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From Your Pastor

Today I'm giving God thanks for all of you. I'm always overwhelmed when I look out over the congregation and am reminded of the many gifts you bring. The people of Aldersgate continue to be very generous with their time, talents, and treasures. Again and again, I've seen the way people reach out to help others in need whether the need is spiritual, physical, or emotional. Of course, there are times when we don't get it perfect, but it's clear we are working with God to become what God wants us to be - a community formed in the image of Christ who gave everything even his life for us.

Yet being the church is not just about caring for those who are already here, but going out and serving others in Christ's name in our neighborhood. Everyone, age 10 and up, has an opportunity to serve our neighbors in Cincinnati, Ohio. I invite you to join me on our mission trip, **July 17-22, 2011**. We'll be joining with the folks from Faith UMC in Henrietta and doing things like working with children, serving the homeless and hungry, and a variety of other things. The cost will be \$150 per person + transportation and dinner on Wednesday evening. Parents can bring their age appropriate children. The youth will join us along with any interested adults. For more information, check out awakenthecity.org. I need to know who is going and have a \$50 deposit for each person by Thanksgiving. If you need help with the cost, don't let it keep you from going. There is some money available to help cover the cost. Let me know as soon as possible if you'll be joining me.

In Christ's love,

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

In rehab: Rosetta Knapp, Ruth Loomis—Unity TCC

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Milt Ashley, Rachel Carstens, Joyce Farokh, John Hayashi, Greg Heizyk, Joan Michlin, Martha Thomson, Tommy Maggio, Debbie Wolfe

Those 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

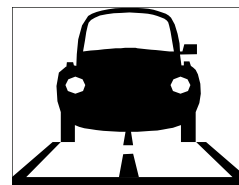
Brown, Sharon Burkhart (wife of Rodger Burkhart), Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Carl Dunn, Bobbie Eckert, Jerry Eckert, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimburger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Diane Haschmann, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huenemann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), John Jelto, Earl Kelley (father of Cindy Groves), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kyle Laitenberger (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Kim Latragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Charlotte McCabe (daughter of Betty Baybutt), Eleanor McKee (sister of Bob Wiederhold), Ed McCormick, Lea McQuown, Craig Michaeloski, Joan Michlin, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), 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), Marilyn Rogenmoser (mother of David Rogenmoser), Steven Savage, Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), Melody Simmons (friend of Karen Rice), Gail Snyder, John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Chris Woessner (brother of Maria Stanley), Debbie Wolfe, Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

Our home-bound: Jean Frey, John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; John Haldane – Hamlet; Leota Matthews – Monroe Community Hospital; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Vogel song – Crimson Ridge; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Myrtle Koch, Valerie Eckles on the death of her father, to the family of Myra Needler and to Martha Thomson on the death of her sister, June Mauer.



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 and the lay visitation ministers visit regularly and would be happy to include others in



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 December/January *Hinge* are due
November 12

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family:

During our Fall Commitment time we have been focusing on the “Faithfulness of God” and with thanks-giving we’ve made our commitments of time, talents and material gifts for the coming year.

Personally, I’ve been thinking about the many reasons I have for thanksgiving—among them is the richness of friends I have. One of my close friends is the Rev. Bill Grossman who came to the WNY Conference the same year I did. He, too, is now officially retired but serving as interim pastor of a church in Syracuse. I’d like to share with you a quote from his recent newsletter “Connections”. It is on the subject of

Understanding Prayer

I remember a story Marge Abbuhl in Florida told me about a young college student, Diane. Diane was walking home one evening. Since it was a small town, she wasn't really worried. She spotted an alley that would be a good short cut and took it. However, halfway down the alley she noticed a man standing at the end as though he were waiting for her. She became uneasy and began to pray, asking for 'God's' protection. Instantly a comforting feeling of quietness and security wrapped around her, she felt as though someone was walking with her. When she reached the end of the alley, she walked right past the man and arrived home safely. The following day, she read in the newspaper that a young girl had been raped in the same alley just twenty minutes after she had been there. Feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy and the fact that it could have been her, she began to weep. Thanking the Lord for her safety and to help this young woman, she decided to go to the police station. After identifying the man and helping to get him to confess, she asked the police to ask him why he hadn't attacked her. They did and he said, "Because she wasn't alone. She had two tall men walking on either side of her."

I've had times in my life when I'm sure God has answered my prayers. And I've had times in my life when I believe God has been nudging me to take a particular action. I still don't know why we get what we want sometimes and we get a "no" other times. When my Dad was dying from a very painful cancer, he prayed for healing. Actually, I expect we all were praying for that. Dad became even more beautiful in his last days. He still died from his cancer, but God 'healed' everything else about him.

One of my favorite poems, "The Weaver," talks about how we can only see one side of the quilt of life, while God can view the upper side and knows why our hopes and dreams



don't always fit into the bigger picture. That is part of why we are never certain about whether or not God is answering our prayers. We can't know the whole story. I am aware of at least four types of answers to prayer. I also know that sometimes we feel God has ignored our requests. God can grant our prayer as asked by providing two tall escorts. God can change our request and make it so the criminal can't see us, etc. God can answer our request in some way we never dreamed of—my Dad. And God can simply say "no." None of us would be very good parents if we didn't occasionally say "no" to the requests of our children.

How do we go about praying then? Years ago, I was taught a simple formula that helps me: ACTS!

"A" is for adoration. We simply spend a few moments telling God how important he is in our life and how much we appreciate him.

"C" is for confession. We talk honestly with God about who we are, what we are trying to do and what would help us to do it more effectively.

"T" is for thanksgiving. We talk a few moments to thank God for the ways that we see him at work in our world and in our life.

Finally, "S" is for supplication. We let God know what we need and what we need for our loved ones and friends. This is the time to ask for help and let God know just how he can help us. I know I don't like asking God for things much anymore, but have been studying "Envisioning Prayer," where we envision what can happen and ask God to support us in our envisioning. Again, we don't always get what we envision, but we can keep on trying.

This acronym is not perfect, and I don't follow it all the time. But from time to time, it helps me organize my thinking and get my "asking" in balance with the rest of my prayers. However you see prayer, keep on doing it.

I hope you find my friend's comments on prayer helpful to you in your prayer life! God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving.

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School

Sunday isn't just for worship! Aldersgate offers two opportunities for Adults to be involved in a Sunday morning class. Consider taking part in one of these classes, and the lively discussion and faith sharing they engender.

The 9:30 AM class recently started a study of *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*. This book, written by Tom Holladay, is a study of what Jesus did and said about relationships, and invites participants on a forty-day journey that will bring new health and richness into their relationships. This study is being led by Dick Edgett.

The 11:00 AM class is in the midst of reading and studying the book of Jeremiah. This study is being led by Cori Loudon, a seminarian at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Devotion Books

Please pick up your November devotional books soon. We offer *Upper Room* for adults and *Pockets* for children. Mid-November look for our Advent devotions (Advent begins November 28) which will be placed on the shelf in front of rack in the Gathering Space.



All Church Advent Event

You are invited to attend an All-Church event on Sunday, December 5. As I write, this is still in the planning phase. We are envisioning an afternoon full of a variety of intergenerational activities and events all over our church building which will begin with lunch after the 11:00 AM service.

If you are interested in helping with this event, speak with Nancy Woodworth-Hill. At present we're thinking about a hymn-sing, a scavenger hunt, a couple of crafts and games. We'd like to close with a simple prayer service, and, of course, eat lunch together.

Mark your calendar now! This will be a fun way to usher in the festivities leading up to Christmas.

What are the children studying?

The 9:45 AM Grade 1-4 and the 11:15 AM PreK/K classes will study a unit *Moses Leads the Great Escape* in November. The Bible verse for these students will be "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). We will be learning that we can trust God's guidance and care, and know that God is always with us.

The 9:45 AM PreK/K class will continue in its study of the *Heroes of the Bible*. In November they will be moving into the New Testament, and learning about Jesus & children, and two apostles.

The 11:15 AM class (Children's Workshop for grades 1-5) will be starting a three-week unit on John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. They will make a timeline of his life, and learn a bit about what this founder of Methodism taught. At the end of the month they will begin a four week Advent study on the *Christmas Gifts that Don't Break*.

Faith Factor Youth Ministry



What's going on in November?

- 4 - Happy Birthday Amanda!
- 5 - Faith Factor Live 7:00 - 9:00 PM (YR)
- 7 - Youth Fellowship 6:00 - 8:00 PM (YR)
- 19 - 20 - Fall Youth Gathering (Rochester)
- 21 - Youth Fellowship 6:00 - 8:00 PM

What is the 2010 Upper New York Conference Fall Youth Gathering?

Grace: No Exceptions to God's Acceptance
At the Radisson Riverside Hotel in downtown Rochester, November 19-20.

Featuring: Worship, workshops, late night options, all with youth from all over our new Conference.

7-12 Grades only. Sign up with Derek by Sunday, November 7. Cost is \$80/person.

What is Youth Fellowship?

It is not like school!

It is games, food, friends, learning about God and faith-all while hanging out with other Christian teens!

It is Sundays at 6:00 PM!

What is Faith Factor Youth Ministry?

We are a **COMMUNITY** of young people passionate about **LEARNING** and **LIVING** our faith in Jesus Christ.

What is Faith Factor Live?

It's hanging out with friends on a Friday night!

It is open gym!

It is an outing every month!

It is listening to and talking about Awesome Christian music!

EVERYONE in Grades 6-12 is invited to Youth Fellowship, Faith Factor Live, and any youth group outings. Why not bring a friend with you!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Barr	November 4	Suzanne Spicer	November 18
Amanda Farrell	November 4	Richard Caupp	November 19
John Simm	November 7	Lindsay DeBellis	November 19
Sandi Norris	November 8	Jan Winter	November 21
Carolyn Gilson	November 9	Rachel Carstens	November 25
Michelle Peck	November 11	Eric Rex	November 25
Natalie Bock	November 11	Jill Michaloski	November 26
Fred Hild	November 13	Trey Keller	November 26
Seth Zachariah	November 14	Shirley Tschorke	November 27
Bill Burdick	November 18	Scott Rice	November 28
Betty Hild	November 18	Laura Wagner	November 30



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kurt & Robin Lindeman	November 21
Rodger & Sharon Burkhart	November 22



Sharon and I would like to thank everyone in my church family for your words, cards and prayers during my Mother's recent illness and passing. We are truly blessed to have all of you as friends. May God bless all of you.

Rodger and Sharon Burkhart

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 7th!



Aldersgate United Methodist Women

“WONDER FULL WORLD” COMES TO ALDERSGATE

November 6 is the date set for our next all-day Women’s Retreat. Like “Chocolate Boutique,” the materials for “Wonder Full World” come from Group Publishing. The activities for the day include worship, games, sharing, and time for private reflection built around a simulated trip to all seven continents. As a service project while “in Africa,” we will tie fleece blankets that will be given to our White Gifts families at Christmas. This is a day you will not want to miss and that you will want to share with your friends.

The day will start with registration at 8:30 AM. The cost is just \$20 for the kit of supplies you will receive and lunch. Please contact Colleen Tyler (865-0094 or cmt Tyler@frontiernet.net) if you still need to register after October 31.

RECORD NUMBER OF UMCOR KITS DELIVERED

Thank you again to all of you who donated supplies and helped assemble kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. On Columbus Day Floyd & Gretchen Hughes delivered 150 School Kits, 151 Health Kits, and 40 Layette Kits to a Mission Central Hub at the First United Methodist Church in Cortland, NY.

The layettes were immediately loaded with others Cortland UMC had collected into a nearly full van that was leaving for Mission Central in Pennsylvania later that day. They planned to deliver the School and Health Kits to Mission Central the following week. Haiti is still the ultimate destination for most of the layette kits. School and health kits are needed in many disaster locations.

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW REPORT

Thank you also for your support of the 2010 Crafts & Collectibles Show and Sale in the Ide Center on October 15 & 16. The net proceeds of nearly \$1900 will be divided between the church Missions Committee and the UMW for their respective missions projects.

SHOULD ALDERSGATE HOST AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?

This question has surfaced a number of times since we first started planning our addition. Perhaps it is time to examine it further. We do have appropriate fa-

cilities. There is a need in our immediate community. Do we have the interest, the volunteers, and the contributors to support such a program?

At the next General Meeting of the Aldersgate UMW, **Donna Hutchinson, Board President of Two Doors Community Resource Center**, will talk with us about why additional after school programs are needed in our community, what is involved in setting up and running such a program, and how personally rewarding such a program can be. Two Doors has been operating for a number of years and is located next to Bethany Presbyterian Church farther south on Dewey Avenue. One possibility for our involvement is to become a satellite of the Two Door program.

Plan now to attend this important meeting on **Tuesday, December 7**, in the Ide Center if you want to know more about what would be required of us should we accept such a challenge. The evening will begin as usual with supper at 6:15 PM with the speaker starting around 7:00 PM. Everyone interested is welcome.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN SEX TRADE IS TOPIC OF NEXT READING CIRCLE BOOK

Don’t expect the UMW to ignore hot topics. The November book selection of the Reading Circle, *The Road to Lost Innocence* by Somaly Mam, is on the UMW Reading List for 2010. In the book we learn how the author was sold into sex slavery in her home country, how she escaped, and how she is now able to help other women.

The Reading Circle will meet in the church library on Thursday, November 4, at 1:00 PM. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772) for more information.

ALDERSGATE RECEIVES AWARDS FROM GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT UMW

The Aldersgate Unit of the United Methodist Women was recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Genesee Valley District UMW on Saturday, September 25, at Avon UMC. We received a Five-Star Unit Award for paying our Pledge to Mission in full, and contributing to mission through a Thank Offering, gifts in mission,



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gifts in memory, and mission recognition pins. We were also recognized as a Mission Today Unit at the Silver level for meeting 14 of 20 criteria for being a Mission Today unit. In addition, Frances Crabtree, Gretchen Hughes, Gloria Montgomery, and Helen Wolter were recognized for completing a UMW Reading Plan again this year.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 8 – Sew ‘n Sews, 1:00 PM, Room 1

November 16 - Morning Circle, “Lessons from Dr. Seuss,” 11:00 AM, Church Parlor

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NOVEMBER ANGEL FOOD DATES

There are no income limitations for ordering from Angel Food Ministries. Let your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity to get nourishing meals at approximately half cost.

Your November order for an Angel Food Box may be placed on Saturday, November 13, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, November 14, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Pick up will be on Saturday, November 20, 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. If you need more information or are interested in helping with this ministry, see or call Mary Sims (865-7668).

SALE OF KELLY’S FARM PIES TO BENEFIT NEXT GREECE HABITAT PROJECT

We are taking orders now through Sunday, November 15, for our annual Thanksgiving Habitat Pie Sale. The 10-inch pies from Kelly’s Farm in Hilton come in four varieties: **apple crumb, apple-raspberry, pumpkin, and apple cranberry**. They weigh 4.5 lbs. and cost just \$14.00 each. A **two-pound dish of apple crisp** will also be offered for sale for \$11.00. You can **sign up** for the pies and/or loaf of Apple Crisp **on the Opportunities Board**. Please put your check for your order



in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Orders must be paid for in advance.

Pick up for the pies will be at the church on **Tuesday, November 23**, from **4:00-7:00 PM** so that you can pick them up on your way home from work or on your way to a meeting. Pies not picked up will be left in the kitchen with your name on them.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

After you vote on **November 2**, be sure to stop by the church to see what is available. You may even want to come in more than once because new pies and cookies have a way of appearing throughout the day. Aldersgate bake sales are popular for good reason: the food is good! Christmas crafts will also be available for sale. The sale will open with the polls in the morning and continue until all is sold or it’s 6:30 PM.



The funds raised will be used to complete our Global Missions Partner commitment to the support of a physician at Ganta Hospital in Liberia, Africa. Any remaining money will go to our General Benevolence Fund, upon which the Missions Committee draws to support other mission projects.

NOVEMBER 21 IS BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Repeated news stories have reminded us that more and more people are looking to local food pantries around the country as a way to feed themselves and their families. Greece is no exception. Our congregation is generous in supporting the Greece Food Shelf throughout the year, but twice a year we make a special effort by holding a “Brown Bag Sunday” during the summer and just before Thanksgiving.

Frankly no one cares what color or type of bag you bring the groceries in; we do remind you to shop the week before for non-perishable packaged food and household supplies to donate to the Food Shelf. Among the items currently most needed are these: **tuna, packaged macaroni & cheese, canned fruit** (pears are a popular choice), **canned pasta, chili, hash, beef stew, and baked beans**. **Ramen noodles** are also well-received.

You may also make a donation by cash or check (payable to *Aldersgate UMC*) designated for the Greece Food Shelf so that they can purchase milk, fresh meat,

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and other perishables.

PRODUCT LABELS FOR RED BIRD

Just before he and Alma left to seek warmer weather for the winter, Dick Harmer reported that he had sent **1100 Campbell's UPC's and 369 General Mills Box Tops for Education** to Red Bird Mission School collected from April to the beginning of October. Keep up the good work!

The labels will continue to be collected, counted, and mailed throughout the winter. Don't just look for them on soups and cereals. Campbell's labels are found on some Kimberly-Clark paper products, and GM Box Tops are now on Progresso Soups. This is an easy and inexpensive way to continue to support Red Bird Mission School in Beverly, Kentucky.

MISSION SHARE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Pick up a copy of the newsletter from Mission Share Outreach Center on the missions counter to learn more about their impact in our community from providing meals to serving veterans. Aldersgate is one of the sponsoring churches. We have committed to sending financial support of \$100 each month, we gathered school supplies for their Back-to-School outreach, we will adopt seven families as part of Christmas Hope, and we will continue to gather toilet tissue and feminine products to support their work. You can help further by volunteering during

"EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT" STILL PLEASES AND ENTERTAINS

Kathy Savage once again put together a delightful program that made all those who attended the October 22 "Evening of Entertainment" happy they had come. There were popular repeat performances—with new material—as well as performers like the "Friday Night Angels" making their debut at Aldersgate. Our thanks go to everyone who helped make this evening a success. The Building Fund now has \$700.00 more toward our monthly payment on the mortgage.

Church Events and Opportunities

OPPORTUNITIES AT ALDERSGATE FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT

Our **Ministerial Education Support Fund** was established in 2006 and was used to help both Doug Hess and Philip Vitullo during their years at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Both have graduated, and we again have two members of our congregation attending there in preparation for full-time ministry: **Cori Louden and Derek Hansen**. That we continue to have people from our midst hearing God's call for ordained ministry is an honor. We need to do all we can to support them in their endeavors. Your gifts to this fund can be used toward tuition, books, and other required supplies during their years of study.

The **S.O.L.O. Scholarship Program** at Aldersgate was initiated a number of years ago to support adult singles active in our congregation who are enrolled in accredited degree programs and who need additional financial assistance. Although we haven't had an applicant in a number of years, the fund remains active and available. Since the program was established, we have given three scholarships.

Your gifts to help these funds grow will pay dividends for God's kingdom. Please make your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and mark it either "**Ministerial Education**" or "**S.O.L.O. Scholarship.**"

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY NOVEMBER 28

Thanks to gifts on United Methodist Student Day, students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities can receive scholarships and loans. Our gifts add up to make a world of difference for young people preparing for a life of service. Please be generous.

For more information about United Methodist scholarships and loans, ask in the church office.

Church Events and Opportunities

Church Conference

Everyone's invited to Aldersgate's Annual Church Conference on November 30th at 6:30 PM. District Superintendent Ted Anderson will be here to lead the conference. Every church member is a voting member. Join us!

DO WE HAVE YOUR PLEDGE?

Commitment Sunday was October 24, but we realize that not everyone can be at church on a given Sunday. And sometimes if the moment passes, it's easy to forget something we planned to do.

If we are still looking for your pledge of financial support for 2011, it is not too late to put it in the church offering next Sunday or to mail it to the church office. The more information the Church Council and staff have as we prepare the budget for next year, the better we can plan. As a matter of fact, we do accept pledges year round from new members and others; but don't use that as an excuse to put it off! Keep in mind that this pledge is for support of our regular ministries throughout the year—pastors, music, Christian Education, youth, small groups, upkeep of our facilities, etc. The pledge you made in May was toward paying the mortgage on our facilities.

We have been so blessed at Aldersgate by God's faithfulness in supplying our needs through you that the Stewardship Team chose "**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**" as our finance campaign theme this year. We truly believe that we are about doing God's work in this world and that he will never fail us. We sometimes wonder how we're going to pay all the bills, but God has never let us down. How can we not honor him with our gifts and service when he has been so good to us?

RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR

Coming up on **Tuesday, November 16**, at 7:00 in Rooms 3/4 is the fourth in the series of financial seminars brought to us by Laura Acciaio of Ameriprise—Planning for a Confident Retirement. Included in the topics are planning to bring your retirement dreams and goals more within reach, determining how much you will need to save to reach your dreams, finding smart and sensible ways to save more, and learning ways to generate dependable income that could last through your whole retirement. There is a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board.

APPLEBEE'S DONATIONS REACH NEW HIGH

Donations from Applebee's toward our Building Fund now total **\$12,012.11**—not counting the check for October. Our "Nights Out" on the first Monday of the month at Applebee's on West Ridge Road continue to be well supported by our congregation. It's a great time to get together with family and friends with the bonus of benefiting our church.

Our next "Dining at Applebee's" night is **Monday, November 1**. Come between 4:00-9:00 PM to eat and be sure to turn in your food receipt to the Aldersgate representatives at the front table. Applebee's donates 10% of the food receipt total each month to our Building Fund.

DO NOT MISS THIS! OUR 23RD ANNUAL AUCTION IS COMING UP!

Friday, November 12 is the date. The ever-popular **spaghetti and meatball supper** will be served promptly at **6:00 PM** with the **auction** starting at **7:00**. The spaghetti supper costs just \$5.00. Our auctioneer will again be **Carol Ritter Wright**, former D & C columnist. The sign-up sheets for the dinner are on the bulletin board now. Even though we try to advertise each week what's coming in, you never know what you may find that you just can't live without! The proceeds this year will be divided between the next Greece Churches Habitat project and our **Aldersgate Building Fund**.

Please think now about your contribution. We are looking for **good quality items, gift certificates, baked goods (or the promise thereof), services**—anything you think someone else might want. We need 80-100 items for a successful auction. Donation forms are available each week in the bulletin, or contact **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822 or fghughes76@frontiernet.net) to let her know what you plan to bring.

We also may have one silent auction table for items valued under \$10 and items that come in at the last minute. We haven't done this for a number of years; so it's time to try it again.

Plan now to come and to bring your friends. We have testimony from at least one visitor who has come for several years that this is the best spaghetti and meatball supper around. The auction itself is highly entertaining. Don't miss it!

Mission News

WHITE GIFTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Helping Needy Families for 40 Years

The Aldersgate tradition of providing Christmas dinner and gifts for needy families will continue this year. We intend to provide help to at least 16 families. Listed below are some of the ways that you can help to make this a special Christmas for those families.

How can you help?

MONETARY DONATIONS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY - Money will be provided from the White Gifts general funds. You have the rewarding assignment of personally shopping and delivering to your "family." Suggested guidelines will be provided for you.

SPONSOR-A-FAMILY - (Full responsibility for a needy family).

Just like the "Adopt-A-Family" option except that you fully sponsor the cost of the food and gifts. Expect to spend between \$175-\$225 for food and gifts for an average size recipient family. *You may want to share this project with other Aldersgate families, co-workers, neighbors, or friends and split the expense.*

PURCHASE GROCERIES FOR A FAMILY – Money can be provided from the White Gifts general funds

DELIVER GROCERIES AND GIFTS – The groceries and gifts will be provided for you to deliver to a needy family.

Plan Now!

Speak to Jan or Tracy Winter at church or contact them by phone at 225-4927 for more information and to volunteer in this very rewarding venture as soon as possible. You may also e-mail Jan at jwinter@frontiernet.net.

SCOTT RIGSBY WELL RECEIVED

A good crowd, including many visitors, turned out on Saturday night, September 18, and again on Sunday morning to hear Scott Rigsby, the first double amputee to complete the Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon. A number of people came specifically for the encouragement Scott's experiences give to those who have challenging physical problems. Scott's Christian testimony was inspiring, reminding us that God is still present for us even when we are not on our best behavior. For those who may have been away that weekend, Scott's book *Un-thinkable* is available in our church library.

The freewill offering taken to cover his visit and to support his work totaled almost \$1200, another indication of the generosity of our congregation.



GAME NIGHT

NOVEMBER 13

at 6:00 PM in the

Ide Family Life Center

**Come play Euchre, board games, and
table tennis.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Church Council News

- Church-wide mission trip, includes youth ages 10 and up, is scheduled for July 17-22, 2011 to work in the City of Cincinnati. Website is awakeinthecity.org
- Derek Hansen, Youth Director, is putting together a Youth Council Team
- Summer 2011 worship service is being reviewed by the Worship Committee and Sunday Morning Worship Experience Team
- Church finances are "tight."
- Cori Loudon's recommendation for Candidacy for Ordained United Methodist Ministry was unanimously approved at Council on October 21st.
- Two meetings in November. Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 PM is Church Council and Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 PM is the Charge Conference with chair, District Superintendent, Reverend Ted Anderson.



Poinsettia Time!

Please order your poinsettias for our traditional and lovely Christmas display in memory or in honor of your loved ones by December 5th. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins beginning November 21st. Please fill out completely.

The plants will be displayed from December 19 through December 26, when they may be taken home. The cost will be \$9.00 per plant. Please enclose your payment in an envelope marked "Altar Fund". Checks may be payable to "Aldersgate UMC Altar Fund".

If you have any questions, please call Barb Condon at 865-0871.

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

In tough economic times like this, does the church feel the same economic crunch my family does? If so, how does the church deal with it?

Feeling Pinched

Dear Pinched,

We honestly do feel your pain. If we haven't been directly affected ourselves, we all know people who have been laid off or had hours cut back. Many of us live in fear that it could happen to us. We hear the statistics that show that working people have been losing ground for many years now and know that those statistics represent real people's lives. The Rochester area has apparently not been hit as hard as other areas, but that's cold comfort to those who have lost income.

Last year we offered the "Good Sense Budget Course" and this year we have the series of financial seminars to help people make sense of their financial situations. In fall of 2009 our congregational study was "Upside Living in a

Downside Economy." The Bible offers us all good advice on handling whatever amount of money we do have. Jesus addressed this topic as often as he talked about prayer.

The church at large has been facing the same shortfall and has been looking for savings in mergers and reorganizing services. That's why we are part of the Upper New York Annual Conference rather than Western New York Annual Conference. Our Bishops and District Superintendents are both covering larger areas and more churches. The Board of Global Ministries is not commissioning as many missionaries as in the past. We heard this summer that Red Bird Mission School has reorganized and reduced classes, and more recently received a letter from Meri Whitaker saying that they may have to lay off staff at Cookson Hills Center if additional support is not forthcoming. Both ministries are working in areas with traditionally high unemployment. Everyone is looking for ways to continue and increase outreach—as we are called to do—while stretching personnel and services.

How about Aldersgate? Normally giving each year has been a little higher than the year before. This year we did start the year with giving below what it was in 2008, but in the last two months it has pulled a little ahead of both 2008 and 2009. That hardly means that we're flush with cash. Costs go up, too, just like they do for you. We are fortunate. We have not had to lay off staff or make other drastic cuts as some other churches have done. On the other hand, we're not really looking at expanding staff, even though we could no doubt use additional help.

How do we manage? Carefully. Each committee is responsible for its own budget and the Finance Committee watches closely. We have no runaway spenders. In planning the budget each year, everyone looks at what is working and what isn't and adds or reduces expenditures accordingly. For instance, we were sending out mailers three times a year in the first years we were in our new sanctuary. Frankly, we

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Serving in Our Worship Services in November

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/7	Member of Confirmation Class	Nancy Young
11/14	Mike West	Tom Simons
11/21	Lisa Deutsch	Doug Unell
11/28	Julia Troiano	Member of Confirmation Class

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/7	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
11/14	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
11/21	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
11/28	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/7	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy & Terry Young
11/14	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Larry VanAllen	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
11/21	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
11/28	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincents Evelyn Welker	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley



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.

weren't seeing any large number of people come to us as a result. We're growing, but people mostly come for the same reason they always have—you have invited them.

We try to be careful to use up the supplies we have. That's why you will continue to see pink envelopes for many special offerings. (Sorry, inside joke!)

We look at the resources we have. The Trustees are able to pay for the new roof on the house next door because we saved up the rent money for that purpose. The Church Council and Finance Committee do look for grants

and loans if that is necessary. We also try to look at what we have rather than what we don't have. When we hold our budget-planning meeting on November 13, we'll examine how best to use the resources God has given us.

This may not be a very satisfactory answer, but it's the best I can do right now. We rejoice that God has provided all that we *need*, if not necessarily all that we *want*. God is our Source and Strength. We celebrate the generosity that He inspires in you. In spite of the economic downturn, judging by your support for our outreach ministries, we have seen only an *increase* in caring for

those with greater needs.

It would seem that three principles are guiding our decisions that also would help us as individuals: put God first, focus on what is most important, and look out for the needs of others. We laugh sometimes that God doesn't always provide soon enough to make us comfortable, but he has consistently been faithful in meeting our needs.

Taking God at His Word,
Sally Stewardship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>7</i> 8:30 AM—1:30 PM Blood Drive (Ide) 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 Children's Workshop (4) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH, Ide) 6:00 PM Scouts—God & Me Class (8) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>8</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>9</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (P) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 6:30 PM Transitions Lifestyle (2) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (8) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>10</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>11</i> 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>12</i> 6:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner (Ide) 7:00 PM Auction (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P)	<i>13</i> 9:00 AM Budget Meeting (4) 10:30 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 6:00—8:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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