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From Your Pastor

As I'm writing this I'm looking forward to taking a couple weeks off before everything gets in full swing for the fall. As usual, the summer has gone really fast. I've loved the warm weather we've had this year, but I know many of you thought it was too hot. And isn't that the way it always is. We all have different likes and dislikes and varying opinions. It's a beautiful thing. It's the way God made us. Each one of us is a unique and beloved child of God.

We know that sometimes differences can cause problems if we let them. More important than any difference that would separate us, however, is our unity in Christ. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many." (1 Corinthians 12:12-14) And we all have a role to play.

There are some who have been called to teach and some who are called to visit. On September 12, during both worship services, we will be commissioning both groups of ministers as we get things underway for the fall. These are just two of the many kinds of ministers we have at Aldersgate. I am grateful for every one of you who serve in Christ's name at church and in our community according to your unique God-given gifts and calling. It's what being the church is all about.

In Christ's love and service,

Anne

Pastor 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: Dr. Jerry Eckert – Rochester General

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Bobbie Eckert, Marilyn Haring, Greg Heizyk, Rosetta Knapp, Marita Jones, Jean Smith, Scott Wagner, Helen Wolter

Thos with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Sebastian Bayer (cousin of Candy & John Metzger), Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Sherry Bennett (neice of Sylvia Lynch), Kelsey-Lynn Cheshak, Paul Brandenburg (nephew of Jerry & Ken

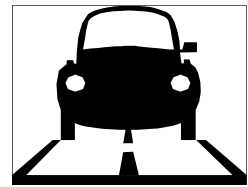
Sisson), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Phoebe Brown, Sharon Burkhardt (wife of Rodger Burkhardt), Thelma Burkhardt (mother of Rodger Burkhardt), Marisue Caupp, Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Carl Dunn, Bobbie Eckert, Joyce Farrokh, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimbarger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Diane Haschmann, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huenemann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), John Jelto, 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), 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), Ed McCormick, Lea McQuown, Joan Michlin, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria

Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Roger Ridley, Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Steven Savage, Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), Melody Simmons (friend of Karen Rice), Gail Snyder, John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Heather Tidwell (granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Louie VanKouwenberg, Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, 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; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Jean Smith & Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to Barb Robinson and family on the death of Irv Robinson.



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 October
Hinge are due
September 15

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends,

After the July/August *Hinge* went to press, you all surprised me with the celebration for my 60 years of ministry. (It seems like a short time ago that I had my first student appointment on July 1, 1950.) THANKS MUCH for all the cards and kind remembrances! (We did enjoy the lovely dinner out, too!!)

So, as I begin another year of service at Aldersgate I am reminded of an article from the Joyful Newsletter entitled:

*METHUSELAH NEVER RETIRED
AND LIVED OVER 900 YEARS!*

Rod Cameron of Converse, IN, a Christian ventriloquist with a dummy named "Gabby", discovered a 1928 newspaper clipping with a poem titled "Methuselah" by an unknown author. Here it is, in part:

*Methuselah's dad little heeded the lad as he
roamed through the old fashioned palaces.*

*And never employed any pupil of Freud to give
him psychoanalysis. Neglected he played all his
boyhood 'round, or dozed when the weather was
hot;*

*And never a psychologist to say if the boy had a
complex or not. Yet no record we find of a cloud on
his mind. His days were in usefulness passed. And
the old fellow's brain, so the Scriptures maintain,
was as clear as a bell to the last.*

*Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, and
never as people do now. Did he note the amount of
the calorie count. He ate it because it was chow.*

*It was all undisturbed as a dinner he sat. de-
stroying a roast or a pie. Not thinking it lacked in
granular fat or a couple of vitamins shy.*

*He cheerfully chewed every species of food, un-
troubled by worries or fears. Least his health
should be hurt by some fancy dessert, and he lived
over 900 years.*

(When Cameron retired in 2003 from his long-time job as a church camp director, he composed another stanza and he and his dummy, Gabby, sang the following stanza at his retirement party to the tune of the old British nonsense song, "A Capitol Ship.")

*Methuselah felt great at 848 but thought that he
should retire. He laid back his head on his soft
feather bed and wondered when he would expire.*

*He was still feeling fine at 849 but also decid-
edly bored. It was then that he heard that his
grandson had word of a flood to be sent by the Lord.
"I'll go to work so that boat of young Noah will
float since he's only 480.*

*Then he'll have time to preach for the message
is really quite weighty."*

*So back with his kind Methuselah was working
again for 120 more years. With his heirs all inside,
the Ark rose with the tide just after Methuselah died,
it appears. If the time
has come when you are 70 and you feel you should
quit,*

*Take some time off away to fast and pray, and
see if God still has some work you will fit.*

So, whether you are an "old timer" or a "younger one", I hope this summer has been a time for rejuvenation and that you are ready for the fall agenda.

God Bless you,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Christian Education

Christian Education Program Starts September 12

Sunday, September 12 brings the start of the 2010-2011 Christian Education program calendar. There's something for everyone! We'll mark this day with several festivities: third graders will receive their Bibles, teachers will be commissioned, backpacks will be blessed (see below for more information), and we will have an ice cream social between the services.

During the 9:30 AM service, we will offer a Pre-K/K class, a Grade 1 to Grade 4 class, a Grade 5 to Grade 7 class, Confirmation Class (the second of a two year program), and an Adult class.

During the 11:00 AM service we will offer Children's Workshop (for children in first to fifth grades), a High School class, and an Adult class.

Children's Workshop Needs Your Help

We've begun a bold new program here at Aldersgate! Since many of our children attend an education program during both services, we've changed the focus of the 11:15 AM program to include hands on projects and short-term studies. For example, we'll be doing a three week study of Communion, as well as stuffing the School Kit bags (which we decorated this summer) in September. During Lent, we'll be designing and making Easter Banners for our worship.

Do you have a passion you'd like to share with our children? Would you be interested in teaching a short-term lesson on Methodism and John Wesley or on All Saints Day? Please add this request to your prayers. It's a great way to share your faith, and help our children grow in theirs.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks to church on September 12 to receive a blessing during the Children's Moment at each service. We mark the milestone of a new school year by sending our children off with a blessing on their studies, growth and maturing in age and grace, from the worshipping community of which they are a part.



Educators Workshops at Greece UMC

Re-Thinking Christian Education is the title of a day-long conference to be held by the Christian Educators from the Upper New York Conference on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm. A wide variety of workshops is scheduled: teaching music, prayer, an adult scripture study technique, the labyrinth, story-telling, internet use, Advent/Christmas, and new trends in Christian Education. Even if you're not involved in teaching, you can help us by being eyes and ears to bring the wisdom this conference has to offer back to Aldersgate. The low cost (\$25 for three people includes lunch) is an added bonus. Registration deadline is September 22. Please speak with Nancy if you are interested. See a copy of the brochure on the bulletin board near the Nursery.

Second Pre K/K Class Needs Teachers

Aldersgate has a wonderful predicament! There are now enough children aged 3 to 5 who attend the nursery during the 11am service, that a Pre-K/Kindergarten class should be offered. One parent has volunteered to teach once a month. Are there other individuals who could fill in for one or more of the other three or four Sundays each month? Here's what you would need: the ability to love children in this age-range and a monthly commitment through June. We will provide the space, the children, and a wonderful curriculum (for which you do not need to be a professional teacher). If you're interested, please let Nancy know. If you're not particularly interested, please keep this need in your prayers.

VBS Thanks

A big THANK YOU goes to all who provided twenty-eight children with a wonderful VBS experience to renew their faith, have fun, and change the world. As with so many programs, nothing would happen without the hands and hearts of Holly Deutsch, Chitie & Dick Edgett, Steven Edgett, Amanda Farrell, Shirley Grierson, Cori Loudon, Tracey Maggio, Candy Metzger, Gloria Montgomery, Rhonda & Mike Simionelli, Marilyn Sobus, Colleen Tyler and Sarah West. Behind the scenes Bobbi Eckert, Gege Dunn, Jackie Hogestyn, Beverly Conn, and Carol Wright.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Grizzanti	September 1	Wendy Dunn	September 14
Melissa Eckles	September 3	Pauline Ashley	September 18
Paul Wagner	September 3	Carey Hughes	September 18
Vincent Acciaio	September 5	Glenn VanPutte	September 19
David Roza	September 8	Nan Keller	September 20
Lorraine Christie	September 9	Debbie Williams	September 21
Al Holmes	September 11	Benjamin Norris	September 24
Shirley Geier	September 11	Becky Hess	September 27
Michael Streb	September 11	Kevin Brown	September 28
Jim Carpenter	September 12	Renee Jerva	September 28
		Jenna VanKouwenburg	September 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Anne O'Connor	September 3
Daniel & Kathy Savage	September 6
John & Candy Metzger	September 14
Mike & Wendy Dunn	September 15



We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, your calls, your cards and your gifts. It has been a long, sad journey, but with the support of our church family and our own family we have been blest.

Barbara Robinson, Sue Schneider & family

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

ASSEMBLY OF UMCOR KITS OPEN TO ALL

Supplies for School, Health, and Layette Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief are coming in nicely. Our goal is to put together at least 150 each of the School and Health Kits and 40 Layette Kits. Check the bulletin each week to see what supplies are still needed. Additional supplies may still be brought that evening.

The kits will be assembled at the **Thursday, September 30**, General Meeting of the Aldersgate UMW. **All who want to help are welcome**—men and women. There are tasks for children able to count and follow directions.

The evening will begin with a light soup, salad, and dessert supper at **6:15 PM**, although work will start as soon as people arrive. After completing the tasks, there will be a brief business meeting primarily to approve our Pledge to Mission for 2010.

The **cost of the supper** continues to be just **\$3.00 per person** payable at the door. Please do **sign up** on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we know how many places to set at the table.

READING CIRCLE MEETS SEPTEMBER 2

Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent will be the first book of the 2010-2011 program year. A true story, the book demonstrates how God's love can help people reach across extraordinary boundaries to develop long-standing relationships. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library.

The Reading Circle meets in the church library the first Thursday of each month throughout the year, starting at 1:00 PM. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See Crabtree (392-0772) (621-1904) for more information.



SEW 'N SEW'S

Would you like to use your skills to start or support a ministry? Sew 'n Sew's is the group for you. This group meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (lower level). We have sewing machines available for those who want to work on school bags or baby quilts. Other members knit, crochet, or work on crossed stitch projects. Feel free to join the group at any time. If you have any questions, call Betty Hild at 663-5032.

MORNING CIRCLE HOLDS FALL LUNCHEON

The first meeting of Morning Circle after the summer will be a catered picnic luncheon on Tuesday, September 21, in the Ide Family Life Center. We will gather at our usual time—11:00 AM--and eat shortly thereafter. The cost will be just \$8.00 payable at the door.

This will be a good time to become better acquainted with each other, and we will talk about some of the plans for the UMW in the year ahead. To help us prepare for this meeting, there will be a **sign-up sheet** on the Opportunities Board.

Morning Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month from September through May at 11:00 AM. Members bring a light lunch, and volunteer hostesses prepare beverages and dessert. The programs generally include speakers on topics such as health and wellness, local missions and ministries, and social issues. Most meetings are held in the Church Parlor.

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. For more information talk to Gege Dunn (663-9235).

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT AVON

The Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women will hold their Annual Meeting this year at **Avon United Methodist Church** on **Saturday, September 25**, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

"Food and Faith" will be the topic of the keynote speaker, the Rev. David Lubba. "Food and Faith" was the theme for the Spiritual Growth Study for the 2010 program year. There is actually a spiritual reason we United Methodists eat at so many of our gatherings.

The cost for the day is **just \$7.50**, which includes lunch. Reservations are transferable but not refundable. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board and give your money to our **Treasurer, Betty Hild**. Please indicate, also, whether or not you want to carpool.

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CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 15 & 16

Looking for an outlet for your handcrafts? Do you sell a line of fine quality gift items? Do you perhaps sell antiques or collectibles? Don't overlook the chance to be part of our Crafts & Collectibles Show & Sale set for Friday & Saturday, October 15 & 16, in the Ide Family Life Center. The area will be open for vendors to set up on Thursday evening and the sale will be open to the public from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM each day. If you are interested, pick up a flyer from the Missions Counter in the Gathering Space or talk to Joyce Farrokh (865-5135) or Candy Metzger (227-3138).

You can help make this event successful in a number of ways. You may donate handmade crafts for the church craft booth, bring baked goods for that booth, or help staff the sale and lunch counter. Sign-up sheets will be on the Opportunities Board later this month. And, of course, we also need customers. This is a great opportunity to pick up unique early Christmas gifts and to support local vendors at the same time.

The money raised by this event helps the Missions Committee to fund our commitments to Ganta Hospital in Liberia and to Mission Share. The UMW uses their portion to fund White Gifts and to make contributions to church and area ministries.

NORTH CHILI SPONSORS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND CLASSES

On Friday, September 17, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the United Methodist Church of North Chili, 2200 Westside Drive, will present its annual quilt show. In addition to the display of quilts, there will be quilting supply vendors and a tea room with refreshments. Their Saturday Farm Market will be open from 8:00 AM – 1 PM. As outreach, they are collecting non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Shelf and participating in a Prayer Shawl Ministry. They will also be offering eight classes in quilting on a first come, first served basis. For more information, visit www.umcnorthchili.org.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

SCRIPTURE READERS		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/5	Bobbi Mohrmann	Shirley Grierson
9/12	Dick Edgett	Marisue Caupp
9/19	Marisa Peck	Gary Hogestyn
9/26	Rodger Burkhardt	Gege Dunn

ACOLYTES		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/5	Usher	Usher
9/12	Usher	Usher
9/19	Usher	Usher
9/26	Usher	Usher

USHER SCHEDULE		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/5	Al & Myrt Holmes, Eric McHugh Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn Tom & Zuni Simons
9/12	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
9/19	Al & Myrt Holmes Candy Metzger	John & Karen Best Tarry & Nancy Young
9/26	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Eric Bock, John Cochran Ray LaFlair, Scott Wiley

Church Events and Opportunities

Yes, we'll be there even on Labor Day!

Come to Aldersgate Night at

APPLEBEE'S

Monday, September 6

4:00-9:00 PM

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.



BELL RINGERS ARE NEEDED

Want to try your hand at hand bell ringing? We need more bell ringers. Come to rehearsal on Saturdays at 11:00 AM or contact Shirley Grier-son at 621-1909.

**Please join us
on
SEPTEMBER 11th
for**

GAME NIGHT

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

Contemporary Worship Team is looking for anyone interested in joining the group. If you love to sing or play an instrument, consider being part of this ministry. We welcome all voices, and/or if you play drums, guitar, sax, piano or any other instrument. We practice on Monday nights at 7:00 PM and lead the Contemporary Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Contact Dave Rogenmoser at 458-9132 for more information or questions that you may have.

Mission News

MISSION SHARE UPDATE

Sometimes the most common items are most needed. Currently the most urgent need at Mission Share is **toilet paper**. You may put your donation in the blue Mission Share box behind the Welcome Table. After an early summer drop, the last couple of weeks has brought a sharp increase in clients.

You responded to our request for supplies for school backpacks for Mission Share. Gretchen Hughes was able to deliver 152 two-pocket folders, 296 pens, and 95 bottles of school glue. A number of Aldersgate volunteers will also be with packing and distributing the book bags in August.

Mission money from the Endowment Fund has supported our \$100 a month commitment to Mission Share for the last year, but the funds allocated have come to an end. For the next three months we will be using money from the General Benevolence Fund, then the portion of the income from the Crafts & Collectibles Show designated for the Missions Committee. If you would like to help our church support this increasingly important community outreach, you may do so by putting your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and marked "**Mission Share Support**" in the Sunday offering.

SEPTEMBER ANGEL FOOD DATES

Your September order for an Angel Food Box may be placed on Saturday, September 11, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, September 12, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Pick up will be on Saturday, September 18, 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. In addition to the standard box, there are specialty boxes, including prepared dinners you only need to reheat that are especially designed for seniors.

Spread the word to neighbors and friends. If you need more information or are interested in helping with this ministry, see or call Mary Sims (865-7668).

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIY

Our District Superintendent, Ted Anderson, and his wife Mary are coordinating a mission trip to Project Chacocente in Nicaragua from February 19-26, 2011. Project Chacocente is a ministry which has moved and is moving families who have been living in the dump in Managua...to the Chacocente community...where they are educated and trained for a productive life and the opportunity to live interdependently in their own homes through fulfilling a 5 year covenant with Project Chacocente. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere with a 70% unemployment rate.

The charge of \$1750 per person includes all costs: airfare, transportation, lodging, food, supplies and materials, program costs and a financial gift to Project Chacocente.

For more information call the District Office at 340-9525.

RECOVERY WORK IN HAITI CONTINUES

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working with the Methodist Church of Haiti to provide both immediate relief and long-term recovery. From the beginning UMCOR used the personnel of the church to identify and distribute aid to the neediest. Since then UMCOR has reopened its field office in Port-au-Prince and is working with the Methodist Church in Haiti on cash-for-work programs for survivors, demolition and debris removal, and strengthening the church's human resources.

Recently the first shipping container filled with health and school kits was sent directly to the Haiti Field Office. Early kits were sent earlier for distribution through partners such as Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Bahamas Habitat, and Catholic Medical Mission Board.

UMCOR has also worked with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission to set up an arrangement so that American volunteers could serve in Haiti without displacing Haitian workers. For every US volunteer on a project, two Haitian are employed.

If you are interested in a short-term VIM trip to Haiti, check out www.haitipartnership.org, the website of a group formerly within the Wyoming Conference (now part of Upper New York) who has plans to send teams for each of the next few months except December.

Scott Rigsby "Doing the Unthinkable" Coming to Aldersgate

On October 13, 2007, after nearly 17 grueling hours, Scott Rigsby did the unthinkable: he crossed the finish line at the 140.6-mile Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. In doing so he set a world record as the first double-amputee on prosthetics to complete the Ironman World Championships in Kona - considered to be the most grueling triathlon on earth. Earlier that year, in March at the ING Georgia Marathon, he set his first world record as the first double amputee in the world to finish a marathon on prosthetics. But his journey begins far from the finish line.

Rigsby was an 18-year-old high school football player in July 1986, when an accident changed the course of his life. Riding in the back of a trailer that was clipped from behind by an 18-wheeler, Rigsby was dragged 328 feet, and eventually pinned under the trailer he was riding in. His right leg was immediately amputated--the first of 17 surgeries he would endure over the next year. Doctors said it would be 18 months before he could walk again, never mind run.

An inevitable battle with prescription drug addiction followed, as did the loss of many relationships and trust. At one point, things got so desperate that Rigsby sold what little furniture he had just to pay rent. There was no steady income and no dreams for a stable or successful future.

Life had hit Scott Rigsby hard, knocking him down and keeping him there. Scott Rigsby turned his life around, reaching unprecedented heights as a world-class athlete. Doing the unthinkable is not easy. It requires an unshakeable determination to overcome any obstacle. Scott Rigsby not only has done the unthinkable, he sees no finish line in sight.

A sought-after speaker, Scott's incredible story contains as many highs and lows as one can imagine over such a short and storied life. It is a unique journey of success and failures, that all started with a decision and the desire to never quit, no matter what, no matter how long. His story is one of overcoming challenges to achieve the unthinkable. He speaks with clarity, passion, purpose, and humor about the persistence needed to achieve what you think is beyond your reach. Scott's compelling personality and motivational message touches people in a very profound and memorable way.

Scott has taken his message and shared his story with audiences across the country challenging them to "Do the Unthinkable." He has brought his message to major corporations and businesses, wounded veterans groups, civic groups and schools. Scott's compelling journey has been documented in the short film, "Unthinkable: The Scott Rigsby Story." His achievements have attracted the attention of Sports Illustrated, NBC Sports, CNN, Runner's World, Delta's SKY magazine, and Competitor Magazine who named Scott the Physically Challenged Athlete of the Year for 2007. He has been awarded the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame's "Star of the Year" and is one of ten nominees worldwide for the 2008 Energizer "Keep Going" Hall of Fame.

Scott Rigsby will be speaking at Aldersgate UMC September 18 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, September 19, worship services at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. There will also be a potluck lunch following the 11:00 AM service on Sunday.

For more information contact Ken Rex, Kevin Brown, or go to catchthespiritonline.com

Church Council News

- S.P.R.C is pleased to announce the hiring of Vicki Souve as the new Contemporary Worship Team Leader.
- A team has been recruited to review the Sunday Morning Worship Experience. More information will be presented at a later date.
- A Charge Conference is scheduled for October 21st
- A new safe sanctuary policy has been approved.

Follow the Vision

1 Chron. 29:12-14

**Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.**

**But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.**

We have a very generous God, who gives us much without hesitation. Our church is also blessed to have a generous congregation who also gives much back without hesitation as we continue to Follow the Vision in order to meet the needs of the capital needs of the church.

Welcome to Vickie Souve, Aldersgate's Newest Staff Member

Debbie Simm and David Rogenmoser did a great job leading the Aldersgate Contemporary Worship Team last year! Both decided to step down, but we truly thank them for their service!

This fall we welcome Vickie Souve who has joined our staff as our Contemporary Worship Leader. Vickie brings many gifts, much experience, lots of creativity and energy to the task. Please be sure to make her feel welcome!

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship,

Can I donate my car to my church?

Thinking About a New Car

Dear Thoughtful,

You have all heard of “Kidney Cars” or of donations of cars to WXXI. You can also help our church that way. Some members of Aldersgate have already done so.

If you can drive your car to the auction lot at 522 Trolley Blvd., you will save the extra expense of having it picked up and hauled there. You will, of course, need your car title to release the car. They will give you the paperwork for your insurance company and license plate return.

After the car is sold at auction, you will receive a report of the sale; the fees held by the company, Insurance Auto Auctions; and the amount sent to the church. In the case of one of our members, the car sold for 56.52% of the car’s actual cash value. Of the \$650 sale, IAA kept \$237.50 for their expenses and the title processing fee, and they sent \$412.50 to Aldersgate. Only the amount actually sent to the church is tax deductible.

It’s a pretty painless way to say goodbye to an older car and support the church at the same time.

Always trying to help,
Sally Stewardship

Church Events and Opportunities

FINANCIAL SEMINAR SERIES OFFERED

In the coming months a series of seminars on a variety of financial topics will be offered at Aldersgate by advisors from Ameriprise Financial thanks to the efforts of one of the members of our congregation, **Laura Acciaio**. Please don’t consider this an endorsement by the church of one financial planning firm over another, but as your opportunity to get some questions answered by someone with knowledge of the topics addressed in a setting comfortable for you. The topics are addressing areas about which many of us have interests and concerns.

The first two seminars will be held this month. The topic on Tuesday, September 21, is “Planning Beyond the Numbers” and on Friday, September 24, “Plan for the Future: Sending your child to college.” Both seminars will begin at 7:00 PM. See the full schedule on another page for more information on each topic and additional dates. Get the dates relevant to your financial needs on your calendar now.

THEME CHOSEN FOR FALL CAMPAIGN

“**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**” is the theme of our Annual Fall Finance Campaign to gather pledges for the support of our regular ministries here at Aldersgate. Not to be confused with the Capital or Building Fund Campaign that we held last spring, the Fall Finance Campaign is the one that seeks support to put food on our pastor’s table, buy curriculum and marking pens for our Sunday School, pay the utility bills, and so on. In other words, the Fall Finance Campaign supports the work of the Lord that goes on in the building we are paying for through the Capital Campaign pledges.

Do you enjoy watching the Children’s Time in worship and seeing how our youngsters are growing in their knowledge of the Lord? Have you appreciated Pastor Jerry’s leadership of the Grief Support Group? Have you gained new insights into the Scriptures through our pastoral messages on Sunday, from discussion in Sunday School class or your Small Group? Do you enjoy the fellowship after services and at special events? Say, “Thank you for your faithfulness, Lord,” and pray about how you can to that faithfulness with your financial support of our church’s ministry in 2011.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 3
 “I got tired of sitting around waiting for sick people
 to come see me at the hospital.”
 When Dr. Dennis Marke graduated from Loma
 Linda [Calif.] University last summer, a new world
 awaited him back in Africa.
 “I wanted to go and meet people in their communi-
 ties and empower them with knowledge and programs
 to help them prevent the diseases that are killing them,”
 he explained.
 Funds raised on World Communion Sunday pro-
 vide scholarships for racial ethnic students in the United
 States and for International students.
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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 (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM		1 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide)	2 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4)	3 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	4 11:00 AM Bell Choir
2 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Workshop (4)	6 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	7 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) 7:00 PM E&MC (4)	8 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (#139 FH) 7:00 PM Choir (S)	9 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Finance (4)	10 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	11 9:00 AM Altar Committee (S) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
12 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) 10:30 AM Ice Cream Social (Ide) 10:30 AM—1:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Workshop (4) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH, Ide)	13 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	14 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (P) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	15 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts #139 (8) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	16 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	17 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	18 8:30—10:30 AM Angel Food Pick Up (Ide) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 7:00 PM Scott Rigsby (S, Ide)
19 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship with Scott Rigsby 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 with Scott Rigsby 11:15 AM Children's Workshop (4) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 1:00 PM Pot Luck & book signing (Ide) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH) 7:00 PM AA Anniversary (Ide)	20 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	21 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 11:00 AM Morning Circle Luncheon (Ide) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 6:30 PM SPRC (8) 7:00 PM Finance Planning— Planning Beyond the Numbers (3/4)	22 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	23 9:00 AM Hinge (Ide) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	24 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Finance Seminar—Plan for the Future—Sending your Child to College (2) 7:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	25 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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