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From Your Pastor

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

It's Easter. It's a great time to be celebrating life. Finally it seems the grip of winter has eased and signs of new life are breaking out everywhere. We see it dramatically displayed in God's creation. But even more importantly, God is continually offering new life to us and to all people. Because Christ is risen, we can choose to trust him and let go of worry and fear. Because Christ is risen we can serve others in his name and as we serve God gives us new hearts. Because Christ is risen we can live with joy even when things are tough because we know that in the end God wins.

We celebrate Easter and new life every Sunday, but especially this time of year during the 50 days of Easter. I pray you'll join us each week.

In Christ's love,

Anne

Pastor Anne

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Our Ministry of Concern

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

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

If you have a prayer request, please call Barbara Robinson at 227-7845.

Hospitalized: Tom Marsh – Strong Memorial

In hospice care: Carl Dunn – At. Mary's Living Center, Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home

In rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's; Jane Coonan – Unity TCC

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Roger Forbes, Tony Gilson, John Hayashi, Greg Heizyk, Judy Hare, Kim Latragna, Joan Michlin, Bill Miller, Evelyn Welker

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, 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), 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), 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), Lea McQuown, Craig Michaloski, 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 An-

nette 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), Debbie Wolfe, Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

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

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; Phoebe Brown, 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

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends of John Haldane. John died on March 31.

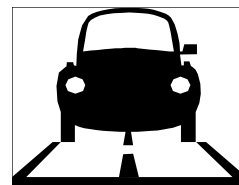
Christian sympathy is extended to Jane Coonan on the death of her sister, Susan Cook.

Christian sympathy is extended to Dick and Marisue Caupp on the death of Dick's brother, George Caupp.

Christian sympathy is extended to Bobby Kyler on the death of his stepfather, John Moline.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Jan and Dan Rothfuss on the death of Jan's Mother, Lois Kessler.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Ed McCormick



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 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.

~Barbara Robinson



**ALL items for the June
Hinge are due
May 15th.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family:

The month of May is always a very special month — spring has finally sprung, the church calendar is full and we celebrate Mother's Day!

As we think about our Mothers — the remembrances are varied, especially for those of us whose mothers are no longer with us. This month I'd like to share with you a quote from Erma Bombeck, which emphasizes one important aspect of being a good Mom.

Loving Enough to Say "No!"

"You don't love me!" How many times have your kids laid that on you? And how many times have you, as a parent, resisted the urge to tell them how much?

"Some day when my children are old enough, I'll tell them: I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your hand-picked friend was a 'creep.'

I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way with a bite out of it to the store and confess, 'I stole this.' I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes. I loved you enough to not make excuses for

your lack of respect or lack of manners.

I loved you enough to ignore what 'every mother' did. I loved you enough to figure you would lie about the party being chaperoned but forgive you for it after discovering I was right. I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, and fail so that you could learn to stand alone. I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, not what I wanted you to be. But most of all, I loved you enough to say 'No' when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all."

~Erma Bombeck

Via *The Item*, First UMC, Phoenix, NY

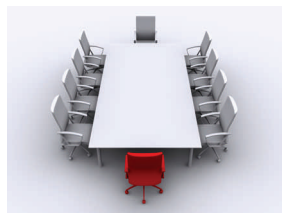
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The Joyful Newsletter

May you have a blessed Mother's Day and Month of May.

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Christian Education



Christian Education Meeting

The Christian Education meeting scheduled for May 1, 2011 has been **changed to May 22, 2011** at 12:15. We will be discussing June and summer curriculum and VBS. Pizza and drink will be provided. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Church Camp

Brochures and registration forms for SUMMER CAMP at Casowasco, Aldersgate and Findley are available on the Christian Education bulletin board. Financial assistance is available. We would encourage anyone interested in attending to pick up a brochure and/or check out the website: www.unyumc.org and click on Camp and Retreat Ministries. These are amazing places to make new friends, grow in faith, and have the time of your life!

All Church Picnic

I can see clearly now...the rain is gone. It's gonna be a bright, sun shiny day

(We have an enclosed pavilion with rest rooms, for the "just in case.")

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship and fun at the **Aldersgate United Methodist Church's Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, June 5, 2011** at **Brad-dock's Bay Park**

Time: **Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.**

There is a playground for the children, trails to wander and explore, games to play, perhaps, a song or two and a lot to eat!

Life-Changing Fun in the SON!

SONSURF BEACH BASH VBS!

"As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also discover the **big answers to their big questions about Jesus**. Five essential Bible verses-including John 14:6- will help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him." Gospel Light

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

When: August 8-12, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Pre-K- 6th grade

The kids will have a totally awesome time! We need volunteers to teach grade level classes (Pre-K-K, 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6) or lead in Bonfire Beach Stories, Big Wave Bible Games, Big D' Diner (Snacks), Surf's Up Crafts and SonSurf Music and Skits. Materials are all provided and well scripted. Interested in helping? Let us know, FER SURE.

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

THANK YOU!!!!

A BIG thank you to the people who gave us little gifts for the Easter baskets! The pretzels, candy, notepaper, soaps, lotions and gels were such treats. The children from Sunday workshop enjoyed creating 24 baskets full of Easter cheer and blessings.



Bring your sunglasses, favorite lawn chair, picnic blanket and a dish to pass.

If your last name begins with A-P, bring a dish to pass or a salad. If your last name begins with Q-Z, bring a dessert. Meat/Rolls/Fixings and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheet will be posted on the main bulletin board.

We need some help on the grill, game leaders/recruiters, clean-up crew, and musicians to entertain us. Please contact Rhonda or Colleen with any questions or if interested in helping out. Thanks so much!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Sisson	May 4	Nicole Carpenter	May 12	Nancy Wayne	May 24
Tyler Hanko	May 8	Brian DeCann	May 12	Barb Condon	May 24
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8	Cori Shukitis	May 13	Chase Tyler	May 27
Nancy Bader	May 10	Debbie Lenau	May 15	Don Wright	May 31
Suzanne Unell	May 10	Brenda Ruell	May 18		
		Andrew Rice	May 20		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Debra & John Simm	May 2
Eric & Stephanie Bock	May 5
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Floyd & Gretchen Hughes	May 29
Richard & Marisue Caupp	May 31

"A GATHERING OF FRIENDS"

The Membership Care and Evangelism Committee is sponsoring an event here at Aldersgate to let our shut-ins know how much we care for them.

The event is called, "A Gathering of Friends" and will be held in the Ide Family Life Center on May 21st between 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Our goal is to give our beloved shut-ins a joyous sanctuary experience!

We hope to have family involvement to enable our friends to come to the service. If you know of a shut-in who would like to come or you can help out with transportation, please let Pastor Jerry or Gege Dunn know.

God bless! More details to follow.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, & FRIENDS BANQUET RETURNS ON MAY 7

There is a treat in store for all those attending the annual Mothers, Daughters, and Friends Banquet on Saturday evening, May 7, the night before Mothers' Day. The evening will begin with punch and crackers at 5:30 PM, followed at 6:00 by a ham dinner served family style. A Sweet Adelines group, the **Fusion Quartet**, will entertain with a varied selection of music. Then members of the Aldersgate Actors Guild will present "**Purses-R-Us**" a funny but meaningful look at what we carry with us.

We will be distributing baby bottles to those who wish to support Embracing Options, a local agency that works with young pregnant women. Fill your bottles with spare change and return them to the church on Father's Day.

Get your tickets in advance from the office or after services on Sunday so that we will be prepared with a place for you and we can make nametags in advance. Tickets are \$8.00 for teens and adults, \$4 for children 5 to 11, and free for children 4 and under. (We will still need a count for the youngest children, even though there is no charge.)

Come by yourself—you won't be alone for long—or bring your women friends. Be prepared for an uplifting evening of good Christian fellowship.

HISTORIC ERIE CANAL IS TOPIC OF FOURTH BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

For her review this year, **Charlotte Ridley** has chosen Stars in the Water: The Story of the Erie Canal by George E. Condon. It is a very thorough history of the building of the Erie Canal from big idea to reality that sets this historic venture amid the events of the period, tells the stories of the people who worked on the project from Governor DeWitt Clinton to the immigrants and farmers that dug out the canal bed, and describes the towns that grew up along the way.

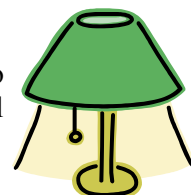
Everyone (men and women) interested are welcome to join the members of the Reading Circle at their annual luncheon on **Thursday, May 5, at Noon** in the Ide Family Life Center. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to come with you.

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.

OUR RUMMAGE SALE—THE ULTIMATE RECYCLING EVENT

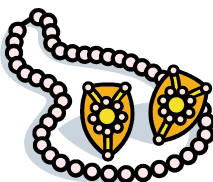
We know we have too much "stuff." Some of it we do need and use, but some is just taking up space on shelves, in closets, under beds, and in basements and attics. Give up that lamp your aunt gave you fifteen years ago that you have yet to find a place for. She's in Florida now and will never know that it's gone. Those clothes you put in the back of the closet to wear when you lose weight—if you keep them long enough, they'll be back in style—but in the meantime, someone else could be enjoying them. Traditionally, spring is the time to clean house. Let's go into the summer with homes that are more organized and spacious because we've lightened the load.



In bringing all that "stuff" for the Rummage Sale, we are also recycling. Your knickknack may be someone else's collectible. That spare kitchen appliance may be just the item someone else needs but can't otherwise afford. Each year a number of our customers are setting up new households because they are starting out or starting over.

The Annual Rummage Sale will be held on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 9, 10, & 11**. For the first two days of the sale, items are sold individually, but Saturday is a bag sale day. We plan to sell baked goods on Thursday and Friday, and we have quite a few people who look forward each year to being able to buy from our fine Aldersgate bakers. The Rummage Sale is a major fundraiser for the UMW, but it is also a whole church function. Half the money raised is used toward our UMW Pledge to Mission and other mission projects, and half is used to meet a need in our own church.

Please bring **clean clothes in good condition** for men, women, and children in all sizes. It is especially helpful if the clothes are labeled for size. We sort by small, medium, large, and extra-large for men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothes. Other items that sell well include **toys, games, puzzles, books, dishes, glassware, pots and pans, knickknacks, pictures, lamps, seasonal decorations, jewelry, clothing accessories,**



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Mission News

ANGEL FOOD ACCEPTS FOOD STAMPS

Beginning with May, Aldersgate has been approved to accept food stamps in payment for the boxes of food provided by Angel Food Ministries. Mary Sims, the chair of the project, has the materials and has been trained in the required process. This opens the ministry to providing service to an additional group of people.

Orders may be placed in person on Saturday, May 7, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, May 8, between services. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the Ide Center. Payment must be by cash or money order at the time you place the order. You may also order on line. Directions and the menu for the month are available on the flyers in the envelope on the Opportunities Board. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this program.

STICKY LIPS BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR GREECE HABITAT

The Greece Habitat Coalition of churches, using the popular Sticky Lips BBQ, will hold a joint fundraiser on **Thursday, May 26, at Hope Lutheran Church** on Vintage Lane. Take-out meals will be available from 3:30-7:00 PM. The dinners include one-quarter chicken and 2-3 pork ribs, corn bread and two sides (choice of Cajun corn, mustard coleslaw, BBQ beans, or macaroni salad). The cost will be just \$11 for each dinner. Sodas will be available for purchase at the time of pickup.

Pre-order tickets are available at each of the participating churches: Aldersgate, Greece UMC, Greece Baptist, Hope Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran, Holy Cross, and Bethany Presbyterian. Walk-in orders will only be available if there are at least 250 pre-orders. We will sell tickets between and after services starting May 8. If you need the tickets earlier, see Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

HABITAT COIN BOXES

Please remember to return your coin boxes to the Mission Counter or the Welcome Table on May 1, the Sunday after Easter.

Keep your checkbook handy to support someone participating in the CROP WALK on May 1!

DR. CHRIS HENA'S STAY IN KAZAKHSTAN IS LIMITED

Chris Hena has returned to her medical work in Semey, Kazakhstan, but has been given a visa limiting her to 120 days a year there. That limitation will obviously significantly decrease the effectiveness of her work with Community-Based Health Teams there.

Increasing difficulty in renewing her visa led to her extended stay in Liberia, her home country. She has had to leave Kazakhstan every year to renew her visa anyway. Since she normally goes home for Christmas, she asked the Board of Global Ministries to reassign her temporarily to Ganta Hospital (the one we have helped to support for many years.)

In January she hosted a team from Colorado Springs who came to Liberia to do a documentary on Women's Health. She escorted them to Ganta Hospital and back to the capital, Monrovia, where they met with the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. She then moved back to Ganta in northeastern Liberia for six weeks, where the hospital continues to rebuild the infrastructure destroyed in the 14-year civil war. Currently they are struggling with the influx of over 100,000 refugees from the Ivory Coast.

Her main assignment was to work with the Community-Health Care Team that goes out to different villages five days a week. Since there are no roads to some of the villages, they often had to walk to the villages carrying the supplies on their heads. There they gave routine checkups and vaccinations to children and taught the children and their parents health lessons about infectious diseases. Pregnant women were given information about HIV prevention and family planning. De-worming children and adults was a major part of their daily activities as well as the workshops on how to use the malaria nets provided to the families as part of the outreach.

Working in the villages with the traditional birth attendants, she learned something about traditional practices that she'd not known before. All deliveries take place in "White Houses" (actually painted white) built in the back of their villages. Men are NOT allowed to know of or be present at deliveries. A couple of days after the birth of the child, they are finally permitted to see the child if they have made the required payments to the birth attendant.

Please keep Dr. Hena's future assignment in your prayers since she may not be able to stay in Kazakhstan.

Church Events and Opportunities

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

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.)



DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

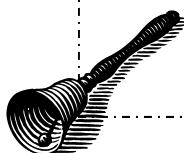
Monday, **May 2nd**,
from 4:00-9:00 PM

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

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.



GAME NIGHT

will be held

on

MAY 14

at 6:00 PM in the
Ide Family Life Center

Join us for Euchre, board games and
Table Tennis.

Garden Scapers...Can you help?

"Spring has sprung" when soon the courtyard and other areas outside will need cleaning up and regular maintenance through the summer and fall months. If you might be able to help rake leaves, weed, or trim now and then, please sign up on the Garden Scapers sheet posted on the bulletin board.

We will call you when we plan to get together to work. Not everyone can usually be available on the same day, so the more help the better!

Thank you for your help in the past and hope to see you soon!

Jimmie and Barb Condon

865-0871

Printer Ink Cartridges

Don't forget to bring your cartridges
and drop them in the box
behind the Welcome Table.

THANKS!

The RPO Night Was A Success!!



The official attendance figure for the April 1, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra concert at Aldersgate was 317. RPO conductor, Michael Buttermann, was very happy with the size of the audience and the facilities, especially the acoustics. The RPO would likely plan to come again.

The Aldersgate RPO Committee worked diligently, for about 3 weeks, to plan all the necessary details. We want to sincerely thank all members who were part of the planning team. There were 38 individuals, in total, whose names are listed below:

Helen Allen
Nancy Bader
Jim & Lorraine Christie
Jimmie & Barb Condon*
Beverly Conn
Mark DeVincentis
Gege Dunn*
Bobbie Eckert
Robin Fox
Shirley & Ed Geier*
Tony Gilson
Derek Hansen
Debbie Kennedy*
Lea McQuown
Ken Messmer
Candy Metzger
Harry Muthersbaugh *

Rev. Anne O'Connor
Tom O'Connor*
Kathy Peck*
Donna & Donn Rice*
Brenda & Larry Ruell*
Juan Ruiz
Larry Scrivens*
George Shukitis
Debbie Simm
Vickie Souve
Dick Stacy
Annette Thompson
Colleen Tyler
Doug Unell *
Scott Wiley
Rev. Jerry Wolter

Thanks again to all.

We also want to thank the Greece Police, who provided 2 patrol cars that night for traffic control and security.

Special thanks are given to the Aldersgate Faith Factor Youth Group, Ken Messmer's Boy Scout Troop, and Annette Thompsons Cub Pack for the distribution of 500 flyers.

*choir members

Sunday Morning Worship Experience

The Sunday Morning Worship Experience Team recently completed a 3-month process in which 93 people from the congregation were interviewed. We learned a lot about what people wanted and heard lots of ideas. We are now in the process of implementing those ideas that were mentioned the most.

One change you may have already noticed is that we now sing while the children are heading to/from the front of the church for the children’s sermon. What a joy the response to this has been!

Another comment we received

was that some people were having trouble hearing Anne. So, the volume has been increased to her microphone. We are also working on ways to better hear the congregational joys and concerns.

Some other requested changes are going to be tried starting in May.

One of the common requests was for a 5-minute quiet time prior to the start of the service during which time there will be music playing. Then, in the second service, the choir will

process in while singing the opening hymn. The announcements will be moved farther into the service.

We look forward to implementing the new ideas and look forward to positive feedback from the congregation. We also ask for your patience and support as we try some different variations for the services.

Thanks to all who participated and to the Sunday morning worship experience team!

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES
SUNDAY ON MAY 29

One of the six churchwide special offerings each year, Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes the contributions of Native Americans to our church and society. The offering allows us to partner with ministries and programs that help Native Americans and supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering stays in our annual conference for ministries here in New York. Approximately 19,000 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American; and about 225 UM churches, fellowships, and ministries relate to this population. Your generous gift will be well used and appreciated by seminary students and those reached by our active ministries around the country.

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tools, sports equipment (no bowling balls!), household furnishings and small appliances. Bring only items that are **reasonably clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.

Drop-off of donations will begin on Memorial Day, **May 30**. We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if help is needed. As useful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds are usually heavier than we can manage. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

The sign-up sheets for helping with the preparations and the sale itself will be posted on the Opportunities Board by mid-May. Use this opportunity to have some fun and to get better acquainted with others in the church. A successful sale lets us do a lot of good for a great many people.

JUNE READING CIRCLE

The next regular meeting of Reading Circle will be on Thursday, June 2, at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. Highest Duty, Sully Sullenburger's story of landing his plane on the Hudson River is the June selection. At our July meeting we will be sharing favorite books. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



2011 SCHOOL OF MISSION MOVES TO GENESEO

"All Things Made New" is the theme of this year's School of Christian Mission. With the creation of the Upper New York Conference, the decision was made to hold the School in three locations. The closest to us will be the sessions at SUNY Geneseo on July 21-23.

Here are the topics and teachers for this year:
 Spiritual Growth – "Coming Out on the Side of Grace" with Rev. Craig French,
 Geographic: "Discovering Haiti" with Genie Bank and the Rev. Molly Golando, and
 Social Issue: "Joy to the World: Mission in an Age of Global Christianity" with Wayne Bank.

Everyone participates in the spiritual growth study and chooses either the geographic or social issue for a second course of study.

The other two Schools of Mission will be held at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator, NY, on September 16-18; and Cazenovia College on July 29-31. See Gretchen Hughes if you need contact information for either of those schools.

The days are filled with song, worship, good food and fellowship as well as classes. Registration information for the Geneseo site is on the Missions Counter.

INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON

The Genesee Valley District UMW will hold an International Luncheon on **Saturday, May 14, at Webster United Methodist Church**, 169 E. Main St., Webster, NY. Registration will begin at 9 AM. The morning will open with a worship service followed by the program and lunch.

The focus will be our district mission connections with **Project Chacocente, Nicaragua**, with people who are literally living in the city dump. The speakers, Mary Anderson, Mary Beth Kelley, and Lynne MacConnell all participated in the last mission trip there in February. Handmade crafts from Project Chacocente will be available to purchase, and there will be an offering for Mission Giving.

The cost is just \$7.00. **Please sign up** on the Opportunities Board **by May 5** and indicate whether or not you wish to carpool from our church parking lot. Give your registration money to our treasurer Betty Hild so that she can send in one check for our attendance.

OTHER UPCOMING DATES

May 9 – Sew 'n Sew's in Room 1 at 1:00 PM

May 17 – Morning Circle Luncheon—Watch the bulletin for more details.

July 30 – Red Bird Mission Craft Sale

October 15-16 – Crafts & Collectibles Show

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

I know we're enjoying our expanded facilities and appreciate all the compliments we get about how well-organized they are, but really—is there anything happening now that we couldn't have done with our previous space? How have our ministries benefited because we added these new facilities?

Just a Thought

Dear Justa,

This is a good question for us to think about. We've been using the expanded facilities long enough that some of us may have forgotten what going to the "old church" was like and substantial numbers of us have come since we added on to that building. I don't claim to have all the answers here, but I did check with some others for their thoughts.

The #1 benefit for many of us is handicapped accessibility. Only the sanctuary and the parlor were accessible—if you could get a spot in the small parking lot in front of the church off Dewey Avenue. The plans for accessibility that we looked at prior to building would have cost \$100,000 or more and would have cost us much-needed space.

On most Sundays of the year attendance in the second service exceeds or nearly exceeds the fire marshal's limits for the old sanctuary. Our choir has been able to add seating to accommodate its growth. The Contemporary Worship Team can leave its equipment in place rather than move it out before the 11:00 service. (That was always a challenge!) We have room

for a Bell Choir and storage space for the bells! There are just more ways for us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The screens that we thought would be used primarily for the contemporary service have benefited those who have difficulty reading the words in the hymnal and bulletin in both services. In addition, they can be used before and after the services to let us know what is going on in the life of the church in the coming week. The quiet room behind the sanctuary allows parents of very young children to participate in the service without feeling uncomfortable when their children are restless. The nursery is better equipped and more accessible to parents.

The ability to expand the sanctuary into the Ide Center has allowed us to hold very large gatherings. The space has been needed by some funerals and more recently allowed us to host the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for our community. We've finally been able to host the Cluster Choir festival.

Our entryway and gathering space allows us to have a Welcome Table and encourages fellowship before and after services. We can put our coats on without hitting someone in the nose. (Remember that?) The space can be an additional meeting area when needed. We have dedicated space for Sunday School classes, our youth groups, and AA groups to meet. Remember when the AA group had to tear down its setup to get ready for Sunday School and the UMW had to set up for AA in the morning? Some of us miss the interaction between groups, but we can put more of our energy into the programs now rather

than set up. We've been able to reach out to other community organizations like Northgate Neighbors and host Angel Food Ministries. We have been able to hold more multiple events at the same time when needed.

The Ide Center has allowed us to host conferences and other large multi-church gatherings as well as some of our own larger events. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale have more than doubled with our ability to expand displays in the new space. That provides financial support for our ministries that wasn't there before. This summer we will again welcome the Red Bird Craft Show, a larger event than we could have handled before.

Health and wellness have become an important part of our ministry. We are reminded in I Corinthians 6:19 that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and we are to use them for God.

The Catch the Spirit exercise classes have become an important ministry for many of us. (You may not remember, but we tried to hold classes in the old library. It didn't work very well.) There is space for the youth and adults to play basketball, volleyball, and table tennis—good for our bodies and good for our fellowship together. We have enough room to host regular blood drives.

I'm sure you could add to this list from your own experience. How has the availability of ministry opportunities at Aldersgate helped you to grow socially, physically, and spiritually? I'd enjoy hearing from you.

Always happy to hear from you,

Sally Stewardship

Serving in Our Worship Services in May

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/1	Jan Rothfuss	Member of Confirmation Class
5/8	Nick Spicer	Shirley Geier
5/15	Mike West	Gary Hogestyn
5/22	Scott Wiley	Annette Thompson
5/29	Member of Confirmation Class	Nancy Bader

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/1	Al & Myrt Holmes, Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy Bader Scott Wiley
5/8	Al & Myrt Holmes Eric McHugh Larry VanAllen	John Cochran Walt Dunn Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley
5/15	Al & Myrt Holmes Candy Metzger Naomi Moss Carol Pearson	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Bill Teasdale
5/22	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Gary & Denise Hogestyn Dean & Jackie Hogestyn
5/29	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Terry Young John & Karen Best

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/1	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
5/8	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
5/15	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
5/22	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles
5/29	Usher	Usher

GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING HELD ON MOTHERS' DAY, MAY 8

Each year on Mothers' Day, we take a special offering to support spiritual services for the residents of Wesley Community. This **Golden Cross offering** is the source of funding for the chaplains who give support and comfort to residents of this facilities, as well as provide worship and memorial services, study groups, visitation, and communion, services that are very important for the residents and their families.

Your check payable to **Aldersgate UMC**, marked for "**Golden Cross**" or a gift in the pink envelopes marked for that purpose will help to sustain this important work for another year. Come prepared to give generously. What a wonderful way to honor or remember our mothers!

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Your donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering totaled \$349 this year. These contributions will help to support the business expenses of the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that your other gifts to specific projects or emergencies can go to that cause in their entirety.

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