



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

4115 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, New York 14616-1216

(585) 663-3665

Aldersgate UMC Web Site

<http://www.aumcgreece.org/>

October 2011

From Your Pastor

This year one of the best selling books has been "Heaven Is for Real." It's the story of a young boy's trip to heaven and back. People are fascinated by the promise of everlasting life which is, of course, one of the promises of Jesus. This is certainly an important part of our faith, but the Good News is that we don't have to wait until we die to receive the blessings of God. In Jesus Christ we can have abundant life, here and now.

What is this abundant life? Too often we think of it in terms of material things. But it has little to do with that. Abundant life is a life that involves loving God and our neighbors. Abundant life is living in and for God; it's a life filled with meaning and purpose; a life of significance, doing the things that Jesus did as he served "the least of these."

Throughout the month of October we are doing a church-wide study by Mike Slaughter, a United Methodist Pastor from Dayton, Ohio, called "Change the World". It's intended, with God's help, to challenge us to become more than we are and to make a real difference that will ultimately change us and transform the world. I encourage you to: come to worship each week; join a small group; serve in our community; and enjoy abundant life every day.

In Christ's love and service,

Anne

Pastor Anne

Inside this issue:

From Your Pastor	1
Our Ministry of Concern	2
From the Pastor of Visitation & Membership Care	3
Christian Education	4
Aldersgate Youth Fellowship News	5
Birthdays & Anniversaries & Thank You	6
United Methodist Women	7
Mission News	8 & 9
Church Events & Opportunities	10
Church Council News	11
Sally Stewardship	12
Serving in Our Worship Services	13



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 rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Pauline Ashley, Jane Coonan, Roger Forbes, Judy Hare, Ruth Loomis, Jose Nazario, Jerry Sisson

Those with ongoing health concerns: : Vonnie Ackerman, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Ted Coburn, Ursalee Crepinsek

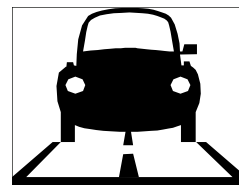
(cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jack Geier (brother of Ed Geier), Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Joyce Heimburger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Greg Heizyk, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Craig Michaloski, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Mark Payton, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Barbara Robinson, John Sobus, Jr., Michele Stamp

(friend of Susan DeVincentis), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, Alan Wiley, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Debbie Wolfe, Pat Wolfrom (friend of Candy Metzger).

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

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Mavis Beers – Villages; Malcolm Beers, Phoebe Brown, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; John Hayashi, Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to Eric and Sarah McHugh and family on the death of Eric's brother, Chris and also to Marge Unger and family on the death of her husband, Ray Unger.



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 November Hinge are due October 15.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Page 3

Dear Aldersgate Family,

As I pen these lines for the *Hinge*, we have just commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the infamous “9/11” ! As we have remembered this tragic day the question comes up as to how we can help others (especially our children and grandchildren) when we talk about such events.

In the light of this question, my teacher/author daughter has given me permission to share with you her article from her blog of September 11th. It is entitled.

Three Things to Talk to your Kids About September 11th

I'm just a regular mom, but I've had a lot of practice talking about September 11th with my kids. Why? My youngest has a September 11th birthday. Not THE September 11th, however he entered the world on a day commemorating the unthinkable.

With the 10th anniversary this weekend, all of the "experts" are talking about how to speak to your kids about this event. Somehow as I listen to this advice, I get the feeling that they don't actually speak to many kids about the subject. At least they don't speak to kids that were not directly affected. They talk about being sure that kids don't blame an entire group of people for a single act. That seems to me to be a very adult way of thinking. My kids have never thought to blame anyone besides the actual perpetrators. In general, there is a lot of advice (and fear and worry) about the whole subject of 9/11. Here are a few basic things I have talked to my kids about the events surrounding my sweet little boy's birthday, September 11th:

Good Versus Evil

Kids are very black and white. Think of fairy tales and the characters in children's literature, and you can catch a glimpse of the way kids think. Kids naturally think of people as "all good" or "all bad," so it is not much of a stretch for their little minds to think that one person could be purely evil. Evil enough to deliberately kill thousands. As a person of faith, I do believe that evil exists. Although I do not choose to dwell on it, I do acknowledge and talk with my kids about the fact that yes, there are some dark and evil things in this world.

Real Heroes Do Exist

To counteract all of the talk of evil and the resulting terrible tragedy, I talk with my kids about the heroes on that day. Real life heroes: the fire fighters, the police officers, and the ordinary citizens helping each other. This one evil act brought out the quality of heroism in so many people. I also talk to them about heroes like Todd Beamer, the man

that led the uprising on Flight 93 with the words "let's roll." Todd Beamer happened to be in my graduating class at Wheaton College (although I did not know him personally), and I know that he had a strong faith in Jesus Christ. I share this fact with my boys, and I remind them that God can help people to be strong and courageous in times of trouble. I believe God worked through many heroes that day.

Peace in the Midst of Tragedy

As a mom, I want to protect my kids from the evil in this world, and I don't want them to feel the anxiety of "perhaps something terrible could happen to us." So I remind my children of a few things. I tell them of the people that were spared. All of us have heard the stories about that day; stories of people missing their ride to work at the twin towers, or waking up late, or calling in sick. At the time those individuals did not know that staying home was the best decision. To give my kids a sense of peace, I tell my kids these stories of how God did protect many people.

I also tell my kids that it happened in a big city far away (not an option for urban NYC moms; those moms have a bigger job reassuring their kids). I actually use this tactic whenever there is a tragedy reported on the news, reminding my kids that it is far away. Kids need to feel safe.

Yet getting back to that day, there still remains the question of why some people did die, and occasionally my kids do ask about that. I think it is a part of a bigger question, how to deal with the bad things that happen in life. Tragedy affects so many of us, and not just the tragedy of September 11th. Loss brings about so many emotions, and kids (like adults) do worry about the possibility of loss. When those questions arise, I remind my kids that even in the worst of circumstances, God is with us. I give them real life examples, and examples from Scripture. Perhaps it is a simple answer to a complicated question. Yet, perhaps it is an answer that we all need.

I hope my daughter's thoughts have been helpful to you ~ regardless of your age. Let's all remember that whatever we face in the days ahead ~ “God is with us!”

God bless you,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

What's New in Sunday School... Video Series!

K-3rd graders during the 11:00 Worship Service just started watching **"Molly Pickens & The Rainy Day Castle."** It is a 10 week video series with fun and unforgettable characters. Children learn about Jesus's love with themes such as: strength, faith, encouragement, serving, empathy and much more.

6th — 8th graders during the 9:30 Worship service are catching the wave of their lives watching the movie and DVD study series, **"Soul Surfer."** It is about a 13 year old, Bethany Hamilton, who maintains her faith in God after losing her arm in a shark attack. Each student will receive a study guide with thought provoking questions and relevant Bible verses.

The High School class that meets at 11:00 is watching a video series study on temptation called, **"Pause"** by Andy Stanley. This series is about temptation and shows how Jesus' temptations are similar to our own temptations and struggles. It gives youth and adults helpful advice and encouragement in today's world.

We have totaled over \$350 for our summer Heifer International Read-to-Feed program! Great job kids!

Christian Education Meeting

There will be a Christian Education meeting on Sunday, **October 2** following the second worship service at **12:15 PM**. We will be discussing curriculum needs, future events, and schedules. All are welcome to attend.

Pizza will be served. Please let Rhonda and/or Colleen know, if you plan on attending.



"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."
Ephesians 5:8

Light the Night with Jesus celebration on Sunday, **October 30** during *both* Sunday school services. Children will be receiving a special treat and Unicef box during the Children's Moment. The children will also be learning a special pumpkin prayer, decorating/carving pumpkins, and eating cider and donuts. Bring a friend with you!

A new ministry here at Aldersgate!

We are excited to begin a bilingual ministry with our Hispanic/Latino neighbors. Hector and Maria Rivera will be coming to us from the Emmanuel UMC to lead this ministry. They will begin on September 23 with a weekly Bible study on Fridays at 7:00 PM at AUMC.

The children's puppet ministry and worship dancing team meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

The Sunday School children will be collecting canned foods for Mission Share.

The Sunday school children will be collecting canned foods during the month of October for Mission Share. Please bring these items for Sunday School with you.

This is one of our efforts to make the world a better place!

A special concert by Amparito and Gary Garay will be held on **October 29** at 7:00 PM at Aldersgate. It is a family event and open to the community. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

More information will be shared in church.

Aldersgate Youth Fellowship News

[NOT] Aldersgate

not about us.

At Youth Fellowship in September and October we're doing a lesson series called *Transformation*. Zacchaeus, who we call Zach, is the main character. The Bible tells us that God created each and every one of us for a purpose. In other words: "God don't make no junk." God gives us all different gifts, talents and passions to serve Him and each other – we just have to figure out what he's calling us to do. Zach was a talented guy. He was good with money, so good with money that he became very wealthy. Unfortunately, though, Zach made a lot of money *not* doing what God wanted him to do. He was basically stealing from his neighbors. Then he meets Jesus who transforms his life while teaching him how to use his God-given gifts to serve. He stops stealing and gives back *more* than he took.

Zach's incredible transformation is an example for all of us of what Jesus can do if we let him in to our lives. It always begins with Jesus forgiving is for all of our past mistakes, wiping the slate clean, so we can serve knowing that God accepts us. Then we ask ourselves: have I been using my God-given abilities to serve God and my neighbors? Or am I just taking up space? Am I existing or *living*? If you don't like the answers to those questions, look to Jesus to transform your life.

The church is the place where we come together to divide the labor, where we figure out who has what gifts, and what each of us can contribute to the body of Christ. Our youth ministry should be the place where our youth participate in that process with the rest of us – not on their own in the basement. Let's remember to include our young people in this most important work.

In Christ,
Derek Hansen
Youth Director

Aldersgate Youth Fellowship 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.

What's going on in October?

- 2 – Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 9 – Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 16 – Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 21 – AYF LIVE!, 7-9pm (Ide)**
- 23 – Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 28 – Fall into Fun District Youth Event, 7-10pm (Greece UMC)**
- 30 – Third Day with Tenth Avenue North Concert, 7pm (Roberts Wesleyan College)**



Fall Youth Gathering

Mark your calendars now: The Fall Youth Gathering is back in Rochester, November 18-19. 7-12 graders only. More information to come.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Laure VanPutte	October 5	Thomas Rankin Sr.	October 17	Jennifer Mack	October 24
Rachel Brehm	October 7	Laura Acciaio	October 17	Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Susan DeVincentis	October 7	Bill Miller	October 17	Timothy Kephart	October 25
Dale DeCann	October 12	Briana Kephart	October 18	Bette Edgett	October 25
Margaret Jones	October 13	Ella Simonelli	October 19	Corrine Keller	October 27
Robin Lindeman	October 15	Nancy Young	October 20	Kevin Ruell	October 27
Zachary Farrell	October 16	Amy DeVincentis	October 21	Ted Carstens	October 30
Joyce Farrokh	October 17	David Rogenmoser	October 23	Roy Baird	October 30
		Nicholas Spicer	October 23	Mavis Beers	October 31



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
Bob & Betty Judd	October 19
John & Karen Best	October 20
Tom & Zuni Simons	October 22

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our Aldersgate family for their cards, telephone calls, visits, flowers and meals and most of all your prayers.

Special thanks to Pastors Anne and Jerry.

God bless you all.

Jerry and Ken Sisson

I would like to thank Pastor Anne and Pastor Jerry and all of the church family at Aldersgate for your prayers, cards, visits, kind words, and support during Sharon's illness and passing. We are blessed to have such a loving church family.

Sincerely,
Rodger Burkhart and
family of Sharon Burkhart

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SUPPORTS ALDERSGATE OUTREACH

Money raised by the Crafts & Collectibles Show is divided between the Church Missions Committee and Aldersgate UMW. The Missions Committee will use their half to meet our commitment to Mission Share here in Greece and to Ganta Hospital in Liberia, Africa. The UMW uses their share for end-of-year giving to the White Gifts program at Christmas, to United Methodist missions at Red Bird and Cookson Hills Center, and to local agencies like the Greece Food Shelf.

For a successful show on Friday & Saturday, October 14 & 15, we need **helpers, shoppers, and diners**. The show will be open each day from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Take advantage of this great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping for original and unusual gifts and to support local vendors and craftspeople.

Hotdogs and our popular meatball sandwiches, chips and beverages will be available for lunch from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM both days. **Baked goods** will also be sold each day. We need all the baked goods you can supply. We have a number of regular customers who particularly look for Aldersgate bake sales. See Gege Dunn or Bobbie Eckert if you have any questions.

Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunities Board for you to let us know that you can help with the various tasks that will create another successful event: setting up on Thursday evening or helping with lunch service, working at the baked goods table or the church craft booth or greeting people as they arrive on both days.

Join in the fun and fellowship of working and shopping this year, knowing that in helping yourself you

MORNING CIRCLE

Morning Circle will meet in the Church Parlor on Tuesday, October 18, at 11:00 AM. Bring a light lunch, and volunteer hostesses will have prepared beverages and dessert. Watch the bulletin notes in advance of the meeting for this month's program to be announced. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

SEW 'N SEW'S

Do you enjoy sewing or other needlework but would occasionally like a little company while working? Come to Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in Room 1. On-going projects include children's quilts, school bags, caps and sweaters for infants, and afghan squares. **Donations of materials** for quilts or school bags and baby yarn are always welcome. If you have any questions, call Betty Hild at 663-5032.

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

The Upper New York Conference United Methodist Women will meet on **Saturday, October 22**, at Clifton Springs United Methodist Church, 1 E. Main St., Clifton Springs, NY. The theme is "Many Faces of Domestic Violence." The cost for registration and lunch is \$10.00. (Give your money to Betty Hild, our UMW Treasurer.) We can carpool from the church parking lot at 8:30 AM. Sign up on the Opportunities Board.

READING CIRCLE MEETS OCTOBER 7

The October book selection for Reading Circle is best selling novel *The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library.

For those planning ahead, the November selection is *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*, the most recent in the *Ladies No. 1 Detective Agency* series by ever delightful Alexander McCall Smith.

The Reading Circle meets in the church library the first Thursday of each month throughout the year, starting at 1:00 PM. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772) for more information.

UPCOMING DATES

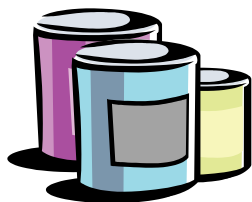
Saturday, November 19 – General Meeting



BROWN BAG SUNDAY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16

Our fall Brown Bag Sunday is usually held at Thanksgiving, but will be held earlier this year in order to be part of the Upper New York Conference-wide special emphasis on feeding the needy that weekend. Supplies of food available at food shelves in our immediate area are lower than they have been for some time. Even Foodlink, their backup resource, is unable to provide the usual amounts of canned goods.

On Sunday, October 9, ushers will provide you with a brown bag as you leave the sanctuary after services to remind you to shop that week for non-perishable packaged food and supplies to donate to the Food Shelf. Among the items *tuna, packaged cheese, spaghetti vegetables and pasta, chili, and baked beans.* are also well received.



household supplies to the Food Shelf. Needed are these: *macaroni & sauce, canned fruit, canned hash, beef stew, Ramen noodles*

You may also make a donation by cash or check (payable to *Aldersgate UMC*) designated for the Greece Food Shelf for the purchase of milk, fresh meat, and other perishables.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE SUPPORTS WORK OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 1—and to stop by the church (even if it's not your polling place) to purchase baked goods or Christmas crafts. Even when most of the election contests are local, we have a good sale. However, to have a good sale, we must have the goods! People come in the morning expecting to find cookies, brownies, and breads to take to work with them. Throughout the day we have “regulars” who look forward to the mouth-watering pies and cakes they find here every year.



The first call on the funds raised will be to complete our Global Missions Partner commitment to the support of a physician at Ganta Hospital in Liberia, Africa, and our commitment to Mission Share. Any remaining money will go to our General Benevolence Fund, upon which the Missions Committee draws to support other mission projects.

Sign-up sheets will be posted after the Craft Show

for you to indicate your willingness to contribute both the product of your baking skills and your service in staffing the sale.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING PROVIDES CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

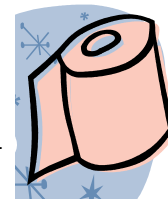
Half the funds from the special offering on World Communion Sunday, **October 2**, will be used to support Crusade Scholarships for students primarily from the Asia/Pacific region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe who don't normally have access to funding for graduate-level education. Students who plan to study in health-related fields, rural development, social work, teaching, theology, pastoral care, environmental studies, and agriculture are given priority. The students are expected to return to their home communities to use the skills learned for at least five years after finishing their studies. Any remaining funds are used to provide Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduates, with fifteen percent reserved to fund programs for ethnic people seeking second careers in church-related callings.

Your gift can help to touch many lives. Write your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* or put your donation in a pew envelope. It should be designated for “*World Communion Sunday.*”

MISSION SHARE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Mission Share Outreach Center at 10 Cedarfield Commons (off Long Pond Rd. north of the Greece Town Hall) needs additional volunteers, especially from 1:00-3:00 PM on Thursdays, their busiest time. The number of clients increased dramatically this summer, reaching a high of 190 visits for food and clothing in August. If you could **help serve clients** on a regular basis, call 368-0744 for more information. There's a bit of paperwork, including a recommendation from Pastor Anne, but getting involved is easy.

The first training session for Literacy Light, the program to provide tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills was held in September. More sessions will be scheduled as the program gets underway. If you are interested, see Candy in the Church Office for the application form.



Training will be provided October 4-8 for volunteers interested in serving with Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center, which will be opening at Mission Share in mid-October. Watch the bulletin for notice of an open house.

Everyone can help by bringing in **bathroom tissue and feminine hygiene products** for the clients. Each church is taking responsibility for a couple of items that are used regularly; so we are the primary source of these two items. Since most of the clients are women, the shelves are almost always empty—no matter how many packages we take over. These are essentials they all need, and they are most appreciative of our effort to keep up. Your donations can be put in the Mission Share box behind the Welcome Table.

For more information about Mission Share, go to www.missionshareoutreach.org.

KEEP THOSE LABELS COMING!

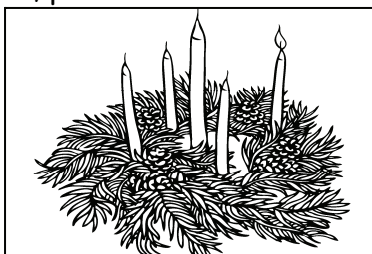
Dick Harmer, our coupon-clipper-in-chief, reported that in September he sent to Red Bird Mission 1000 General Mills Boxtops for Education, 1100 one-point Campbell's soup Labels for Education, and 860 five-point Campbell's labels. These are being used both for school equipment and supplies for Red Bird Mission School and to purchase vans for transportation at the mission. Saving these labels costs us nothing but a little effort yet, added with the efforts of others, helps to make possible this ministry to the children of the remote mountain area served by Red Bird.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

It may seem too early to think about Advent, but we're doing things a little different this year with the devotionals. This year you have the option to download your Advent devotional on your Nook or Kindle. The cost is \$.99 and, if you choose to do so, we will even reimburse you. Starting in October there will be a **sign up for people who will be downloading** and will not need a paper copy. **DO NOT SIGN UP IF YOU WANT A PAPER COPY OF THE DEVOTIONAL.** (Ordering of the devotionals will be in early November.)

The title of the devotional is *The True Gifts of Christmas*. Anne will be using this as part of her sermon series during advent.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen or Rhonda.



SAVE THE DATE:

A multicultural Advent celebration will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM here at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

More information to follow in church and next month's Hinge.

**Come to
Aldersgate Night
at
APPLEBEE'S on Ridge Rd.
Monday, October 3
4:00-9:00 pm
Applebee's donates 10% of the
food receipts we collect to our
Building Fund.**

GAME NIGHT

**Saturday, October 15th
at 6:00 PM.**

Come join us in the Ide Family Life
Center for Euchre, board games
or other card games.

Table Tennis is also available.



“SAINTS ALIVE! LIVING GENEROUSLY”

A generous life is a sign of strong spiritual health. Whatever we have—our time, our talents, and our treasures—is a gift from God. We honor God when we serve as faithful stewards of those gifts by using them well to help fulfill God's plan. The first step in making your commitment of support for Aldersgate ministries in 2012, is to sign your name to a leaf for the “Giving Tree.” The tree is intended to serve as a visual reminder of the wide variety of ministries at Aldersgate that are key to our being able to reach out to the world around us with the Good News and fulfilling our purpose of “Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy.”

We ask you to be in prayer as you read our pastor's letter that will come in early October and the letter from the Stewardship Team with the pledge card that will come later. On **Sunday, October 23**, you will be asked to bring your pledge forward as your step of faith for the year ahead. Let's remember and honor God's faithfulness to us with those pledges as we look ahead to a new year of at Aldersgate.

New Membership Class

We will be receiving new members into the fellowship of Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Sunday October 30. Membership classes will be held at 6:30 PM on the following Wednesdays: October 5, 12, 19 and 26. In the classes we will talk about what it means to be a Christian, and specifically, a United Methodist Christian. If you are considering becoming a member of Aldersgate, if you are unsure, or if you are just plain curious, come and join us! Current members interested in a refresher are also welcome! Please take time to prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you are planning on attending the classes, look to an upcoming bulletin for sign-up information or talk to Pastors Anne, Jerry or Derek.

ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR NOVEMBER 11

Start now to think about what you can donate to the Annual Aldersgate Auction on Friday, November 11. We are looking for good quality new or used items that may interest others. Consider gift certificates from your favorite restaurants or stores or perhaps providing a service such as babysitting or lawn care. We plan to have a silent auction table in addition to the live auction.

The spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the auction beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. Donation forms will be included in your bulletins starting in mid-October. If you have any questions or want to check out ideas for donations, see **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822) or **Jan Winter** (225-4927).



What is an EMC anyway?

EMC stands for the Evangelism and Membership Care Committee. We staff the Welcome Visitor Table in the gathering space and send out cards to both the visitors and our congregation members who benefit from well wishes or an expression of sympathy. In 2009 we initiated our "First Sunday – First Name" program where folks are asked to create a name tag to wear into the worship service and during the fellowship time afterwards. That program is a great success!

2011 has been a busy year as we organized the creation of a new Pictorial Directory. Assisted by Olan Mills, we were able to include over 100 families. The new directories will be delivered this Fall. We also had our first Gathering of Friends event in May, bringing together our shut-ins for a program and luncheon where we honored our Lay Visitation Team members.



We have four general meetings a year and a few sub-committee meetings as specific activities need extra attention. If you feel drawn to become involved in this ministry, please let either Candy (663-3665) or myself (347-6020) know and we will pass your name along to the Nominations Committee. We look forward to having you join us!

Jan Rothfuss, Chair,
Evangelism and Membership Care

A Memorials Committee Update

A popular question of most people has been, "Why can't the courtyard be more accessible?" Our reason has been that the window wells are so deep, if a child fell through the railings into one it would be tragic. Another reason has been, the pea stones in the path end up in the grass, as well as not being secure to navigate in most ladies shoes. The pea stones were an economic answer in the beginning landscaping even though our long term desire was to replace them with pavers.

The Memorial Committee proposes that as soon as money is available we have a stone paver walk installed eventually making it a Memorial Walkway. We will not proceed until funds are available, and we will keep you informed.

Hopefully by now you have noticed the new landscaped garden in front of the Chapel. This was designed and completed by VanPutte's Landscape with the intent to have it blend in with the garden in front of the Sanctuary. This latest addition was made possible with Memorials generously donated for this project.

We propose to finish the landscaping along the remaining front of the church next year, hoping that a water leak issue will be resolved in the area by then.

The Memorials Committee.

Dear Sally,

Before the offering, Pastor Anne mentions bringing our “tithes and offerings.” Why does she use both words? Isn’t a tithe the same as our offering?

Wanting To Do the Right Thing

Dear Ms./Mr. Right,

Good question. A tithe is not just any amount; it’s 10% of our income. (Yes, Applebee’s gives our church a “tithe” of the receipts from the food we buy on our Applebee’s nights.) Giving a tithe to the Lord is the law throughout the Old Testament. That’s not all. The ancient Israelites were expected to give of their firstfruits—the first ten percent, not ten percent if there’s enough left over. That may have been Cain’s problem (Genesis 4:3). Abel gave the best of the firstborn lambs from his flock, but Cain gave “some of his harvest.”

Where should the tithe go? Malachi 3:10 says, “Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there.” The local church is the modern-day equivalent of the Temple. The first tithe goes to the local church so that it has the resources to carry out its mission. Other good ministries are to be resourced through additional giving (the “offerings”) or what we often call “second-mile giving.” The Old Testament laws called for second and third tithes at times to care for the poor, widowed, orphaned, and foreigners.

But doesn’t the New Testament do away with the law? We live by grace, don’t we? Yes, but it is clear that Jesus expected his followers to obey the law and the commandments (Matthew 5:17-19).. His concern was that in obeying the law people not miss the “spirit” of the law—for instance, being just as guilty of murder if you think it as if you do it. It’s the difference between true generosity and a grudging “I’ll give a tithe but not a penny more.”

So what do we get out of tithing? Back to Malachi 3:10: “Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things.” God does keep promises. Can’t say I’ve ever even heard of anyone who seriously tried tithing for a while and said, “Well, that was such a miserable experience I’ll never do it again!” The record is clear that God excels in passing tests.

I hope this answer is enough to give you a starting point in your thinking. Remember there are whole books written on this subject—including the Bible. The main ideas are to give from our firstfruits, to give proportionally, and to bring our gifts to the church. If you haven’t tried it, put God to the test.

I’m praying for an abundance of good things for you.

Sally Stewardship



MAY GRACE AND PEACE
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

SCRIPTURE READERS

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

10/2	George Shukitis	Nancy Young
10/9	Ray Poling	Sue Accapezzato
10/16	Gloria Montgomery	Dick Caupp
10/23	Cori Loudon	Michael Streb
10/30	Susan DeVincentis	Tom Simons

ACOLYTES

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

10/2	Briana Kephart	Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell Chase Tyler
10/9	Allison McHugh	Michelle Maggio Ryan Lindeman
10/16	Briana Kephart	Emma Bock Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
10/23	Allison McHugh	Marie Sims Renee Tibbles
10/30	Usher	Caleb Thompson Mathew Thompson

USHER SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

10/2	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
10/9	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	John & Karen Best Walt Dunn Nancy Bader
10/16	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Nancy Bader Bobbie Eckert Evelyn Welker Jan Winter
10/23	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
10/30	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Vince Acciaio

AV

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

10/2	Rich Mohrmann	Dick Caupp, Ray LaFlair
10/9	Mark DeVincentis	Juan Ruiz, Sammy Maggio
10/16	Brian Jones	Eric Bock, Roger Hotchkiss
10/23	Ted Carstens	David & Myles Gray
10/30	Brian Jones	Roger Hotchkiss, Dick Caupp

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

Anne O'Connor, Pastor

Gerald A. Wolter, Pastor of Visitation & Membership Care

Derek Hansen, Youth Director

Rhonda Simonelli, Christian Education Co-Director

Colleen Tyler, Christian Education Co-Director

Candy Metzger, Administrative Assistant

Tamara Ruiz, Organist

David Rogenmoser, Choir Director

Vickie Souve, Contemporary Worship Leader

Hector & Maria Rivera, Hispanic Ministries

Lea McQuown, Custodian

Evelyn Welker, Housekeeper

Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant

621-4799

aoconnor@aumcgreece.org

621-1904

hgwolter@frontiernet.net

dhansen@aumcgreece.org

716-628-7319

663-6663

rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org

865-0094

ctyler@aumcgreece.org

663-3665

cmetzger@aumcgreece.org

truiz@aumcgreece.org

drogenmoser@aumcgreece.org

vsouve@msn.com

hrivera@aumcgreece.org

msrivera@aumcgreece.org

Aldersgate
United Methodist Church

4115 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14616

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.

U.S. Postage

PAID

Rochester, NY

Permit No. 1208

October 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> 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Fall Work Day 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>2</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7,8) 5:00–7:00 PM MSYF (Ide, YR) 6:00–8:00PM HSYF (Ide, YR)	<i>3</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>4</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (P) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>5</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 Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH)	<i>6</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM AAG Rehearsal (S) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>8</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>9</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7,8) 5:00–7:00 PM MSYF (Ide, YR) 6:00–8:00PM HSYF (Ide, YR)	<i>10 Columbus Day</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>11</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>12</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 Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM Northgate Neighbors (Ide)	<i>13</i> 6:00—9:00 PM Set Up Craft & Collectibles (Ide) 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>14</i> 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Craft & Collectibles Sale (Ide) 6:00 PM AAG Rehearsal (S) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>15</i> 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Craft & Collectibles Sale (Ide) 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
<i>16</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7,8) 5:00–7:00 PM MSYF (YR) 6:00–8:00PM HSYF (YR)	<i>17</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>18</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>19</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 4:30 PM Northgate Neighbors Bd. (4) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (3/4)	<i>20</i> 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM AAG Rehearsal (S) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>22</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>23</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7,8) 5:00–7:00 PM MSYF (Ide, YR) 6:00–8:00PM HSYF (Ide, YR)	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM E&MC (4)	<i>25</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) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:30 PM Investment Club (O)	<i>26</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 Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (3/4)	<i>27</i> 9:00 Hinge (Ide) 5:00 PM Delta Kappa Gamma (Ide) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>28</i> 6:00 PM AAG Rehearsal (S) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>29</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:30 PM Concert (S)
<i>30</i> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7,8) 5:00–8:00 PM Youth Concert 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>31</i> 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)					