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From Your Pastor

I'm looking forward to April. This is the time of year when we are reminded of new life. Before we know it the spring flowers will be in bloom. Even more important is the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. But we're not there yet. In order to get there, we continue our journey through Lent. It's only as we truly appreciate Jesus' sacrificial death on our behalf that we can fully experience the joy of his resurrection and all that means for our lives. Just as before spring is in full blossom, and we are likely to experience some cold, grey, cloudy days, we need to walk with Jesus through his suffering and death.

April 17 is Palm/Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. On Tuesday the women will have a meal in the Upper Room. On Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM we will celebrate Jesus' last meal before his death with worship that includes Holy Communion. On Good Friday, April 22 there will be a prayer vigil to give you time, during the day, for personal prayer and reflection on Christ's death and a service at 7:00 PM to listen to the account of Jesus' suffering and death found in *The Gospel according to John*. I hope you'll join in these opportunities to walk with Jesus and then come on Easter morning at 9:30 or 11:00 to joyfully celebrate resurrection and new life.

I wish more of you could have attended the God Is in the City worship and prayer celebration on March 20. It was a deeply moving experience because, for me, it was a glimpse of what the resurrected life can and should be. In the book of Acts, Peter has an experience that convinces him that all people, regardless of their race or national origin are loved by God. "Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'" (Acts 10:34-35) That afternoon, people from different walks of life, of different colors, and of different nationalities were gathered together to praise God and pray. There were Anglos, Hispanics/Latinos, African Americans, people originally from Nepal and the Caribbean. I don't recall seeing anyone of Asian decent, but they would have fit right in. When we all get to heaven people from all nations and races will be gathered around the throne of God singing praises. It is a beautiful thing to experience the church as God intends it!

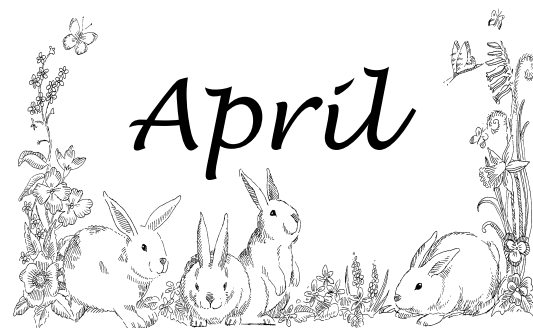
One more thing. I'm hoping you are all finding time to serve in our community for at least 90 minutes before May. I'm looking forward to hearing your stories and hope we can share them on Sunday, May 1.

May God continue to bless your journey through Lent to Easter and beyond,

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 Beverly Johnson at 227-3398.

Hospitalized: Tom Marsh – Strong Memorial; John Haldane and Wilma Jean Smith – Unity

In hospice care: Carl Dunn – Living Center, Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home; Betty Shoemaker

In rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Kathy Brown, Joyce DeBell, Tony Gilson, John Hayaishi, Greg Heizyk, , Judy Hare, Magen LaPierre, Len Mack (The Villages), Joan Michlin, Dave Roza, Jean Smith

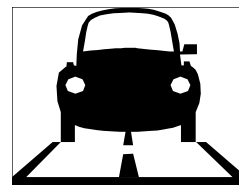
Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Milt Ashley, Denise Bayer, Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis

and Malcolm), Sherry Bennett (neice of Sylvia Lynch), Mike Blair (son of Kathy Peck), Paul Brandenburg (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Sharon Burkhart (wife of Rodger Burkhart), George Caupp (brother of Dick Caupp), Kelsey-Lynn Cheshak, 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, 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, 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 Latragna, 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, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Barbara Robinson, 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, Bill Teasdale, 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; Phoebe Brown, John Haldane – Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Vogelsong – Crimson Ridge; 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 12th.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends:

As we approach another April and the days of Lent leading up to Easter, I hope these weeks have been enriching to you.

To help you appreciate the real meaning of Easter, I'd like to share with you an ancient prayer for Easter printed in The Joyful Newsletter (used by permission). It is entitled:

A Very Old Easter Sermon

(The following are excerpts from the famous Easter sermon of St. John Chrysostom [347-407 A.D.], still read today as part of the Easter midnight service in Eastern Orthodox Church liturgies.)

"If anyone is devout and loves God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If anyone is a wise servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord.

He gives rest to him who comes at the 11th hour, even as to him who has worked from the first hour. And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first.

Let all then enter into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, keep the feast. You sober and

you heedless, celebrate the day.

Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast...Let all receive the riches of loving-kindness.

Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of Ages. Amen."

May we all rejoice anew that "CHRIST IS RISEN"!! Allelujah!

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor



I would like to thank the members of our church family who remembered me with their prayers, cards and telephone calls during my recent illness — all were greatly appreciated.

Also many thanks to Pastor Anne and Pastor Jerry for their prayers, visits and words of comfort to Jackie and me.

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Christian Education



Christian Education Meeting

There will be a Christian Education meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 12:15 p.m. in Rooms 3 & 4 for all who are interested in this ministry.

We will be discussing upcoming curriculum, scheduling, and VBS.

Pizza will be served.

Church Camp

Casowasco is a children/youth camp and retreat center owned and operated by The Upper NY Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Check out their website today! www.casowasco.org

We also have a few brochures listing all of their exciting summer 2011 camping opportunities and adventures! Financial assistance is available.



What's new in Sunday School/Workshop?

The Sunday school and workshop children are collecting small items, i.e. Individualized wrapped candy, pretzels, soap, notepaper, etc. to make Easter baskets for congregation members that are home-bound or in hospitals and nursing homes. Your child may bring these items to church during the next few weeks. Also, the children are also being asked to collect extra change for your family's Habitat for Humanity boxes .

The High school class just finished watching and discussing "Parables"...a collection of contemporary short films based on the parables of Jesus. They are watching the movie, "Left Behind" and are going to delve deeper into the Book of Revelation in the coming weeks.

Thank You

What a flapjack time we had! Our shrove pancake dinner was a wonderful night of fellowship and pancakes. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially our creative culinary staff: Gordon Spicer, Mike Simonelli, Mike West, Ken Rex, Ellie Cook, Nancy Bader, Marilyn Sobus, Kathy Peck and Sue Spicer. Thanks to our crafty ladies: Kathy Peck, Candy Metzger, and Deb Lenau. We had a great clean-up crew, too: Laurie Ruell, Mike Streb, Laura Acciaio. Thank you to all who came to our event. We collected over \$300.00 for Habitat for Humanity.

Dude, It's All about Jesus! Rhonda and Colleen

The Sea. The Sand. The Son! SonSurf Beach Bash VBS

Join Us For Vacation Bible School! Ages 3-12 August 8-12, 2011

There will be Bible Stories, Crafts, Skits, Games, and Songs

It's going to be AWESOME, Dude!

All Church Picnic



Mark your calendars for our church family picnic on June 5, 2011 at Braddock's Bay. Please see or e-mail Colleen or Rhonda if you would like to help out at this wonderful event. Dude, It's gonna be a sunny and dry day.

What's Happening with the Confirmation Class?

The Confirmation Class has been busy! We participated in the Chili Cook off and the youth had a pizza and chicken wing party complete with singing and skits. They invited their parents, grandparents, and mentors to thank them for all they do to help them along their faith journey.

In April the class will be attending the overnight at Silver Lake. This event has been a highlight for all of the previous confirmation classes and Rick LaDue will again be the presenter. The class continues to serve monthly at the 9:30 and 11:00 services as they continue along their spiritual paths.

Jim and Lorraine

Faith Factor Youth Ministry



What's going on in April?



1 – RPO Concert—we will not meet.

3 – Youth Council Meeting, 4pm (YR)

3 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8 pm (YR)

8-10 – Up!Word '11 (Syracuse)

15 – Faith Factor Live, 7-9 pm (Ide)

17 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8 pm (YR)

22 – Good Friday—we will not meet.

24 – Easter—we will not meet.

**29 – Faith Factor Outing to Red Wings Game,
7:05 pm**

Up!Word '11



Grace is Good.

Several of us are attending Up!Word, the spring youth gathering of the Upper New York Annual Conference, April 8-10 in Syracuse.

Please pray for our students – that they would be encouraged and grow in their relationship with God alongside other students from all over New York State.



A big thank you to everyone who came out to our brunch in February. We really appreciate your support!

Also thanks to all of the parents who helped cook. It was delicious!

And the biggest thank you to Gordon Spicer who coordinated everything.

Kingdom Bound 2011

We are going to Kingdom Bound, July 31-August 3 at Darien Lake.

The final payment of \$50 is due April 24.

Because we will be camping, we are looking for volunteers to sponsor our meals. We want people to bring and prepare food for one of the four days – and you'll get to spend the day with us, enjoying the park and concerts. This is a wonderful hands-on opportunity to minister to our young people.

Please let Derek know if you're interested.



The next Youth Council meeting is April 3 at 4:00pm. There are designated members of the youth council but anyone who has an interest in ministering to our young people is welcome to attend – students and adults!

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 April

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Peeck	April 1	Jimmie Condon	April 8	Kathy Peck	April 24
Nancy Rex	April 3	James Christie	April 11	Julia Kennedy	April 25
Natasha Burdick-Carsten	April 4	Martha Thomson	April 14	Dennis Simm	April 28
Judy Hare	April 6	Sue Burdick	April 18	Rachelle Vitullo	April 30
Karin VanPutte	April 6	Hal Wagner, Jr.	April 19	Bobbi Mohrmann	April 30
Doug Unell	April 7	Kevin Roza	April 23		
		Helen Wolter	April 24		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



Malcolm & Mavis Beers	April 14
Paul & Phoebe Brown	April 15
George & Jane Shukitis	April 21
Roger & Patricia Forbes	April 30

RPO IS COMING TO ALDERSGATE

Aldersgate UMC is proud to host the **Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra (RPO)** at a free concert on Friday, **April 1st**, at 7:30 PM. Michael Buttermann will be conducting a program called *"Marching into Spring"*. Plan to attend and bring your friends. Car-pool where possible, as parking will be at a premium. This is an exciting opportunity to serve the community and open our church to our neighbors.

Additional help is needed for distributing posters and flyers, set up, etc. See Donn Rice, 663-1681, or Ed Geier, 865-4446.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

“MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM” SET FOR APRIL 19

All women and High School young ladies of the church are invited to participate again this year in an especially meaningful **Lenten service** known as “The Meal in the Upper Room.” Those attending will gather at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary for the Preparation Service then move silently into the Ide Family Life Center for the meal of foods chosen for their significance to the occasion.

Please feel free to invite friends who may be interested as well. We do need to know the exact number attending; so please sign up no later than Sunday, April 17. (If you find at the last minute that you can't attend, please call Joyce Farrokh at 865-5135 or Nancy Young at 392-1573.

SECRET SISTERS REVEALED

It's hard to believe that almost a year has again passed since we drew names for **Secret Sister Prayer Partners**. We hope that each and every one of you has felt supported by prayer throughout this last year. We know that some of you have stories to tell. Your opportunity will come on **Saturday, April 9 AM**, at our “**Reveal Breakfast**” in **Rooms 3 & 4**.

We will gather at 9:00 AM for a light continental breakfast and plan to finish by 10:30 AM. **Bring a card** addressed to your Secret Sister. This time you should sign your name! You may also bring a small gift if you wish to do so. Please get your signed card to Barbara Draft—or leave it with Candy Metzger in the office—before the breakfast, if you are unable to attend so that your prayer partner is not left out of the festivities.

There will be time to pray, to eat, to celebrate and to share. Even better, we will be choosing new prayer partners for the coming year. Those of you who were unable to attend last year should plan to attend to become part of this supportive fellowship of women in our church.

The sign-up sheet is now on the Opportunities Board. There is no charge for this UMW-sponsored event, but please sign up in advance so that we can be sure to have a place at the table for you.



DISTRICT COMMUNION BREAFAST

Saturday, April 16, Genesee Valley United Methodist Women will hold their annual Communion Breakfasts in five locations: Albion UMC, Faith UMC, **Greece UMC**, Perry UMC, and Webster Crossing UMC. The service will start at 8:30 AM with the breakfast to follow. The cost is just \$5.00. Reservations are due April 9; so please sign up on the bulletin board, as soon as possible, and give your money to our Treasurer, Betty Hild, so that we can send one check to cover those attending. We will plan to go to the service at Greece UMC. If you wish to attend at another service, please make your reservation directly with that church. (See Gretchen Hughes for the contact information.)

READING CIRCLE

Join the Reading Circle this month to share the discussion of *I Choose to Stay* in which author Salome Thomas-El explains why he continued to teach in an inner city school in Philadelphia rather than accept opportunities for promotion. Pick up a copy of the book in advance from the Church Library. The group will meet there on **Thursday, April 2, at 1:00 PM**. New members and visitors are always welcome at Reading Circle. For more information, contact Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



Since the Book Review Luncheon on April replaces the May meeting, the next meeting of Reading Circle will be on June 2. The June book selection is *Highest Duty* by Sully Sullenburger..

ANNUAL BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

Everyone interested is welcome to join the members of the Reading Circle at their annual luncheon on **Thursday, May 5, at noon** in the Ide Family Life Center. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to come with you. Charlotte Ridley will again present one of her delightful reviews of a book you will no doubt enjoy.

The luncheon costs \$8.00 per adult payable at the door. Please sign up on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we are prepared for your attendance.

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Mission News

YOUR SPECIAL GIFT AT EASTER SUPPORTS MISSIONARY MERI WHITAKER

The ministry and related services are growing at **Cookson Hills Center** in Eastern Oklahoma, but the need is growing even faster. The community services include a Daycare and Senior Center, a Health Resource Center, a food shelf and clothing closet. None of the buildings are pretentious—just neat, attractive, and serviceable. Programs in the spring to provide seeds for gardens and young chickens for local families help make life sustainable. Summer activities for children provide care and continued learning for children and young people. The Christmas store makes that season brighter for the families they serve.

This United Methodist ministry to the people in one of the neediest counties in the country serves primarily Cherokee Indians. The Director of the mission is **Meri Whitaker, our covenant missionary**, who coordinates the services, works to develop local businesses to help people to support themselves, and pastors a Twelve-Step Church. You can learn much more about her work by reading *My Sister the Father*, her delightful collection of stories about her experiences. The book is available in our church library. When she has visited our church to speak, we are always impressed with her commitment to reaching out to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the people with whom she has been called to work.

The Easter Offering is one of the primary sources for meeting our annual commitment of \$2500 to support our covenant relationship with Rev. Whitaker. Please be generous both with your prayers and with your money for this most important relationship. Put your special gift in the Easter Offering envelopes provided with your packet of church envelopes, or mark ***"Easter Offering"*** on your check or pew en-



ANGEL FOOD PICKUP DATES HAVE CHANGED FOR THE YEAR

With food and gas prices increasing, Angel Food Ministries is making some adjustments. There will be only one distribution date each month for the whole country. While most of you were probably not aware that there had been two dates, our regular schedule was the earlier one and the one that was cancelled. The order dates remain the same.

If you plan to order boxes of food in April, you may do so on Saturday, April 9, from 12:00-2:00 PM and Sunday, April 10, between services. Pickup will be on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30-10:00 AM in the Ide Center. Information on the menu available for the month is on the flyers in the envelope on the Opportunities

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — A RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Your special gift on **Sunday, April 3**, will help keep the United Methodist Committee on Relief working to provide immediate and long-term disaster relief. The administrative expenses for this important agency of our church are covered by this offering, allowing gifts the rest of the year designated for specific efforts to go entirely to that project, rather than having a portion of those gifts assessed for the support of the agency. Through UMCOR, the United Methodist Church can show God's love to people who are hurting both here at home and around the world.

Donations to the agency were up in 2010 largely because of the generosity of United Methodists in response to the earthquake in Haiti. UMCOR leaders were killed in that earthquake because they were there at the time looking at the ways the agency could assist with medical care in that impoverished country. UMCOR workers and volunteers remain there helping with the long-term recovery. They have been able to ship and distribute large numbers of the school, health, and layette kits, such as those we put together last year, to help with relief efforts. As soon as it is feasible, they will be working through Methodist churches already in Japan with relief efforts there.

Let's show how much God's love means to us with our generous gifts this Sunday. Your check should be made payable to **Aldersgate UMC** with ***"One Great Hour"*** on the memo line.

GREECE HABITAT NEWS

Please remember to return your Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity coin boxes (preferably filled) to church on the **Sunday after Easter, May 1**. Individually the money in the coin boxes will not seem like much — and we won't even miss it — yet the total can make a significant dent in our goal of raising \$6,500 for this new building project scheduled to start in 2012.

Church Events and Opportunities

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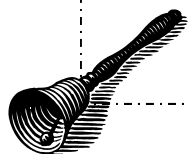
Additional days for portraits have been scheduled for June 3 and June 4. To sign up please call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263. (Extended family may also participate and receive a free 8 x 10 picture, no requirement to be in the pictorial directory.)



MEN AND WOMEN BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy the sound of the bells/chimes being played?

Come and join the Bell Choir. We practice on Saturdays at 11:00 AM.



Three People Needed for Hospitality Volunteers at Annual Conference

Interested in being a Hospitality Volunteer at the Upper New York Annual Conference on June 7-11?

Please call the Church Office if you are interested or for more information.

March Madness Basketball Food Fest and Fellowship

We will be getting together to watch the first semi-final game, do some serious snacking and maybe have a game or two. We ask everyone attending to bring a snack or treat to share, if possible.

When: Saturday, April 2nd

Location: Parlor (in old wing for those who may not know)

Time: 6:00 PM

Who Can Come: Anyone

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, April 4th,
from 4:00-9:00 PM

*10% of Food Receipts Benefits our
BUILDING FUND*

COME TO GAME NIGHT ON

APRIL 9TH
at 6:00 PM in the
Ide Family Life Center

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.

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.

Church Council and Charge Conference News

- Pictorial Pictures - two photo dates are added - June 3 and 4
- Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition attempting to raise \$65,000 for the current project.; \$20,000 has been raised to-date. Habitat coin boxes are available for pick-up in the back of the Sanctuary..
- Aldersgate spruce/clean-up date is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th
- Jan Winter, Chair for SMES Team, reported the Sunday Morning Experience Study Team findings from 93 responses
- Nominations Committee is seeking to fulfill the Lay Leader position
- New Officers and Leaders for the 4/1/2011—3/31/2012 year are:
 - Lay Members of Annual Conference, Rich Keller
 - Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference, Cori Loudon
 - SPRC Class of 2013 - Linda Uebelacker, Bobbi Mohrmann, Nate Dunn
 - Memorials Chair - Carol Wright
 - Altar Guild Chair - Carole Jermyn
 - Board of Trustees - Class of 2013 - Rich Mohrmann, Ray Poling, Mike Smith

Just An Easter Lily Reminder....

You will find an Easter Lily order blank in the Sunday bulletins. If you wish to purchase a Lily for display on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out an order blank completely and enclose it in an envelope marked "Altar Fund" with your payment. Lilies will be \$10.00 each. Make checks payable to "Aldersgate UMC Altar Fund". The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, April 3rd.

Thank you for your support of our traditional inspiring Lily display on Easter Sunday. You may take your Lily home after the 11:00 service.

Please call Barb Condon at 865-0871 for further information .



Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship,

You usually have a special message for Earth Day in April like last year's reminders to dress warmly to save on heating, walk rather than drive, dispose of or recycle products carefully, take reusable bags to the store with you, and turn off unused lights. Any new thoughts?

I Do Care About the Earth

Dear Do Care,

I don't know about "new" thoughts, but

we can all use reminders from time to time. We probably learned as children that after creation, God gave "dominion" over the earth to humankind. We do know that all the resources we have come from him and are ultimately his.

The resources are plentiful, but we also know that they are there for us to use rather than to abuse or exploit. In modern terms, we should not be leaving a larger "footprint" than necessary. The Bible does speak to this concept. Early in their wilderness experience, God provided manna for the traveling Israelites. However, they were to gather no more than they needed for each day. Any left over spoiled. Only on the day before the Sabbath were they to gather enough for two days.

Jesus told of the folly of the rich man who planned to build huge barns to store and keep his bountiful harvest for himself only to die that night. In the wisdom offered in both the Old and New Testaments we are reminded to work diligently and to provide for our families. At the same time, knowing our very human

tendency toward selfishness and greed, we are reminded even more frequently of the need to be generous—giving our tithes to the Lord, leaving grain in the field to be gleaned by the poor, or caring for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the stranger. If we share, we reduce the size of our individual footprints.

Many Christians are also becoming aware of our special responsibility to take care of the Earth and its resources. Sharing means taking the long view by keeping our air and water clean; preserving our forests, wetlands, mountains, and rivers; protecting endangered species; and moving toward renewable energy sources. Not until about 1750 did the population of the Earth reach one billion people. That number has been doubling at ever shorter intervals until we reached six billion in 2000 and may reach nine billion by the middle of this century. With increasing demand for the same resources, we must take ever more care. Since it does take political action as well as individual effort to protect our environment, we should not be shy about writing or speaking with the appropriate elected officials.

I can't resist one more reminder: we do have the Annual Rummage Sale coming up in a little over two months. This has become the biggest fundraiser for our UMW, but it serves an even more important purpose—it allows us to recycle clothes and household items that we no longer use or want (or perhaps never used or wanted!) by making them available inexpensively to others

who can use them. The sale could also be viewed as a modern day way of leaving grain in the field for gleaners. Most of us have too much "stuff." It's time to clear out our overloaded cupboards and closets.

Being a responsible steward of our planet takes time and thoughtfulness the year round, but it's good that each year we have this special emphasis on the importance of the task. Thank you for caring.

Sharing the Responsibility,
Sally Stewardship

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UMW - OTHER UPCOMING DATES:

April 11 – Sew ‘n Sew’s at 1:00 PM in Room 1.

April 19 – Morning Circle at 11:00 AM in Parlor.

May 7 – Mothers, Daughters, & Friends Banquet, gathering at 5:30 PM in the Ide Center, dinner at 6:00 PM.

May 14 – District UMW International Luncheon at Webster UMC with focus on Project Chacocente in Nicaragua.

June 9-11 – Annual Rummage Sale – Begin collecting and sorting items for sale on Monday, May 30.

July 21-23 – School of Christian Mission at Geneseo

July 30 – Red Bird Mission Craft Show in Ide Family Life Center

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR THE

CROP WALK

The walk is on Sunday, **May 1st**, starting at Messiah Lutheran (Mt Read at English).

Registration starts at 1:00 PM and the walk starts at 2:00 PM.

Aldersgate has consistently raised over \$1,000 every year. More information to come in the Sunday bulletins.

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Serving in Our Worship Services in April

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
4/3	Bobbi Mohrmann	Member of Confirmation Class
4/10	Cori Loudon	Kurt Lindeman
4/17	Naomi Moss	Ellie Cook
4/24	Member of Confirmation Class	Tracy Maggio

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
4/3	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy Bader Scott Wiley
4/10	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
4/17	Al & Myrt Holmes Candy Metzger Evelyn Welker Carol Pearson	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Bill Teasdale
4/21—Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM	Al & Myrt Holmes	
4/22—Good Friday at 7:00 PM	Al & Myrt Holmes	
4/24	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Gary & Denise Hogestyn Dean & Jackie Hogestyn

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
4/3	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
4/10	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
4/17	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
4/24	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles

AV

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
4/3	Mike West	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
4/10	Mark DeVincentis	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
4/17	Ted & Ed Carstens	Eric Bock Roger Hotchkiss
4/21	Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM Dick Caupp	
4/22	Good Friday at 7:00 PM Juan Ruiz	
4/24	Rich Mohrmann	David & Miles Gray

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Holy Week Worship Services



April 17
9:30 & 11:00 AM



April 21
7:00 PM



April 22
7:00 PM



April 24
9:30 & 11:00 AM

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)	AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily (except Sun.) 7:30 AM Sunday 7:00 AM. Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM				<i>1</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:30 PM RPO Concert (S)	<i>2</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 5:30—8:30 PM March Madness (P)
<i>3</i> 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 (Ide, YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>4</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>5</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) 7:00 PM Worship (4)	<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) 7:30 PM Basketball (Ide)	<i>7</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	<i>8</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Faith Factor Live (Ide)	<i>9</i> 9:00 AM Prayer Sister Breakfast (3/4) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 6:30 PM Game Night (Ide)
<i>10</i> 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)	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)	<i>12</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>13</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (8, FH) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Northgate Neighbors (Ide)	<i>14</i> 7:30 PM Finance (42) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>15</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Faith Factor Live (Ide)	<i>16</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S)
<i>17 Palm Sunday</i> 18 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 (Ide, YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>18</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>19</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) 6:30 PM Meal in the Upper Room (Ide, S)	<i>20</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Northgate Neighbors B. (4) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (8) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:30 PM Basketball (Ide)	<i>21 Maundy Thursday</i> 9:00 Hinge (Ide) 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (S)	<i>22 Good Friday</i> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (S)	<i>23</i> 8:30—10:00 AM Angel Food Pick Up (Ide) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S)
<i>24 Easter Sunday</i> 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)	<i>25</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Volleyball (Ide)	<i>26</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) 7:30 PM Investment Club (O)	<i>27</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)	<i>28</i> 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>29</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Faith Factor Live (Ide)	<i>30</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S)