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From Your Pastor

"Abraham had faith and it was credited to him as righteousness." Romans 4:5b (CEB)

When I read the above passage, I was reminded again how important it is to trust in God and how faith positively impacts the way I live each day. When I try to rely on myself or someone or something else, I get anxious and worry because deep down I know these things are ultimately not trustworthy. In the beginning and end is God who loves me and wants me to have an abundant life now and forever.

And God is a God of abundance! John the Baptist said that Jesus, "out of the fullness of his grace has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another." An abundance of blessing! (1:16) At a wedding in Canaan, Jesus turned water into wine—six huge jars filled to the brim. The result was an abundance of the best wine. (2:7, 10) When Jesus met the woman at the well, he offered her life giving water gushing up to eternal (abundant) life. (4:14) After Jesus fed 5000 men and their wives and children with only five loaves of barley bread and two fish, his disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers. An abundance of food! Later, Jesus promises that there an abundance of rooms in his father's house. (14:2) It's no wonder that Jesus proclaims of himself, "I came that they many have life and have it abundantly." (10:10) Whether it's wine at a wedding or food in the wilderness there is always more than enough. God's grace, mediated through Christ, is abundant!

Much of the time we tend to base our living on a scarcity mindset. We hoard and save and worry and end up living life in small safe measures. We give in to our fears of not having enough for ourselves rather than exercising faith in God's abundance. I know it is easy to worry and lose sleep when money gets tight. But God invites us to live into a grace-filled, abundant future. It's a timely reminder with our concerns over the economy, our own finances and the finances of the church. In the face of our worries and fears we are challenged to take seriously God's generous offer of life. Jesus doesn't ask for more than we have, but he encourages us to be generous so that he can take what we return to him to do incredible things. We don't need to be afraid to be generous even in this shaky economy when we trust God's abundant grace. After all, God is far more trustworthy than those things in our economy that cause us to worry.

So let us give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but each and every day with glad and generous hearts to our God who abundantly blesses us!

In Christ's abundant love,

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 rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's

Recovering at home: Noel Anderson, Al Antczak, Pauline Ashley, Mavis Beers, Barb Condon, Valerie Eckels, Jerry Jones, Tom Marsh, Nora (Spindler) Miller, George Shukitis

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 John-

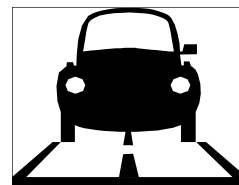
son), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Patty Geier (daughter-in-law of Ed & Shirley Geier), Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Greg Heizyk, Becky Hess, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Vince Jowett (friend of Hal Wagner family), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), 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, Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Craig Michaeloski, 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, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Alan Wiley, Debbie Wolfe, Pat Wolfom (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 Larry VanAllen on the death of his sister, Donna Frederick.



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 December/January *Hinge* are due
November 13th
No Exceptions!

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends,

As we come to the month of November we are reminded of all the reasons we have to be grateful. Personally, I am thankful to be a part of the Aldersgate family and am especially grateful for another year of reasonably good health so that I can still be a part of the great staff here at AUMC. It was a joyous year for Helen and me as we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. Most of all we are thankful for God's grace and mercy that has provided forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

However, there are many things that we take for granted for which we should stop and express our thanks. An article in the Joyful Noiseletter reminds us of this. It is entitled:

Ironic Reasons to be Thankful

"I am thankful ~

- *For the teenager who is not doing dishes but is watching TV, because that means he is at home and not on the streets.*
- *For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.*
- *For the mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.*
- *For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.*
- *For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.*
- *For all complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.*

- *For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.*
- *For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.*
- *For the lady that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.*
- *For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.*
- *For the clothes that fit a bit too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.*
- *For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive."*

Reverend Dale Schoening of Renwick, IA, passed on the above article from the Church of the Damascus Road Flash, publication of the Church of the Damascus Road, which serves the inmate population of the correctional facilities in Fort Dodge and Rockwell City, IA.

Let us all pause and breathe a prayer of Thanksgiving (and forget all our complaints for a little while).

God bless you all,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Memorial Plaque

It is with great pleasure and many thanks that Aldersgate United Methodist Church acknowledges the gift of a Memorial Plaque donated by Pat and Roy Holmes. It is located on the brick wall by the Chapel. If you choose to have a loved one's name engraved on this plaque contact Roy Holmes at 225-2229. The cost is \$5.00, but we will gratefully accept additional donations to our Memorial Fund.

Turn In Your Trick-or-Treat UNICEF Boxes

The children received Trick-or-Treat UNICEF boxes last month during Sunday school. Please turn in your boxes by Sunday, November 6th. Trick or Treat for UNICEF has been a powerful way to make a difference in the lives of the world's children. This is also the last Sunday to bring in your non-perishable/ canned foods for Mission Share. Please place your items in our special basket upstairs near the Sunday school classrooms. Together, we can change the world!

"Read to Feed"

Holy Cow! Our final tally for this summer's Heifer International "Read to Feed" program was \$808.00. We purchased a heifer, llama, chickens and a goat to help families produce food and income. Thank you to all who participated and helped support our children here at Aldersgate with prayers and money. We are changing the world!

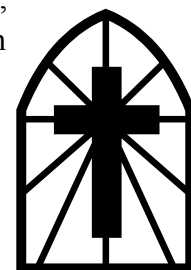
The True Gifts of Christmas: Daily Advent Devotions

The Advent devotionals will be available on Sunday, November 20 in the Gathering space. These devotionals will help you focus on the real gifts of Christmas: Faith, Peace, New Life and Love. The children will be receiving their Advent devotional seek-and-find book in Sunday school. The youth will be receiving a teen Advent calendar.

Christian Education meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 12:15 in Room 4. Hot pizza will be served. Please contact Rhonda or Colleen, if you are planning to attend.

November 20th

The children will be making prayer cards, cross sun catchers, decorating Thanksgiving day placemats, eating homemade popcorn and listening to a story about our first Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 20, during both Sunday school classes. The prayer cards and sun catchers will be given to those people in our church who are homebound, in nursing homes and hospitals.



It's Ladies' Night.... Desserts, Coffee & Tea, Shopping and Talking....Oh what a Night!

On **Tuesday, November 15 from 7-9pm** at the Ide Center. We have wonderful representatives from our church and community that sell Pampered Chef, Avon, Creative Memories, Tastefully Simple, Premier Jewelry, Equal Exchange and Miche Purses. Watch some demos, do some Christmas shopping, eat a delicious dessert or two, and try out some new blends of tea and coffee. This is also a fundraising event for our church. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board or just see Rhonda/Colleen for more information and if you would like to attend this fun evening. Bring a friend too.

Aldersgate Youth Fellowship News

[NOT] Aldersgate

...

not about us.

What happens when you put iodine in water then add bleach?

What happens when you microwave a bar of Ivory soap on high for 90 seconds?

What happens when you put a block of ice on a hot griddle?

David Kinnaman, President of the Barna church research group, has a new book out called *You Lost Me* about why young people are leaving the church and rethinking their faith. He found that one of the things driving young adults away from church is the church's failure to embrace science and be relevant to the careers emerging adults are pursuing. In other words, Christianity is too anti-science and is irrelevant to real life. We can fix this in two ways:

First, show our young people how to serve Christ in any occupation they choose. And, second, show them a kind of Christian faith that isn't hostile to math and science. We can experience God in profound ways through the study of the physical world and our natural environment.

In youth fellowship we did the experiments above (try them if you really want the answers) as illustrations to learn something about God, but also to see how science and faith might go together. That might just matter to our young people as they explore careers and discern God's call on their lives. Let's remember that.

**In Christ,
Derek Hansen
Youth Director**

What's going on in November?

4 - AYF LIVE!, 7-9pm (Ide)

6 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)

12 - Speaker: Kristen Anderson, 7:30pm (Sanctuary)

18-19 - Fall Youth Gathering, Rochester

20 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)

27 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)



Fall Youth Gathering

We are attending the Upper New York Conference Fall Youth Gathering at the Radisson Riverside Hotel in Rochester on November 18-19. Our goal is to have eight or more students from Aldersgate go.

Youth gatherings are excellent opportunities for our young people to worship and fellowship with other United Methodist students. Please consider giving to contribute to the cost of our participation in this and future events. Checks are payable to Aldersgate UMC Youth Account. Thank you!



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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Barr	November 4
Amanda Farrell	November 4
Larry VanAllen	November 4
John Simm	November 7
Sandi Norris	November 8
Carolyn Gilson	November 9
Tommy Maggio	November 9
Michelle Peck	November 11
Natalie Bock	November 11
Fred Hild	November 13

John Best	November 16
Natalie Bock	November 16
Bill Burdick	November 18
Betty Hild	November 18
Suzanne Spicer	November 18
John Cook	November 18
Richard Caupp	November 19
Lindsay DeBellis	November 19
Ann Christie	November 20
Andrea Peeck	November 20
Jan Winter	November 21

Tamara Gilzow-Kephart	November 24
Rachel Carstens	November 25
Eric Rex	November 25
Jill Michaloski	November 26
Trey Keller	November 26
Shirley Tschorke	November 27
Scott Rice	November 28
Laura Wagner	November 30
Diane Haschmann	November 30



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kurt & Robin Lindeman

November 21

Hispanic Ministry at Aldersgate

This new ministry is underway. Demographic studies show that about 6 % who live in a three mile radius of the church are of Hispanic/Latino descent and the number is growing. A team of people from the Emmanuel United Methodist Church has started a Bi-lingual Bible Study on Friday nights to help reach these neighbors for Christ. They meet in Room 8 at 7 PM. We are hoping the Bible Study will grow until they have enough people to hold a Bi-lingual worship service. This would be in addition to our current Contemporary and Traditional services. In the meantime, the team will worship with us about once a month. They also have a team of youth who do dance and puppet ministries and practice on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall. A couple of our young people are joining them in this ministry. We are working with them to put on an outreach program on December 10. Watch the December newsletter for more information.

If you have questions about this new ministry please ask Pastor Anne or one of the members of the Church Council.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Creating decorative holiday baskets for shut-ins will be the project at the next General Meeting of Aldersgate United Methodist Women.

This project will replace our annual gift of poinsettia plants. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be collecting appropriate items to fill the baskets, items such as small devotional books, stamps, notepaper, postcards, tea (regular or herbal) tissues, socks, fragrance-free lotion, bookmarks, and hand sanitizer. All baskets will not be alike, and the list above is not intended to be comprehensive. If you would like to donate some items you think are appropriate, put them in the large basket on the Missions Counter.

You are also welcome to attend the meeting that morning. It will start at 9:00 AM with a continental breakfast. (Perhaps we'll just nibble all the way through the meeting.) After the baskets are completed, we will need to hold a business meeting to make decisions on our end-of year giving. We do hope to finish before bell choir meets at 11:00 AM. Be sure to sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we are prepared with a setting for you.

LATEST BOOK IN POPULAR SERIES CHOSEN BY READING CIRCLE

Precious Ramotswa, Botswana's No. 1 Lady Detective, is back at work investigating the mysterious killing of two cows at a remote cattle post south of Gaborone. In the meantime she and her intrepid assistant both see her dear old white van that they had thought was irretrievably junked. And will the engagement of her assistant to Phuti Radiphuti finally end in marriage? Alexander McCall Smith will answer these questions and others before the end of *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*, the latest in his popular No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series.

Pick up a copy of the book in the Church Library to read and plan to come to Reading Circle on Thursday, November 3, at 1:00 PM to enjoy an uplifting and cheerful afternoon discussion of a delightful book. A hostess will prepare light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772) for more information.



MORNING CIRCLE CONTINUES TRADITION OF INTERFAITH SOFREH

On Tuesday, November 15, we will celebrate



Thanksgiving with our Iranian friends, Muslim, Bahai, and Christian. Bring a dish to pass and a prayer to share.

Gather with us at 11:00 AM in the Ide Center to share our Thanksgiving thoughts and prayers and enjoy fellowship together. We will be talking

about how to make school bags, baby quilts, and pillowcase dresses in the hope of developing a project we can work on together.

Please sign up on the Opportunities Board by Sunday, November 13.

HOW MANY KITS?

Boxes of kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief assembled at the General Meeting on September 22 were delivered to Cortland United Methodist Church, which hosts the Hands of Hope HUB for Mission Central. The 163 school kits, 166 health kits, 45 layette kits and leftover supplies filled the Hughes van so full that at one point Gretchen thought she might have to stay home! Many hands made that very welcome load possible—those who brought in supplies, those who assembled them, including the youth who joined us, and those who helped load the van.

Have you ever wondered how many kits we have put together over the years for the United Methodist Committee on Relief? In 2003 we started with 16 school kits and 25 health kits, inspired by a couple from Springville that had been volunteering at the UMCOR warehouse in Louisiana for many years. We have put together school and health kits every year since in increasing numbers. In 2005 and 2010 we put health kits together twice to respond to specific catastrophic events.

Including this year's delivery, in nine years we have sent 1055 school kits and 1161 health kits to UMCOR, a most impressive number. Last year we added layettes to respond to the earthquake in Haiti, and have now sent along a total of 95 layette kits.

With each kit we are helping to change the world. How many can we do next year?

ORDER KELLY'S FARM PIES TO BENEFIT NEXT GREECE HABITAT PROJECT

We are taking orders now through Sunday, November 20, for our annual Thanksgiving Habitat Pie Sale. The 10-inch pies from Kelly's Farm in Hilton come in four varieties: **apple crumb, apple-raspberry, pumpkin, and apple cranberry.** They weigh 4.5 lbs. and cost just \$14.50 each. **A two-pound dish of apple crisp** will also be offered for sale for \$11.00. You can **sign up** for the pies and/or loaf of Apple Crisp **on the Opportunities Board.** Please put your check for your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Orders must be paid for in advance.



Pick up for the pies will be at the church on **Tuesday, November 22, from 4:00-6:00 PM** so that you can pick them up on your way home from work. Pies not picked up will be left in the kitchen with your name on them.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE SUPPORTS MISSIONS COMMITMENTS

After you vote on **November 8**, be sure to stop by the church to see what is available. You may even want to come in more than once because new pies and cookies have a way of appearing throughout the day. Aldersgate bake sales are popular for good reason: the food is good! Christmas crafts will also be available for sale. The sale will open with the polls in the morning and continue until all is sold or it's 6:30 PM.

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

DON'T FORGET THE USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED AT GREECE UMC

If you have clothing you want to give away and can't wait for the annual rummage sale in June, remember that there is a St. Paul's Drop-Off Shed at Greece United Methodist Church on Maiden Lane near Long Pond Road. The proceeds benefit Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity.



They accept all clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. To keep your donations dry, please put them in plastic bags. Receipts for your dona-

tions are available at the shed. The clothing is sent to people who can use it all over the US and the World.

Please do **NOT** leave rags, fabric scraps, pillows, toys or household goods. They do not cut up the clothing they receive or sell rags and these items just create a disposal hardship and additional expense. Kathy Peck is the representative from Aldersgate who takes a week in rotation with the other churches in checking the shed. If she sees items that do not belong, she has to take them to the church dumpster for disposal.

Your donations are providing a small but steady income toward building the next house in 2012. Even our castaways can make a difference!

OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM UM PASTOR FROM UGANDA

The Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church has been partnering with **Community UMC in Uganda** since 2009, first raising money to sponsor a water tank for the orphanage they host, then providing doors and windows for their worship building because it had been used at night for drugs and prostitution. A member of their church has visited there and now **Pastor Samuel Magumba** is here in Upper New York Conference to learn and to explore the opportunity for new partnerships with other churches.

We have invited him to speak and share lunch **at Aldersgate on Tuesday, November 22, from 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM in the Ide Center** (between the two small groups that meet that day). Everyone interested and free at that time is welcome to participate. There will be no charge. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we are prepared for your attendance.

Don't miss this chance to hear from Christians in Africa, where Christianity is growing faster than anywhere else in the world.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY NOVEMBER 27

Thanks to gifts on United Methodist Student Day, students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities can receive scholarships and loans. Our gifts add up to make a world of difference for young people preparing for a life of service. Please be generous.

For more information about United Methodist scholarships and loans, ask in the church office.

The following items are missing from the Church Library. Please look around your house for the items below. Parents, your children have also checked out books, DVD's, and VCR videos. Thank You.

Adult Books Missing from the Library

One Tuesday Morning by Kingsbury, Karen
Nicolae by LaHaye, Tim
Tribulation Force (copy 2) by LaHaye, Tim
Right Next Door by Macomber, Debbie
Legacy by Michener, James A.
Love Finds You in Lahaina Hawaii by Thoene, Bodie
When the Soul Mends by Woodsmall, Cindy
The Lord's Horsemen: John Wesley the Man by Lee, Umphrey
The Pocket Story of John Wesley by Sauer, Charles A.
Stargely Warmed: The Amazing Life of John Wesley by Lean, Garth
John Wesley: A Personal Portrait by Waller, Ralph
Children at War by Singer, P. W.
The Problem of Pain by Lewis, C. S.
Heaven is for Real (copy 1) by Burpo, Todd
The Power of A Whisper by Hybels, Bill
A Second Touch by Miller, Keith
United Methodism at Risk, A Wake-Up Call by Howell, Leon
God in the Alley by Paul, Greg
Games Christians Play by Culbertson, Judi and Bard, Patti

Simulcast

Change; A Live Simulcast Event—Tape 1
Change; A Live Simulcast Event—Tape 2

Children's Books Missing from the Library

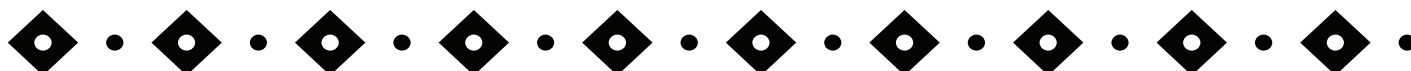
Henry Huggins by Cleary, Beverly
Helen Keller by Davidson, Margaret
P. S. Longer Letter Later by Danzieger, Paula
Raising Dragons (Book 1 in a series) by Davis, Bryan
A Journey to the New World by KLasky, Kathryn
Peanut Butter and Jelly Secrets by Levene, Nancy S.
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by Lewis, C. S.
Dewey, the Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Myron, Vicki
The Pail of Nails by Savitz, Harriet, May and Syring, K. Michael
What Would Jesus Do?

DVD's

Miracle Dogs
Veggie Tales: The Ballard of Little Joe

VCR Videos

Veggie Tales, Jonah, A Veggie Tales Movie



CRAFT SHOW REPORT

Thanks to all your efforts we had a most successful Crafts & Collectibles Show on October 13 & 14. We sold out of baked goods before 3:00 PM on Saturday and sales for lunch and at the church craft booth were up significantly over last year. After all expenses were paid, we had net proceeds of \$1,565.57, which will be divided between the UMW and the Missions Committee.. The Missions Committee will be using the money to complete our commitments to Mission Share and to Ganta Hospital in Liberia. The UMW will decide their end-of year giving at the November 19 meeting.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 14 – Sew 'n Sews, 1:00 PM, Room 1.

December 1 – Reading Circle, 1:00 PM, *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans

**Come to Aldersgate Night at
APPLEBEE'S on Ridge Rd.**

Monday, November 7

4:00-9:00 pm

**Applebee's donates 10% of the food
receipts we collect to our Building
Fund.**

Lots to the Tots

(www.lotstothetots.vpweb.com)

Sunday, November 13 from 1—4 PM

At Lake Shore Country Club

\$5 Presale; \$10 at the Door

Event will include appetizers, beverages, door prizes and
live music.

Browse the tables of the Sponsors and get a start on your
Holiday Shop by helping a great cause!

Help Bring Holiday Joy to Children in Need.

See, call or e-mail Laura Acciaio for tickets or information
(746-0260, wigglywarriors@yahoo.com)

Bring a toy to donate.

SAVE THE DATE! Sleigh Bells are Ringing!

A Multicultural Intergenerational Advent Cele-
bration here at Aldersgate on Saturday, December
10, 2011 at 3:00p.m.

Aldersgate Actors Guild presents

ALDERSGATE CABLE TV CHRISTMAS PRO- GRAMS

*With a special newscast, a visit to
discovery channel, old testament and new testament
programs!*

You won't want to Miss This !!

**December 2 and 3
Watch for Pizza Night and Dinner details!**

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, November 19

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.



24th ANNUAL AUCTION IS COMING UP!

Lake United Methodist Church will again be joining
us to sponsor our Annual Auction on **Friday, November 11,**
which is coming up quickly. To start the evening, the ever-
popular **spaghetti and meatball supper** will be served promptly
at **6:00 PM** with a basic but filling menu that includes a salad
and dessert. Since it will be Veteran's Day, we will take a few
moments at 7:00 PM to recognize the commitment our men and
women in the service have made to our country; then start the
auction. Auctioneers will be from our congregations.

Aldersgate proceeds again this year will be divided
between Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity and our own
Building Fund. Greece Habitat plans to build another house in
Rochester in 2012. Lake UMC will receive the funds from the
sale of items they donate. A successful auction can make a dif-
ference to all.

Please think now about your contributions. We are
looking for **good quality items, gift certificates, baked goods
(or the promise thereof), services**—anything you think some-
one else might want. We need 80-100 items for a successful
auction. Donation forms are available each week in the bulletin,
or contact **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822 or fgughes76@frontiernet.net) to let her know what you plan to bring.

We also will have a **silent auction table** for items val-
ued under \$10 and items that come in at the last minute. This
worked very well last year and turned out to be especially inter-
esting to the young people that attended. However, it is open to
everyone, and you can start your bidding as soon as you arrive.

The spaghetti supper costs just \$5.00. The sign-up
sheets for the dinner are on the bulletin board now. Even though
we try to advertise in the bulletin each week what's coming in,
you never know what you may find that you just can't live with-
out! You know how people like to wait until the last minute!

Plan now to come
and to bring your friends. We have testimony from at least one
visitor who has come for several years that this is the best spa-
ghetti and meatball supper around. The auction itself is always
highly entertaining. Don't miss it!

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR OWN MEMBERS IN FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION

Having set up a program to help Rick LaDue pursue his seminary training earlier, in 2006 the Church Council established a **Ministerial Education Support Fund** to help both Doug Hess and Philip Vitullo during their years at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Both have graduated, and we again have two members of our congregation studying in seminary-- **Cori Loudon** and **Derek Hansen**. That we continue to have people from our midst who have heard God's call for ordained ministry is an honor. We need to do all we can to support them in their endeavors. Your gifts to this fund any time during the year can be used toward tuition, books, and other required supplies

We also have had a fund for many years to support adult singles active in our congregation who are enrolled in accredited degree programs and who need additional financial assistance. Although we haven't had an applicant in a number of years, the **S.O.L.O. Scholarship Fund** remains active and available. Since the program was established, we have given three scholarships.

Your gifts to help these funds grow will pay dividends for God's kingdom. Please make your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and mark it either "**Ministerial Education**" or "**S.O.L.O. Scholarship.**"

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PROGRAM STARTED

When you received your pledge card in the mail a couple of weeks ago you found with it a form to begin Electronic Funds Transfer. Many of you have been receiving your paychecks through direct deposits and have been paying your regular bills this way for some time, and some of you already make charitable contributions to organizations you strongly support with regular monthly deductions from your credit cards or bank accounts. You just find it easier to have regular transfers made automatically than to remember to write checks. Please note that with this form, you can start transferring funds designated for **either our regular ministries and/or the Building Fund** in December or January by filling it out and returning it to our Financial Secretary, Jan Winter. Put it in the offering plate or mail it back to the church with a voided check. Canandaigua National Bank, where we hold our church accounts, will handle the process.

SAINTS ALIVE! DO WE HAVE YOUR PLEDGE?

On Sunday, October 23, many of us walked forward during the worship service to place our cards before the Lord to pledge our commitments to give financial support to the ministries at Aldersgate in 2012. We realize that not everyone can be at church on a given Sunday. And sometimes if the moment passes, it's easy to forget something we planned to do.

It's not too late to put your pledge in the church offering next Sunday or to mail it to the church office. The more information the Church Council and staff have as we prepare the budget for next year at the November 17 meeting, the better we can plan. As a matter of fact, we do accept pledges year round from new members and others; but don't use that as an excuse to put it off! Keep in mind that this pledge is for support of our regular ministries throughout the year—pastors, music, Christian Education, youth, small groups, upkeep of our facilities, etc. There is also a place on the card where you can make a pledge toward paying the mortgage on our facilities if you have not done so previously.

For several years now our world has been going through a difficult patch economically, and Aldersgate has not been unaffected. However, we have been very blessed here by God's faithfulness in supplying our needs through your generous living and giving. We truly believe that we are about doing God's work in this world and that he will never fail us. We have a God who keeps promises. How can we not honor him with our gifts and service when he has been so good to us?

If you are not ready to take this step now, this will not be your only chance. We will mail copies of the form several times a year when we send your Report of Giving. You may also stop or make changes by the same process.

For those not interested, we will continue to provide envelopes for your weekly offering and the plate will be passed at worship services. Your giving for special offerings or projects will still have to be delivered in the traditional way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jan at 225-4927 or jwinter@frontiernet.net.

Counting What Matters

*"And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks through Him to God the Father."*

Colossians 3:17

Missions! We are being challenged to be a missional church and this article is intended to make you aware of some of the opportunities available at Aldersgate. Our missions committee meets throughout the year and makes decisions about the designation of some of our special offerings such as the Christmas and Easter offerings which have usually been designated to help meet our commitment to our covenant missionary, Meri Whitaker, and also to support the work of Gateway-Longview in Buffalo. Some members have headed special efforts and developed a group of volunteers for specific ministries such as Angel Food. This has been a blessing to many people and has created a special fellowship among the helpers and has been an excellent outreach and witness to our community. We were sorry that this ministry is no longer in operation, and we are looking for other ways to serve.

Missions committee meetings are open to anyone and we welcome new ideas. Upcoming opportunities will be for people to help in the Election Day bake sale, a missions committee fundraiser. You can also help in our annual arts and crafts show, since half of the proceeds go to missions. Crop Walk is also an annual event and Aldersgate walkers have consistently raised around \$1000 a year and 25% of the funds are donated to the Greece Food Shelf, another agency that has many volunteer opportunities, either working in stocking the shelves or volunteering to deliver food or working in the clothing ministry. So far this year we have collected 1308 lbs. of food for them. We also welcome volunteers to help at Mission Share in similar capacities. Mission Share has also started a Pregnancy Care Center and is beginning a literacy training program as well.

We are a connectional church. This means we are not only connected to other United Methodist churches, but have strong connections with other churches and agencies working together to help people in our community. Mission Share and Catholic Family Center give us the names of needy families for our Christmas White Gifts program and we have an initial commitment to help 16 families and will probably add more. There are many ways to help with White Gifts by donating, buying or wrapping gifts and delivering them to families. Through our participation in the Greece Churches Habitat Coalition, we plan to build a house in 2012 and will need volunteers to help with fundraisers and also with construction when the time arrives. We will keep you posted on the progress. Together the churches have a goal of raising \$65,000 and we are well on our way. The collection from the coin boxes at Lent are proof that a little can add up to a lot very quickly. Small donations also go a long way, for instance we are able to sponsor two students at Ganta School in Liberia for only \$250, which provides for their tuition, books and uniforms.

We have supported a mission trip to Cincinnati the past year and have heard the reports of the participants and have been impressed with the involvement of our youth.

We have worked together with Emmanuel United Methodist Church to provide filled back packs for their back to school outreach, and it was because of our connection with Mission Share that they were able to purchase the backpacks at cost. Fiesta Latina, our chicken and ribs barbeque, has helped us get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ at Emmanuel and the funds we have raised through this joint effort have gone to support district projects and also helped with their backpack outreach.

This is not intended to be a litany of things we have done or in any way to pat ourselves on the back. It is intended to make you aware of some of the ministries our church is involved in, things you can join. Our recent study "Change the World" challenges us to take advantage of the opportunities that come before us. One of the points of the story of the Good Samaritan is that the Samaritan did not have to go out of his way to find someone to help; the man was right there in front of him.

Steven Curtis Chapman has a new release called "Do Everything." The Scripture at the beginning is just one of many Scriptures that inspired him. If you would like to hear the song, just type in "Steven Curtis Chapman" on your computer. It's worth listening to. Even the ordinary things we do can be acts of worship when we "do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

"Counting What Matters:--As a child I was taught that only what is done for Christ will last. In the weeks ahead, I would like us to be mindful of the things we do for Christ, maybe even write them down and see what portion of your time is spent like this, again not for the purpose of giving yourself credit, but just for being aware of opportunities and responding to what Jesus is calling you to do or say in any situation. Let this be your offering of praise to Him for what He has done.

Dear Sally,

In the next couple of months I have to take another Required Minimum Distribution from my IRA. Just a few years ago I was able to make a **tax-free rollover gift to the church** by having the money sent directly to the church. It worked out well for me. Can I still do that?

Always Looking for an Angle

Dear Always Looking,

You're in luck! When Congress finally acted on their fiscal bills at the very end of last year, the provision allowing Charitable IRA Rollovers was included effective for just two years—last year and this one. Unfortunately, by the time the bill passed, most people had taken their Required Minimum Distributions. If you get the money first, you can't make the donation tax-free for you. However, we do have this year—and as far as we know, **ONLY** this year.

The rules are these:

1. You must be at least age 70 1/2 and transfer the funds directly to Aldersgate by December 31, 2011. You must arrange to have the money sent by your IRA administrator by wire transfer or a check cut payable to Aldersgate UMC.

2. Gifts are limited to \$100,000. (A married couple with separate IRA's could give up to \$200,000).

3. The gift counts toward your IRA minimum distribution if you haven't already taken it.

The transfer is tax-free and is not included in your adjusted gross income; consequently, there is no charitable income tax deduction allowed either.

A donation directly from your IRA can help you and help the church. Just don't wait until the last minute. Consult with your IRA administrator and allow time for the paperwork to go through.

Don't feel bad either for "looking for an angle." I figure this comes under the second two rules John Wesley gave us for handling money. (The first was "Earn all you can. I figure you may have already done that.) The second rule is "Save all you can," and the third is "Give all you can." There's certainly no harm in taking advantage of a plan that Uncle Sam set up allowing us to do just that! Thank you for thinking of our church.

Always looking for an angel!

Sally Stewardship

WHITE GIFTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Helping Needy Families for 41 Years

Help Make a Difference!

The Aldersgate tradition of providing Christmas dinner and gifts for needy families will continue this year. We intend to provide help to at least 16 families. Listed below are some of the ways that you can help make this a special Christmas for those families.

How can you help?

MONETARY DONATIONS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY - Money will be provided from the White Gifts general funds. You have the rewarding assignment of personally shopping and delivering to your "family." Suggested guidelines will be provided for you.

SPONSOR-A-FAMILY - (Full responsibility for a needy family).

Just like the "Adopt-A-Family" option except that you fully sponsor the cost of the food and gifts. Expect to spend between \$300-\$400 for food and gifts for an average size recipient family. *You may want to share this project with other Aldersgate families, co-workers, neighbors, or friends and split the expense.*

PURCHASE GROCERIES FOR A FAMILY – Money can be provided from the White Gifts general funds

PURCHASE CLOTHING OR TOYS – Money can be provided from the White Gifts general funds

DELIVER GROCERIES AND GIFTS – The groceries and gifts will be provided for you to deliver to a needy family.

Plan Now!

Speak to Jan or Tracy Winter at church or contact them by phone at 225-4927 for more information and to volunteer in this very rewarding venture as soon as possible. You may also e-mail Jan at jwinter@frontiernet.net.

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/6	Jan Rothfuss	Nancy Young
11/13	Paul Brown	Holly Deutsch
11/20	Bobbi Mohrmann	Suzanne Unell
11/27	Allison McHugh	Gege Dunn

ACOLYTES

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

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/6	Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss Karen Rice	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
11/13	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	John & Karen Best Walt Dunn Nancy Bader
11/20	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
11/27	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Vince Acciaio

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