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From Your Pastor

It's freezing outside today, but everything is so beautiful. The sun is glistening on a fresh coat of snow that still clings to the branches and covers up all the dirt and imperfections. We have an amazing God who can bring beauty into the midst of the coldest seasons of our lives. And underneath the snow and cold are the seeds of new life waiting to spring forth in the warmth of God's love. What an awesome God we serve!

Over the last month we've focused on listening to what God wants to say to us. It's not something that should end with the conclusion of our study, but continue to be developed into a life long discipline of listening to what God wants to speak into our lives. But listening is only the beginning. Once we've heard from God, we must obey the promptings we've received. That's one of the reasons we are once again encouraging everyone in the congregation to participate in our 90 in 90 campaign. The idea is that each of us complete at least 90 minutes of service in our community during the next 90 days (that's only 1-½ hours out of the next 2160 hours). Continue to listen to God and ask him where and how he wants you to serve. Then do it. And don't forget to tell me about your experience. We will celebrate them on May 1.

The combination of listening to and obeying God is how we live out our mission of *transforming lives and serving Christ with joy*. It's my prayer that you will listen and hear what God wants to tell you and that you'll find true joy in serving him.

In Christ's love,

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: John Haldane–Unity; Joan Michlin – Highland; Milt Ashley – Rochester General

In rehab: Wilma Jean Smith – St. Ann’s; Phoebe Brown – Edna Tina Wilson

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Dean Hogestyn, Judy Hare, Rosetta Knapp, Len Mack (The Villages), Natalie Manfredi, Barb Robinson

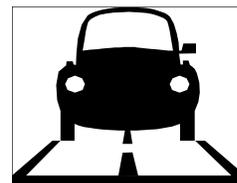
Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armentinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Milt Ashley, Denise Bayer, Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Sherry Bennett (neice of Sylvia Lynch),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

Sisson), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), 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, Bill Easton (friend of Candy Metzger), 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, Dean Hogestyn, 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), Larocca family (friend of Debbie Pankey), Kim Lagragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Charlotte McCabe (daughter of Betty Baybutt), Eleanor McKee (sister of Bob Wiederhold), Ed McCormick, Lea McQuown,

Craig Michaloski, Joan Michlin, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Mark Payton, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), 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), 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 – Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua; John Haldane – Hamlet; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Vogelsong – Crimson Ridge; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Martha Thomson – Woodlands



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.



ALL items for the March *Hinge* are due **February 15**

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

As we prepare to leave for Florida for our winter break, I'd like to share a little humor to help you through the snowy winter days in Rochester.

Humorist Phil Callaway shares the following excerpts from his book *Who Put the Skunk in the Trunk? Learning to Laugh When Life Stinks* in the periodical *The Joyful Noiseletter*. (used by permission):



In the third grade, I watched a friend put a salamander down Mrs. Hill's blouse (if you're reading this, Mrs. Hill, I trust you will remember my finer points and not seek legal counsel), but for some reason I didn't want to touch the salamander. I merely supplied the idea.

But the best impractical joke I ever had the joy of participating in was launched when my friend Bobby and I discovered a small skunk waddling through a neighbor's garden one hot summer evening.

The sun was sinking just beyond the pine trees, but it was not too late for some excitement. After managing to coax the critter across the backyard with a trail of lettuce leaves, we took the keys from the ignition and opened Mr. Finney's trunk.

Now Mr. Finney was our third-grade Sunday school teacher at the time, a fine accordion player, and just about the most nervous person I ever had the pleasure of sneezing behind. On Saturdays, he polished his late model Ford Fairlane until he could hardly see the initials the neighbor kids had etched into the hood. Mr. Finney was a particular man. He shined just about everything to which he was attached, and you rarely saw him with so much as a cuff link out of place. Though we didn't know it, this was the eve of the Finney family vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Finney and their children had carefully organized and packed everything they would need to have a peaceful holiday, free from the worries and cares of our small town.

As they slept, a vegetable trail led a hungry skunk past their bed of petunias, across their front yard and onto their wood box. From there it was an easy hop into the trunk where the poor skunk hunkered down between a suitcase and a sleeping bag, nibbling on a generous portion of carrots. Bobby and I cautiously shut the lid, replaced the keys, and went to bed.

About eight o'clock the next morning, we crept back

to the Finney house and waited behind a blue spruce tree while an unsuspecting Finney family filed down their front walk and climbed aboard the Fairlane, anticipation etched on their eager faces. What happened next I will carry with me into old age.

Mr. Finney started the car and revved the engine. Then he slipped her into gear. After a tight U-turn and about 30 feet of gravel, the car screeched to a halt, spewing stones in all directions. Inside, Mr. Finney glared at his wife with a wrinkled expression. Then he turned to the children with an accusing glance. Finally he thrust open the shiny door and sniffed the air. By the time the key was in the trunk, he had his suspicions. By the time he open it, they were confirmed.

Whatever glue had held the man together until this point in his life seemed to lose its grip then. Slamming the lid down, he stood with clenched fists, kicking the bumper, his language matching the color of his car — a deep blue. We watched from behind the spruce tree, Bobby and I, wondering if we should laugh or cry. Or go tell our mothers.

Later that summer I was informed that the Finney's were relocating. No one quite knew why. No one but Bobby and I.

What Mr. Finney, and Mrs. Hill, discovered during those unforgettable moments is something that all of us humans learn as we walk through this life: Sometimes life slithers. And sometimes it stinks.

I call people who have the ability to laugh in the face of life's surprises skunkbusters. That comes not from knowing the future or understanding the past, but from a choice we make.

One that says, "No matter what goes right, no matter what goes wrong, God is in control. And one day — maybe not tomorrow, or even next week — I'll see things His way.



May we all develop a sense of humor as we face all the challenges of 2011 — whether in the snow banks of Rochester or in a warmer climate! God bless you all.

Faith Factor Youth Ministry



What's going on in February?

6 - Collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring before and after 9:30 and 11 AM services

11-12 - District Winter Wonderland Extravaganza overnight

13 - Youth Fellowship 6-8 PM (YR)

18 - Faith Factor Live 7-9 PM (Ide)

20 - Youth Fellowship 6-8 PM (YR)

26 - Youth Group fundraising brunch

9 AM-12 PM (be at church 8 AM-1 PM)

27 - Youth Fellowship 6-8 PM (YR)



Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 6 (Super Bowl Sunday!) members of the Youth Group will again be participating in the national Souper Bowl of Caring program to tackle hunger.

We will be outside the 9:30 and 11:00am services taking donations in soup pots.

All of the money we raise will benefit Mission Share to fight hunger in our own community.

Come with your change, bills or checks to help us tackle hunger this Super Bowl Sunday!

We are hosting you for brunch!



On Saturday February 26 from 9am-12pm in the Ide Center, Faith Factor Youth Ministry would like to invite you to fellowship with us with a delicious brunch. You won't want to miss this!

See insert for details!

Winter Wonderland Extravaganza



February 11-12

We will be participating in the District-wide Winter Wonderland Extravaganza event.

This is an overnight at Brockport United Methodist Church featuring ice skating at SUNY Brockport and more - with youth from all over the Rochester area.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Hogestyn	February 1	Vince Acciaio	February 9	Gretchen Hughes	February 17
Joan Michlin	February 1	Ryan Kennedy	February 10	Ethan Cary	February 18
George Shukitis	February 2	Ray LaFlair	February 11	Jean Frey	February 20
Dominic De Bell	February 2	Scott Wiley	February 11	Harry Muthersbaugh	February 24
Todd Farrell	February 5	Doug Jones III	February 13	Jessica Christie	February 26
Ed Geier	February 5	Grace Mack	February 14	Grace Watts	February 27
		Mike Dunn	February 15	Elijah Tyler	February 27
		Ken Sisson	February 17		



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Jackie Hogestyn	February 13
Len & Grace Mack	February 14



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

The many cards sent me following my recent fall were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. My warmest thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Marion Volgesong

Thank you so much for your kind words, warm wishes, plant and gift, as well as the yummy cake at my parting from your midst.

It was a privilege to serve as your Director of Christian Education. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for the people at Aldersgate.

Blessings,
Nancy Woodworth-Hill

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR SCHEDULED

On **Saturday, March 19**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Greece Baptist Church, local American Baptists, United Methodists, and Presbyterians will gather for the annual seminar on stewardship that they have been sponsoring for several years. The overall theme is "Stewardship 2011: The Whys and Hows of Money Leadership (The Role of Church Leaders in Stewardship Programs.) This year's speaker will be **Mark Vincent**, a specialist in organizational leadership from Design Group International. Author and editor of numerous books and articles, he is an inspiring speaker known for his custom-crafted material for specific venues. The cost is \$25.00 per person with a \$50.00 maximum for one church. The only cost to individuals attending from Aldersgate will be the \$9 for lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board. Please sign up by Thursday, February 24, so that we can get reservations in on time.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

MORNING CIRCLE

Join us in the parlor at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 15, for “**This Is Not Your Grandmother’s Mission Program: The Challenges of the 21st Century.**” Learn more about the issues facing our church and world today that affect our ability to reach others with the Good News. Those attending will also be given the opportunity to make their annual Pledges to Mission.

Bring a sandwich or a light lunch. Our hostesses of the month will provide dessert and beverages. If you have questions, call Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Bobbi Eckert (225-9582).

READING CIRCLE

Fame, a recent book by Christian novelist Karen Kingsbury, is the selection for discussion by the Reading Circle at the Thursday, **February 3**, meeting in the Church Library.



Copies of the book are on reserve at the Greece Public Library. Just be sure to tell the librarian that you are from the Aldersgate Reading Circle. Reading Circle meetings start at 1:00 PM and newcomers are always welcome.

Hostesses each month prepare beverages and a dessert to be enjoyed during the discussion.

The March selection, *Fire by Night*, is a historical novel by Lynn Austin. Both Lynn Austin’s and Karen Kingsbury’s book have been well-received by Aldersgate readers. For further information about Reading Circle, please call Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

UMW END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Thanks to generous personal pledges and very successful fundraisers this year, our unit of United Methodist Women was able to pay its Pledge to Mission of \$2500 in full and to make donations to a number of programs and agencies that our church supports. All UMW units are encouraged to “spend down” at the end of the calendar year rather than keep money in their treasuries that should be put to good causes.

At the December 7 General Meeting, the members present voted to give \$300 each to the Greece Food Shelf and White Gifts; and \$100 each to Cameron Community Ministries, Mission Share, and Red Bird Mission.

SEW ‘N SEW’S

This “crafty” group continues to meet at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (the old church office) on the second Monday of each month to work on needle-together. **February 14** is the next meeting.



The group would welcome donations of sturdy fabric suitable for school bags; light-weight caps, sweaters,

and fabric suitable for baby gowns and children’s quilts. Talk to Betty Hild (663-5032) or Gege Dunn (663-9235) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome.

B’RITH KODESH SISTERHOOD INVITES

The women of Aldersgate have been invited by the B’rith Kodesh Sisterhood to join them in celebrating their 50th Anniversary program on **Wednesday, March 23**, at Temple B’rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton. Daan Braveman, president of Nazareth College, and Dr. Muhammed Shafiq, Executive Director of the Center for Islamic Studies and Dialogue and professor of Islamic and religious studies at Nazareth College, will share their experiences with efforts to strengthen interfaith dialogue. The program will begin at 11:00 AM. Those attending are asked to bring a non-meat lunch. Fruit, dessert and beverages will be provided. There is no charge for the program.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board in March so that we can make reservations, but get the date on your calendar now.

UPCOMING DATES:

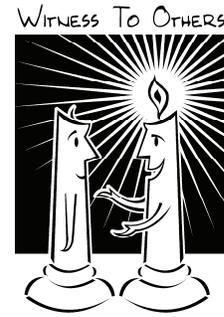
February 20 – UMW Sunday

March 31 – General Meeting at 6:15 PM

Mission News

CHRISTMAS OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your kind support of the Christmas Offering. Half of the **\$1292** was sent to Gateway-Longview in Buffalo and half to Cookson Hills Center. Gateway-Longview is a United Methodist-related agency that serves children and families throughout Western New York. Cookson Hills Center in Eastern Oklahoma is the mission site led by Meri Whitaker, our covenant missionary.



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY AT ALDERSGATE CONTINUES

Because the number of people taking advantage of the opportunity to order food through the Angel Food program here has dropped significantly, the Angel Food volunteers met in January to discuss whether or not to continue. Mary Sims, who heads up the program, did try to check out how other area programs are doing and why people who placed orders earlier are no longer doing so. Other programs have seen a similar drop; and, of the people called, one said the family no longer needed the help, another that there was so much food in the box ordered that it lasted them two months. None seemed to have complaints about the quality of the food or have any particular reason for not participating other than not getting around to ordering.

After some discussion the group decided to continue through May, at which time they will look at the circumstances again. The volunteers are really enjoying the work and are reluctant to cut off the people they are helping who really need it. They are also looking at other ways to expand the program to people who might need it, including the possibility of limited delivery of food orders to shut-ins.

If you have intended to place an order but have neglected to do so, this would be a very good time to check out this really outstanding opportunity to get good quality food for less than grocery store prices. You can place an order on-line. The directions are on the menu sheet in the Angel Food Ministry envelope on the Opportunities Board.



Otherwise, you can **place an order for February** on Saturday, February 12, from Noon to 2:00 PM or on Sunday, February 13, between services. Pickup will be on Saturday, February 19.

MISSION SHARE

Mission Share has had a very busy year of service in Greece. In 2010 alone, they gave out the food for 38,502 meals. In January Mission Share received official approval from the IRS as a 501(c)3 Corporation and tax-exempt status from NYS. Tom Hakes, the Director, also was moved from part-time to full-time service in May. The website went live at www.missionshareoutreach.org in June. Over 400 backpacks were assembled and distributed in September. The first Emergency Home Repair Team was put together in October to work on the home of a woman recovering from life-altering injuries. Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Hope helped many families in addition to their regular clients.

Here at Aldersgate the Missions Committee agreed to provide Mission Share with at least \$100 a month and to collect feminine hygiene products and toilet tissue to add to their food pantry. Our visits to deliver supplies showed us that the feminine products are the most needed. Thanks to your generosity, on the last trip we were able to fill a full shelf; but most of the time supplies were sparse. They hand out a full box of sanitary napkins, tampons, or liners, unlike Cameron where we put a few in each personal hygiene kit. As a result, we will be able to help more people if we buy smaller boxes, even if that makes the products more expensive per unit. Don't overlook the coupons that are often available to stretch your charitable dollars or store brand products.

Located in Cedarfield Commons off Long Pond Road, Mission Share has become a vibrant ecumenical ministry in our community.

Church Events and Opportunities

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS VOLLEYBALL GAME:
 Come join us for a volleyball tournament to raise money for breast cancer awareness on **Sunday, February 20th from 2-5 PM** in the Ide Family Life Center. \$5.00 Donation. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 20th. For more information, please contact Samantha Christie (301-6719) or Mike Devlin (208-3070).

Come to Aldersgate Night at
APPLEBEE'S on Ridge Rd.
Monday, February 7
4:00-9:00 pm
Applebee's donates 10% of the food receipts we collect to our Building Fund.
(Did you know that from June thru December 2010 Applebee's gave \$1221.18 to our Building Fund? This & other info is in the 2010 Annual Report.)

STRONG WOMEN, POWERFUL FINANCIAL STRATEGIES
 The last seminar in Laura Acciaio's five part seminar series is coming up on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM. Strong Women, Powerful Financial Strategies will be done as a workshop with some hands on exercises to get you thinking and starting the first step to gaining control over your financial situation, protecting the people and things you love the most and gaining the knowledge to make informed financial decisions.
 Please RSVP to Laura at 461-2280 ext. 20 or on the sign up sheet.

GAME NIGHT
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
February 19
at 6:00 PM in the
Ide Family Life Center
Come play Euchre, board games,
and table tennis.



Do you like the PowerPoint displays during the service? Are you familiar with creating PowerPoint presentations? We're looking for some volunteers to help with this weekly ministry. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Tyler, 865-0094. Thank you.

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 Wel-



LOOK WHO HAS MOVED
 Len Mack is now at the Villages and Malcolm Beers is at the Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua.
 Call the Church Office for Len Mack's address.
 His phone number has not changed.

Thank You

To Aldersgate Methodist Church Congregation:

With deep gratitude Two Doors staff, Board of Directors and families send this heartfelt THANK YOU message.

Your generous contributions to Two Doors this Thanksgiving gave us the resources we needed to provide a full Thanksgiving dinner for the families of 32 children. The Monday before Thanksgiving the baskets were prepared by volunteers. Each basket included a frozen turkey with stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls, gravy, green beans, cranberries, pumpkin pie and a roasting pan plus a decorative How to Prepare Your Thanksgiving Dinner sheet. Families picked up their baskets Monday night giving them time to thaw the turkey for Thursday.

One Mom told us that this was the first Thanksgiving dinner ever for her family. All families were very grateful and shared their appreciation to us in different ways.

For Christmas each child received a winter coat, boots, mittens, hats, pajamas and a game. These gifts were wrapped and given to the parents without the children knowing

to be given to the children Christmas morning. As parents picked up the gifts hidden in large black garbage bags they were surprised with the generosity and deeply appreciative. For some it would be the only gifts under the tree this year.

It takes a village... comes to mind as we process the success of this endeavor. The combined contributions from Aldersgate Methodist Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, Bethany Presbyterian Church and employees from Bausch and Lomb's department of Global Regulatory Affairs and private contributors made it possible for our families to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and have Christmas presents for their children.

Please know that all your contributions were designated for these two projects. We are in awe and humbled by our Greece Church community. THANK YOU!!

Sincerely,
Two Doors Board of Directors, Staff and Families

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing, late as it may be, to express my thanks to you all and to provide an update of Becky's and my status. I am sorry it has taken me so long to write this letter.

I graduated back in May of 2010. I earned my Masters of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. You all are the folks that affirmed my call and supported me spiritually, through prayer; emotionally, through your cards and calls of support; and financially through your extremely generous monetary gifts to me. All of this made it possible in so many ways for me to accomplish the Herculean task of reentering academia while working three jobs, maintaining my household and caring for Becky all at once! YOW! God is Great!! I look back now and can't believe I completed that leg of the journey. Only by the grace of God could something like that be accomplished. Also, and completely by the grace of God, I was commissioned in the United Methodist Church as a Provisional Elder. I'm steadily moving forward towards my ordination. With hard work and more of God's grace, I hope to be ordained in 2013 or 2014. Please continue to pray for me regarding this.

My hours were increased at St John's Nursing Home to 25 per week and between that and my 10 hours a week at Churchville UMC, I am fully employed as a servant of God! Becky continues to heal and is getting more and more capable and independent. All glory to God. The blessings never stop!

I know I have been blessed, am blessed, and will always be blessed by what Jesus did for me so long ago. One of the countless blessings Becky and I have received over the course of our lives has been being a part of the community at Aldersgate. We are grateful for your friendship, for your love and for all the acts of kindness you have done and are still doing even today. "Thanks" is so little and yet in truth we could never pay back the monumental generosity that you have demonstrated towards us. If we can pay you back at all, may it be by "paying it forward." May our actions, words and deeds serve not only to glorify God but also to be a reflection of the Love you have sown and the fruit you have produced.

Thank you all for everything!

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Pastor Doug and Becky Hess

Altar Flowers

The 2011 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board near the rear exit. If you would like to have an arrangement on the Altar Table in memory or in honor of someone on a particular Sunday, please sign your name and telephone number in the appropriate space. A member of the Altar Committee will call you during the week prior to your Sunday, to confirm your order and ask for the de-

tails to be placed in the bulletin.

The arrangements are \$30, which is due the week before your designated Sunday and may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked **Altar Fund**. Your flowers may be taken home or left to be given to a shut-in.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this traditional custom over the years in order for

the Altar Committee to provide an inspiring visual Worship Center.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Christie
Barbara Condon, Chair.
Shirley Geier
Beverly Johnson, Treas.
Debbie Kennedy
Kathy Pearson
Sue Perkins
Colleen Tyler
Grace Watts



Church Council News

The 2011 Church Budget of \$382,722.95 was approved at Church Conference on November 30

- SPRC is seeking a replacement for the Christian Education Coordinator position. Discussion included exploring the concept of offering a "contract" which offers flexibility to the term length. The plan is to go to a full-time position that will include responsibility for both Christian Education and Youth ministry when Derek leaves.
- Aldersgate's Church profile for the Bishop was completed at Council on December 16
- Certification of District Lay Speakers: Joyce Farrokh, Tom Simons, Zuni Simons, Eric McHugh, Colleen Tyler and Steve Tyler was approved at Church Conference on November 30
- Genesee Valley District Leadership Training Day entitled "Informed to Transform2" - February 5 from 9:00-3:15 at Rush UMC
- Hand Helping NY (to eliminate hunger) - May 14 at Faith UMC
- Genesee Valley District hosts Annual Conference - June 7-11, 2011
- 2010 Annual Reports by all committees and groups to be presented at Council on January 20, 2011
- Reminder that everyone is welcome to attend any Council meeting but only members can vote.

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship:

I see the boxes in the Gathering Space where we collect donations for the Greece Food Shelf, Mission Share, and Cameron Community Ministries, and other local agencies; and I have seen the Hinge and bulletin notes requesting money for other causes. This must add up. How much does come in & where does it all go? Does it make a difference?

Curious

Dear Curious,

This is a giving congregation. We don't begin to track the many members who give their time and energy to serve others in our community or the in-kind donations that come in for the Food Shelf, Cameron, and Mission Share, or the charitable dollars given outside the church. We do track carefully the money that is given through the church.

Big picture first—according to our Financial Secretary's report, this year Aldersgate received a total income of \$594,387.49, which included \$230,419.59 for the Building Fund. Apportionments we paid totaled \$38,235.00. There was also \$31,309.12 of "second-mile" giving. The remainder—and largest portion—goes to support our staff, facilities, and programs here at Aldersgate. Total giving was up 5.19% from 2009. Considering the economy, that figure is impressive.

Apportionments are the amount we give as a church to support the work of our denomination, conference, and district—the other administrative units through which we are organized to carry out ministry. The World Service Fund, for instance, helps to build new churches, pay the salaries of missionaries (not all are covered by "covenant" relationships), expands Bible studies, provides leadership for youth ministries, and much, much more. Funds to support Africa University (whose choir will be in our area again this coming June), ministerial education, our eleven historically black colleges, the bishops, and our participation in work with the worldwide Christian church are all part of the apportionments. If we fall short, other churches have to make up the difference in order for this important work to continue. (Relax—we pay our share. The last time we didn't pay our apportionments in full was 1972.)

You are probably more interested in "second-mile giving," money that goes for mission and ministry beyond the apportionments and local church expenses. This includes the six Special Sunday offerings that you hear about over the course of the year. The next one coming up is the One

Great Hour of Sharing on the first Sunday in April. This is especially important because this offering provides funding for the administrative work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that your other second-mile giving to UMCOR can go directly to the cause you designate. This special offering also funds the disaster relief work and such projects as helping to provide safe drinking water in Nicaragua and teaching trades to HIV/AIDS orphans. This money is important for essential work that is not fully funded by designated gifts. Members gave to a number of UMCOR projects last year, but the largest was \$3,297.00 toward Haitian relief.

Included in our second-mile giving is the \$2500 we contribute to the support of Meri Whitaker and the \$1000 for a doctor in Liberia. \$1800 of that total is in the budget; the rest is from additional gifts.

Some members of our congregation also support through Elim Bible Institute the ministry of Fred & Annette Farrokh among Muslim background believers in the New York metropolitan area.

Another very large portion of our second-mile giving is the \$6506.26 for White Gifts at Christmas. That figure just includes dol-

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lars given directly to the church for the program and not the dollars spent by people who took on families and paid for the food and gifts themselves. We also met our commitment of support to Mission Share by contributing \$1359.20 in addition to the in-kind donations collected in the Mission Share box.

These gifts allow the people of Aldersgate to be involved in essential ministries around the world that we could not support by ourselves. They

are only possible if we join our dollars with those of others—another advantage of being part of the *United Methodist Church*.

If you are interested in more detail, pick up your copy of the **2010 Annual Report** on the counter behind the Welcome Table. If it's financial detail you like, knock yourself out! It includes the reports of the Benevolence Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer of United Methodist Women, the 2010 expenditures and the 2011 Budget. If you want to under-

stand better the work of our groups and committees, read their reports. A lot goes on beneath the surface here. It's hard not to get excited when you realize how much ministry we carry out or share in here at Aldersgate.

Here's hoping you'll decide to read further!

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Serving in Our Worship Services in February

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/6	Gloria Montgomery	Nancy Young
2/13	Carol DeCann	Gege Dunn
2/20	UMW Sunday	Patty Forbes
2/27	Member of Confirmation Class	Mike Devlin

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/6	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
2/13	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
2/20	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
2/27	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/6	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy & Terry Young
2/13	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Candy Metzger Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
2/20	UMW Sunday	UMW Sunday
2/27	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker Naomi Moss	John Cochran, Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Bill Teasdale

AV

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/6	Mike West	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
2/13	Mark DeVincentis	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
2/20	Eric McHugh	Colleen Tyler Eric Bock
2/27	Rich Mohrmann	Juan Ruiz Roger Hotchkiss

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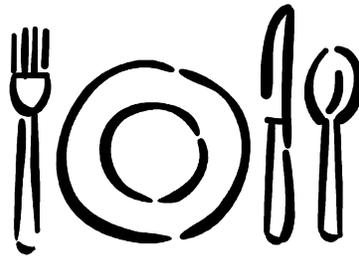


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 a.m. Sm. Group (Caupp) (P) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P)	<i>2</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>3</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>4</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P)	<i>5</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>5</i> 9:15 AM Roots & Wings (S) 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) 1:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) Souper Bowl Sunday—Youth Collecting after the services.	<i>7</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)	<i>8</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) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>9</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Northgate Neighbors (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>11</i> DCYM Winter Wonderland Overnight— Youth 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 6:30 PM GA Anniversary (Ide)	<i>12</i> 9:00 AM Financial Planning Series (3/4) → 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G)
<i>13</i> 9:15 AM Roots & Wings (S) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM—1:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Workshop (4) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Awards (Thompson) (Ide) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH)	<i>14</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)	<i>15</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 11:00 AM Morning Circle (P) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 6:30 PM SPRC (8)	<i>16</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Northgate Neighbors Bd. (4) 7:00 Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (8) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>17</i> 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM FFYG (Ide)	<i>19</i> 8:30—10:30 AM Angel Food Pick Up (Ide) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>20</i> 9:15 AM Roots & Wings (S) 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) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 2:00—5:00 PM Volleyball for Breast Cancer Awareness (Ide) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH)	<i>21</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)	<i>22</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) 7:00 PM Investment Club (O) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>23</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM AA Group Meeting (8) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>24</i> 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>25</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P)	<i>26</i> 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Youth Fundraising Brunch (Ide) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>27</i> 9:15 AM Roots & Wings (S) 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) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 6:00 PM FFYG (FH)	<i>28</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)			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	ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)	

Everyone's invited to...

Brunch! Hosted by the Youth Group.



What: Come fellowship with us as we host you for a delicious brunch featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage and more!

When: Saturday February 26, 9 AM-12 PM in the Ide Family Life Center

How: Sign up in church on February 13th or 20th or sign up anytime on the bulletin board from February 7-20. And invite everyone you know!

Donations will be accepted to support youth mission projects and attendance at Conference youth gatherings.



We appreciate your support!