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From Your Pastor

Over the six weeks of Lent we have spent a lot of time looking at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life on earth. We have seen Jesus betrayed and denied by those closest to him. We heard him falsely accused and condemned. We've listened while the very people he came to save turned on him and demanded his crucifixion. We have watched while he was brutally flogged, and then mocked, humiliated, tormented, and spit upon. We have recognized our own complicity and sin. It all seemed to culminate in Jesus' excruciatingly painful death on a cross.

Yet there is great news! As final as Jesus' death seemed, it was not the end. The tomb is empty! Christ is risen! In Jesus' death and resurrection we see clearly that he has victory over sin, and evil, and death. Jealousy, anger, cowardice, cruelty, even death itself are no match for Christ. Paul writes, "Nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life...there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 38-39)

This means if we are going through tough times, Christ is with us to help us through it or over it. If we are struggling with a broken relationship, Christ can breathe new life into it. If we or a loved one are dying, we don't need to be afraid because Christ has victory over death and we can be sure of receiving life after death if we believe in him.

Christ is risen! It makes all the difference. Thanks be to God!

Have a blessed and holy Easter,

Pastor Anne





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: Thelma Hulbert (former member) – St. John's in Clifton Springs, Orville Loomis – Unity, Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home

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

Recovering at home: Marisue Caupp, Donna Colangelo, Shirley Geier, Carole Jermyn, Bob Judd, William Miller (husband of Nora Spindler Miller)

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 Huenemann (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 De-Bell), Mark Nobb (friend of the Geiers), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), 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 Van-Putte, Hal Wagner, Ross Wayne, Mark Williams (son-inlaw of Bob Wiederhold). Chris Woessner (brother of Maria Satnley), Clair Yeamans (stepfather of David Kaszubowski).

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

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton
East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; 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 Scott Wiley and family on the death of Carline Wiley, to the family of Don Bliss, and to Jane Coonan and family on the death of Richard Coonan.



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 please advise call, 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 May *Hinge* are due

April 15

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends,

As we come to another Easter, we are reminded anew that the <u>Risen Christ</u> is the one who loves us infinitely and wants to "find you"! Let us open our hearts to receive his love this glorious Easter.

I loved the true story from a professor at Loyola University. I hope it will speak to you too! Here it is:

Father John's Atheist Student

Rev. John Powel, a professor at Loyola University in Chicago writes about a student in his Theology of Faith class named Tommy...

Some twelve years ago, I stood watching my university students file into the classroom for our first session in the Theology of Faith. That was the day I first saw Tommy, My eyes and my mind both blinked. He was combining his long flaxen hair, which hung six inches below his shoulders. It was the first time I had ever seen a boy with hair that long. I guess it was just coming into fashion then. I know in my mind that it isn't what's on your head but what's in it that counts; but on that day I was unprepared and my emotions flipped. I immediately filed Tommy under "S" for strange...very strange.

Tommy turned out to be the "atheist in residence" in my Theology of Faith course. He constantly objected to, smirked at, or whined about the possibility of an unconditionally loving Father/ God. We lived with each other in relative peace for one semester, although I admit he was for me at times a serious pain in the back pew. When he came up at the end of the course to turn in his final exam, he asked in a cynical tone, "Do you think I'll ever find God?" I decided instantly on a little shock therapy. "No" I said very emphatically. "Why not?," he responded, "I thought that was the product you were pushing." I let him get five steps from the classroom door and then called out, "Tommy! I don't think you'll ever find Him, but I am absolutely certain that He will find you!"

He shrugged a little and left my class

and my life. I felt slightly disappointed at the thought the he had missed my clever line. At least I thought it was clever. Later I heard that Tommy had graduated and I was duly grateful. Then a sad report came. I heard that Tommy had terminal cancer. Before I could search him out, he came to see me. When he walked into my office, his body was very badly wasted and the long hair had all fallen out as a result of chemotherapy. But his eyes were bright and his voice was firm, for the first time, I believe.

"Tommy, I've thought about you so often, I hear you're sick," I blurted out. "Oh, yes, very sick. I have cancer in both lungs. It's a matter of weeks." ":Can you talk about it, Tom?" I asked. "Sure, what would you like to know?" he replied. "What 's it like to be only 24 and dying?" "Well, it could be worse." "Like what?" "Well, like being 50 and having no values or ideals, like being 50 and thinking that booze, seducing women, and making money are the real biggies in life." I began to look through my mental file cabinet under 'S' where I had filed Tommy as strange. (It seems as though everybody I try to reject by classification, God sends back into my life to educate me.)

"But what I really came to see you about, "Tom said, "is something you said to me on the last day of class. I asked you if you thought I would ever find God and you said, 'No!' which surprised me. Then you said, 'But He will find you.' I thought about that a lot, even though my search for God was hardly intense at that time. But when the doctors removed a lump from my groin and told me that it was malignant, that's when I got serious about locating God. And when the malignancy spread into my vital organs, I really began banging bloody fists against the bronze doors of heaven. But God did not come out. In fact, nothing happened. Did you ever try anything for a long time with great effort and with no success? You get psychologically glutted, fed up with trying. And then you quit. Well, one day I woke up, and instead of throwing a few more futile appeals over that high brick wall to a God who may be or may not be there, I just

quit. I decided that I didn't really care about God, about an after life, or anything like that. I decided to spend what time I had left doing something more profitable. I thought abut you and your class and I remembered something else you had said: 'The essential sadness is to go though life without loving. But it would be almost equally sad to go through life and leave this world without ever telling those you loved that you had loved them.'" So I began with the hardest one, my Dad. He was reading the newspaper when I approached him. "Dad." "Yes, what?" he asked without lowering the newspaper. "Dad, I would like to talk with you." "Well, talk." "I mean.. It's really important." The newspaper came down three slow inches. "What is it?" "Dad, I love you. I just wanted you to know that."

Tom smiled at me and said it with obvious satisfaction, as though he felt a warm and secret joy flowing inside of him. "The newspaper fluttered to the floor. Then my father did two things I could never remember him ever doing before. He cried and he hugged me. We talked all night even though he had to go to work the next morning. It felt so good to be close to my father, to see his tears, to feel his hug, to hear him say that he loved me. It was easier with my mother and little brother. They cried with me, too, and we hugged each other, and started saying real nice things to each other. We shared the things we had been keeping secret for so many years. I was sorry about one thing—that I had waited so long. Here I was, just beginning to open up to all the people I had actually been close to. Then one day I turned around and God was there. He didn't come to me when I pleaded with Him. I guess I was like an animal trainer holding out a hoop, 'C'mon, jump through. C'mon, I'll give you three days, three weeks.' Apparently God does things in His own way and at His own hour. But the important thing is that He was there. He found me! You were right. He found me even

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after I stopped looking for Him.

"Tom, could I ask you a favor? You know, when I had you in class you were a real pain. But (laughingly) you can make it all up to me now. Would you come into my present Theology of Faith course and tell them what you have just told me? If I told them the same thing it wouldn't be half as effective as if you were to tell it." "Oh I was ready for you, but I don't know if I'm ready for your class." "Tom, think about it. If and when you are ready, give me a call.

In a few days Tom called, said he was ready for the class, that he wanted to do that for God and for me. So we scheduled a date. However, he never

made it. He had another appointment, far more important than the one with me and my class. Of course, his life was not really ended by his death, only changed. He made the great step from faith into vision. He found a life far more beautiful than the eye of man has ever seen or the ear of man has ever heard or the mind of man has ever imagined. Before he died, we talked one last time. "I'm not going to make it to your class," he said. "I know, Tom." "Will you tell them for me? Will you tell the whole world for me?" "I will, Tom. I'll tell them. I'll do my best."

So, to all of you have been kind enough to read this simple story about God's love, thank you for listening. And

to you, Tommy, somewhere in the sunlit, verdant hills of heaven — 'I told them, Tommy, as best I could.'

May you rejoice that the Risen Savior has found you too!

God Bless you,

Visitation Pastor

Faith Factor Youth Ministry

The Aldersgate Faith Factor Youth Group is getting ready for an exciting Spring season. We meet every Tuesday evening at 6:00 for open gym and 6:30 for our youth fellowship meeting. Meetings consist of games, a message, a devotion, prayer, and sometimes food. The focus of our learning is on making sense of our faith and how we can use what we learn in church in our everyday lives. We also meet on Friday nights for Faith Factor Live (please note a time change, we will now meet from 8-10 on Friday nights). We will plan an outing for the last Friday of each month. All youth are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring friends to any of our regular meetings or special events. Here's a look at what we've been up to and what's to come in April.

March recap:

We learned about what the point of having a youth group is, how the Bible tells us things about God, what having faith means and how it can be difficult sometimes, who God is and how God communicates with us, and what Easter Sunday means for us Christians today.

We had a lock-in where we played many games, learned about how God and others can help us when we worry too much, and slept for about an hour.

We started Faith Factor Live, a cool new way to come together on Friday nights to hang out with youth group friends.

We went bowling at Dewey Garden Lanes.

And we got an awesome new logo (see above)!

April preview (subject to change, of course!):

We will continue meeting on Tuesday and Friday nights for fun, fellowship, and learning.

As the weather gets nicer and warmer we'll move some of our activities outdoors. Yay!

We will attend the 4Word Conference youth gathering in Syracuse on April 23-25 and plan a fund raising event to help cover the cost.

If it's not raining, our April outing will be to the Rochester Red Wings game on the 30th.

Keep track of youth ministry happenings on our Facebook group (Aldersgate UMC Faith Factor Youth Groups) or let Derek know if you want you or someone else to be put on the FFYM E-News list sent out every Thursday afternoon.

Christian Education

Let's work together to care for creation! It's time to plan for Renew: the Green VBS!

Place: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Dates: August 2-6, 2010 Time: 9 AM to noon

ReNew Vacation "bible School invites kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation. At ReNew: the Green VBS, kids will:

Explore God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower.

Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.

Meet members of our community who are stewards of the environment.

Make new friends and have a great time.

Calling all kids between the ages of Pre-K and Grade 5 who want to ReNew! Let's grow in faith, have fund and change the world!

Calling all teens and adults who desire to shepherd our children as they grow in faith, have fun and change the world!

Interested? Contact Nancy Woodworth-Hill at 663-3665, nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org. Watch for registration materials in May.

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Do you like picnics? Do you like to make things happen? Would you like to be part of the planning team for Aldersgate's annual picnic on Sunday, June 6, 2010? If so, please contact Nancy Woodworth-Hill at 663-3665, nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org.

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Many thanks to the children of Grade 1-3 Sunday School, and Junior Church for making *Easter Packets* to give to members of the congregation. These packets were filled with edible symbols. We appreciate their attention to this project!

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Adults willing to share their faith and lead lessons for God's children of all ages are always welcome to speak with Nancy about current and upcoming opportunities.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

APRIL BIRTHDAYS		Sue Burdick	April 18
Wendy Peeck	April 1	Hal Wagner, Jr.	April 19
Nancy Rex	April 3	Kevin Roza	April 23
Natasha Burdick-Carsten	April 4	Helen Wolter	April 24
Judy Hare	April 6	Kathy Peck	April 24
Karin Van Putte	April 6	Julia Kennedy	April 25
Doug Unell	April 7	David Hogestyn	April 28
Jimmie Condon	April 8	Dennis Simm	April 28
James Christie	April 11	Rachelle Vitullo	April 30
Martha Thomson	April 14		





APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Malcolm & Mavis Beers	April 14
Paul & Phoebe Brown	April 15
George & Jane Shukitis	April 21
Roger & Patricia Forbes	April 30

Thank You

A very big thank you to all our church friends for your love, prayers, and support as we recover from Shirley's knee replacement surgery and the loss of our sister-in-law, Anne. The meals, flowers, cards, calls, and visits were so appreciated by both of us. We have such a warm and caring church family.

Shirley and Ed Geier

Aldersgate family,

I wanted to thank you all for your prayers, cards and support. It's wonderful to be part of a lovely church family.

Thank you all very much I really appreciate the support for me and my Mom.

Sincerely,

Kim Latragna

Rachelle

Just wanted to say thank you for designating us as a recipient of your "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive. It means a lot to have different folks come on board with us. Please express my thanks to the youth who helped out.

Tom Hakes, Director

Mission Share ~ "Where Love touches people"

Aldersgate United Methodist Women



SECRET SISTERS

It's time to see who has been praying for you.

Join us Saturday, April 17th from 9:00—10:30 AM

for our

Third Top and Proyer Partner Broakfact

Third Tea and Prayer Partner Breakfast

Bring a card — Don't forget you can sign it. If you would like you may include something else to share with your sister.

We invite others to join us as we share stories from this past year and get new names for this year.

PLEASE SIGN UP

If you can't attend or you want to be a part of having someone pray for you, or get surprise gifts, cards/notes, bringing joy into someone's life by sharing God's love, call Barb Draft at 663-8782.

UPCOMING DATES: April 12 – Sew 'N Sews at 1:00 PM in Room 1 April 18 – UMW Sunday May 22 – Conference Communio 1 Breakfast at Houghton College

"FIRST DAWN" CHOICE FOR READING CIRCLE

For its April selection the Reading Circle has chosen a novel with a historical setting by Judith Miller. "First Dawn" is about the relationship between two families who settled in the separate colored and white settlements in Western Kansas after the Civil War. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library, where the group will meet on Thursday, April 1, at 1:00 PM. New members and visitors are always welcome to join the group. For more information, talk to Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772.)

The Book Review Luncheon on April 29 will replace a regular meeting in May; so the next meeting will be held on June 3.

WATCH FOR NEWS ABOUT THE BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

Our Annual Book Review Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 29, at 1:00 PM in the Ide Family Life Center. Charlotte Ridley will once again give one of her very entertaining book reviews. Do invite family and friends to attend with you.

The luncheon costs \$8.00 per adult payable at the door. (This covers the cost of the lunch and is a fundraiser for the Church Library and UMW Mission Giving.) Please sign up on the Opportunities Board to let us know that you plan to attend.

MORNING CIRCLE

Dr. Joanne Hessney, cardiologist at Unity Hospital, will make her annual visit to Morning Circle on Tuesday, April 20, to share up-to-date information about women's health and to answer your questions about maintaining good health. Join us at 11:00 AM in the parlor and bring a light lunch. Our hostesses will provide beverages and dessert. Call Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Bobbie Eckert (225-9582), if you have any questions.

START PLANNING NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Drop-off for the annual Rummage Sale will begin on Memorial Day, May 31, for the sale which will be held on Thursday – Saturday, June 10-12. Clear out those "too good to throw away" items that you no longer use and make them available for others to purchase. Pack up clothes that don't fit or that you've grown tired of and let others get some benefit from them. You can "declutter" and "recycle" and help to fund our missions projects at the same time.

HELP SEW 'N SEW'S WITH MISSION PROJECTS

Do you enjoy sewing and other forms of needlecraft? Even if you are not available at the regular meeting time for this group—the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM—you can help with their projects. For instance, Mission Central will take all the School Bags we can make, even if we can't fill them all with school supplies at the UMW annual UMCOR Project meeting in September. Between earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and other disasters, the need to educate children continues and even minimal supplies help. Making the bags is the most time-consuming part of the project. Directions for making the bags are posted on the Mission Bulletin Board outside the sanctuary by the door to the Ide Center. Members can help you with other projects such as making caps for preemies, children's quilts, lap robes, baby afghans, and prayer shawls.

If you are clearing out your sewing materials, keep in mind that the group can use any good sturdy pieces of material (at least one yard) to make school bags. Smaller pieces may be used for quilts. They can also use baby yarn for caps and afghans, and regular yarn for children's hats and gloves.

You are always welcome to join the group at the regular meeting, but any help you can give will be appreciated. See Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Betty Hild (663-5032) for more information

Mission News

EASTER OFFERING GIFTS SUPPORT MERI WHITAKER, OUR MISSIONARY

Ministry continues to grow among Native Americans—primarily Cherokees—at Cookson Hills Center in Eastern Oklahoma. Providing meals & social activities for seniors, much-needed child-care for pre-schoolers, healthcare resources, crafts sales, food and clothing closets, and cottage industries to encourage independence are essential supports for people who live in one of the poorest counties in the United States. In addition, the Director, Meri Whitaker, pastors a nearby Twelve-Step Church. For those who are interested in her work, her book "My Sister The Father" in the Church Library is an entertaining collection of stories about her experiences and those of the people with whom she works.

As a Global Mission Partner, Aldersgate is committed to provide \$2500 toward Meri's annual support and an additional \$1000 toward support of a doctor at Ganta Hospital in Liberia. While \$1800 of that total amount is included in our annual budget, we need to raise the remainder through fundraisers and donations. The Easter Offering generally provides a large portion of that remaining amount with the Craft Show and the Election Day Bake Sale funding the rest as needed.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUN-DAY IS APRIL 18

Did you know that your special gift for ministries among Native Americans supports work here in Western New York as well as seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans? About 119,000 members and 225 United Methodist churches in the U. S. identify themselves as Native American. Because there is substantial work among Native Americans, half our offering stays in our own annual conference. Your gift helps both those who are studying to become pastors as well as those they serve. Please put your generous contribution in the envelope provided in the bulletin that Sunday, or mark "Native American Ministries" on your check or pew envelope.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Don't forget to place your April order for Angel Food boxes. The menu and ordering information are available in the envelope on the Opportunities Board. Be sure to tell your friends about this important service as well. We want to share this benefit with as many people as possible. Remember that there are no income limitations. If you are interested in volunteering to help, see Mary Sims ((865-7668 or msims11@frontier.com.

RED BIRD MISSION SCHOOL

Red Bird Mission School in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky is currently educating 220 students from kindergarten to grade twelve. For each of the last four years, there has been a question about whether or not this ministry begun in 1921 would survive. The board will meet in April to make a decision about the next school year.

One of the main ways that Aldersgate has continued to support this work is through collecting the UPC's from Campbell's Soup labels and the Box Tops for Education symbols from General Mills and Kimberly-Clark products. Both can be placed in the green box on the Mission Counter. If you would like to provide further support, your check marked "Red Bird School" will go directly to them.

CROP WALK

Sunday, May 2nd, starting from Bethany Presbyterian Church, there will be a 10 K or 1 mile walk to raise funds for Church World's Services Crop Walk to help combat hunger here and worldwide. Registration is at 1:00 PM at Bethany and the walk will start at 2:00 PM.

Aldersgate will serve as a rest stop on the route. Sponsor envelopes are available from Joyce Farrokh or from the church office. We have consistently raised over \$1,000 per year from Aldersgate walkers and hope to increase our record! 25% of funds raised

will help the Greece Food Shelf. Thanks in advance for your help! There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities

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.

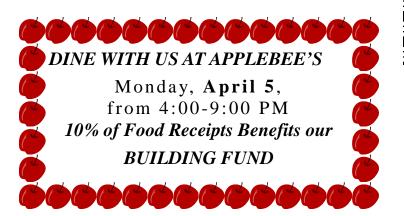
Brochures are available in the Narthex (behind the Welcome Table) – including a wonderful free DVD inside each brochure that explains what a Marriage Encounter Weekend is all about. We highly encourage every married couple at Aldersgate to take a brochure, watch the DVD, and decide if the weekend is 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 Phone: 352-3749.

Jim and Lorraine Christy Phone: 865-2109

Don't forget to sign up for the GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM in the Chapel on April 2nd.



BELL RINGERS ARE STILL 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.

April 10th

is

GAME NIGHT

at 6:00 PM in Ide Family Life Center.

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

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.



Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

We celebrate Earth Day in April. What should we be doing all year round to make life on earth more sustainable while we're waiting for the Second Coming?

A Responsible Caretaker

Dear Caretaker,

Now you know this question is a set-up! Anyway, here goes!

You'll probably see many suggestions this month, but the World Wildlife Fund offers this practical list:

- 1. *Put on a sweater*. Turning up the furnace burns more fossil fuel. A sweater or robe will keep you warm and preserve resources.
- 2. Put one foot in front of the other. We have lots of sidewalks in Greece. Use them. Fuel-efficient cars are helpful, but so is driving less.
- 3. Go for seconds. Recycling is good, but using things a second or third time also helps. Reuse the padded envelope you got in the mail by tearing off the stamps and putting a new label over the address.
- 4. Watch your waste. Many items have special dis-

posal procedures. Ink & toner cartridges can be put in the collection box at church to raise money for our Christian Education program. Watch for the special disposal days set by the Town of Greece. Follow directions for proper disposal of the new super-efficient light bulbs.

- 5. *Use neither paper nor plastic*. The average American uses 350 bags a year. Reduce needless waste by taking your own reusable bags to the grocery store.
- 6. *BYOB*. Stop buying water in plastic bottles. Fill up your own reusable water bottle and take it with you. Buy a filter for your tap water if you don't like the taste. Most bottled water sold today is filtered tap water.
- 7. Flip 'em off. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- 8. *Get off.* If you are getting catalogs from companies you don't buy from, call them and ask to be removed from their lists. They'll probably appreciate your call.

Get in touch with your roots. Plant a tree! It's good for the soil, good for birds, good for the air you are breathing.

> Happy Earth Day! Sally Stewardship



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN APRIL

SCRIPTURE READERS		USHER SCHEDULE			
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM		7:00 PM Maundy Thurdsa	у
4/4	Holly Deutsch	Nancy Young	4/1	Al & Myrt Holmes, Nancy Yo	oung
4/11	Carol DeCann	Shirley Grierson		7:00 PM—Good Friday	
4/18	Susan DeVincentis	Gege Dunn	4/2	Al & Myrt Holmes	
4/25	Al Holmes	Confirmation Class		9:30 AM	11:00 AM
			4/4	Al & Myrt Holmes, Joan Michlin Larry VanAllen	Tom & Zuni Simons, Terry & Nancy Young
<i>ACO</i> LYTES		4/11	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, John & Karen Best	
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	4/18	Myrt Holmes, Wendy Peeck,	Cindy Purzycki, Jackie Hogestyn,
4/4	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler		Nancy Bader, Susan DeVincentis	Evelyn Welker, Betty Hild
4/11	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman	4/25	Al & Myrt Holmes, Evelyn Welker	Vince & Laura Acciaio, John Cochran,
4/18	Briana Kephart	Nick Spicer, Marie Sims			Ray LaFlair
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Thank You!

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April 1st makes the day that leadership is transitioned each year at Aldersgate. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who have been serving in leadership roles at Aldersgate—those who are stepping down or changing roles, those who are continuing to serve, and those who are moving into leadership. Your ministry, in Christ's service is vital to Aldersgate Church, our community, and the world. Thanks so much!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 700 PM ACWT (S)	2 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)	3 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	4 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	5 6:30 PM Small Group (Parents) (P 7:00—9:00 PM Wesley Basketball (Ide)	6 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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