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From Your Pastor

"When the day of Pentecost came, all believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." Acts 2:1-4a

Jesus continues to give the gift of his Spirit to all those who believe that he is the crucified and risen Lord. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized and again and again throughout our lives. The Spirit gives each of us at least one gift that we are to use for building up the Body of Christ. All gifts are important and necessary for the Church to be what God intends. What gift(s) has God given you and how are you using it for the good of others?

On Sunday, June 6 during worship, we are going to celebrate the many ways the people of Aldersgate are employing their gifts in service in and through the church. Following the second service we will head out to Braddock's Bay for an all church picnic. I hope you'll be able to join us!

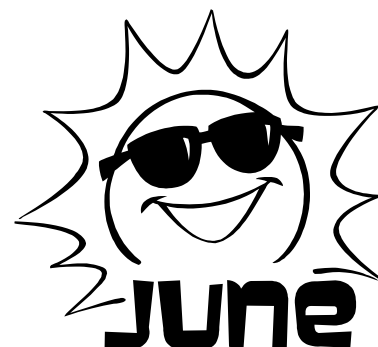
On Sunday, June 13 we have a very special event. A 75 member youth choir from Northside UMC in Atlanta, Georgia will lead the music during our 9:30 AM service. They will also sing an anthem at the 11 AM then leaving to go to the next church on their tour. If you want to know more about this group go to www.northsideumc.org, click ministries and then click music. You won't want to miss it!

June 20 is Father's Day. That day, our youth will lead both services. We will also be recognizing our High School and College graduates. Be there!

Anne

Blessings, 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: Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home

Hospitalized: Ross Wayne – Unity, Marita Jones – Strong

In rehab: Martha Thomson – Jewish Home

Recovering at home: Tony Gilson, Jean Smith, Scott Wagner, Helen Wolter

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, Marisue Caupp, Jessica

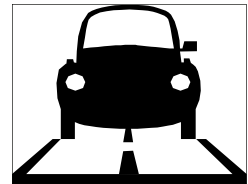
Christie, Ted Coburn, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Patricia Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Don Gilzow (husband of Ann Gilzow), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimbürger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huencmann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), Linda Johnson (daughter of Bev Johnson), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kyle Laitenberger (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Juliana LaMonica, Kim Latragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), 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),

Roger Ridley, 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), Louie VanKouwenberg, Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law 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, Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Jean Smith & Marion Vogsong – Crimson Ridge, Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY

Christian sympathy is extended to Ruth Loomis on the death of her husband, Orville.



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 July/August

Hinge are due

June 13

No exceptions!

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends:

As we come to the month of June, our minds turn to graduations, weddings and many kinds of celebrations. In this month's *Hinge*, I'd like to share some quotes from an article by Peggy and George Goldtrap that appeared in the June issue of *The Joyful Newsletter* (printed with permission). It is titled:

**LOVE IS IN THE AIR,
KEEP IT FRESH AND UNPOLLUTED**

"It's June...Love is in the air.

Love makes the world go around. For folks truly in love, it is a daily affirmation, renewable 24/7.

Everyone knows what love is, from the memory of our first, forever, crush...through "til death do we part" commitment. Real love makes the mundane seem miraculous.

Love makes life fun, livable, and ultimately our greatest treasure and pleasure. Love is the feeling that brings us together when we are young, naïve, inexperienced and clueless.

Love ages as life's pages turn and our story reaches conclusion. Love's patina deepens as it survives the storms. Love re-chooses the chosen, again and again.

Love is the binder when life comes unglued.

Love is the reason we save mushy cards, pressed flowers and candy wrappers.

Love is for better or worse even when worse doesn't get better.

Love is eating something we don't like...just because "she" cooked it.

Love is loving our mother-in-law.

Love is camping on the couch when the kids want to sleep with mommy.

Love is tolerating times when our object of love objects to love.

Love is counting pills—not being a pill.

Love is celebrating every wrinkle we've earned.

Love is forgetting who started the argument.

Love is cooking dinner when we want to eat out, and eating out when we want to stay home.

Love is acknowledging that age affects everything, especially the ego.

Love is listening when we're totally bored.

Love is forgetting how your mom made biscuits.

Love is wedded bliss or blisters.

Love is being the oldest couple at the family reunion.

Love is "seeing" beauty when she first wakes up.

Love is going back to the store after we just came home from the store.

Love is remaining calm when we hear, "Whoops, I forgot."

Love is always a Work in Progress, Under Construction for a lifetime.

Love is in the Air; keep it fresh and unpolluted."

Maybe you can add some other definitions of love as you have experienced it. ICorinthians 13 is always a good starting point! May all your June activities be filled with LOVE!

God Bless You

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Faith Factor Youth Ministry

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In April seven of us went to Syracuse for the 4Word youth gathering. This is an annual gathering of youth from the four upstate New York conferences: Western, North Central, Wyoming, and Troy. Our youth enjoyed participating in an event like this for the first time, getting to know other Christian teens from around the state. We worshiped with music and heard testimonies and sermons from youth speakers. We attended workshops, speakers, and late night activities like 4Square and dancing. These gatherings are always fun and, more importantly, excellent opportunities for our youth to grow in their faith with other youth. We're excited about the next gathering in the Fall.
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We're getting ready to wrap-up the school year and take a break from our weekly meetings. I will be working at Camp Asbury from June 23 until August 13. Our last regular meeting will be June 22. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Program Director at Camp Asbury this summer and to continue as your Youth Director after the summer. Both ministries are important to me, and I'm thrilled I will be able to do both.

We spent an excellent Winter and Spring learning about God together. Here's just some of what we discussed: why youth groups exist, who/what God is, what the Bible is and how to read it, what it means to have faith, the Easter story and why it's important now, and how we respond to situations that come up in school. Our youth group is a group of young people who are on their faith journeys together. I hope anyone who hasn't been joining us will think about it for next year. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome/encouraged to attend.

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In other news, I have been appointed to serve as the pastor at Adams Basin United Methodist Church starting July 1. This is a quarter-time appointment and shouldn't change my schedule and responsibilities at Aldersgate. Once again, I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to work with your youth and experience doing ministry in other areas.
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Here's a June preview:

We are meeting Tuesday nights, except the 29th, at 6:00 for open gym and 6:30 for youth fellowship. We will meet at 6:30 on the 8th in the Youth Room. No open gym that night. The focus of our meetings this month will be preparing for Youth Sunday on the 20th.
All youth should plan to be at both services on the 20th.

We'll be going on an outing this month, but I don't know what it is yet. Suggestions are always appreciated.
Two birthdays this month: Ed and Chris, Happy Birthday!

God bless and have a great summer,

Derek

Christian Education

A tip of the hat and lots of thanks!

Many, many thanks to our teachers and substitutes who have shared their faith and time with our young people as part of our Christian Education program. We could not have a successful program without the commitment and ministry of these dedicated people.

If you see any of these people, give them an extra pat on the back: Nancy Brehm, Kevin Brown, Jim & Lorraine Christie, Mark & Susan DiVencentis, Dick & Chitie Edgett, Gary & Cindy Groves, Gretchen Hughes, Doug Jones, Nan Keller, Candy Metzger, John Simm, Rhonda Simonelli, Zuni Simons, Mary Sims, Annette Thompson, Colleen Tyler, and Deb Wolfe.

Picnic Praises!

We are indebted to 4 teams of people who have organized the major portion of our Church picnic. We thank those who took care of the purchasing; those who handled the cooking; those who arranged drinks; and those who made sure things were clean when we left. We give thanks to these members of our congregation who stepped up to make sure this important event happens.

Pick Your Pockets

Parents and children are invited to pick up your copy of Pockets Magazine. The issue is filled with activities some individual and some meant to be joint activities. It is a neat resource for over the summer. You'll find it in the rack in the Gathering Space.

Three Christian Education classes resume in September

On Sunday September 12th all Christian Education classes will resume. The classes will be for Grades 4-6, the Confirmation Class, and the High School Class. Please mark the date on your calendars so you can be part of becoming disciples.

Comin' round the corner

August 2 will be here before we know it and with it AUMC's Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled for August 2-6 9 AM until noon.

Help is needed and you are invited to be a teacher, or a shepherd for the children. We can also use help with registration on the first day August 2nd. Please contact Nancy Woodworth-Hill, if you can assist. The reward is priceless? Children's smiles and sharing your faith with a new generation.

Name It Contest

Kids, help dream up a new name for a renewed Christian Education program! Beginning this summer we will be offering an exciting new format to replace "Junior Church".

The new program will be emphasizing the connections we make as we grow in faith. We will study scripture, work on ministry projects, learn about our Methodist heritage, find ways to connect with the congregation, and have fun while we are learning.

Get your entry to Nancy by phone (663-3665), by email (nwoodowrth@aumcgreece.org), by paper (directly to her or on her desk) by **June 30th**.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ken Rex	June 6
Bob Judd	June 8
Rebecca Lindeman	June 8
Tom O'Connor	June 9
Walt Dunn	June 10
Betty Baybutt	June 12
Mark DeVincentis	June 12
Julia Trioano	June 16
Betty Judd	June 17
Myrtle Holmes	June 18

Tom Simons	June 18
Brandon Gilzow	June 19
Eric Bock	June 20
Carl Dunn	June 20
Joyce DeBell	June 23
Candy Metzger	June 24
Marie Sims	June 25
Jennifer Hughes	June 26
Edward Carstens	June 29



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Nona Antczak	June 2
Bob & Jan Winter	June 15
Al & Myrtle Holmes	June 15
Sue & Bill Burdick	June 18
Doug & Suzanne Unell	June 20
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29



Thank You

Mary and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and caring at the recent death of our son and brother. They were greatly appreciated and helped in our time of sorrow.

Mary Sims
Shirley Grierson

THANK YOU TO MY ALDERSGATE FAMILY

Thank you! Thank you! for all your cards (during all four months of yes/no to my knee replacement surgery)! – They were wonderful! And thank you for your calls, flowers, and meals (the food made it easier for Ivan to keep up) and most importantly, thank you for all your prayers. I felt so blessed to have your prayers and knew I couldn't say it any better to the Lord than you. I thank God for you and all your good wishes.

Love, Gloria

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

RUMMAGE SALE TIME—JUNE 10, 11 & 12

Starting **Monday, May 31**, you may **drop off** those bags of clothes and boxes of books, toys, and household items you have been saving for the Annual Rummage Sale. We do ask that you bring only items that are **clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.

The sale itself will be held on the **second weekend in June**. We are beginning and ending the sale an hour earlier this year than we have in previous years: Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday (the Bag Sale) from 8:00 AM – Noon.



Please **bring your donations no later than noon on Wednesday, June 9**. We would like to be finished with set-up for the sale by the end of the afternoon that day so that all the workers can get a good night's rest before the sale begins.

We will need your help with sorting and pricing the incoming donations and with staffing each day of the sale. We'll be working every day except Sunday. Please note that on **Monday and Tuesday, June 7 & 8**, we will have **evening work hours** from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. (Go early to Applebees.)

People are needed to come in promptly at **noon on Saturday to help clean up** because Bill Webster of The Blessing Barn will be there at 1:00 PM to pick up the left-over items. We also would like to package up the clothing to take to the St. Pauly's collection box at Greece UMC to benefit our next Greece Habitat project. At 3:00 a youth choir from Atlanta will be coming in to rehearse and eat in the Ide Center in preparation for their next stop.

We also need your fine baked goods. Our bake sales have become a significant "profit center" with regular customers! The sign-up sheet has space for fresh goods each day. Pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, fudge, cupcakes, breads, and homemade candy all sell well. We sell goodies like cookies and brownies packaged by the dozen, half-dozen, or pairs. We often slice larger cakes and sell them piece by piece to people who don't think they can eat a whole cake. (People don't seem to have the same problem with pies!)



A successful Rummage Sale requires help from the whole church and benefits the whole church. While it is a major fundraiser for the missions projects of the UMW, half of the proceeds are used for a local church

project. While currently undesignated, the latter funds in the recent years have been used to help fund the sound system improvements and to purchase tables, chairs, and hymnals. Get on board! The Rummage Sale is a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun! You never know what treasure you'll find while working!

REGISTER TO ATTEND 2010 SCHOOL OF MISSION EVENT JULY 29-31

The last Western New York School of Christian Mission Event will be held at Daemon College in Amherst Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 29-31. There will also be a **One Day Overview** for adults and a **Youth Day** (grades 7-12) on Saturday, July 31, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The study topics selected for this year are as follows:

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.

For the full course of study for adults the registration fee is \$50 and the room and board cost is \$145 for a total of \$195. The One Day Overview, which includes lunch, is \$40; and the Youth Day is \$15.00 each or \$50 for four from the same church. **Registrations and fees are due Tuesday, July 5**. The forms may be found on the Mission Counter in the Gathering Space.

The days are filled with song, worship, good food and fellowship as well as interesting and challenging classes. Attend this year to get acquainted with other Western New Yorkers. There will be continue to be a School of Christian Mission, of course, sponsored by the UMW of the new Upper New York Conference, but it may not be as close to home. Make your plans to attend now.

PLAN AHEAD: CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 15 & 16

Brochures will be sent out shortly after the Rummage Sale to potential vendors at our third annual Crafts &

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Mission News

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LAYETTE KITS FOR HAITI

Churches in the new Upper New York Conference are asked to bring Layette Kits with them for the “birthing” of the new Annual Conference on June 19. The kits will be delivered to Mission Central and from there sent on to Haiti. The items needed for these United Methodist Committee on Relief Kits are as follows:



cloth diapers, diaper pins, shirts or one-piece body suits (0-6 mo.), baby washcloths, sweaters open in front, and receiving blankets. There are two blue tote marked UMCOR LAYETTES under the coat rack in the gathering area for your donations.

Babies continue to be born even under the strained circumstances in which the Haitians are surviving. Let's help to welcome these newcomers to our world with new, clean clothing.

We will **gather at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 17, in Rooms 3 & 4 to put the kits together** for Pastor Anne to take with her to the first session of our new Annual Conference on June 19. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board the week before.

COLLECTION FOR MISSION SHARE EXTENDED

Please help those coming to Mission Share for basic food and clothing by continuing to bring in feminine hygiene products. These essential items are still in short supply on their shelves. Donations for Mission Share can be put in the blue tote behind the Welcome Table.

ANGEL FOOD DATES IN JUNE

Have you tried the Angel Food boxes yet? Those who have done so confirm that they include a good variety of quality food. If you are a senior citizen or preparing meals for one, you may want to try the pre-packaged meals. There are no financial eligibility requirements for purchasing from Angel Food Ministries. We all need to make the best use of our food dollars.



Be sure to place your order for an Angel Food Ministry box for the month of June. You may do so in person on Saturday, June 12, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, June 13, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. **Pick up will be on Saturday, June 19, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM 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.

RED BIRD MISSION SCHOOL NEWS

The Red Bird Mission Board voted on May 13, 2010, to suspend all classes at the Red Bird School for the 2010-2011 school year in order to establish a firmer financial base and more regular flow of funds to support the expenses of the school. This last year 245 students in this remote region were served by Red Bird School. It is the hope of the Board that they will be able to re-open for the 2011-2012 school year. They are seeking new donors willing to make a long-term commitment to support the school or to sponsor students. The other ministries of the Mission will still go on—the Medical and Dental Clinic, Elderly Housing, Community Housing Improvement, Community Outreach, Craft Store, Community Store, etc..

A telephone call to Red Bird Mission verified that the mission still needs the Campbell Soup UPC's and Box Tops for Education. Their other educational activities also qualify for funding through both programs. Thanks to all of you who so carefully clip the coupons and Dick Harmer who trims and sorts them to mail in when he's here, we were able to send over **1200 Campbell's UPC's and 413 Box Tops** this year.

We will continue to collect both Campbell's UPC's and GM Box Tops for Red Bird Mission. The UMW, the Missions Committee, and some individuals have each year sent some limited funds to support the work at Red Bird School. At upcoming meetings we will be considering what further commitments we may be able to make. If you have thoughts on the subject, please feel free to share them with Joyce Farrokh (865-5135) or Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING UPDATE

Aldersgate responded to the appeal in late March for funds to support the chaplain at Wesley Gardens with a gift of \$100.00, given by individuals in our congregation. The special Golden Cross Offering on Mother's Day, which is split between the home in Buffalo and Wesley Gardens in Rochester now totals \$255.00. Thank you for your support of this important ministry

Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities

ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

Please contact Candy at the Church Office. If you are graduating from High School, I need your name, high school graduating from and college going to. For College graduates I need your name, college graduated from and degree. Please turn this information in **no later than June 13th**.

Please join us
on

June 12th

for

GAME NIGHT

at 6:00 PM in the Parlor.

Card games only this month.

Upper New York Annual Conference

Changes are underway in the United Methodist Church in our area. On June 19, parts of four Annual Conferences will be uniting to form a new Annual Conference that will include all of upstate New York. For more information check out

www.uppernewyork.org.

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, June 7th,
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.



BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ALDERSGATE

Saturday, June 26th,

From 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS to
schedule your appointment.

GRIEF SHARE LUNCHEON

The Grief Support group, Grief Share, completed another 13 week series in May. The next weekly series will begin in September.

Any who were a part of the last series or of any of the previous series are invited to a luncheon at Patti's Pantry at 12:00 PM on June 12th.

Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome at the June 12th luncheon or at the next series beginning in September. Call Sandi Norris at 247-8851 or Pastor Jerry at 621-1904.

*Congratulations to
Doug Hess
and
Rick LaDue*

A celebration of Rick's journey to ordination will take place on Sunday, June 27th at Kidder Memorial UMC in Jamestown with Worship at 10:30 AM and a Chicken BBQ at noon. If you plan to attend the BBQ, please call 716-488-1680 to register.

Douglas E. Hess
Will be Commissioned for Ministry
and
Rick LaDue
Will be Ordained an Elder
In the United Methodist Church
Saturday, the Nineteenth of June
Two Thousand and Ten
At Four o'clock in the Afternoon
Crouse-Hinds Theatre
John H. Mulroy Civic Center
800 South State Street
Syracuse, New York
All are Invited

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

This current Capital Campaign has me a little confused. What's the difference between giving to the Capital Campaign and giving to the Building Fund? How does our annual pledge to the church fit in?

Oh! Another question—How are we doing in paying off the principal on the mortgage?

Need to Clarify

Dear Ms./Mr. Clarify:

Good questions! I have a sneaking suspicion that you are not the only person "confused." These questions have come up several times lately.

First, let me give you the good news. (There is no bad news.) The loan that allowed us to complete our building project was for \$2,100,000. We are now 5.5 years into that 20-year loan. As of May 15, 2010, the balance on the loan was \$1,583,750. That means that **we have paid off \$516,250**, almost a quarter of the loan so far. (Remember that we had raised and paid off almost a million dollars of the cost of the building before we even sold the bonds that provided the mortgage.) We have not missed one of the \$17,461 monthly payments. This is a generous and responsible congregation.

This was our third "capital campaign" for the purpose of raising money for the Building Fund. "Capital campaigns" have that name because they are for the purpose of raising larger amounts of money specifically for major projects such as new facilities. Capital funds are in addition to the regular budget, the annual plan for covering the ongoing expenses of running an organization. Our first capital campaign was held in May 2004 and the second in May 2007. Pledges were for three years in each case. The members of our congregation have a very good track record of completing pledges we make; so almost everyone

had paid in full the pledges made in the 2007 campaign by last month.

This third campaign is for money to support the Building Fund from which we will make payments on the mortgage for the next three years. The commitment period is from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2013.

Will we keep on holding capital campaigns every three years until the mortgage is paid off? That's up to you! Short of a *very* large gift, we may. (That's one reason there is a reminder each month in the bulletin to remember Aldersgate in your will!)

There is another way: to begin to move the mortgage payment into our regular budget—which gets to the other area of confusion. Each fall we hold an *Annual* Financial Campaign when we ask for pledges to support our on-going ministries—worship, Christian education, music, youth programs, small groups, outreach, and upkeep of our church and parsonage. That's the "Budget" category on the offering envelopes. In spite of the current economic climate, our giving to support those ministries has remained relatively steady; but it has not been growing. To move away from holding capital campaigns every three years, we need to "grow" our giving to on-going ministries at the same time we meet our capital campaign pledges—possible, but not necessarily easy to do.

It's a challenge, but it can be done. When we started, we did make a commitment not to cut back on our mission in order to pay for a building and we have not. As Pastor Anne pointed out in her sermon on May 23, we are using our new facilities for further outreach to the community around us.

God has blessed us mightily. Our prayers and our cheerful response to God's great generosity to us will lead us forward on the right path. Hoping this explanation was helpful.

Sally Stewardship

P. S. As of Sunday, May 23, we have 83 pledges for a total of \$534,319 toward our goal of \$750,000. Praise the Lord! Remember—It's not too late to return your pledge. Every pledge is important!

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN JUNE

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/6		Nancy Young
6/13	George Shukitis	Nancy Rex
6/20	Mark DeVincentis	Nancy Bader
6/27	Rodger Burkhart	Annette Thompson

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/6	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler
6/13	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman
6/20	Briana Kephart Allison McHugh	Nick Spicer, Marie Sims Renee Tibbles Caleb Thompson
6/27	Usher	Usher

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/6	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
6/13	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal Wagner	John Cochran, Walt Dunn Ray LaFlair, Scott Wiley
6/20	Susan DeVincentis, Jan Rothfuss Myrt Holmes Wendy Peeck	Nancy Bader Cindy Purzycki Evelyn Welker Jan Winter
6/27	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker	Den & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn

AV SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/6	Cori Loudon	Ray LaFlair, Dick Caupp
6/13	Cori Loudon	Colleen Tyler, Eric Bock
6/20	Cori Loudon	Juan Ruiz, Sammy Maggio
6/27	Cori Loudon	Dick Caupp, Roger Hotchkiss

Collectibles Show. If you know someone who should be added to our mailing list, please give the name and address (or e-mail address) to Gretchen Hughes or the church office. We are looking for vendors of hand-crafted items, fine quality gift items, or antique/collectibles.

SEW 'N SEW'S

Members are working on making gowns for the United Methodist Committee on Relief Layette Kits for Haiti that we are getting ready for delivery to the Convening Session of the new Upper New York Annual Conference on June 19. Their on-going projects include UMCOR school bags, knit caps for preemies, quilts for babies and young children, baby afghans, and a new project—afghan squares for Warm-Up America. Join us on the second Monday of the month (June 14) at 1:00 in Room 1 (the old office) for needlework advice and the joy of working together.

READING CIRCLE

A seemingly wealthy young woman finds herself suddenly widowed and penniless with two young children to support and only a decrepit old inn as a clear inheritance. She and others learn how important it is to rely on God as the story unfolds. The next meeting of Reading Circle will be on **Thursday, June 3, at 1:00 PM** in the Church Library with *The Widow of Larkspur Lane* by Lawana Blackwell as the June selection. Copies of the book from the public library are available on the Reading Circle shelf in the church library.

At our July meeting we will share our favorite books for summer reading. (Be warned. It's not all "beach" reading.) Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



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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
 - For painting: Drop cloth/tarp, Paint shirts
 - Tarp
 - Hand tools
 - Flashlights
 - Magnifying glasses
 - Peg board
 - Stackable boxes and crates
 - * Items in your recycle bin:
 - Aluminum cans and other Clean recyclables
 - 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
 - Gummy worms
- 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.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rummage Sale Collection 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)	2 Rummage Sale Collection 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Northgate Neighbors Bd. (4) 7:00 PM Choir (S)	3 Rummage Sale Collection 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (8) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	4 Rummage Sale Collection 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P)	5 Rummage Sale Collection Annual Conference—Asbury First UMC
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