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# Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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## From Your Pastor

By now I hope you have picked up a copy of this year's Lenten devotional, *Journey to the Cross: 40 days of discovery*. Spiritual disciplines are important all the time, but are a particular emphasis of the season of Lent which calls us to walk with Jesus through his suffering and death so we can fully appreciate and celebrate his resurrection on Easter. This year in addition to Bible reading, reflection, and prayer, there is an opportunity to write your reflections. I encourage you to do that and then at the end of Lent look back over what you've written. It will help you more clearly hear what God is saying to you. Also as we consider Jesus' suffering, death, and ultimately his resurrection, we are reminded that even in the face of uncertain times, troubles, illness, and death, we have hope and assurance that God is with us and will see us through.

In addition to personal study and reflection, corporate worship is important to a growing and vital relationship with God in Christ. I know there are lots of things that pull us in other directions on Sunday morning, but I encourage you to make attending worship a priority for God's sake and for yours.

Other spiritual disciplines to consider practicing during Lent are fasting (it could be refraining from food for a day each week, from chocolate for six weeks, or from something like watching TV or playing computer games), service (taking time to help out somewhere that you normally wouldn't), giving (making an additional monetary gift to the work of God through the church), and witness (staying open to and taking opportunities to share the difference a relationship with Jesus makes in your life). As we do these things that John Wesley called, "means of grace," our lives will be transformed. We will enjoy a deeper and more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ and discover the true joy of following and serving the Lord.

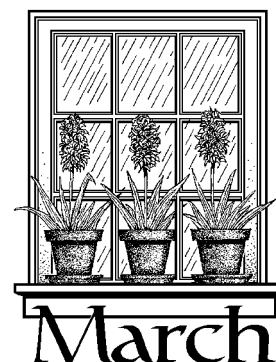
That is my prayer for each of us this season.

Blessings and prayers,

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.**

**Recovering at home:** Mavis Beers, Frances Crabtree, Valerie Eckels, Chitie Edgett, Tom Marsh, Debbie Simm, Tom Simons, Nancy Young

**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), Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug &

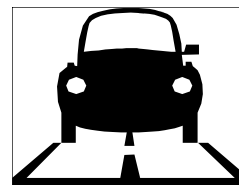
Nancy Jones), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Stella Gagliano, Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Greg Heizyk, Becky Hess, David Hogestyn (son of Dean & Jackie Hogestyn), Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Vince Jowett (friend of Hal 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), Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Mark Payton, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Barbara Robinson, Bill Shirk (friend of Evelyn Welker), John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, Mark

Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Allan Wiley, Debbie Wolfe

**Our home-bound:** John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

**Nursing Homes/Living Centers:** Al Antczak – Episcopal Church Home; Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Mavis Beers, Ted Coburn – Villages; Malcolm Beers, Phoebe Brown - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; John Hayashi, Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands; Evie Souve – LeRoy Village Green

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Wendy, Mike & Nathan Dunn on the death of Jean Frey; to Kathy Pearson and family on the death of her husband, Craig Michaloski, to Jane and Tim Kilmer and family on the death of Larry Kilmer; to Al & Nona Antczak on the death of their daughter, Linda Ianni; and to June Rowsam



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 April Hinge are due**  
**March 15**

# From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

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Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends,

As we face the Lenten season, we need to think not only of things to give up for Lent but of how God can use each of us.

An item in the *Joyful Noiseletter* would remind us anew.

## *God Can Use Anybody*

*The next time you feel like God can't use you, remember:*

- *Sarah was too old to have a baby!*
- *Isaac was a daydreamer!*
- *Jacob was a liar!*
- *Leah was ugly!*
- *Joseph was abused!*
- *Moses stuttered!*
- *Gideon was a coward!*
- *Samson was a womanizer!*
- *Rahab was a prostitute!*
- *Jeremiah was too young!*
- *David was an adulterer!*
- *Elijah was suicidal!*
- *Isaiah preached naked!*
- *Jonah ran from God!*
- *Job went bankrupt!*
- *Peter denied Jesus three times!*
- *The disciples fell asleep while praying!*
- *Martha was a worrywart!*
- *Mary Magdalene was possessed!*
- *Zaccheus was too small!*
- *Paul was a bigot!*
- *Timothy was just a kid!*

What is your excuse? Yes, God wants to use you for His glory!

Blessings on you,

Jerry Wolter  
Visitation Pastor

## **Thank You**

Thank you for all the many cards, thoughts and prayers, and expressions of sympathy and concern at the time of my mother's passing. All the kindness and support is comforting.

Louretta Teasdale

## THANK YOU

We *flipped* out with all the pancakes that were made and eaten on Shrove Tuesday! Thank you for coming out on Tuesday evening and showing your support for our Sunday school and the Flower City Work Programs. A special thank you to our crew of skilled pancake makers, prep workers, and servers: Ken Rex & Nancy Rex, Mike Simonelli, Mike Smith, Gordon Spicer, and Nancy Bader, Bobbi Mohrmann, Amanda Farrell, Nick Spicer, and Chris Withey.

The new **SPARK FAMILY** “Discover God’s Call” issue is in. This magazine has so many Bible stories and activities. Pick one up for your family today!

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

This year’s Lenten Devotional book is titled, “**Journey to the Cross: Days of Discovery.**” Adults and teens will be able to read, pray, and journal about who Jesus is, why he came, and what his resurrection means for us.

Each Sunday school family will also be given a “Journey to the Cross” activity magnet set for your refrigerator at home along with family devotions to accompany the set. Pick up your study journal today. They are located on a table in the Gathering space.



*“It’s going to be a cool, cool summer....learning about Jesus.”*

Our **CAMPING catalogs** have arrived for spring and summer! A poster is hanging up on the main bulletin board. Scholarships are available for any child wanting to attend one of the many summer Christian camps. There are also many retreats and family weekends listed in these catalogs as well. Check it out!

**A new Veggie Tales Movie! Sunday School Event:** VeggieTales Robin Good and His Not-So-Merry Men movie matinee & popcorn in March. *Robin Good Has a mission-fundraising from the rich and giving to the poor! But when a greedy Prince starts stealing the townspeople’s hams, donations are down and Robin’s band of friends desert him to give robbing a try. Can Robin overcome his hurt, show his friends what’s right and restore the townspeople’s hope?* More information will be sent home with children in Sunday school.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

Mary Sims	March 3	Barbara Robinson	March 13	Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Roger Ridley	March 4	Dave Cosman	March 16	Bill Peeck	March 27
Phoebe Brown	March 5	Jamie Manfredi	March 16	Connie Gomez	March 27
Scott Wagner	March 7	John Groves	March 17	Patricia Forbes	March 28
Don Ruggles	March 7	John Shukitis	March 17	Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Brendan Houser	March 7	Kyle Brown	March 17	Michael McHugh	March 28
Dan Rothfuss	March 9	Alene VanPutte	March 18	Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Steve Tyler	March 9	Sarah Roza	March 20	Kwame Edusel	March 29
Robert Winter	March 10	Sylvia Lynch	March 22	Paul Brown	March 30
Chitie Edgett	March 10	Aidan Byrnes	March 22	Gordon Spicer	March 30
Gerald Wolter	March 12	Frances Crabtree	March 23	Bill Tschorke	March 31
Gloria Montgomery	March 13	Andrea Rex	March 26		



John & Marilyn Sobus	March 18
James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances VanKouwenberg	March 24

### PARKING REMINDER:

Please pay attention when you are going in and out of the parking lot (one way north to the Lake and one way south to Meadowbriar). and how you park your car. Please do not pull through any of the parking spots. Thank You!



**MARCH 29 GENERAL MEETING ON PROJECT CHACOCENTE**

Mary Anderson (yes, Ted Anderson, our District Superintendent is her husband) will speak at the next General Meeting on Project Chacocente. The Genesee Valley District has been sending a group to Nicaragua every year to work with people who live and make their living in the city dump near the capital, Managua, to the clean air of Masaya, a village some distance away. Families helped by Chacocente sign a five-year commitment to learn to read and write and to learn job skills. Chacocente works with them to develop their abilities. With unemployment in Nicaragua at 65-70%, it is important that people there become skilled enough to take advantage of whatever opportunities to work that exist. If you plan to attend this meeting, you may want to check out [www.OutoftheDump.org](http://www.OutoftheDump.org).

The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with our traditional soup, salad, and dessert supper (just \$3.00 payable at the door) followed by the speaker. The business meeting will be held after the main program. This is also the meeting at which we bring our Thank Offerings. (We don't think we have to wait until November to be thankful.)

Please sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we are prepared with a place set for you. It will be a busy evening, but one that will give us insight into what it means to help "the least of these."

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER SELECTED BY READING CIRCLE**

*Half the Sky* by *NY Times* reporters Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn was on the list of top ten bestsellers for a number of weeks, a real accomplishment for a serious book about women's issues. Told through the experiences of a real woman Kristof and Wu Dunn encountered in each country they visited in their research, the issues women face around the world come to life. As discouraging as the problems are, the authors do describe how the problems are being addressed and list specific ways readers can help.



Copies of the book are available in the Church Library on a shelf to the left of the desk. Please sign the book out on the clipboard nearby.

Join us at **1:00 PM** in the Church Library on **Thursday, March 1**. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Members of the group serve light refreshments each month. If you have any questions, please call Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED SPONSOR ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year's World Day of Prayer Event will be held on **Friday, March 2**, at 1:30 PM at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams Street, Rochester 14608. **The Rev. Margaret Scott, Pastor of Fairport United Methodist Church**, will reflect on the theme, "**Let Justice Prevail.**" Conversation and refreshments will follow the worship service at 2:30 PM. No reservations are required, but there is a \$3.00 registration fee at the door. Consider carpooling with friends.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL B'RITH KODESH INTERFAITH EVENT**

The Temple B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood invites the women of Aldersgate to join them in celebrating the 51<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 14**, to hear a **panel of women religious leaders** from different faiths, **including the Rev. Susan Shafer, pastor of Asbury First UMC**. The program begins at 11:00 AM. You are asked to bring your own non-meat lunch, and the Sisterhood will provide fruit, dessert, and beverages. There is no charge for the program, but reservations are helpful. Please call 244-7060, x233 in advance if possible so that they can be prepared for your participation.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN HUMORISTS STRIKE AGAIN!**

By now we have all seen at least one Chonda Pierce video with her down-home take on Southern Baptist Christianity (not so different that we can't relate), but Anita Renfro may be less familiar. "Two Thumbs Up! The Best of Anita Renfro (so far . . .)" will entertain and delight us at the **March 13 Morning Circle** meeting. Her "Momisms" delivered to the William Tell Overture at the end of the video is not to be missed!

Join Morning Circle at 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Everyone who enjoys a good laugh is welcome.

### LENTEN COIN BOXES TO SUPPORT FIFTH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT

Members of the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity received word in February that their **fifth house** will likely be at **116 Whitney Street**, not far from the last project on Campbell Street. The scheduled start date is **August 8**.

To continue our support of the new project, **Habitat Coin Boxes** will be **distributed** once again on Sunday, **February 25**, for you to collect your spare change throughout Lent. If you are not in church when the boxes are distributed, additional boxes will be available on the Mission Counter or from the Church Office for as long as they last. Please put the boxes in a handy location in your home so that you can drop your change in the box on a regular basis. Those small coins add up to substantial support when we all participate! We will **collect** the boxes on the Sunday after Easter, **April 15**.

**Ray Poling** has agreed to head up Aldersgate involvement with the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity. He has taken responsibility for our turn to check the St. Pauly's Textiles shed at Greece UMC and started attending the monthly coalition meetings. He will be leading the effort to sign up volunteers to build the house when we get nearer the construction date.

We wish to thank **Kathy Peck**, who has been checking the shed for Aldersgate since it was opened up over a year ago. Kathy has since become a volunteer counselor for Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center at Mission Share.

Habitat homes make a real difference in stabilizing communities and improving the quality of life for both the new homeowners and the neighborhood. Recent statistics show that Habitat homeowners stay in their homes, and their children are significantly more likely to complete high school and to attend college than comparable families. Concentrating rebuilding in a single neighborhood drives out drug dealers and drives down crime in general, lifting the whole neighborhood. Please help us by supporting this ministry with your gifts and prayers.

### BROWN BAG SUNDAY MARCH 11

Because the requests for food at the Greece Food Shelf continues to be especially high, the Missions Committee last fall decided to hold quarterly Brown Bag Sundays. Although donations can be brought to the church at any time—and many do so—these special emphases bring in substantially more just because of the attention. The committee has designated March 11 as Brown Bag Sunday for this first quarter. Bags will be distributed the Sunday before to remind you to shop for non-perishable food products that week. Donations by cash or check payable to *Aldersgate United Methodist Church* designated for the **Greece Food Shelf** are also welcome. Those funds are used to supply fresh food items. Both food donations and cash gifts count toward the goal of our Upper New York Annual Conference to feed 1,000,000 people this year.

Your generosity to your neighbors will be gratefully received.

### KEEP UMCOR WORKING THRU “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”

“‘Oh, my poor children, they will become orphans soon!’ This was the painful response from Dalita, a mother of three children who learned she was HIV positive during a voluntary HIV testing event in Armenia. She is now living a healthier life, thanks to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) office in Armenia, which provided Dalita with counseling, support and antiretroviral medication.” (From UM Communications)

**Sunday, March 18**, has been designated as the date for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, the special offering that supports the overhead costs of running the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

This offering is important because UMCOR receives no funds from apportionments. Your gifts on this important Sunday help to cover the costs of organizing relief efforts around the world and maintaining programs like the one that assisted Dalita. Because operating costs are covered by this offering, your gift later to specific Advance Specials or Disaster Relief efforts go entirely to that cause.

Please plan ahead to give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering so that these important ministries have the support needed.

## ***DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S***

Monday, **March 5**, from 4:00-9:00 PM

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

### ***BUILDING FUND***

As of December 31, 2011, Applebee's has donated **\$14,587.12** to our Building Fund.

## **GAME NIGHT**

**Saturday, March 17**

**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.



*Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world. Sarah Ban Breathnach*

## **MAKE EACH DAY COUNT!**

**Ladies Night/Spring Renewal on Tuesday, March 20 from 7-9pm Ide Center**

**Fellowship, spring snacks and organic herbal teas**

**Hand massage therapy, wellness tips, book displays, meditation and a simple craft.**

**Hope you can come! Sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.**

**Bring your friends, family members, neighbors!**

**A small spiritual & wellness gift to those who attend.**

**Sponsored by Christian Education and Aldersgate United Methodist Women**

## **OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE**

Anne O'Connor, Pastor

Gerald A. Wolter, Pastor of Visitation & Membership Care

Derek Hansen, Youth Pastor

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

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## EASTER LILIES

Easter Sunday is April 8th, and it is now time to consider placing a lily in the Chancel and Worship Center in memory or in honor of a loved one on that glorious day!

The order blanks will be inside the Sunday bulletins beginning March 4th. The information will be on them and the deadline for ordering a plant will be March 18st. The cost of the Lilies will be \$10.00.

If you have any questions regarding this traditional display, please call Carole Jermyn at 225-8956.



## United Methodist Women (Cont.)

### ALDERSGATE HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, March 31**, Aldersgate women will host one of the five Communion Breakfasts held in the Genesee Valley District. The service will begin at **8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by breakfast in the Ide Center. There will be an offering that will go toward our District Pledge to Mission. The cost is just \$5.00.

This event shared with our neighboring churches has always provided a thoughtful and meaningful way of starting Easter Week. Let's welcome the women coming from other churches with a large contingent of Aldersgaters.

The cost for the morning is just \$5.00. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board in advance and give your money to our treasurer, Betty Hild. Your check should be written to Aldersgate United Methodist Women.

### ***UPCOMING DATES:***

**March 12** – Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00 PM in Rm. 1

**April 3** – Meal in the Upper Room, 6:30 PM

**April 14** – Prayer Sisters Breakfast, 9:00 AM

**May 3** – Book Review Luncheon, Noon

**May 5** – District Spring Event at North Chili

**May 12** – Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet, 5:30 PM

**June 7-9** – Rummage Sale (Collection begins on May 28.)

**July 26-28** – School of Mission at Camp Asbury

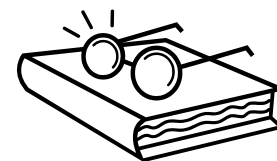
## Small Groups at Aldersgate

As the name implies, they are small groups of people (6 to 12 or more) who meet regularly (weekly or bi-weekly) at the church. Currently there are seven groups that usually meet in the evenings plus one morning and one afternoon group.

Normally, the group will focus on a topic of its choice like a Christian book, a sermon series, a seasonal study, etc. Depending upon the group, the meeting may consist of a devotion/opening prayer, singing, study lesson, personal joys and concerns, and a closing, and it will last about an hour. Each group has a leader who helps lead the discussion.

Groups provide an opportunity for its members to get to know one another better, and to support each other. The group may also choose to do service projects.

Groups encourage new members; the meeting dates are listed in the weekly bulletin.



## More Mission News

### **AFRICA UNIVERSITY FEATURED AT WORSHIP SERVICES ON MARCH 25**

One million dollars in three years—that's the fundraising goal set by Upper New York Annual Conference to support the Africa University Endowment Campaign. As part of that campaign, we are one of twelve churches across the conference to host speakers on March 25 so that we have this outstanding opportunity to learn more about this unique institution and its very real impact on the continent. The University, located in Zimbabwe, has continued to grow and carry out its mission in spite of the troubled political and economic conditions in that country. It prepares students from across the continent to become pastors, teachers, health workers, agricultural specialists, child development specialists, and so on—skills that prepare Africans to care for their own people and become less dependent on outside help.

The Rev. Joseph Abram, Jr., a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference and a member of the Africa University Advisory Development Committee, will be at Aldersgate to speak at both services. Please be sure you are present that day to meet him and hear about what is happening today at Africa University and how they plan to carry out their vision for the future.

Dear Sally,

I've been hearing rumors that our church finances are running short. How are we doing? If there's a problem, I'd like to know. Perhaps I could make arrangements to give a little more.

Concerned Giver

Dear Concerned Giver,

The short answer is, "Yes." Giving to both the accounts that pay current expenses supporting our regular ministries and the mortgage on our building are running behind needs. At the end of 2011, total giving through regular offerings, which cover current expenses, was behind giving for 2009 by \$1730 and behind 2010 by \$15,835. Further, we were \$5601 short of paying our apportionments in full, the first time we have failed to do so since 1972. We are falling behind when expenses continue to increase.

The sky has not fallen. Even though giving to support on-going ministries was short of the two previous years, it still totaled \$287,606.77 in 2011. And giving toward paying off our mortgage—the building fund—from May 20, 2010 (the beginning of the current capital campaign) to December 31, 2011 was \$347,555.67. That's not insignificant. Those figures still represent a strong commitment to our ministries.

Why has this happened? We suspect the down economy may be catching up to us, and we know we have lost several regular givers through death and life changes. The \$40,000 shortfall in pledges to the capital campaign is catching up to us. Grants that had been helping fill that gap in previous years have run out. Applebee's has been helpful, but will hardly do the rest of the job.

The Finance Committee has looked at the situation, and there are not large changes we could make in our current expenses without cutting staff. Our staff members and work areas have been consistently quite frugal. We have looked at the possibility of refinancing the mortgage at lower rates, but could create easily \$50,000-\$60,000 in closing costs, require paying off currently held bonds and either going through another bond sale or seeking financing from local banks or as yet unexplored sources. We are frankly reluctant to recommend any such measures for a problem that could very well be temporary. We were

"holding our own" through most of last year; however, we did not get our usual upturn in giving at the end of the year and the pattern has continued forward into 2012.

Right now we are making the mortgage payments in full because a few people aware of the situation have advanced pledge payments, others are making additional gifts, and we have borrowed from our Pass-Thru accounts. In February we received a gift of **\$3000** from the accumulated funds of the **Aldersgate Actors Guild** that helped us make the payment, which was wonderful.

But that was last month. For the building fund, we need an additional \$3500-\$4000 in addition to the regular pledges each month. (The projections we've seen on refinancing wouldn't make the monthly payments that much lower.) A similar increase in giving to the regular offering would pay the bills on time. As the old joke goes, we've got the money—but it's still in our pockets!

I'm sorry this isn't the usual cheerful, upbeat letter I like to write. On the other hand, this is a problem that's quite solvable—and the solution lies in the willingness of each of us to commit to further support the ministries here at the church that provides our spiritual strength and guidance. Just as we believe that the Lord will provide for our church and we will move forward, we also believe that the Lord provides the resources from which each of us can make the commitment to additional giving. Meeting this challenge will bring both blessings and spiritual growth to our church and to us as individuals.

Yes, please follow through. There are two things you can do. The first is to give more. Not all of us can give the same amount—the Lord expects giving in proportion to our resources—but all of us have something to give. If you haven't already begun tithing (giving 10%) your income, make a commitment now to work toward that goal. Second, put the church's finances specifically on your daily prayer list. Pray rather than worry!

Praying with you & following my own advice,

Sally Stewardship

SCRIPTURE READERS		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/4	Gloria Montgomery	Nancy Young
3/11	Karen Rice	Curt Lindeman
3/18	Juli Payton	Gege Dunn
3/25	Briana Kephart	Sue Accapezzato

LITURGISTS	
	11:00 AM
3/4	Maidstone Mulenga
3/11	Colleen Tyler
3/18	Joyce Farrokh
3/25	Jerry Wolter is back from vacation!

ACOLYTES		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/4	Briana Kephart	Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell Chase Tyler
3/11	Allison McHugh	Michelle Maggio Ryan Lindeman
3/18	Briana Kephart	Emma Bock Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
3/25	Allison McHugh	Marie Sims Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/4	Myrt & Al Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Nancy Bader John Cochran Zuni Garcia-Simons Terry Young
3/11	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader John & Karen Best Walt Dunn
3/18	Myrt & Al Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	John Cochran Scott Wiley Bill Teasdale TBD
3/25	Al & Myrt Holmes TBD TBD	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
APRIL 5  
7:00 PM



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
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7:00 PM

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# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ALANON</b> Monday 7:00 PM (8)  <b>GAM-ANON</b> Friday 7:00 PM (2)  <b>GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS</b> Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)	<b>AA MEETINGS (FH)</b> 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>  1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>2</i>  1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>3</i>  11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>4</i> 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P)  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) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>5</i>  4:00 - 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>6</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) 3:30—5:00 PM Pals (Ide)	<i>7</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 Basketball (Ide)	<i>8</i>  7:30 AM Dewey Ave. Round Table (4) 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>9</i>  1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>10</i>  11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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