



June 2011

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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From Your Pastor

June is a month of celebrations—weddings, graduations, Father's Day and one of the most important events in the life of the church Pentecost. On Pentecost (this year celebrated on June 12th) we celebrate Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. The Holy Spirit is the presence and power of Christ abiding in us, guiding us, helping us, comforting us, and challenging us. This year on June 12th we will also be celebrating confirmation. We have several young people who have spent the last two years preparing for this day. They have grown in their relationship with Christ and are ready to take the next step in their journey by publicly declaring their faith and joining the church. They will be introduced at the end of the 9:30 service and confirmed during the 11 AM service. I encourage you to keep them in prayer and support them by your presence that morning

The following is a prayer for Pentecost by Ted Loder.

Lord, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place and myself and the world. Touch me with truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves me like the wind; and set me free, Lord, free to try new ways of living; free to forgive myself and others; free to love and laugh and sing; free to lay aside my burden of security; free to join the battle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of things and persons; free to be, to give, to receive, to rejoice as a child of your Spirit.

And, Lord, teach me how to dance, to turn around and come down where I want to be in the arms and heart of your people and in you, that I may praise and enjoy you forever. Amen.

May God fill you anew with his Spirit.

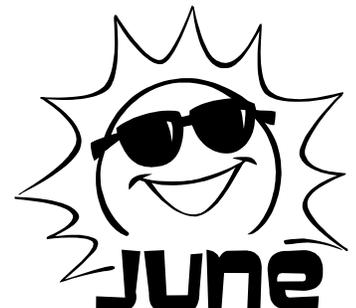
In Christ's love,

Anne

Pastor Anne

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Our Ministry of Concern

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

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

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

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

In rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Jane Coonan, Roger Forbes, John Hayashi, Greg Heizyk, Judy Hare, Tom Marsh, Joan Michlin, Bill Miller, Evie Souve

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

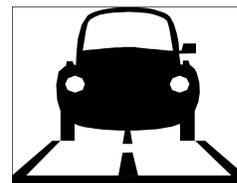
Coburn, Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Bobbie Eckert, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimburger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Diane Haschmann, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huenemann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), John Jelto, Earl Kelley (father of Cindy Groves), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kyle Laitenberger (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), 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, Richard Meinhold (father of Colleen Tyler), 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 Annette Thompson), Barbara Robinson, Marilyn Rogenmoser (mother of David Rogenmoser), Steven Savage,

Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), Melody Simmons (friend of Karen Rice), Jean Smith (friend of Candy Metzger), John Sobus, Jr., Michele Stamp (friend of Susan DeVincentis), 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, Len Mack, John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: : Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; Phoebe Brown, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Vogel song – Crimson Ridge; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to Bobbie Eckert and family on the death of her husband, Jerry Eckert.



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
July/August
Hinge are due
June 15th.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Members and Friends:

Last month we focused on Moms, as we celebrated Mother's Day. Now in June, along with graduations, Annual Conference, picnics and many other "good things" — we also celebrate Father's Day! As we focus on our Dad's, I'd like to share an article that appeared in the *Joyful Noiseletter* (used by permission) entitled:

"You're telling your kids what your Dad told you"

Things you heard your father say and promised yourself that you would never say to your own kids, but find yourself saying them anyway:

- *"Who said life was supposed to be fair?"*
- *"Do you think I'm made of money?"*
- *"As long as you live in my house, you'll live by my rules."*
- *"What part of 'No' don't you understand?"*
- *"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times."*
- *"Don't ask me; ask your mother."*
- *"Now you listen to me!"*
- *"You call that a haircut?"*
- *"We're not lost. I'm just not sure where we are."*
- *"No, we're not there yet."*
- *"Coffee will stunt your growth."*
- *"I'll play catch after I read the paper."*
- *"I told you, keep your eye on the ball."*
- *"You call that noise 'music'?"*
- *"Don't give any of your lip."*
- *"I'll tell you why. Because I said so. That's why!"*
- *"Hey, did you hear me talking to you?"*
- *"Don't use that tone with me!"*
- *"Am I talking to a brick wall?"*
- *"Act your age!"*
- *"Don't make me stop the car!"*
- *"What did I just get finished telling you?"*
- *"Enough is enough!"*
- *"When I was your age, I treated my father with respect."*

~Author unknown
Via Rev. Karl R. Kraft
Mantua, NJ

So, during June we say, "Congratulations, Grads!". "Congratulations and best wishes to newly-weds", but especially, "Congratulations, Dad's" and "keep the faith"! God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Christian Education

Sunday School Curriculum for Summer

This summer the Sunday School curriculum will come from Heifer International. We will learn to see ourselves as part of a global family and gain a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer helps people, animals and plants live in harmony as God's good creation. The children will also be partaking in a summer reading program called *Read to Feed* to help raise money for Heifer International.

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**."

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

When: August 8-12, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Ages: Pre-K – 6th

We're in need of volunteers in all areas. Please check the bulletin board by the nursery for descriptions of various tasks and jobs. Sign up right on the card that interests you. If you cannot do a full week, indicate right on the card. Any questions, let Colleen or Rhonda know. Dude, it's all about Jesus!

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

Church Camp

It's not too late to think about church camp! Check out the brochures on the Christian Education bulletin board. Financial assistance is available. 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!



THANK YOU

We would like to take a moment and thank all the wonderful volunteers who have supported the Christian Education program this year. Whether it's through the gift of teaching or serving food, your generous gift of time is greatly appreciated. We would not be able to do what we do without your support.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ken Rex	June 6	Eric McHugh	June 15	Carl Dunn	June 20
Bob Judd	June 8	Julia Trioano	June 16	Joyce DeBell	June 23
Rebecca Lindeman	June 8	Betty Judd	June 17	Candy Metzger	June 24
Tom O'Connor	June 9	Myrtle Holmes	June 18	Marie Sims	June 25
Walt Dunn	June 10	Tom Simons	June 18	Jennifer Hughes	June 26
Betty Baybutt	June 12	Brandon Gilzow	June 19	Edward Carstens	June 29
Mark DeVincentis	June 12	Jan Rothfuss	June 19	Sara McHugh	June 30
		Eric Bock	June 20		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Nona Antczak	June 2
Rich & Bobbi Mohrann	June 6
Chitie & Dick Edgett	June 7
Bob & Jan Winter	June 15
Al & Myrtle Holmes	June 15
Sue & Bill Burdick	June 18
Doug & Suzanne Unell	June 20
Bill & Louretta Teasdale	June 22
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29



CROP WALK

A BIG thank you to all who participated in the Greece Crop Walk on Sunday, May 1st either by donating, disbursing refreshments at Aldersgate and/or walking. We have raised \$955.00 to date.

Way to go Aldersgate!!

DELICIOUS FUNDRAISER FOR TWO DOORS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER, INC.

Enjoy the best Chicken BBQ in town, watch the Barnard Parade, AND support Two Doors! This 10th Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on **Wednesday, June 22 from 3:30 – 8:00 PM** at Two Doors (Dewey Avenue & Stone Road – next door to Bethany Presbyterian Church). All proceeds are used directly for programs that benefit the Two Doors children. Dinners are \$9. Our popular **Drive-thru option** will be open from 3:30 to 6:30. **Tickets are available in advance by calling 663-8936.**

Faith Factor Youth News

What's going on in June?

- 3 – Faith Factor Live, 7-9pm (Ide)
- 5 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)
- 12 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)
- 17 – Faith Factor Live, 7-9pm (Ide)
- 19 – Youth Sunday Services, 9:30 & 11am
- 26 – Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be June 19. All youth are expected to be present at both services to help lead worship. This is an important experience and an excellent opportunity for us to plan YOUR kind of worship. Please be there! Planning will happen at Youth Fellowship meetings on June 5 & 12.

Kingdom Bound '11

The youth group will be attending Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake on July 31-August 3. We are still looking for volunteers, preferably two people, to come for a day or two or three or four to help with supervision and food preparation. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday volunteers are needed. Please let Derek know, if you're willing to minister to our young people in this way.



Summer 2011

Though we won't be meeting for regular Youth Fellowship and Faith Factor Live meetings this summer, we do have an exciting summer planned.

There are still spots available to go on the mission trip to Cincinnati July 17-22.

We're going to Kingdom Bound on July 31-August 3. And sometime in July we'll be putting on a fund-raiser for Kingdom Bound.

We'll also meet a couple times throughout the summer for fun and fellowship. Please take advantage of all of these summer opportunities!

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.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

RUMMAGE SALE TIME—JUNE 9, 10, & 11

Starting **Monday, May 30**, you may **drop off** those bags of clothes and boxes of books, toys, and household items you have been saving for the Annual Rummage Sale. Please bring only items that are **clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.

It is no longer necessary to wait until the second week of preparations to bring in furniture and other large items as we did when the sale was held downstairs in the education wing. In fact, the sooner they are in place the easier it will be to organize our space. If you need help, see Gretchen Hughes and she will try to make arrangements for pickup. Keep in mind that we do not take hideabeds. As useful as they are, they are too heavy for most of us to move.



Please **bring your donations no later than noon on Wednesday, June 8**. We would like to be finished with set-up for the sale by the end of the afternoon that day so that all the workers can get a good night's rest before the sale begins.

The sale itself will be held on the **second weekend in June**. The sale will be open on Thursday and Friday from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday (the Bag Sale) from 8:00 AM – Noon.

Your help will be needed with sorting and pricing the incoming donations and with staffing each day of the sale. We'll be working from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM every day except Sunday. The sign-up sheet has 3 1/2 hour shifts, but come even if you only have an hour or two to help out on any given day. We never seem to run out of work. Please note that on **Monday and Tuesday, June 6 & 7**, we will have **evening work hours** from 6:30 – 9:00 PM if some of you sign up in advance. (Go early to Applebee's.)

People are needed to come in promptly at **noon** on Saturday to help clean up. We will also pack up the clothing to take to the St. Pauly's collection box at Greece UMC to benefit our next Greece Habitat project and prepare the remainder of sale items for pick-up by another local agency.

We also need your fine baked goods. Our bake sales have become a significant "profit center"

with regular customers! The sign-up sheet has space for **fresh goods Thursday and Friday**. (We found last year that there was very little interest in baked goods during the Bag Sale.) Pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, fudge, cupcakes, breads, and homemade candy all sell well. We sell goodies like cookies and brownies packaged by the dozen, half-dozen, or pairs. We often slice larger cakes and sell them piece by piece to people who don't think they can eat a whole cake. (People don't seem to have the same problem with pies!)

A successful Rummage Sale requires help from the whole church and benefits the whole church. While it is a major fundraiser for the missions projects of the UMW, half of the proceeds are used for a local church project. While currently undesignated, the latter funds in the recent years have been used to help fund the sound system improvements and to purchase tables, chairs, and hymnals. Get on board! The Rummage Sale is a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun! You never know what treasure you'll find while working!

READING CIRCLE

One of the most remarkable emergency landings in history took place on January 15, 2009, when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger guided a crippled US Airways plane to a safe landing in the Hudson River, saving the lives of all on board. Captain Sullenberger's best-selling autobiography, *Highest Duty*, is the book selected for discussion at Reading Circle on **Thursday, June 2, at 1:00 PM** in the Church Library. Copies of the book from the public library are available on the Reading Circle shelf in the church library.

At our July meeting we will share our favorite books for summer reading and make our suggestions for the 2011-2012 program year. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Frances Crabtree (392-0772) or Helen Wolter (621-1904).

Mission News

FIESTA LATINA BBQ SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Advance sale tickets will be available each Sunday after services and from the office during the week for the upcoming Fiesta Latina, our annual Chicken & Rib Barbecue prepared by the people of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. This annual joint fundraiser helps to support their community outreach to children by providing 50 backpacks of school supplies in the fall.

The dinners are prepared in our kitchen and served to members of both churches. You may choose to eat with others in the Ide Center or pick up a take-out dinner from 4:00-6:00 PM. The price continues to be the same--\$8.00 for chicken or ribs and \$10 for a combo of chicken and ribs, both with a choice of sides. There are usually a few dinners available for walk-ins, but you can only guarantee a dinner by purchasing tickets in advance.



While members of Emmanuel will be preparing the food, we do need volunteers from Aldersgate for collecting tickets and serving. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board to help out that day. (It will be a good chance to practice your Spanish!)

ANGEL FOOD DATES IN JUNE

With the cost of food going up, we should all be taking advantage of the Angel Food Ministries. Be sure to **place an order** for one or more of the Angel Food Ministry boxes for the month of June. You may do so in person on **Saturday, June 11, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, June 12, between services.** Payment must be by cash or money order at the time you place the order. You may also order on line. **Pick up** will be on **Saturday, June 25, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM** in the Ide Center. 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.

HABITAT COIN BOX UPDATE

Your gifts through the Habitat Coin Boxes, as of Sunday, May 15, totaled **\$638.67**. This money will be used toward building the fifth house in the City of Rochester sponsored by the Greece coalition. The plan is to raise funds this year in order to build in 2012. Well over \$20,000 has been raised to date toward the expected cost of \$65,000. These contributions add significantly to reaching that goal.

AUCTION TO HELP LAUNCH PREGNANCY CARE OUTREACH AT MISSION SHARE

Mission Share has hired a director to head up Crossroads Pregnancy Care, a new outreach service scheduled to open early this fall. **Sherry Bruinsma** is already at work, getting the rooms ready at 10 Cedarfield Commons and looking for volunteers willing to train and to work there on a regular basis one or more times a month.

To raise funds for furnishing the new center, a live and silent **auction** will be held on **Friday, June 17, at 7:00 PM at Orchard Community Church, 2285 Latta Road.** Her committee is soliciting a variety of items both small and large to sell that evening with the goal of raising at least \$2000. If you would like to donate or plan to attend, please call 368-0746.

If you are interested in supporting this service by volunteering there, the application forms are available in the church office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The congregation here at Aldersgate continues to demonstrate with their contributions their commitment to sharing the Good News and their concern for others here close to home and around the world. Our **Easter Offering** totaled **\$770**, making a significant impact on our commitment of \$2500 each year toward the support of our covenant missionary Meri Whitaker. Meri's work among the Cherokees in one of the poorest counties in Eastern Oklahoma would not be possible were it not for faithful churches like ours. Whether it's providing spring seeds and baby chicks, a food and clothing program, day care, senior center activities and meals, summer programs for children, a health resource center, the development of cottage industries to provide jobs, or a Christmas "store," Cookson Hills Center is there meeting the needs of God's people.

We gave **\$349** through the **One Great Hour of Sharing** to help cover the administrative costs of the **United Methodist Committee on Relief**; to support ongoing projects in health, education, agriculture, and refugee services; and to provide upfront money in response to disasters. We have contributed **\$212.53** so far toward relief efforts in **Japan** and **\$115** so far toward relief efforts in areas here in the **U. S.** hit by **floods and tornados**. The response to disaster involves both immediate relief for victims and long-term recovery efforts. (Work in Haiti is ongoing.) **Your continued gifts will be welcome.** Remember that, because the One Great Hour of Sharing covers

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Church Events and Opportunities

GREETERS NEEDED FOR DIRECTORY PICTURES

We need volunteer greeters for the upcoming photo days on **June 3** and **June 4**. Please sign on the sheet posted on the bulletin board, if you can help out.

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, **June 6th**,
from 4:00-9:00 PM

*10% of Food Receipts Benefits our
BUILDING FUND*

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..)

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**, immediately following the **11:00 AM worship service**.

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 the sheet posted on the main bulletin board.

GAME NIGHT

will be held

on

JUNE 11

at 6:00 PM in the
Ide Family Life Center

Join us for Euchre, board games and
Table Tennis.



GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT MISSION TRIP TO PROJECT CHACOCENTE MASAYA NICARAGUA

February 18-25, 2012

Project Chacocente is a ministry which has moved and is moving families who have been living in the dump in Managua to the Chacocente community, where they are educated and trained for a productive life and the opportunity to live interdependently in their own homes.

Cost: \$1,800/person—includes all costs—airfare, transportation, lodging, food, tips, supplies and materials, program costs and a financial gift to Project Chacocente.

Staying at: a local mission group camp-like facility.

Service Opportunities: Primarily construction but other work for those not able to do construction.

Anne is thinking about going. Contact Anne or the office for more information.

All Graduates

Please contact the church office (663-3665) with the following information:

High School Graduates

We need your name, what school you are graduating from and where you are going.

College

Your name, what college you are graduating from and your degree.

Drop off a picture for our picture display.

**All information and pictures needed by
June 12.**

Mission News (Cont.)

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UMCOR's minimal administrative costs, every dollar you give for a specific response effort goes directly to that project.

Golden Cross is a conference offering close to our hearts because it provides for a chaplain at Wesley Community here in Rochester, and we often have members and relatives of our members living there, benefiting from that ministry. This year gifts to Golden Cross totaled **\$327** so far.

We cannot always be present in person to help. Sending clothing and other items to the scene of a disaster (unless requested) is not always helpful—see recent news stories about the problems with storage of toys and used clothing in the tornado-stricken areas. But our dollars can go everywhere, letting people know that we care and that God cares about them. Thank you for your faithfulness.

REGISTER TO ATTEND 2011 SCHOOL OF MISSION EVENT JULY 21-23

The closest scheduled School of Christian Mission event will be held at SUNY Geneseo on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 21-23. The study topics and teachers for this year are as follows:

- Spiritual Growth: Coming Out on the Side of Grace, Rev. Craig French
- Geographic: Discovering Haiti, Genie Bank & Rev. Molly Golando
- Social Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in an Age of Global Christianity, Wayne Bank

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

For the full course of study for adults the registration fee is \$75 and the room and board cost is \$150 for a total of \$225. The One Day Sampler on Saturday, which includes lunch, is \$45. **Registrations and fees are due Saturday, July 2.** The forms may be found on the Mission Counter in the Gathering Space. Make your plans now to attend this year.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE FOCUS ON JUNE 19

The special offering for Peace with Justice ministries gives the United Methodist Church a voice in advocating for peace and justice at home and around the world. Half the offering stays with annual conferences for local peace and justice ministries.

Last year's offering helped to sponsor a three-day restorative justice conference between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria. United Methodists by themselves cannot stop the ongoing conflicts between the two religious groups in that country, but this effort can provide a start by focusing on what is shared between the two groups rather than on what divides them and leads to the conflicts that have been recently in the news. (Just in case we think that what happens in Nigeria stays there, keep in mind that we buy more oil from Nigeria than Saudi Arabia.)

The West Virginia Council of Churches received a grant to help them advocate against mountaintop removal mining (a very unpopular position in WV) and to raise money to help the families of coal miners injured and killed in mining accidents. At the same time they served as an intermediary between then Gov. Manchin, environmentalists, and the United Mine Workers to develop nonviolent communication strategies.

A grant from the California-Nevada Annual Conference helped the Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence in Paradise, California develop an after-school program to help youngsters learn to deal with bullying. One of the participants in their recent forum said that she had seen the way parent empowerment programs and youth awareness programs had helped to solve the problem.

Your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and designated for "**Peace with Justice**" can be placed in the special envelopes provided that Sunday, in your own envelope or a pew envelope. With your gift on Peace with Justice Sunday, you can open the door to justice. We can work together for a more faithful, just, and loving world.

United Methodist Women (Cont.)

PLAN AHEAD: CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 14 & 15

Brochures will be sent out shortly after the Rummage Sale to potential vendors at our third annual Crafts & Collectibles Show. If you know someone who should be added to our mailing list, please give the name and address (or e-mail address) to Gretchen Hughes or the church office. We are looking for vendors of handcrafted items, fine quality gift items, or antique/collectibles.

SEW 'N SEW'S

Choose your project: bags for UMCOR school kits, baby gowns or sweaters for UMCOR layette kits, knit caps for preemies at local hospitals, quilts for babies and young children, baby afghans, or afghan squares for Warm-Up America. Join us on the second Monday of the month (June 13) at 1:00 in Room 1 (the old office) for needlework advice and the joy of working together.

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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Evelyn Welker, Housekeeper	
Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant	

**Aldersgate Web Site: www.aumcgreece.org
Aldersgate General Email: info@aumcgreece.org
Church Fax – 865-8442**

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

We seem to have a awful lot of “Special Sundays” with “special” offerings. What is this all about?

Not Stingy, Just Careful

Dear Careful,

You’ve noticed!!! This is a change in practice in the United Methodist Church that took place quite a while back. There was a day when churches operated with what was known as a “unified” budget. As I understand it, all the people, projects, and causes a church planned to support were included in the annual budget right along with the utility bills and the pastor’s salary. This was true of denominational budgets as well as local budgets. Regular church goers saw it as an obligation to support their church and appreciated being able meet that obligation with one check or cash donation each week. This was the era—long gone--when the most significant innovation in charitable giving was combining all local community requests under one umbrella—the Community Chest—rather than holding separate fundraising drives. Now we’re told that only people from that long-ago era responds when a church—or service agency—says, “We need ‘x’ amount of dollars to do our work” by writing a check immediately.

Now the mantra is “choice.” The United Way, successor to Community Chest, gives us a choice of donating to the whole organization, choosing an area we wish to support, or writing in a do-

nor number for the individual agency we want to help. In a similar manner our denomination, annual conference, and local church often break out projects that are likely to be able to find popular support in order to reduce the main budget. Consequently, we support a “covenant missionary” to personalize the concept of missions; we have “Special Sundays,” and special conference offerings; and we hold fundraisers for going on mission trips, replacing roofs, or even capital campaigns for added facilities. Mission agencies like Red Bird Mission and Cookson Hills Center are expected to raise much of their own support from interested churches around the country. There’s *probably* nothing wrong with the change. (Keep in mind that I’m one of the fossils left from the earlier era!) It’s simply a response to the perspectives and understandings of current church members. The expectation is that people will choose what to support rather than our expecting them to give to everything.

Back to the Special Sundays: we have six denominational special offerings. The One Great Hour of Sharing before Easter and World Communion Sunday in October have their roots in ecumenical responses to rebuilding countries after World War II. The others--Human Relations Sunday in January, Native American Ministries Sunday after Easter, Peace with Justice in June, and Student Day in November highlight specific categories of ministries the United Methodist Church carries out here and around the world. The money available to fund those ministries depends on the size of our offerings each year. As each offering

comes up, we do try to provide at least some general explanation of how and where the offerings are used to carry out the Lord’s work. These special offerings are reviewed have to be approved at General Conference every four years.

So, choose carefully, but keep in mind that our first priority as a Christian is financial support for the ministry of our local church. Then for *additional* giving, study the information carefully and follow the Lord’s leading—perhaps consider those the “offerings” part of giving our “tithes and offerings.” You may very well develop a passion for one area of ministry over another and give accordingly. Hopefully, enough of us are called to support each important ministry that they all get covered! If they don’t, they end. (Also, part of our current belief system.)

If hope this rather general explanation helps.

Find your passion and give generously!

Seeking God’s guidance, I am

Sincerely yours,
Sally Stewardship

Serving in Our Worship Services in June

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/5	Gloria Montgomery	Member of Confirmation Class
6/12	George Shukitis	Nancy Brehm
6/19	Susan DeVincentis	Mary Sims
6/26	Member of Confirmation Class	Dick Stacy

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/5	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell
6/12	Allison McHugh	Ryan Lindeman, Michelle Maggio Elijah Tyler
6/19	Briana Kephart	Marie Sims Emma Bock Matthew Thompson
6/26	Allison McHugh	Caleb Thompson Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/5	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
6/12	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	John & Karen Best Walt Dunn Candy Metzger
6/19	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Nancy Bader Denise Hogestyn Jackie Hogestyn Evelyn Welker
6/26	Al & Myrt Holmes Eric McHugh Larry VanAllen	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Bill Teasdale Scott Wiley

AV SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/5	Mike West	Dick Caupp Ray LaFlair
6/12	Mark DeVincentis	Juan Ruiz Sammy Maggio
6/19	Brian Jones	Eric Bock Roger Hotchkiss
6/26	Rich Mohrmann	Juan Ruiz David Gray

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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> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	<i>2</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>3</i> 12:00 PM Directory Pictures (C) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Faith Factor Live (Ide)	<i>4</i> 9:00 AM Directory Pictures (C) 11:30 AM GriefShare Reunion Lunch at Greece Family Restau- rant—Northgate 2:30 PM Wedding (S)
<i>5</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) 11:15 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Workshop (4) 12:30 PM Church Picnic at Braddock's Bay 1:00 PM Recital (G, S) 6:00 PM FFYG (Ide, YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>6</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>7</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>8</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>9</i> 7:30 AM Dewey Ave. Round Table (3/4) 8:00 AM Rummage Sale (Ide) 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>10</i> 8:00 AM Rummage Sale (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) No Faith Factor Live	<i>11</i> 8:00 AM Rummage Sale (Ide) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 12:00—2:00 PM Angel Food Ordering (G) 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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