therefore, our March schedule is still to be determined. My vision for the youth ministry here at Aldersgate is that our youth group be a *community*, part of the whole church body, that is passionate about *learning* and *living* their faith in Jesus Christ – and having a great time while doing

it, of course! Everything we do will be with that vision in mind. I hope to guide our youth to a better understanding of how they can apply God's Word to their everyday lives. Together we can create an environment where our youth want to grow and share their faith with their friends. I am looking forward to making that happen with you. I am also ready to get back in the gym and start working on my jump shot. Let's play ball! I mean, Amen.

In Christ,
Derek Hansen

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

MARCH BIRTHDAYS			
Mary Sims	March 3	John Shukitis	March 17
Phoebe Brown	March 5	Alene VanPutte	March 18
Scott Wagner	March 7	Sarah Roza	March 20
Dan Rothfuss	March 9	Sylvia Lynch	March 22
Steve Tyler	March 9	Andrea Rex	March 26
Robert Winter	March 10	Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Gerald Wolter	March 12	Connie Gomez	March 27
Gloria Montgomery	March 13	Patricia Forbes	March 28
Barbara Robinson	March 13	Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Dave Cosman	March 16	Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Jamie Manfredi	March 16	Paul Brown	March 30
John Groves	March 17	Gordon Spicer	March 30
		Bill Tschorke	March 31



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES	
John & Marilyn Sobus	March 18
James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances VanKouwenberg	March 24



Thank You

Don and I want to thank all of you at Aldersgate for your cards, calls, thoughts and prayers. Surgery went well, but it is a waiting game right now that could take months.

Love,
Carol Wright

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, hospital and home visits, cards, love and concern for my recent knee replacement surgery. Things are going very well, and I hope to be back in circulation soon.

In Christ's Love,
Marisure Caupp

Thank You to the Cast and Crew of DOORS OF CHRISTMAS!

Thank you to all 54 actors (YES! 54!) actors on stage in 2009 and to the 12 crew members backstage! (Bless you Susan Perkins, Dick Caupp) I usually go into detail mentioning every name and character played, but I know this letter wouldn't get in the Hinge—it would be too long! Just know, you entered the "acting" door for God and brought the scriptures alive! Thank you all for your talents and time!

I do want to welcome the new actors to the Guild—first our "A DOOR ABLE" ladies: Bobbie Eckert, Mary Sims, Sara McHugh, and Lorraine Christie. You were fantastic! (Eric McHugh wasn't "a door able" but was at the mikes and lights! Ha!) And although we have their children in many a play, this year we welcome the parents who joined in: Eric and Stephanie Bock, Annette Thompson, Doug and Marita Jones. You were great! Many thanks, too, for taking extra parts; and to Joyce DeBell: thank you for gracing the stage! I know there was an extra round of applause from Jim! Thank you to Matthew Scrivens for sharing his talent with the drums and to Wilma Shaughnessy for her piano accompaniment. A new hat was worn by Shirley Geier when she accepted responsibility of "musical director" this year! And the music was superb! Thank you to all the Carolers! And thank you all again, personally, for the beautiful Christmas cactus and picture!

To the Alumni Actors: THANK YOU! Some brief reminiscing: The Groves family saw the first Christmas theater "Bethlehem, P.D." in 1996—and they have acted in every Christmas theater since! You are magnificent troupers! Thank you to all the talented artists who painted the sets we continue to use! And, alumni actors, you're not afraid of the stage any more—and aren't you glad you don't hear loud shouts of: feet to the audience, talk loud, enunciate, etc. etc. Ha! You are wonderful!

During the fourteen years of Christmas performances, we have "on the average" performed two nights (but, remember the Sunday matinee!) and have donated to "new building fund, mortgage" around \$300 to \$500 a year (depending on attendance numbers) and \$1000 this year for choir mikes. And, the cast and crew took a special collection this year for the mortgage and personally donated an extra \$220 to the fund. THANK YOU again for your talents, time, and resources! We realized with this play that, yes, we do go through many doors during the Christmas season: department stores, open houses, giving to the needy, visiting the sick, singing carols, and celebrating the birth of Jesus. We celebrate with all of those doors, but God has invited us to open the most important door—the door to our heart—for Jesus. He "stands at that door and knocks." And, I believe, we have opened that door for Him! God bless all of you!

Love, Gloria

(This article was inadvertently left out of the February newsletter.)

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

MISSION SHARE HEAD TO SPEAK AT MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Tom Hakes, the Executive Director of Mission Share, will be the speaker at our Thursday, March 25, General Meeting. He will talk about the successes of this first year of operation for this new organization in our community and about the plans for the immediate future. Aldersgate is one of the churches that participated in planning this agency and is supporting it financially.

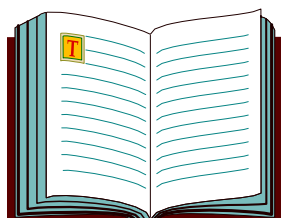
In the month of March each church involved has been asked to support the work by **collecting specific items** that are currently needed.

Aldersgate has been asked to bring **toilet paper and feminine hygiene products**. We will place a tote in the entryway marked for Mission Share and will ask you to bring these items to the meeting, also.

The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with our soup, salad, and dessert supper (just \$3.00 payable at the door) followed by the speaker. The business meeting will be held after the main program. This is also the month that we take up our annual Thank Offering. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we are prepared with a place set for you.

READING CIRCLE

A classic mystery by Christian author Dorothy Sayers, *The Nine Tailors*, will be the topic at the Thursday, March 4 meeting of Reading Circle. Appropriately, Shirley Grierson will lead the discussion of this story, which is centered around bell ringing in a rural English village. Join us on 1:00 PM in the Church Library to talk about this book, which is considered by many to be one of Dorothy Sayers' best. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Members of the group serve light refreshments each month. For questions, please call Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED SPONSOR ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God” is the theme of this year’s World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 5, at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 Winton Road South from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. The morning Bible study will be led by the Rev. Sue Forsyth, Pastor of South Livonia UCC, and Jane Lyth, Asst. to the Pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Keynote speakers for the afternoon are Rose and Simon Mjuyumba of Summerville Presbyterian Church. Bring a bag lunch for yourself. Dessert and beverages will be provided. There is a \$3.00 registration fee at the door, but advance reservations are not required. See Gege Dunn if you would like to carpool.

49TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH EVENT SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

The writing of **Three Cups of Tea** will be the topic addressed by **Marjorie Relin**, a retired teacher from Pittsford School District, at this annual event sponsored by B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood. Her son, David Oliver Relin, was co-author of this best selling book about the inspiring story of Greg Mortenson's work building schools in Pakistan.

The program will start at 11:00 AM at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, and will be followed by lunch. You are asked to bring your own non-meat lunch. The Sisterhood will provide fruit, dessert, and beverages. There is no charge for this program, but reservations are needed. Please sign up on the Opportunities Bulletin Board by Sunday, March 21, so that we can call in reservations. Indicate also on the Sign-Up Sheet whether or not you wish to carpool.

UPCOMING DATES:

- ☐ **March 8** – Sew ‘n Sew’s at 1:00 PM in
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☐ **March 16** – Morning Circle at 11:00
☐ AM in the Parlor
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☐ **March 30** – Meal in the Upper Room,
☐ 6:00 PM
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☐ **April 17** – Prayer Sisters Breakfast,
☐ 9:00 AM
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☐ **April 29** – Book Review Luncheon,
☐ 1:00 PM
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☐ There will be **no Mother, Daughter,**
☐ **and Friends Banquet** in May this year
☐ to avoid conflicts in responsibilities
☐ during our upcoming Capital Cam-
☐ paign. We do plan to return to our
☐ usual schedule next year.
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Mission News

We received the following letter and note written at the bottom of the letter from Thomas Hakes, Director of Mission Share, dated January 26, 2010.

Dear Aldersgate United Methodist Church:

I just wanted to express my gratitude for your support of Mission Share over the past year, as we have opened up the new facility. You have always been a big believer in what God is doing here in our community. Because of your prayer, and financial and volunteer support, we are able to minister more effectively and reach more families, and veterans, with spiritual, emotional, and practical help. Thank you.

Pastor Anne:

I really appreciate your commitment to what we are doing here at Mission Share. Thank you for your investment. I pray God's best for you in 2010.

Tom

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES OFF TO A GREAT START

Angel Food Ministries at Aldersgate served 13 individuals and families in January and nearly doubled that number in February, according to a report to the Missions Committee by **Mary Sims**, chair of the program. Participating in this program is an outreach to our community, but it is intended to benefit members of our congregation as well. There are no maximum income requirements. That sort of information is not collected. You only need to be someone who eats, which covers us all.

What do you get? For \$30, the Signature box includes a variety of nutritious, restaurant grade food, enough to feed a family of four for one week. The

same items purchased at a local grocery would cost between \$50-\$60. The Senior Box includes ready-to-eat meals in smaller portions for \$28.00. There is a new menu each month. You can get more information at Angelfoodministries.com.

Menus are available in a notebook pocket posted on the Opportunities Board. Your order must be in by Tuesday, March 16, and you need to pay for the food when you order. Pick up is on the third Saturday of the month, this month March 20, from 8:30-10:30 AM in the Ide Center.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to volunteer to help, see Mary Sims.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Aldersgate will join with United Methodist congregations around the world for a special offering to underwrite the administrative costs for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. It is this offering on **March 14** that makes it possible for them to promise that all other gifts to UMCOR projects go to those projects in full. No part is needed to cover home office expenses. The core work of UMCOR—responding to disasters like the recent earthquake in Haiti, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees—gets 100% of the money donated for those purposes.

Any funds gathered from this offering, beyond what is needed for “doing business”, are directed to projects not otherwise fully funded by designated gifts. Because of your giving, UMCOR is also able to attract matching funding from other charitable organizations.

Whether it is providing shelter, food on the table, access to health care, a well or a fuel-efficient stove, your dollars are at work around the world the year round. One of the reasons that two UMCOR executives were killed during the recent earthquake was that Haiti was already on their “radar screen,” and they were there to assess on-going medical needs and find ways UMCOR could help address those issues. The year-round work is made possible by your One Great Hour of Sharing gift. The **\$3220** that you gave in response to the recent disaster will go specifically toward earthquake relief in Haiti. Please give generously on March 14. Your gifts change lives.

Mission News (Cont.)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NEW HABITAT PROJECT

The Greece Coalition of Habitat for Humanity has a new source of income, a St. Pauly Textiles drop-off box located at the Greece United Methodist Church on Maiden Lane. St. Pauly will pay the sponsoring organization each month based on the pounds of clothes

picked up at the site. Our responsibility is to keep the drop-off box in good order for pickup each Friday. Each church participating has been assigned one week of every six for the rest of this year. Our first week is March 20-26. The task is simple and shouldn't take much time. If you are willing to contribute your time and energy to this really worthwhile effort to support Greece Habitat projects, please see Joyce Farrokh (865-5135).

GOAL MET AND EXCEEDED

We were hoping to collect enough supplies to assemble 100 Health Kits for UMCOR to send to Haiti. With the short notice we were given, that seemed reasonable. On Thursday, February 11, a group of ladies, including one very young lady (aged six), in a very short time put together **145 kits!** The kits were delivered the next day to Webster United Methodist Church, where they were picked up by a WNY Conference truck for transportation to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. Thanks to our General Benevolence Fund, we were also able to send \$300 to pay for toothpaste and transportation of the kits. We are most grateful for your generosity.

It may also interest you to know that Mission Central has already shipped out a container of 20,000 health kits to Haiti and expects to get additional requests from UMCOR for both health and school kits. Keep that in mind as you think ahead to our annual summer collection of school and health supplies.

EASTER OFFERING SUPPORTS OUR MISSIONARY

The special Easter Offering on April 4 is designated for the support of our covenant missionary, **Meri Whitaker**, who is a Church and Community Worker at Cookson Hills, in Eastern Oklahoma. We have an on-going commitment to give \$2500 each year toward her salary support and have been faithful in keeping that commitment for many years. Your gifts in the Easter Offering help to make that possible.

If you want to know more about her work, consider checking out her book, *My Sister the Father*, from our church library. You may find that you remember some of the stories she tells in the book from her visits here at Aldersgate over the years.

Help Wanted for Good Friday Prayer Vigil:

If anyone would like to help with planning the program or decorating the chapel for this year's Good Friday Prayer Vigil, please contact Joyce Farrokh at 865-5135. This year's theme will be "Changed Lives, A Sacrifice of Praise."

Joyce would like to collect brief testimonies of thanksgiving for the ways in which Christ has touched your life and have them made into a scrapbook of praise. There will be a collection box for this purpose or you can e-mail them to Joyce Farrokh at efarrokh@rochester.rr.com. Watch for the sign-up sheet for the Prayer Vigil.



Church Council and Charge Conference Notes for January 21, 2010

Church Council's major item of business this month was to receive 2009 Annual Reports from all Committees and Work Areas. From those reports some items to note are:

- ONE Sunday's receipts for Haitian Relief totaled \$870.00!
- Regarding the upcoming 3rd Capital Campaign:
 - o Our \$18,000 loan from the Conference to help fund campaign expenses has been received!
 - o Our Campaign Consultant is Rev. David Bell, an ordained Methodist Pastor from Michigan. He will be among us on Feb. 16 & 17, March 22, May 3, and 16. He will preach on May 16th. Other dates to be arranged.
 - o His fee for this campaign will be about half that of our former consultant!
 - o Once again, Aldersgate's Conference Apportionments are paid in full!
 - o Benevolence giving for 2009 is \$77,319. This is wonderful, a huge increase!
 - o 2008 concluded with all bills paid, even though our income is somewhat down compared to 2008. Thanks to all for being prudent.
 - o SPRC hopes to soon announce the selection of a new Youth Director.
 - o Name Tag Sundays (first of each month) are going well. We are urged to wear our tags to identify ourselves to one another.
 - o Aldersgate now has 7 active Small Groups, with another on the way.
- Communications
 - o Thanks to Carl Dunn, Debbie Kennedy, Juan Ruiz and Carline Wiley for spending their talents to keep Aldersgate in the news.
 - o We are urged to utilize our Web Site where the latest Aldersgate news and Calendar can be found. The address is: www.aumcgreece.org
- Follow Up Team reported a projected shortfall of \$11,500 by the conclusion of the 2nd Cap. Campaign on May 1st. Let us pray about giving a bit more to ensure a successful conclusion.
- Our Pastors' reports reveal how very busy and involved they are! We are so blessed. Their emphasis continues to upon our Vision: Transforming Lives and Serving Christ With Joy.
- One Action Item:
 - o Worship Committee Chairperson, David Roza, reported on planning for revisiting the Sunday morning experience.
 - ✦ Despite an appeal for leadership on a recent Sunday, no one has stepped forward to convene a focus study group.
 - ✦ Worship Committee recommends, in light of the magnitude of the study, that it be postponed until after the Capital Campaign is organized and under way.

Council approved.

Church Council wishes to thank each and every committee and work area chairperson and all committee members for their good leadership during 2009.

The foregoing is merely a brief summary: Aldersgate's ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET containing reports from all committees and work areas will be available by February 1st. Pick up your copy from the shelf BEHIND the Welcome Table. Be in the Know!

Respectfully,
Dick Edgett

Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities

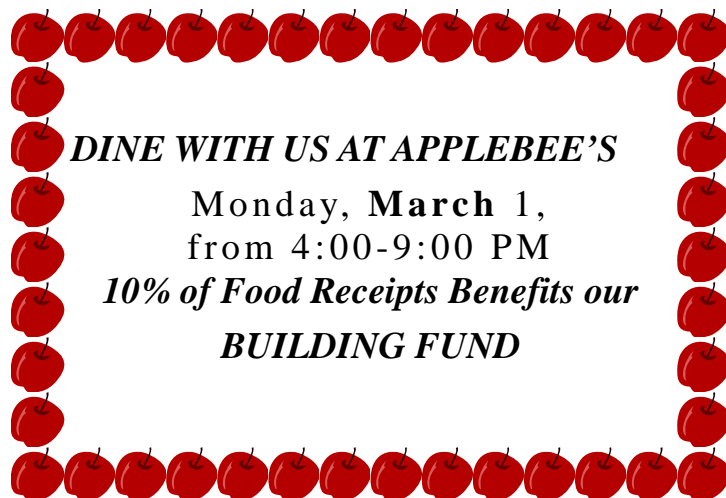
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE AT ALDERSGATE

The "James 2:18 Gang" (Wednesday night small group), is proud to announce that we are partnering once again with the Red Cross to hold a **Blood Drive** on **Saturday, March 6** in the **Aldersgate Ide Family Life Center**, from **9:00 AM** until **2:00 PM**.



BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Want to try your hand at hand bell ringing? We need more bell ringers. Come to rehearsal on Saturdays at 10:30 AM or contact Shirley Grierson at 621-1909.



DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, March 1,
from **4:00-9:00 PM**

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

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.



MARCH 13TH

is

GAME NIGHT

at **6:00 PM** in Ide Family Life Center.

**Come join the fun — Euchre, card games and
table tennis.**

PLAN NOW FOR THE NEXT UNITED MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND...

There will be a United Marriage Encounter Weekend held in the Rochester area April 9-11, 2010. This is a wonderful 48 hour experience for married couples to enrich their relationship with each other and with God.

Brochures are available in the Narthex (behind the Welcome 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
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CHURCH EVENTS, MINISTRIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Aldersgate 2010 March Madness Basketball Contest

The Aldersgate Men's Group annual March Madness function is kicking off again for the college basketball enthusiasts. Even if you're just a casual follower of the sport, you will find it enjoyable. This is a fun contest open to ANYONE in our church family where we try and guess which teams will be successful in the upcoming post-season tournament. There is no cost to enter.

The competition occurs over a three week period which runs in parallel with the actual tournament and concludes with a fellowship outing at the church where we watch one of the semi-final games and enjoy some snacks. Details on how to enter and competition rules will be posted on the bulletin board near the main entrance.

However, should you be away on vacation any time during this period, forget to reference the bulletin board for instructions or have already done this in the past and just want to know where to send your submissions - feel free to contact Rich Keller at mkeller@earthlink.net.



Brief Overview

The NCAA will select the initial 65 teams that comprise this competition. From this pool of teams, your job is to guess which teams will still be in the hunt for the championship after each week's competition has completed. Points will be awarded each week for every team you correctly guess that wins both its games. Results are updated weekly so you can track progress.

Prior to the first week's games (March 18-21), you will select 16 teams from the original 65

Prior to the second week's games (March 25-28), you will select 4 teams from the remaining 16

Prior to the third (and last) week's games (April 3-5), you will select the champion.

Food Fest

What sporting event would be complete without getting together, watching one of the games and doing some serious snacking. We are tentatively setting Saturday April 3 for this activity. We will convene in time for the first game which usually starts around 6:00 PM. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a snack or dish to pass. This is open to everyone, even if you did not participate in the competition.

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

I hear people talking about a third capital campaign—but when does the second one end?

Confused

Dear Confused,

Good question! It can get confusing because people make their commitments to the capital campaigns in different ways, depending on their circumstances and the source of the funds they plan to use to meet their pledge. Some give in annual lump sums; others give quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

Each of our first two capital campaigns began with a First Fruits Sunday in mid-May, and the pledges were for three years unless noted otherwise. (Additional pledges have come in since the start of the last campaign.) As a result, each campaign officially ends in May, although some who have gotten behind may continue to pay. (I told you it was confusing.)

In any case, we need to gear up for a third campaign so that its official start in May coincides with the end of the last one in May. Otherwise, making that monthly commitment to pay off those bonds could be challenging! Clearer now?

By the way, it's not too soon to begin praying about what God would have you do toward supporting this commitment over the next three years.

Always glad to help!

Sally Stewardship

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN MARCH

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/7	Confirmation Class	Nancy Young
3/14	Marisa Peck	Tom Simons
3/21	Cori Loudon	Annette Thoompson
3/28	Jan Rothfuss	Confirmation Class

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/7	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler
3/14	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman
3/21	Briana Kephart	Nick Spicer, Marie Sims
3/28	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles Caleb Thompson

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/7	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
3/14	Al & Myrt Holmes, Susan DeVincentis, Karen Rice	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, John & Karen Best
3/21	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker, Linda Uebelacker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn, Gary & Denise Hogestyn
3/28	Al & Myrt Holmes, Joan Michlin, Larry VanAllen	Vince & Laura Acciaio, John Cochran, Ray LaFlair

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM, April 1st

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00 PM, April 2nd

EASTER SERVICES

9:30 AM and 11:00 AM
April 4th

*Pastor Jerry is on vacation
until the middle of March.
Please contact Pastor Anne,
if you are going into
the hospital or if you have any
pastoral needs.*

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March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 700 PM ACWT (S)	<i>2</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 5:00 PM Northgate Neigh. Bd. (O) 6:30 PM Youth Group (YR, Ide) 6:30 PM SPRC (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>3</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>4</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>5</i> 6:30 PM Small Group (Parents) (P) 7:00—9:00 PM Wesley Basketball (Ide)	<i>6</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Blood Drive (Ide) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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