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From Your Pastor

I pray you are continuing to listen for whispers from God each day through prayer, Bible Study, and meditation upon God's word. Remember, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correction and training in righteousness, so that all Gods' people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

I also pray that you are listening for God's whispers during our times of corporate worship each week. Recently I had a conversation with someone who told me that they listen for one or two "take-aways" from the message each week. They write them down and then try to live them out in their life. That seems like a great way to listen to the message each week because "through me or in spite of me" the Holy Spirit is at work bringing God's whispers to us. Many times someone has told me as they leave worship something to the effect of "God said this to me today." I'm no longer surprised to be surprised by what they heard. It may have nothing to do with what I thought the message was about, but it was what they needed to hear. I am thankful for the way the Spirit works to bring the message that is needed to each person who is willing to listen.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 9. That evening we will have a traditional Ash Wednesday service and I will begin a series on the "Questions God Asks Us" based on a book by Trevor Hudson that looks at questions that God asks people in the Bible. Some of those questions are: "Where are you?" "Where is your brother?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Why are you crying?" I'm excited about it and pray it will bless and challenge you.

On March 20 from 4-6 PM at the Grace United Methodist Church, we will be joining with others from our district to worship and pray for our urban churches, their ministries and communities. Some of our Contemporary Worship Team will be helping to lead worship. This is a great opportunity to hear what's going on in our city churches and perhaps hear whispers from God about where we are called to serve. I pray you'll be joining me for this important event.

Blessings,

Anne

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Our Ministry of Concern

People are added and deleted to our ongoing prayer list on request.

Please call the church office if you have other names that need to be added or re-instated to the list or removed from the list.

If you have a prayer request, please call Beverly Johnson at 227-3398.

In hospice care: Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home, Carl Dunn—Strong Memorial

Hospitalized: Tom Marsh — Strong

In rehab: Milt Ashley – Shore Winds; Joan Michlin – The Britonian; Phoebe Brown, John Haldane – Edna Tina Wilson Living Center

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Kathy Brown, Joyce DeBell, Bobbie Eckert, Tony Gilson, John Hayashi, Dean Hogestyn, Judy Hare, Bob Judd, Len Mack (The Villages), Natalie Manfredi, Dave Roza, Jean Smith, Colleen Tyler

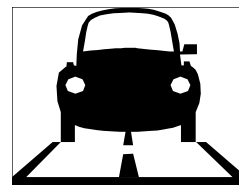
Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Milt Ashley, Denise Bayer, Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis

and Malcolm), Sherry Bennett (niece 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 Myrtle/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, 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 Heimbürger (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 La-tragna, 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, Darlene Tschorke (daughter-in-law to Shirley and Bill Tschorke), 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; 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 the visitation schedule.



There are two prayer chains at Aldersgate. Each is coordinated by Beverly Johnson. 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 227-3398.

~Beverly Johnson



ALL items for the May Hinge are due April 13th.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Members and Friends:

By the time you receive this copy of the Hinge, we will be about to begin the Lenten period of preparation leading up to Easter. Since Easter is very late this year (April 24), Ash Wednesday will be in March (March 9). I hope that you will be able to participate in the Ash Wednesday service and in all of the meaningful events planned for Lent.

As we approach another season of the church year I'd like to share a helpful article by Lois Ward, which appeared in *The Joyful Newsletter* (used by permission):

Parable of the Four Sons in Search of a Pear Tree

A man who had four sons wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer, and the youngest in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called the four together to describe the tree.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no, it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

May God help us all to not judge too quickly any situation but to see all our pains and pleasure in perspective. Remember, Jesus had to go through Good Friday to get to Easter Sunday!

A blessed Lent to all of you —

Jerry Wolter

Visitation Pastor

The youngest disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you can not judge a tree, or a person, by only one season. The essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that comes from a life can only be measured at the end of all its seasons.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.



The Friday Night Parents group would like to thank everyone who attended the Chili Cook-Off this year. It was another great success and everyone had a wonderful time. A special thanks to all the bakers who donated their yummy goods to the Silent Auction.

Proceeds of \$209 will go to the Aldersgate Missions. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Christian Education

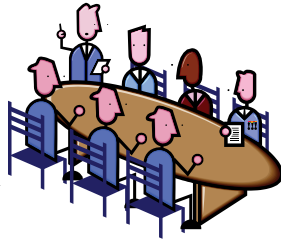
Christian Education Meeting

There will be a Christian Education meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 12:15pm in Rooms 3&4 for all who are interested in this ministry.

We will be discussing upcoming Lenten /Easter activities and Sunday school curriculum.

Dude, It's all about Jesus!

Rhonda and Colleen



Are you looking for ways to talk about God and Jesus with your children?

We just received the new Spark Family "Walking with Jesus" devotional for Spring. Also new *Pockets* for older children are available. Pick one up for your family today!

Dude, It's All About Jesus!

Stay tuned for VBS information in the next Hinge.

It's going to be **Awesome!!**

Lenten Devotions

Be sure to pick up a Lenten devotional this season. There are two different titles for adults to choose from - What's Next God: 40 Days of Devotions for a Fast-Paced World and Lift High The Cross: Daily Devotions for Lent. The children will be receiving their own devotionals during Sunday School.

Teacher slots

We're always looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School. Perhaps with the last church study God whispered to you to help with the program. If so, please find Colleen or Rhonda and let them know.

Sunday School News!

Starting on March 13th, we're going to be adding 10 minutes to our Children's Ministry time with songs, reflections and key Bible verse activities. Parents will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding this change.



Faith Factor Youth Ministry



What's going on in March?

- 4 – Faith Factor Live, 7-9pm (Ide)**
- 6 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 13 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 18 – Faith Factor Live, 7-9pm (Ide)**
- 25 – Faith Factor Outing (TBD)**
- 27 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 28 – Happy Birthday Derek S.!**



Souper Bowl of Caring: Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Souper Bowl of Caring this year. It was fitting that the Packers pot won. We raised almost \$200 for Mission Share. This was part of a national effort that raised over \$8 million for local missions.

The next parent meeting is Sunday March 6 at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing Up!Word and Kingdom Bound.

Up!Word '11



Grace is Good.

The spring youth gathering of the Upper New York Conference is coming up soon. April 8-10 at the Holiday Inn at Syracuse/Liverpool.

Worship, late night options, workshops and fellowship with other youth from around New York State.

Sign-up on the bulletin board if you want to go. Price will be determined based on the availability of youth group funds.

Kingdom Bound 2011

The youth group is exploring the possibility of going to Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake.

We would camp at the park from July 31-August 3. We will discuss this at the parent Meeting on March 6.



Faith Factor Youth Ministry activities and events are open to all youth, grades 6-12, in the church and community. Please contact Derek Hansen if you know of any students who would benefit from a ride to and from youth group or church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

MARCH BIRTHDAYS		Barbara Robinson	March 13	Andrea Rex	March 26
Mary Sims	March 3	Dave Cosman	March 16	Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Phoebe Brown	March 5	Jamie Manfredi	March 16	Connie Gomez	March 27
Scott Wagner	March 7	John Groves	March 17	Patricia Forbes	March 28
Dan Rothfuss	March 9	John Shukitis	March 17	Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Steve Tyler	March 9	Kyle Brown	March 17	Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Robert Winter	March 10	Alene VanPutte	March 18	Paul Brown	March 30
Gerald Wolter	March 12	Sarah Roza	March 20	Gordon Spicer	March 30
Gloria Montgomery	March 13	Sylvia Lynch	March 22	Bill Tschorke	March 31



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

John & Marilyn Sobus	March 18
James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances VanKouwenberg	March 24



Thank you—Thank you—Thank you!

Edith and I are deeply thankful for your many prayers, cards, visits, and the poinsettia. There were many times when we both sensed “the peace that passes all understanding” outpouring to us. If it hadn’t been for God and the Holy Spirit, the outcome would not have been as positive. May God bless you all.

Ted and Edith Coburn

All your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits were deeply appreciated. I am blessed to be a member of such a caring congregation! We are all fortunate to have a great sanctuary to worship in. Pastor Anne and Pastor Jerry are the best!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Joyce DeBell

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

MARCH 31 GENERAL MEETING

Greece UMC has a **St. Pauly's Textiles** collection shed set up in the back of the parking lot. The shed is a **fundraiser for Greece Churches Habitat**, and **Kathy Peck** from our church checks the shed for a week every seven weeks in rotation with the other six churches in the coalition. Last June we took all the left-over clothing from the Rummage Sale to the shed so that it would raise money for the next house to be built.

Have you ever wondered how St. Pauly's makes the money it pays out to the charitable organizations that participate in the program? Our speaker at the March 31 General Meeting will be **Joe DeGeorge, the founder of St. Pauly's Textiles**. He will be here to explain how they make the money that is a fundraiser for us and how their clothing distribution helps people around the world.



Helen Johnson also will be with us on this evening to tell us briefly about the 2010 Women's Assembly in St. Louis and about the upcoming Christian School of Mission at Geneseo in July. We will also take up our annual **Thank Offering**.

The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with our traditional soup, salad, and dessert supper (just \$3.00 payable at the door) followed by the speaker. The business meeting will be held after the main program. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we are prepared with a place set for you. It will be a busy evening, but one that will give us insight into our various ministries.

CIVIL WAR NOVEL SELECTED BY READING CIRCLE

In *Fire By Night* Lynn Austin tells the story of a young Philadelphia socialite who becomes a warfront nurse to prove that she is not as shallow and self-centered as her attractive bachelor minister thinks she is. The book is a page-turner that will give the group much to discuss. Copies of the book are available in the church library.

Join us at 1:00 PM in the Church Library on Thursday, March 3. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Members of the group serve light refresh-



ments each month. For answers to your questions, please call Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED SPONSOR ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer event will be held on **Friday, March 4**, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Memorial AME Zion Church, 549 Clarissa Street. The theme is "How Many Loaves Have You?" The program will start with a Bible study led by the Rev. Delores V. Wynn, Assistant Pastor at Baber AME Church and close with a worship service led by the Rev. Wendy Fambro of Salem United Church of Christ. The organizers ask that you bring items that can be used to provide personal hygiene kits for women incarcerated at the Monroe County Jail: shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, socks, washcloths, small-pack tissues, or combs.



No reservations are required, but there is a \$3.00 registration at the door. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 50th ANNUAL B'RITH KODESH INTERFAITH EVENT

The B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood has asked us to join them in celebrating their 50th Anniversary program on **Wednesday, March 23**. 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 start at 11:00 AM at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, and will be followed by lunch. You are asked to bring your own non-meat lunch. The Sisterhood will provide fruit, dessert, and beverages. There is no charge for this program, but reservations are needed. Please sign up on the Opportunities Bulletin Board by Sunday, March 20, so that we can call in reservations. Indicate also on the Sign-Up Sheet whether or not you wish to carpool.

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Mission News

ASH WEDNESDAY OFFERING WILL BE USED FOR GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

The Good Samaritan Fund is a small account available to our pastor to provide funds quietly and immediately to help people in our church or in our neighborhood with a short-term financial need. Often this may be a gas card or a grocery store gift card, help with a utility bill, or purchase of clothing or supplies needed by children. Because this fund has no regular source of income beyond occasional special donations by individuals, the Missions Committee is again this year designating the **Ash Wednesday Offering** for this purpose. Please be generous as always with your gifts that evening, remembering the Great Gift we have been given.

HABITAT COIN BOXES TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR LENTEN GIVING

Aldersgate continues to take a strong role in supporting the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition. The group has completed four homes in the City of Rochester and plans to build a fifth home in 2012. This current year is a year of fundraising for the project.

As an early project to encourage individual and family contributions, we will distribute **Habitat Coin Boxes** after each service on the **first Sunday of Lent, March 13**. Please put the boxes in a handy location in your home so that you can drop your change in the box on a regular basis. You won't miss the small amounts you add to the box each time, but they will add up to a helpful donation. Then we ask that you **return the boxes** on the **Sunday after Easter, May 1**. If you are not in church when the boxes are distributed, additional boxes will be available on the Mission Counter or from the Church Office for as long as they last.

Habitat homes make a real difference in stabilizing communities and improving the quality of life for both the new homeowners and the neighborhood. Please help us by supporting this ministry with your gifts and prayers.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING HELPS "KEEP THE LIGHTS ON"

Sunday, April 3, has been designated as the date for One Great Hour of Sharing, the special offering that supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Information on the United Methodist Communications website explains the purpose of this offering:

"UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help to "keep the lights on" and cover UMCOR's costs of doing business. That means 100 percent of every dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs helps some of the world's most vulnerable people. We do not take anything from designated gifts to cover home-office administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through this annual offering. UMCOR's ability to respond and remain until the job is done is in direct proportion to the generosity of United Methodists during One Great Hour of Sharing.

The website also describes one program created to rebuild a community after a disaster: "Chili farmers in the village of Lambeugak, Aceh Besar District, Indonesia, harvested two successful crops this past year with the help of an UMCOR-supported income-generation project.

"The chili crop-planting project began in 2008 through the Reconstruction and Development in Aceh program implemented by the UMCOR Indonesia field office. The project provided tsunami-affected community members with grants in the form of seeds, tools, and fertilizer packages to enable the farmers to grow the popular Aceh chili plants and generate income for their families.

"The first harvest took place during a period when the market price for chili was high, and the farmers made a significant profit. They repaid 50 percent of the value of the seed packages to a community-development fund, which was then used to purchase seeds for the second chili planting.

Waste from the chili plants went to an existing organic fertilizer business, part of a farmers' cooperative that UMCOR and the Lambeugak community seek to revitalize. UMCOR will provide infrastructure and equipment needed to expand the business. This will help community members diversify and increase their incomes.

"UMCOR programs like these help restore lives and seek to be good stewards of God's creation."

Please plan ahead to give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering so that these important ministries have the support needed.

Church Events and Opportunities



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

Pancake Song

Mix a pancake,
Stir a pancake,
Pop it in the pan:
Fry the pancake,
Toss the pancake,
Catch it if you can.

...Christina Rossetti

**Please Join Us
On Shrove Tuesday
For a Pancake Dinner**

**March 8, 2011
from 5:00-7:00 PM
Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

**Dinner will include pancakes, sausage, and beverages
\$5.00 for individual/ \$10.00 for families**

**There will be Lenten activities and crafts
All proceeds will go to the Habitat for Humanity**

**Sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board.
Tickets sold at the door.**

Thanks! The Christian Education Ministry

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.



DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

**Monday, March 7,
from 4:00-9:00 PM**

***10% of Food Receipts Benefits our
BUILDING FUND***

**COME TO
GAME NIGHT
ON
MARCH 12TH
at 6:00 PM in the
Ide Family Life Center**

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

Young adults between the ages of 19 and 29, are you interested in attending a Young Adult Small Group? Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Contact Derek Hansen, if you have any questions.

Help Wanted for Good Friday Prayer Vigil

This year's theme will be Whispers from God as a follow up of our recent study. Everyone can help by sending in their reflections or insights to be compiled in a notebook similar to the one made for last year's vigil. They can be e-mailed to Joyce Farrokh at efarrokh@rochester.rr.com or left at church in the Missions mail slot in the office. If you would like to help with planning the vigil or decorating the chapel, please contact Joyce by e-mail or by phone at 865-5135.

CHURCH PICNIC

**June 5th
at
Braddock's Bay Park
SAVE THE DATE!!**

New Church Directory

Believe it or not it's time to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.



The directory will not be complete without your participation!

Between now and March 6th, you may schedule your appointment time to have your photograph taken by Olan Mills. Sign up sheets are located in the church narthex next to the Promotional Poster. The dates for photography and portrait viewing currently are March 17, March 18, March 19 and May 19 (make-up date).

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free church directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait.
- You will only need to come to the church once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase portraits and frames on the same day of photography. All portraits come with a 100% unconditional guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

Please volunteer! We can always use help set-up, checking people in for appointments, and helping with design of the directory. It will take a group effort to make this a reality and we ask for your support by volunteering just a little of your time.

Church Council News

- Church Council News from our January 2011 meeting:
Apportionments and Global Missions Partners are paid in full for 2010
- 2010 total giving was up 5.19% vs. 2009
- Evangelism and Membership Care are planning a Spring Saturday event entitled "Gathering of Friends." This is to bring shut-ins to church for a luncheon, brief program and worship service.
- A Youth Council team is developed. Also, the youth are being involved on both the Conference and District levels.
- Reminder that all Committees are to report any updates to Council on an as-needed basis.

Mission Share Fundraiser

On March 24th, Mission Share will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at Ridgmont Country Club. The schedule of events follows:

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| 6:30 | Hor D'Oeuvres |
| 7:00 | Sit down dinner (NY Strip Steak or Chicken French) |
| 8:00 | Promotional DVD about Mission Share—current update on Mission Share |
| 8:10 | Motivational Message by Jonas Beiler (co-founder of Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels) |
| 8:30 | Dessert & Coffee |

There will also be light entertainment that will be performed by a local artist. The cost is \$100/individual and \$150/couple. Your response is appreciated by February 28. Contact Tom Hakes at Mission Share for reservations at 368-0744.

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

I'm writing because I know that time is a stewardship issue. I know that I should be spending more time reading the Bible and praying, but I just can't do it with our busy schedule. We both work full-time and we have children who need our time and attention. I'm at my multi-tasking limit!

Help Needed

Dear Help,

You are right. Most of us are caught up in this sort of busy pattern. Grandma (or great-grandma to you) may have worked from dawn to dusk, and you have the same 24 hours a day she had; but technology to make life “easier” has instead just increased expectations. Grandma probably washed on Monday and ironed on Tuesday. You are expected to do all the laundry at night or on Saturday between shuttling the kids to activities and getting to church meetings. (Notice that I’m assuming that a woman asked this question. I do know that men have busy lives, too.)

In addition, between cell phones and computers, more and more employers expect us to be available at all times. “After work” is becoming a strange concept.

The Adult Bible Class has been discussing meditations from John Piper’s *Taste and See*. On a recent Sunday we looked at #20. The author quotes ten resolutions given by a favorite teacher. Three of them dealt

with time and helped us to look at our days differently.

“1. At least once every day I shall look steadily up at the sky and remember that I . . . am on a planet traveling in space with wonderfully mysterious things above and about me. [We can do that even with Rochester’s cloudy skies.]

“3. I shall not fall into the falsehood that this day, or any day, is merely another ambiguous and plodding twenty-four hours, but rather a unique event filled, if I so wish, with worthy potentialities.

“6. I shall open my eyes and ears. Once every day I shall simply stare at a tree, a flower, a cloud, or a person. I shall not then be concerned at all to ask what they are but simply be glad that they are. I shall joyfully allow them the mystery of what Lewis [C. S.] calls their ‘divine, magical, terrifying and ecstatic’ existence.”

Neither resolution one or six needs to take long, just long enough to ground us or to allow us to center ourselves for our busy day. I suspect that it’s those “worthy potentialities” in resolution three that you are looking for.

You probably already know what you need to do. Is everything you are trying to get done really important? Can others help you—carpool, share the chores, etc. Are all activities equally important? Are you, your spouse, and your children getting enough rest?

Are you getting enough physical exercise? It’s amazing how much faster things get done when everyone is rested and good-tempered. Do you have family time? Only you and your family can make those decisions.

You asked about reading Scripture and prayer. As we’ve been learning, when we think God is not paying attention to us, it’s because we aren’t listening. Some very busy people get up a half hour earlier than usual for their devotions. (Personally I always found it easier to stay up later.) One friend listened to Bible tapes in the car while running errands—CD’s must be available now. Another friend made it a point to pray while stopped at red lights—just don’t close your eyes and wait for the driver behind you to let you know the light changed. Whatever your strategy it is important to establish a regular time and place to tell God what is on your heart and to listen to his message to you.

We are too busy, but let’s not become so busy that we miss each day’s “worthy potentialities.”

I hope this helps!

Sally Stewardship

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MORNING CIRCLE

Have you seen the sculpture of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas that is a focal point of the Susan B. Anthony Square Park in the City of Rochester? Did you know that this major piece of public art was created by Pepsy M. Kettavong, an immigrant artist from Laos? The story of his collaboration with the community around the park to determine what would honor these two nineteenth century revolutionaries and would please the members of the local community is told in the video "Let's Have Tea."

Join Morning Circle on Tuesday, March 15, at 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor to view this short video and learn more about our community. Bring a light lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone interested is welcome.

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IF YOU EAT, YOU QUALIFY

There are no membership fees, income guidelines, or applications to be filled out in order to purchase food through our **Angel Food Ministry**. The food sold is restaurant quality fresh and frozen food, enough in one package to feed a family of four for about one week or a senior citizen for a month. Besides the signature package, there are specialty packages, including frozen dinners that may be of special interest to singles and seniors. The menu changes each month.

The October newsletter from AARP noted that approximately one out of four New Yorkers aged 60 and over living at home is at risk nutritionally. Whether that is true because of low incomes or because of the difficulty of preparing interesting meals for just one person, Angel Food Ministry offers a way to help. Check out this month's menus. The website even offers recipes using the current month's provisions.

Order dates in March are **Saturday, March 12**, from 12:00-2:00 PM and **Sunday, March 13**, between services. **Pickup** will be the following **Saturday, March 19**, from 8:30-10:00 AM in the Ide Center. With food prices going up, this is an excellent way to stretch your budget regardless of your circumstances.

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Serving in Our Worship Services in March

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/6	Member of Confirmation Class	Nancy Young
3/13	Lisa Deutsch	Sue Accapezzato
3/20	Marissa Peck	Shirley Grierson
3/27	Kevin Brown	Member of Confirmation Class

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/6	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom Simons Nancy Bader Nancy & Terry Young
3/13	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
3/20	Al & Myrt Holmes Candy Metzger	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Bill Teasdale
3/27	Al & Myrt Holmes	Gary & Denise Hogestyn

AV

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/6	Rich Mohrmann	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
3/13	Mark DeVincentis	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
3/20	Ted & Ed Carstens	Eric Bock Roger Hotchkiss
3/27	Mike West	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/6	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
3/13	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
3/20	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
3/27	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles

UMW UPCOMING DATES:

- March 14– Sew ‘n Sew’s, 1:00 PM in Rm. 1
April 9 – Prayer Sisters Breakfast, 9:00 AM
April 19– Meal in the Upper Room, 6:00 PM
May 5 – Book Review Luncheon, 1:00 PM
May 7 – Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet
June 9-11 – Rummage Sale (Collection begins on May 30.)

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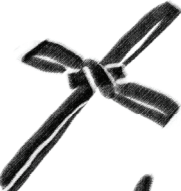
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Ash  Wednesday

Service begins at 7:00 PM on March 9th
in the Sanctuary.

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2011 March Madness Basketball Contest

The Aldersgate Annual March Madness function is kicking off again for the college basketball enthusiasts. This is a fun contest open to ANYONE in our church family where we try and guess which teams will be successful in the upcoming post-season tournament. Best of all, there is no cost to enter!

The competition occurs over a three week period which runs in parallel with the actual tournament. There is also a fellowship outing at the church where we watch one of the semi-final games and enjoy some snacks (aka 'food fest'). Details on how to enter and competition rules will be posted on the bulletin board near the main entrance.

Brief Overview:

The NCAA will select the initial teams that comprise this competition. From this pool of teams, your job is to guess which teams will still be in the hunt for the championship after each week's competition has completed. Points will be awarded each week for every team you correctly guess that wins both its games. Results are updated weekly so you can track progress and reset your ongoing picks.

Prior to the first weeks games (March 17-20), you will select the sixteen teams making to the 'Sweet 16'.

Prior to the second weeks games (March 24-27), you will select the four team making to the "final 4".

Prior to the third (and last) weeks games (April 2 & 4, you will select one team - the eventual champion.

Contact Rich Keller @ 225-7664 or rnkeller@earthlink.net with any questions..



March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P)	<i>2</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:30 PM Visiting Ministers Meeting (4) 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 Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>4 World Day of Prayer</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Faith Factor Live (Ide)	<i>5</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>6</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) 12:15 PM Christian Ed. Meeting (3/4) 1:30 PM New Member Class (P) 6:00 PM FFYG (Ide, YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>7</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<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 Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Service (S) 8:00 PM Choir (S)	<i>10</i> 7:30 AM Dewey Ave. Round Table (3/4) 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>11</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P)	<i>12</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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