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From Your Pastor

This morning for part my devotional time I was reading a small book by Charles Riggs, *Practicing His Presence*. It was part of my homework for the Christian Life and Witness Classes that is being offered in preparation for Franklin Graham coming to Rochester in June. Riggs encourages everyone to begin each day with quiet time. I'd like to share with you some of his pearls of wisdom.

"God lives in our hearts, and we take him everywhere we go. Why not enjoy His presence, guidance, power, and live life to the fullest?"

"Experience teaches us that you will never find time to be with God—you must take time."

"The quiet time is not an end in itself. It is meant to develop the habit of starting the day with the Lord and then consciously walking with Him throughout the day."

"When I don't pray, it is like saying, 'I don't need you God. I'm totally sufficient by myself.'"

"I am nearing my 74th birthday and people constantly ask me, 'How do you keep so fresh and enthusiastic?' The answer is simple. Every day I practice Isaiah 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.'"

"...there is no shortcut to spiritual maturity."

These reminders along with the other aspects he lifted up that are important in our lives as Christians, made me think about the promises we make when we join the church, promises that are just as important for those who seek to follow Christ and grow in faith even though they have not joined the church. As Christians we are called to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

'Prayer' is spending time talking to and listening to God. 'Presence' has to do with regularly joining with others in worship, Bible study, and other activities. 'Gifts' refers to supporting the church financially. 'Service' includes both what we do in church and what we do in the world. 'Witness' includes welcoming visitors who join us for worship or other activities, inviting others to join us, sharing with others how our faith helps us live each day. Each of these disciplines will help us grow closer to God and to glorify him. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (Gal. 5:22-33)

I encourage you to examine how you are currently practicing your faith. If there is one of these areas where you are not doing so well, seek God's help and make a conscious effort to be more faithful. You will discover even more the richness of living life with Christ.

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.

In Rehab: Tom Simons —At. Anns

Recovering at home: Pauline Ashley, Mavis Beers, Frances Crabtree, Chitie Edgett, Roger Forbes, Shirley Grierson, Tom Marsh, Jan Rothfuss, Dave Roza, 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), Lura Carstens (mother of Ted Car-

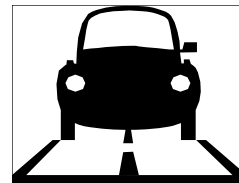
stens), Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Valerie Eckels, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Stella Gagliano, Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Greg Heizyk, Becky 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), 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, Maurice & Evelyn Deuel – 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: Kwame Edusei and family on the deaths of his father and his cousin; to Gwen Zannie on the death of her mother; to Nancy Young and family on the death of her fa-



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 May
Hinge are due
April 15

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Friends,

As I pen these lines, we are still in the Easter season. We are now looking forward to the many good things that we focus on in May. But before we switch gears mentally, I'd like to share with you an item that appeared in *The Joyful Noiseletter* entitled:

Christ is Alive! IQ Test

Pastor Herbert E. Saunders of First Congregational; Church of Milton, WI, composed the following "Christ Is Alive! IQ Test" for Easter (adapted with permission)

1. According to the Gospels, which of these women went to the tomb on Easter morning? [Mary the Mother of James, Salome, Joanna, Joan of Ark, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus]
2. Two disciples went to the tomb to find it empty. They were: [James and John, Paul and Silas, The Righteous Brothers, The Sons of Thunder, Peter and John, Peter and Paul without Mary]
3. When the women told the disciples that Jesus' tomb was empty, they thought: [The women were hallucinating, It was an idle tale, The end of the world was near, The Roman soldiers had stolen Jesus' body; Maybe Jesus hadn't died after all.]
4. After his resurrection Jesus appeared to two disciples walking on a road to: [Mandalay, Jerusalem, Emmaus, Nazareth, Bethlehem]
5. When Mary remained at the tomb weeping, Jesus appeared to her. She thought he was: [A Roman soldier, Attila the Hun, The gardener, One of the disciples]
6. When Jesus appeared to the disciples, he said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." This is known as: [The Great Barrier Reef, The Great Challenge, The Great Commission, The Great Commandment]
7. When the disciple who doubted Jesus was alive saw him he said: "You've got to be kidding.", "Slap me so I know you are real.", "My Lord and My God.", "You look like a ghost.", "Unless I feel the nail prints in your hands, I will not believe."]
8. When the disciples saw Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he was: [Cooking bread and fish on an open fire, Changing salt water into fresh water, Healing a blind man, Singing Christmas carols, Fishing.]

How did you do? If you have any questions about your answers, I suggest that you go to the Gospels and re-read the Easter stories. You'll find the answers there.

Now, we hope you'll enjoy all the good things coming up at Aldersgate in the lovely month of May!

God bless you,

Visitation Pastor

P. S. We hope that all of our "shut-ins" (and family members) will be able to attend the Gathering of Friends on May 5th at 11:00 AM in the Ide Family Life Center.

What's going on in May?

- 4 - AYF LIVE!, 7-9pm (Ide)**
- 5 - Helping at Gathering of Friends, 11am (Ide)**
- 6 - Walking in Greece Crop Walk, 1pm**
- 11 - AYF LIVE!, 7-9pm (Ide)**
- 18 - Outing to Red Wings Game, 7:05pm**
- 20 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR);
High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)**
- 25 - AYF LIVE!, 7-9pm (Ide)**



Kingdom Bound 2012

Before long we'll be back at Darien Lake for Kingdom Bound 2012. A group of us are going from Aldersgate, August 5-8.

We are looking for help with donations, food donations, meal prep, camping gear and setup and takedown. See Derek if you can help in any way.

Students in 8-12 grade should see Derek ASAP if they want to go and haven't signed up and made a deposit yet.



Flower City Work Camp 2012

Three of our students from Aldersgate spent their spring break at Flower City Work Camp at Hope Lutheran Church and at work throughout the city.

The week was an opportunity to make God's love known in Rochester, serve our neighbors in need, and give our young people an opportunity to grow in their faith in a worshipful and very hands-on way.

We want to thank everyone who contributed to FCWC: Paul Brown for his planning work leading up to the camp, Dennis Pankey for serving as our site leader, Marilyn Sobus for serving as our lunch coordinator, and Nancy Brehm for taking an overnight.

And thank you to everyone who prayed for and/or donated to this ministry! Let's continue to support and grow this ministry at Aldersgate!

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.

SIGN-UP FOR VBS! Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Shepherds that guide children from station to station, Music Leader, Art & Crafts Leader, Snack Helpers, Bible Games Leader, Photographer, Decorators, Registration opening day, Banner maker, Publicity person, Preschool-Kindergarten teacher, and Helpers in all areas. See Park Rangers Rhonda and Colleen if you would like to help out on this wonderful spiritual adventure for the children of our church and neighborhood! Please join us on Sunday, May 20th at 12:15 in Rooms 3&4 to volunteer or to learn more! Hot pizza and beverages will be served.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a Christian Education meeting on Sunday, May 20th at 12:15 (after the worship service) in Rooms 3 & 4. We will be discussing June events, our new summer curriculum, and Vacation Bible School. All are welcomed to attend! Hot Pizza and beverages will be served. Please Rhonda or Colleen if you are able to attend. Thanks so much for your support!

"It's going to be a cool, cool summer....learning about Jesus."

Our **CAMPING catalogs** have arrived for spring and summer and are posted 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! See Rhonda or Colleen for more information on this exciting opportunity for children!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

We are in need of some of your home recyclables for future Sunday school projects. Please bring in washed small glass bottles (ie. Hot sauce, Worcestershire, Steak Sauce, etc.) to church with you. We are also collecting clean plastic peanut butter, apple sauce, and/or mayonnaise jars. Please place these gently in the basket outside of the Nursery. We need around 30 of each. Thanks so much!

We just ordered a copy of "**Tim Tebow... Everything In Between**" DVD to show to the High school and 6th-8th grade classes during the next month or so during Sunday school. Tim Tebow is a two-time national champion and Heisman trophy winner to first round draft pick and NFL quarterback.



We believe that stories of the Spirit promise us that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives. We will be learning and/or reviewing "**The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**" (Galatians 5:22) during the month of May. The children will be making a fruit pizza to eat and share on Sunday, May 6th.

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Proverbs 31:25 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY on MAY 13th!** The children & youth will be making a lovely craft for their mother or for a special woman in their life.



Each Sunday school class will be painting a large flower pot on May 20th. Flowers will be planted in them the following week and then displayed on the altar in church the first Sunday in June. These decorated pots will be for sale the following Sunday and donations will go towards this summer's VBS program.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Jerry Sisson	May 4	Beverly Johnson	May 19
Tracy Maggio	May 8	Sammy Maggio	May 19
Tyler Hanko	May 8	Andrew Rice	May 20
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8	Janet Pelcher	May 20
Karen Best	May 9	Teeghan Ruggles	May 22
Nancy Bader	May 10	Nancy Wayne	May 24
Suzanne Unell	May 10	Barb Condon	May 24
Nicole Carpenter	May 12	Chase Tyler	May 27
Brian DeCann	May 12	Naomi Moss	May 28
Cori Louden	May 13	Nichole Ruggles	May 29
Debbie Lenau	May 15	Sam Maggio	May 30
Renee Tibbles	May 15	Don Wright	May 31
Brenda Ruell	May 18	Donna Rice	May 31



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Debra & John Simm	May 2
Eric & Stephanie Bock	May 5
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Patrick & Kristen Byrnes	May 20
Floyd & Gretchen Hughes	May 29
Eric & Sara McHugh	May 30
Roger & Patricia Forbes	May 30
Richard & Marisue Caupp	May 31

THANK YOU

Dear Aldersgate Family,

I would like to express my deepest and most sincere thank you for all the cards, phone calls and get well wishes that I received while recuperating from my recent surgery. I would also like to thank everyone for the cards acknowledging my Dad's passing.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. You are all in my prayers.

Blessings,
Nancy Young

Thank You for Your Special Gifts?"

The Lenten offering for the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity brought in another \$387 toward building the next house.

Thank you for your checks and coins. That "spare" change does add up!"

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, & FRIENDS BANQUET

A dance performance by the **Aldersgate Hispanic Ministry Youth Group** will be the featured entertainment at this year's Mothers, Daughters, & Friends Banquet on Saturday, May 12. Some of you saw them perform in a worship service last fall and in the Puppet Ministry program at Christmas. They are preparing to make a presentation at the upcoming Upper New York Annual Conference and have a series of performances scheduled at other area churches. We are delighted to have them call Aldersgate their home, and we want to make their acquaintance so that they truly feel at home!

This year we will be distributing **baby bottles** to those who wish to support the Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center that is part of Mission Share. Kathy Peck, who has trained as a volunteer there, will speak briefly about their work. Fill the bottles with spare change and **return them** to the church on **Father's Day**.

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

We will gather in the Ide Center starting at 5:30 PM for punch and snacks with dinner served promptly at 6:00 PM. The main entrees will be ham and macaroni and cheese with vegetables, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert..

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

BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON FEATURES BOOK ON "SOUND OF MUSIC" FAMILY

Memories Before and After the Sound of Music: An Autobiography by Agathe von Trapp is the book **Charlotte Ridley** has chosen for the review she is presenting at our Fifth Annual Book Review Luncheon on **Thursday, May 3, at noon** in the Ide Center. Most of us are familiar with the story of the von Trapp family before their escape from Nazi Germany, but how much do we know about how they fared after that?

The luncheon is a fundraiser sponsored by the Reading Circle to benefit our church library. It costs just \$8.00 per adult payable at the door. Please sign up

on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we are prepared for your attendance.

Everyone interested is welcome—both women and men. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to come with you.

GET READY FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE!

The Annual Rummage Sale is set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 7, 8, and 9. For the first two days of the sale, items are sold individually, but Saturday is a bag sale day. We also sell baked goods on Thursday and Friday. Many people look forward each year to being able to buy from our fine Aldersgate bakers.

The Rummage Sale is a major fundraiser for the UMW, but it is also a whole church function. Half the money raised is used toward our UMW Pledge to Mission and other mission projects, and half is used to meet a need in our own church. This year that second half will go to our **Building Fund**.

Please bring **clean clothes in good condition** for men, women, and children in all sizes. It is especially helpful if the clothes are labeled for size. We sort by small, medium, large, and extra-large for men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothes. Other items that sell well include **toys, games, puzzles, books, dishes, glassware, pots and pans, knickknacks, pictures, lamps, seasonal decorations, jewelry, clothing accessories, tools, sports equipment (no bowling balls!), household furnishings and small appliances**. Bring only items that are **reasonably clean** and appliances that are **in working order**.



Drop-off of donations will begin on Memorial Day, May 28. We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if help is needed. As useful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds and sofas are usually heavier than we can manage. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822).

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

STICKY LIPS BBQ RETURNS AS A FUND-RAISER FOR GREECE HABITAT

Highly successful fundraisers last spring and fall have led to the Greece Habitat Coalition of churches' asking Sticky Lips BBQ to serve up its very popular dinners again on **Thursday, May 24, at Hope Lutheran Church** on Vintage Lane. Take-out meals will be available from **3:30-7:00 PM**. The dinners include one-quarter chicken and 2-3 pork ribs with a choice of two sides. The cost will be just **\$12** for each dinner. Sodas will be available for purchase at the time of pickup.

Pre-order tickets are available at each of the participating churches: **Aldersgate**, Greece UMC, Greece Baptist, Hope Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran, Holy Cross, and Bethany Presbyterian. Walk-in orders will be available if there are at least 250 pre-orders—very probable. We will sell tickets between and after services starting May 6. If you need the tickets earlier, see **Ray Poling**, who is now our Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity representative.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPECIAL GIFTS

We were happy to meet our guest speaker, the Rev. Joseph Abram, who was with us on March 25 to represent **Africa University**. The Upper New York Annual Conference is focusing this year and next on raising funds for scholarships to Africa University. Thanks to your gifts we were able to send **\$391** to the Conference toward their goal.

Each year we make a commitment to raise \$2500 toward the support of our covenant missionary, **Meri Whitaker**; and the **Easter Offering** is designated toward that goal. This year **\$807** was given. Thank you very much. Her work at Cookson Hills Center is vital to the people in that needy region of Oklahoma.

Keep your checkbook handy to support someone participating in the CROP WALK on May 6!

Coming Soon to the Gathering Space: Aldersgate Mission Map

Soon you will see a map of our area displayed in our gathering space. We need your help. On the map we'd like to put cards with the various places we are serving outside the doors of the church to be a visual reminder of and an encouragement for serving God in our community and beyond. For example, if you are serving at an area hospice, put it on a card with the hospice name and your name on the map near the hospice. If you are serving beyond the area of the map, put a card on the edge of the map in the direction of the place where you are serving. If more than one sight is involved, then choose one to put on the card and map and record all in the book that will be nearby.

If you have any questions, see Pastor Anne, Colleen Tyler, Derek Hansen, or Joyce Farrokh.

Endowment Fund News

An Endowment Fund is a unique fund that provides ongoing income for an organization. Gifts to an endowment Fund become the principle of the fund. The principle is invested and the income derived is used according to specific guidelines.

Aldersgate UMC provides an opportunity to support a chosen ministry within the church not normally budgeted for. These categories are: General Purpose, Mission, Building (current needs not Capital Campaign) and Scholarships. All dollars are invested

with 90% of the income available and 10% reinvested for future growth. This enables the gift to continue to grow in perpetuity. Donor cards are available in the church office.

In the past 5 years grants totaling \$4,887 have been given in mission, mission/housing, and church supplies (i.e. hymnals/books).. Brochures with more explanation are available behind the Welcome Table.

To apply for a grant see Candy in the Church Office for an Application. Upon receipt they are screened for need by the Endowment Committee and for dollar availability. Fund approval for any request is made by the Church Council.

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, **May 7**, from 4:00-9:00 PM

10% of Food Receipts Benefits our

BUILDING FUND

Make this your night out with your friends!

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, May 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.



All Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for our church family picnic on **Sunday, June 10, 2012** (following the 11:00 a.m. worship service) at Braddock's Bay. Please see or e-mail Colleen or Rhonda if you would like to help out at this fun and relaxing day on the shores of our mighty Lake Ontario. There is a playground, trails to wonder and explore, games to play, and a lot to eat! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



Discover the Dynamic

Let's come together for Christ!

Will you spend an evening with me?

Together with God, we can make May 18th a Game-changer!

Ken Rex CPC

I am inviting you to help me fill the sanctuary with the famous Aldersgate warmth! Yes, we are known for our warmth! Join me on May 18th at 6:00 PM for a light dinner and I will present a fun and dynamic perspective on stewardship. Together we will explore, laugh, and look at a dynamic approach for discovering the dynamic within the church!

Sign up in the gathering area. Be blessed!

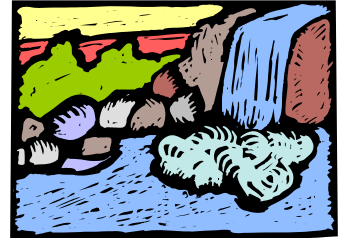
Ken

Point your kids to Jesus this summer! My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.— Philippians 4:19, NIV

2012 SON RISE National Park VBS here at Aldersgate UMC from August 6-10 from 9am-12pm Pre-k-6th grade.

Register Today! Forms will be distributed in Sunday school. We also have copies on the Christian Education bulletin board and on-line.

Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful Son Rise National Park! Kids will be awestruck by snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls, wildflower meadows bursting with color and amazing animals like soaring eagles, friendly huskies and herds of caribou. As kids explore Son Rise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope!



TEACHER NEEDED

We are still looking for someone to teach Pre-K-5th grade during the 9:30 service for the months of May-June. Please let us know, if God is calling you to serve in this way. Thanks! Rhonda and Colleen

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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Evelyn Welker, Housekeeper	
Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant	

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Dear Sally,

Why did you pass out that little book after church on April 22? Wasn't it kind of expensive to buy all those books?

Thrifty

Dear Thrifty,

The books came from the Stewardship Development Committee. We want to share with the rest of the congregation our own enthusiasm about the benefits of learning to be generous people. As you may be able to tell from the letter inserted with each book, we each have made a personal commitment to tithing. (Although there was only one letter in each book, there were six different letters describing our personal experiences.) We have tested God with our tithing (Malachi 3:10), and found as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:8 that "God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good

cause."

We have attended many conferences on stewardship over the years and read many books. We picked the "The Generosity Ladder" to distribute because we found it to be encouraging and inspiring. It also seemed to answer a lot of the questions we have heard over the years. Frankly, because it was so short, we thought it had a better chance of getting read than many of the other very fine books written on the subject. By checking around on the Internet, Jan Winter was able to get the book for about a third of the listed price. The cost was underwritten by funds from Catch the Spirit, itself a ministry developed by Ken Rex to use his talent and skill as a personal trainer for the Lord's service.

So, skim through it in an evening, read a chapter a day, write notes, underline, read and reread—whatever your style of learning; but please do take the time to read this book. Let yourself be lifted up and challenged, as we were, to become a more generous person. You will grow spiritually and live better.

Toward cheerful giving,

United Methodist Women (Cont.)

JUNE READING CIRCLE

The next regular meeting of Reading Circle will be on Thursday, June 7, at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury is the book selected for discussion. It will be available in the church library for sign out. At our July meeting we will be sharing favorite books. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772).

UPCOMING DATES:

May 14 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room 1

May 15 – Morning Circle luncheon. Watch the bulletin for more details.

October 19-20 – Crafts & Collectibles Show

2012 SCHOOL OF MISSION

"That All May Have Life" is the theme of this year's Schools of Christian Mission." Three are held in the Upper New York Annual Conference. The one closest to us will be the July 26-28 session at Camp Asbury on Silver Lake.

Here are the topics and teachers for this year:

Spiritual Growth – "Immigration in the Bible"

Geographic: "Discovering Haiti"

Social Issue: "Poverty"

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

The other two Schools of Mission will be held at Silver Bay YMCA in Silver Bay, NY, on September 14-16; and Cazenovia College on July 13-15. You are welcome to attend any school that fits your summer schedule. See Gretchen Hughes if you need contact information for either of those schools.

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

From our March 15 meeting:

New Officers and Leaders for the 4/1/2012 – 3/31/2013 year also includes:

Staff-Parish Relations / Class of 2013 addition – Debbie Simm; Class of 2014 – Tammy Kephart, Carol DeCann, Gary Hogestyn

Reminder. the Church Council meetings are open for anyone to come and observe and/or participate in the discussions. Only those who are members of Church Council have voting rights, however. The Church Council is here to serve you, and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to talk with any one of us with your concerns or ideas.

We meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in Rooms 3/4.

Serving in Our Worship Services in May

SCRIPTURE READERS		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/6	Mark DeVincentis	Nancy Young
5/13	George Shukitis	Gege Dunn
5/20	Debbie Simm	Wilma Shaughnessy
5/27	Bobbi Mohrmann	Dick Stacy

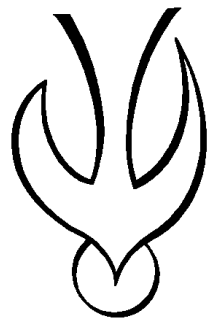
USHER SCHEDULE		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/6	Myrt & Al Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	John & Karen Best Nancy & Terry Young
5/13	Al Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner Dan Rothfuss	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley Walt Dunn
5/20	Myrt & Al Holmes Susan DeVincentis Naomi Moss	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
5/27	Al & Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker Linda Uebelacker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn Ray LaFlair Bill Teasdale

ACOLYTES		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/6	Briana Kephart	Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell Chase Tyler
5/13	Allison McHugh	Michelle Maggio Ryan Lindeman
5/20	Briana Kephart	Emma Bock Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
5/27	Allison McHugh	Marie Sims Renee Tibbles

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May 2012

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—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner (Ide)	<i>2</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>3</i> 12:00 PM Book Review Lunch (Ide) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	<i>4</i> 1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM LIVE (Ide)	<i>5</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 11:30 PM Gathering of Friends Service/Luncheon (S, Ide, K) 2:00 PM Wedding (C)
<i>6</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) 1:00 PM Crop Walk 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>7</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>8</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 7:15 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>9</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Staff Meeting (O) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Dewey Corridor Neighbors (Ide)	<i>10</i> :30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM LIVE (Ide)	<i>12</i> 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Work Day 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 5:30 PM Mother/Daughter/Friends Banquet (Ide)
<i>13</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)	<i>14</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>15</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 11:00 AM Morning Circle Luncheon 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P)	<i>16</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 4:15 PM Dewey Corr.Neigh.Bd. (4) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Emmanuel Dance (FH) 7:00 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (3/4)	<i>17</i> 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>18</i> 1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 6:15 PM Dinner (Ide) 7:00 PM Restoring the Heart (S) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM Youth Red Wing Game 8:30 PM Dessert (Ide)	<i>19</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 12:30 PM Circle of Friends Lunch 6:00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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<i>27</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)	<i>28</i> Rummage Sale Collection Starts (Ide) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>29</i> Rummage Sale Collection (Ide) 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 7:00 PM SPRC (8)	<i>30</i> Rummage Sale Collection (Ide) 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>31</i> Rummage Sale Collection (Ide) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)		