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From Your Pastor

As I prepare to leave on our third mission trip to New Orleans to continue the work of rehabilitating homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, I am giving thanks for your generosity that helps make it possible. This year we will have over \$1000 to help purchase supplies that are used to make the homes livable again.

Generosity is a mark of the people of Aldersgate Church. It also is a mark of the Christian faith and our response to the great generosity of our God who loves us so much that he came in human flesh to be one with us and ultimately to die and rise again for our sake. Generosity is based in our relationship with Jesus Christ. In Roman 12:8, the Apostle Paul reminds us that "Whoever shares with others should do it generously."

In May, we will have several opportunities to celebrate the generosity of others and to put into practice the generosity to which we are called. May 2 is the annual CROP Walk where we raise money to fight hunger both locally and around the world. May 9 is Mother's Day, a time when we take time to thank our mothers for their generosity. On May 23, we will celebrate Pentecost, God's generous gift of the Holy Spirit. (Don't forget to wear red that day if you have it.) On May 30, during the Memorial Day weekend, we stop to remember the generosity of those who have served this country in the military and especially those who have given their lives.

Throughout the month we'll talk about the ways our generosity makes a difference in the lives of people as we *Follow the Vision* God has given to us. I'm excited about the new approach we're taking in our *Follow the Vision* Campaign! (You can find more information about this on page 10) It is already blessing me and I know it will bless you.

In Christ's love and service,

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:

Dave Grierson – in Utah, Orville Loomis – Unity, Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home

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

Hospitalized: Grace Mack – Rochester General

Recovering at home: Gloria Montgomery, June Griffin

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, Sebastian Bayer (cousin of Candy & John Metzger), Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Paul Brandenburg (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-

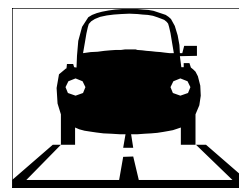
-law of Robin Fox), Phoebe Brown, Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Don Gilzow (husband of Ann Gilzow), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimburger (friend of Jerry Sisson), 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), Kyle Laitenberger (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Juliana La-Monica, 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), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi

Mohrmann), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Thomas Poling (father of Ray Poling), Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), 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; 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 Becky and Doug Hess and family on the death of Becky's mother, Lois Hall; to Nancy Brehm and family on the death of Nancy's father; and to the family of Thelma Hulbert (former charter member).



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 June *Hinge*
are due
May 15

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family:

The month of May includes “May flowers” and many other good things at Aldersgate. It is also the month in which we honor our Mothers. Through the kindness of Gretchen and Floyd Hughes I have a subscription to the Joyful Noiseletter, which is designed as a resource for church periodicals with the permission to reproduce the same. The May issue includes a cartoon and some appropriate Erma Bombeck quotes that I would like to share:

Blessings on you and yours this Mother’s Day and all the rest of this lovely spring month!

Sincerely,
Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah!

Dear Aldersgate Family,

It is with humble thanks that we write to you today. May 1, 2010 marks the conclusion of our second Capital Campaign. We hasten to report to you that as this campaign concludes, we have faithfully and successfully met our monthly mortgage payments to the Trust Management organization EACH and EVERY month for the past three years!

God has blessed our faithfulness and our willingness to give. We told you we faced a projected shortfall of \$70,000 last June. We increased our contributions such that we have

achieved and even surpassed our original goal. Look at the figures below, you will see that it is indeed true!

• Original Goal:	\$750,000
• Original Pledges:	\$639,500
Total Given by May 1 st 2010	\$752,000+

Your Follow up Team praises God for the faithfulness and generosity of the Aldersgate community. With God's inspiration touching our hearts we have been MAGNIFICENT! Pause a moment in our beautiful

church, look around: we are making it happen! This is a God-sized endeavor and He will remain faithful!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

With Love,
GeGe Dunn, Chitie & Dick Edgett.
Rev. Anne O'Connor, Nancy &
Ken Rex (our mentors), Colleen &
Steve Tyler, Jan Winter, Carline
Wiley (in memoriam)

Faith Factor Youth Ministry



Youth group happenings:

- Seven of us recently traveled to Syracuse for the 4Word youth gathering. Look for a report in the next Hinge.
- The youth group will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 for open gym and 6:30 for youth fellowship for the remainder of the school year. We also have weekend events planned, and when there's nothing else going on we meet for Faith Factor Live on Friday nights. We invite all youth, 6-12 grades, in the church to join us. Friends from the community are also welcome to attend. This month we have some excellent opportunities to get some new students involved in our ministry. Why not bring a friend to our Spring lock-in or youth group picnic?

Here's what May is lookin' like (as usual, subject to change a little):

- May 4 – Youth fellowship (6-8 PM)
- 7 – Faith Factor Live (7-9 PM)
- 11 – Youth fellowship (6-8 PM)
- 15 – Camp Asbury work day (to serve and earn free retreat!)
- 18 – Youth fellowship (6-8 PM)
- 21-22 – Spring lock-in (8 PM-8 AM)
- 25 – Youth fellowship (6-8 PM)
- 28 – Youth group family picnic (6 PM, location TBD)

Christian Education

Calling all Picnickers!

Church Picnic
Sunday June 6th
at Braddocks Bay Park

Come one! Come all to our Church Picnic immediately following the 11:00 A.M. worship hour.

We have an enclosed pavilion with rest rooms, playgrounds, picnic area and trails; and of course **good weather!** Bring a lawn chair to relax in, a dish to pass, and games to play..

If your name begins with **A-P**
bring a dish to pass or a salad
Q-Z bring a dessert.

Meat and beverages will be provided.

Sign up sheet will be posted on the Sign Up Bulletin Board.

Please contact Nancy Woodworth-Hill at 663-3665 or nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org.

The nursery is looking for Hot Wheels or similar size toy cars which still have a few miles left in them.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is around the corner, August 2-6, 9:00 AM to Noon. Many hands help make lots of fun. Let's work together to care for creation! Our children will learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation by exploring Jesus' Parable of the Sower. Teens and adults who desire to shepherd our children as they grow in faith, have fun and change the world are needed!

Interested in helping? Contact Nancy Woodworth-Hill at 663-3665, nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org.

Educators Meeting is set for Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 PM. We'll check in with curriculum needs, and the rethinking of Junior Church.

Who may attend?

Teachers, wanna-be teachers, parents and others who are interested in the happenings in our classrooms.

Be sure to check out the VBS Wish List (enclosed). We can reuse many household items in our sessions.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

TIRED OF CLUTTER? THE RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING!

Now is the time to break our packrat habits. Pack up those clothes and gadgets that we hang on to because we might need them again. It may be hard to pass along something we haven't used in one year, but surely if an item (other than an heirloom) hasn't been used in two years or five years, someone else might make better use of it.

The Annual Rummage Sale will be held on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 10, 11, & 12**. For the first two days of the sale, items are sold individually, but Saturday is a bag sale day. We plan to sell baked goods each day, and we have quite a few people who look forward each year to being able to buy from our fine Aldersgate bakers. The Rummage Sale is a major fundraiser for the UMW, but it is also a whole church function. Half the money raised is used toward our UMW Pledge to Mission and other mission projects, and half is used for an Aldersgate project.

We need **clean clothes in good condition** for men, women, and children in all sizes. It is especially helpful if the clothes are labeled for size. We sort by small, medium, large, and extra-large for men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothes. Other items that sell well include **toys, games, puzzles, books, dishes, glassware, pots and pans, knickknacks, pictures, lamps, seasonal decorations, jewelry, clothing accessories, tools, sports equipment (no bowling balls!), household furnishings and small appliances**. We do ask that you bring only items that are **reasonably clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.

Drop-off of donations will begin on Memorial Day, May 31. We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if help is needed. As useful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds are usually heavier than we can manage. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

The sign-up sheets for helping with the preparations and the sale itself will be posted on the Opportunities Board by mid-May. This is an excellent opportunity to get better acquainted with others in the church, and you will find that the job is fun. We need many willing workers for a successful sale.

CONFERENCE COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Plan now to attend the Communion Brunch of the Western New York Conference United Methodist Women on **Saturday, May 22, at Houghton College**. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM with the program at 10:30 AM followed by the brunch. The cost is just \$14.00 and reservations are due by May 14. We can plan to drive down together, leaving from the church at 8:00 AM. The sign-up sheet is on the Opportunities Board. Please sign up by May 13 so that we can call in the reservations by the next day. Give your money to our treasurer Betty Hild. We'll send one check for all the reservations.

In June the Western New York Annual Conference will complete a merger with other annual conferences to become the Upper New York Annual Conference. In recognition of our last days as the WNY Conference United Methodist Women, we chose this year to hold a single Conference-wide Communion Brunch rather than our customary District Communion Breakfasts before Palm Sunday.

READING CIRCLE

The next meeting of Reading Circle will be on Thursday, June 3, at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. *The Widow of Larkspur Lane* by Lawana Blackwell is the June selection. At our July meeting we will be sharing favorite books. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



MORNING CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Members of Morning Circle will gather on **Tuesday, May 18**, at the church at **11 AM** to drive together to The Galley Restaurant, 94 Union Street in Spencerport for their Annual Spring Luncheon. We have asked for downstairs seating (or outdoor seating by the Canal if weather permits) and separate checks, but we do need those planning to attend to sign up so that we can reserve an appropriate number of places. This annual outing is open to anyone interested in attending. Please feel free to join us if your schedule permits. This primarily social gathering is a good opportunity to get to know other women of the church better. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the beginning of May.

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Mission News

EASTER OFFERING THANK YOU

A generous \$856 was given through the Easter Offering, which will be used toward our commitment of \$2500 to the support of Meri Whitaker, our covenant missionary at Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma. Our commitment comes as a result of our agreeing to be a Global Missions Partner in the United Methodist Church. In addition to our support of a commissioned missionary, we agree to give \$1000 in support of a native worker in mission overseas, in our case a doctor at Ganta Hospital in Liberia. Additional contributions may be made at any time by marking your check or envelope "Global Missions Partner." By giving we are not just supporting missionaries; we are helping all those they serve.

To understand Meri's work better, read her book, *My Sister, the Father*, in the Church Library. It's an entertaining collection of stories from her years at Cookson. For a better idea of why our support of work in Liberia is important, read the memoirs of Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, the current president of Liberia, *This Child Will Be Great*. Johnson is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia.

Keep your checkbook handy to support someone participating in the CROP WALK on May 2!

FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE FOR 2010

The Aldersgate United Methodist Women and the Missions Committee have sent money to support food programs at both Cameron Community Ministries and Grace Community Village to meet the Feinstein Challenge. The Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation each year promises to provide a total of one million dollars to organizations around the country involved in food ministry proportionate to the contributions they receive in the months of March and April. The participating organizations are guaranteed a minimum of \$250 with a maximum of \$40,000. The UMW sent \$50 to each agency and the Missions Committee matched that with money from the General Benevolence Fund for a total \$100 to each agency.

CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

You might be interested in this report from Cameron, since we have been supporting their work for many years by gathering personal hygiene supplies:

"In 2009, 1427 appointments were made for clothing, hygiene supplies, infant needs and housewares. 488 memberships were purchased for \$1 which allows families to shop here for a year. We fulfilled 526 emergency clothing/hygiene requests from other community agencies and scheduled appointments where we do not require payments."



As part of their food program, Cameron also served 32,013 hot lunches, 4,823 meals to children at Kid's Café, and 2,973 meals at the Sunday celebrations. They also sent bags of food home to the families of the 41 after-school children prior to each of the eight school breaks to help with meals.

Thank you for your continued support of this service

ANOTHER THANK YOU--MISSION SHARE

We are grateful, also, for your generosity in bringing in toilet paper and feminine hygiene products for distribution to Mission Share's clients. Tom Hakes, the Director spoke recently with our youth, who contributed half the Souper Bowl collection to Mission Share, and to the United Methodist Women.

Mission Share served 220 clients in January, 197 in February, and 220 in March from their food pantry and clothing closet. The Vet2Vet program is started and has been meeting for three months.

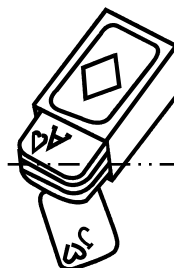
New volunteers are needed for every other Thursday and Saturday. **A volunteer training meeting will be held from 9:30-11:00 on Saturday, May 15.** New volunteers do need to fill out an application form and have pastoral approval. Forms are available in the church office.

Aldersgate agreed last year to provide \$100 a month toward this most important ministry in northwest Greece. This commitment has been covered by the missions portion of earnings from the Endowment Funds, which carries us through July of this year. The Missions Committee will be looking at ways to continue. Your individual gift toward meeting this goal for this important local work will be very welcome.

Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities

ANGEL FOOD DATES IN MAY

Be sure to place your order for an Angel Food Ministry box for the month of May. You may do so in person on Saturday, May 15, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, May 16, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 22, in the Ide Center. Payment must be by cash or money order at the time you place the order. You may also order on line. Directions and the menu for the month are available on the flyers in the envelope on the Opportunities Board. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this program.



May 8th

is

GAME NIGHT

at 6:00 PM in Ide Family Life Center.

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

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, May 3rd,
from 4:00-9:00 PM

10% of Food Receipts Benefits our

BUILDING FUND

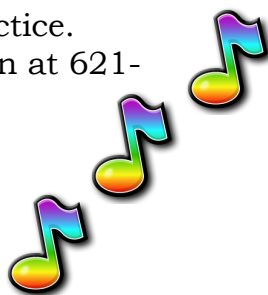
INK JET AND LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES

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 behind the Welcome Table.



COME JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Bell ringers are still needed. Saturdays at 10:30 we practice. Contact Shirley Grierson at 621-1909.



What is *Follow the Vision* all about?



Follow the Vision is our campaign to build financial stability in order to care for our church community by servicing our mortgage, improving our facilities and reducing debt. Our collective gifts to the campaign will enable us to deepen our ministry and *Follow the Vision* that leads to transforming lives and serving Christ with joy.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver” **2 Corinthians 9:7**

The expenditure of funds raised during this 3-year campaign will be applied in the following priority:

Financial Stability and Debt Reduction	\$700,000
New Roof for Educational Wing	20,000
Refurbish 4 Restrooms	25,000
<u>Additional Roof Replacement</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$750,000

Think of all we do in our church: Weekly worship, small group Bible studies, Christian education for all ages, music and play rehearsals, volunteer activities, programs for the UMW, youth groups, exercise programs, game nights, community programs and much more. We need to faithfully supply the means to take care of this building we call our own.

In order to achieve our campaign goal, and in addition to our faithful annual support directed to the ongoing ministries of the church, we are encouraging each of us to contribute to the *Follow the Vision* campaign. Every gift in any amount is needed.

We will be celebrating our campaign commitments with a luncheon after the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 23rd. How wonderful it will be to celebrate Pentecost, God’s generous gift of the Holy Spirit, on the same day we commit our generous gifts to the church!

I’m committed, and I pray that each of you will join me and *Follow the Vision* that God has given to us.

Blessings,
Sue Accapezzato,
Follow the Vision Chairperson

**GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING HELD ON
MOTHERS’ DAY, MAY 9**

Look for the famous “pink envelopes” in the bulletins on May 9. (Ask around if you don’t know why they are “famous.”) Each year on Mothers’ Day, we take a special offering to support spiritual services for the residents of Wesley Community in Rochester and Beechwood and Blocher Homes in the Buffalo area. This Golden Cross offering is the source of funding for the chaplains who give support and comfort to residents

of these facilities as well as provide worship and memorial services, study groups, visitation, and communion. These services are very important for the residents and their families. Your check payable to **Aldersgate UMC**, marked for “**Golden Cross**” or a gift in the pink envelopes marked for that purpose will help to sustain this important work for another year. Come prepared to give generously. What a wonderful way to honor or remember our mothers!

Church Council Notes & Charge Conference for March 2010

- Jane Shukitis served as the meeting's Chairperson. The meeting began with a devotion selected and read by Nancy Bader from the book Women of Faith. Jane Shukitis led the council in prayer for concerns and guidance.
- The Charge Conference was led by Pastor Anne to elect the Church Council Leaders for 2010 and to nominate the 2012 class members for the Nominations and Personnel Committee (a listing of the council leaders and the church committees may be obtained from the church office).
- Dick Caup reviewed the Benevolence Account. \$3247 had been provided to UMCOR for Haiti Emergency by the generous people of Aldersgate.
- Jan Winter and Karen Sladden reported that church finances are in order.
- Missional Church Update
 - o As suggested by Alan Roxburgh & Adaptive Change, Pastor Anne led a group activity asking us to consider if our church could be defined as:
 - * Reactive- The congregation realizes a lot has changed in the world but doesn't like what it sees so it "circles the wagons" and seeks to protect itself from those changes.
 - * Developmental- The congregation understands that a lot has changed and seeks to improve on what they are doing to help attract more people.
 - * Transitional- The congregation realizes things are fundamentally different and know that improving things they are doing won't bring more people. They know great change is required but aren't sure what will work so they do some experiments by going into the neighborhood.
 - * Transformational – The congregation realizes things are constantly changing so that they are constantly asking questions about what God is doing in the neighborhood and shaping the church life to join God. Experimentation becomes a way of life.
 - o The council was split between those who think we are moving from Developmental toward Transitional and those who think we are already Transitional.
 - o Pastor Anne stated the next step will be to form a group within Aldersgate to ask a few questions of a sampling of the Aldersgate congregation.
- The Capital Campaign Leadership Team is in place and will be meeting with David Bell March 23. Pastor Anne expressed gratitude to those who are serving on this team.

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PLAN TO ATTEND 2010 SCHOOL OF MISSION

The annual School of Christian Mission will be held at Daemon College in Amherst on **July 29-31**. These are the topics selected for this year:

Spiritual Growth – For the Love of God, John's Letters,

Geographic: The Beauty and Courage of Sudan, and

Social Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in an Age of Global Christianity.

Everyone participates in the spiritual growth study and

chooses either the geographic or social issue for a second course of study.

The days are filled with song, worship, good food and fellowship as well as classes. Look for registration information that will be coming soon.

OTHER UPCOMING DATES:

May 10 – Sew 'n Sew's in Room 1 at 1:00 PM

October 15-16 – Crafts & Collectibles Show

Dear Sally Stewardship

DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP

Dear Sally,

I'm worried. I see that we have another capital campaign coming up. I really want to help with a pledge, but my income is very limited and I can never give very much.

Worried & Praying

Dear Worried,

You are on the right track. You want to help and you are praying about it. It's time to turn to Luke 21:1-4, the incident that we refer to as "The Widow's Mite." As Jesus and his disciples were watching in the Temple, a number of rich important men came by and ostentatiously tossed a lot of gold coins into the offering box. Then a poor widow walked by and dropped in two little copper coins. Jesus pointed out that she had given more than the rest because she had given all she had.

The idea here is proportionate and selfless giving. Some twenty years or so ago, I actually did have a widow approach me after a finance campaign to apologize because she couldn't give more. She had found that after her husband's estate was settled that she would only have a little over \$7000 a year to live on; so she was going to have to limit her pledge to the \$800 a year she was already giving! It doesn't take a math genius to figure out that she was giving *more* than a tithe.

Research has repeatedly shown that people less well off tend to give proportionately more than those who are wealthier. We even found that in a survey we took here at Aldersgate. I kid you not. We asked people (in writing and anonymously) what percentage of their income they thought it was appropriate to give to the church. Those who responded with 10 % were all in the lower income categories. Quite clearly, the higher the income, the lower the percentage checked!

How does the church keep going with attitudes like this? Think of one of the miracles in the Gospels, the feeding of the five thousand (Luke 9:10-17). Those who insist on a "rational" explanation offer the possibility that the young boy's offering of five loaves and two fishes inspired the rest of the crowd to pull out what they had brought to share with the rest—and there was more than enough! Those smaller gifts add up!

You will see in the campaign that some smaller, regular weekly pledges actually add up to a significant amount of money over the three years of the pledge. Pray that the Lord will show you what He would have you do. Clearly those large gifts are important, but their importance is not in the size of the gift but in the size of the giver so to speak. God is looking on your heart.

Praying Along With You,
Sally Steward-

ship

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN MAY

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/2	Confirmation Class Member	Annette Thompson
5/9	Vickie Souve	Dick Stacy
5/16	Bobbi Mohrmann	Nancy Young
5/23	Sandi Norris	Wilma Shaughnessy
5/30	Debbie Lenau	Confirmation Class Member

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/2	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, Tom & Zuni Simons
5/9	Al & Myrt Holmes, Susan DeVincentis, Evelyn Welker	Dean & Gary Hogestyn, Eric Bock, John Cochran
5/16	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn, Terry & Nancy Young
5/23	Al & Myrt Holmes, Hal Wagner, Larry Van Allen	Vince & Laura Acciaio, John Cochran Ray LaFlair
5/30	Al & Myrt Holmes, Linda Uebelacker, Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn, Gary & Denise Hogestyn

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/2	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler
5/9	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman
5/16	Briana Kephart	Nick Spicer, Marie Sims
5/23	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles Caleb Thompson
5/30	Usher	Usher

AV SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/2	Cori Loudon	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
5/9	Cori Loudon	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
5/16	Cori Loudon	Colleen Tyler Eric Bock
5/23	Cori Loudon	Dick Caupp, Roger Hotchkiss
5/30	Cori Loudon	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio

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VBS 2010 (Aug 2-6) Wish list

- * Seeds (of all kinds and sizes - save those peach pits!)
 - Paper with seeds embedded in it
 - Bird seed (25 to 50 pounds)
- * Around your home:
 - Leftover pieces and parts from incomplete board games
 - Cloth: Scraps of material, heavy cotton, fleece (10 inches square)
 - Globe
 - World map
 - Hula-hoop
 - Cotton balls
 - Flowers (fake or tissue paper/chenille stems)
 - Glass bottle with narrow neck
 - Small stones
 - Small fans (battery charged)
 - Waxed paper
- * In print:
 - Books: about seeds, Kid-friendly cookbooks, with pictures of trees, farming around the world
 - Gardening magazines and catalogs
 - Magazine pictures of plants, animals & people from around the world
- * Clothing items:
 - Trucker's hat
 - Grocer's apron
- Detective costumes (hats, trench coats, spy glasses, etc)
- Light colored socks
- Rain poncho
- Gently used pillowcases or Cloth bag
- * Garden things:
 - Houseplants
 - Small pots (for plants)
 - Gardening gloves
- * Containers:
 - Egg cartons
 - Yogurt or small margarine containers
 - Old shoeboxes
 - Empty fruit baskets
 - Small buckets/ice cream pails
 - Empty food containers suitable for paint
 - Recycling containers
 - 5 gallon buckets
 - Empty gallon milk jugs
 - 2-liter soda bottles
 - Clear mixing bowls
 - Mid-sized plastic containers with lids
- * Tools and things:
 - Hand-sized spades
 - Watering can
 - Misting bottle
 - Stopwatch

VBS 2010 (Aug 2-6) Wish list (Cont.)

For painting: Drop cloth/tarp,

Paint shirts

Tarp

Hand tools

Flashlights

Magnifying glasses

Peg board

Stackable boxes and crates

Please bring things to the Education office. Nancy would be delighted to have the items by mid-July.

Thank you for your generous support of Aldersgate's 2010 VBS *Renew*, a "green program" based on the Parable of the Sower.

- * Items in your recycle bin:

- Aluminum cans and other Clean re-cyclables

- Bags: Used gift bags, paper grocery bags, Reusable shopping bags

- Unused church offering envelopes

- * Birthday party trash (in a container)

- * Canned goods

- * Snacks

- Edible seeds

- Raisins, M&M's, granola

- Gingerbread cookies in small shapes

- Spreadable cream cheese

- Colored sprinkles

- Ginger roots

- Popcorn

- Tortilla, pita, naan, matzah

- Jams, hummus, cheese

- Ranch dressing

- Graham crackers

- Chocolate pudding

- Brown sandwich cookies

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (8) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)	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					<i>1</i> 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>2</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)	<i>3</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>4</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) 6:00 PM SPRC (8) 6:00 PM FFYouth Group (Ide) 6:30 PM FFYouth Group (YR)	<i>5</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Northgate Neighbors Bd. (4) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>6</i> 7:00 PM Trustees (8) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>7</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 8:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	<i>8</i> 9:00 AM Altar Committee (S) 9:00—5:00 Scrapbooking (3/4) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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