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From Your Pastor

Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation and the Lutherans, called it an "epistle of straw." John Wesley, the father of Methodism, disagreed. He found it important. What is "it"? It is the Book of James in the New Testament. The debate centered around James' statement "Faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead." (2:17) Luther understood James to be giving equal weight to faith and works in the salvation process. Wesley understood James to be saying that faith must be lived out through the things we do in our lives. As a Methodist, I agree with Wesley. On September 9, we'll begin a study of the Book of James in worship. James has some very practical instructions for living the Christian life. Also, on September 9 we will be starting the new Sunday school year. Lots of good things are planned. You won't want to miss it!

For your information, the Upper New York Annual Conference expects all churches to have a Safe Sanctuaries Policy. We are in the process of implementing a new Safe Sanctuaries Policy which includes background checks for everyone who works with children and youth. Within the next month anyone at Aldersgate who works with youth ages 17 and under, will be asked to complete paperwork for this process. Think of it as a positive step to do everything we can to protect our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Thank you for your service and assistance with this.

On another note, I want to say a special thanks to some people who faithfully work behind the scenes.

Thanks to Barb and Jimmie Condon who have spent hours and hours keeping up the gardens around the church! It's getting harder for them to do it. If you can help, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the elevator.

Also, you may not even be aware of it, but there are some people who come one night a week to check to make sure the church is secure. Thanks to John Cochran, Gordon Spicer, Dick Edgett, Harry Muthersbaugh, Ray Poling, Hector Rivera, and John and Karen Best!

In Christ's 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 Chitie Edgett or the church office.

Recovering at home: Pauline Ashley, Jimmie Condon, Fred Hild, Pat Holmes, Shirley Grierson, Len Mack, Kathy Peck, Tom Simons, Bill Tschorke

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), Bill Butler (brother of Evelyn Welker), Lura Carstens (mother of Ted Carstens), Ursalee Crepinsek

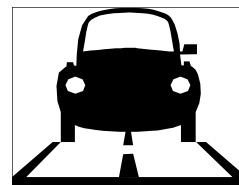
(cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Valerie Eckels, Chitie Edgett, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Robert Fisher, Stella Gagliano, Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Shirley Grierson, Becky Hess, 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), Kim Latragna, Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Josie Manecio (aunt of Candy Metzger), 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, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Gordon Preston, Barbara Rob-

inson, Bill Shirk (friend of Evelyn Welker), Wilma Jean Smith, 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; Ted Coburn – Villages; Mavis Beers, Malcolm Beers, Phoebe Brown - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands; Evie Souve – LeRoy Village Green

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Goethals and John Cochran on the death of Mary's husband Mike Hedrick and to Tony Guitson on the death of his wife, Jane Guitson.



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 Chitie Edgett. 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.

If you need to be put on the prayer chain, please call the church office at 663-3665.



ALL items for the October Hinge are due September 13.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family:

Summer is over—September and the fall schedule are here! As we face a new program year, we all wonder what lies ahead? We hope it will all be good and wonderful, but as we read or hear in the daily news, we can have our concerns. It reminds me of an article found in the Joyful Noiseletter, (used by permission) that deals with —

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Lois H. Ward, a JN consulting editor and editor of the newsletter Gleamings, went to her Lord June 2 in Port Townsend, WA.

Lois was a remarkable and courageous woman who, even after a terrible accident years ago confined her to a wheelchair, continued her joyful, inspirational writings in the regular newsletter, Gleamings, that she produced from her home.

Lois was very well-read and shared the choice excerpts she read from numerous books and publications with the readers of Gleamings and JN. She loved nature and gardening, and her writings reflected a great love for life.

Here is a sample from a recent issue of Gleamings:

After his doctor examined him, a very sick man said, “Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.”

“I’m sorry, I don’t know,” the doctor replied quietly.

“You’re a Christian man and you don’t know what’s on the other side?” the patient explained.

The doctor was holding the handle of the door of the examination room. On the other side came

a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a large golden retriever sprang in and leaped on him, her tail wagging happily.

“Did you notice my dog?” the doctor told the patient. “She’s never been in this room before. She didn’t know what was inside. She knew nothing except that her master was here. When the door opened, she sprang in without fear.”

“I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. My Master is there and that is enough”.

So, as we face the Fall of 2012, we can do so with hope and anticipation, because “Our Master is there” and He will lead the way!

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

VBS was “Cool-tastic” this year! We had a great time at SonRise National Park and learned a lot about Jesus, too. The children participated in this spirit-filled week of story-telling, singing, crafting, energizing games and creative picnic snacks. We would like to extend our many, many thanks to our awesome, kind, nurturing, reverent, dedicated, witty, and entertaining VBS Staff: Candy Metzger and Chitie Edgett/ Music Leaders, Gloria Montgomery/Bible Story Leader, Mike Smith/ Bible Games Leader, Steve Tyler, Scott Wagner and Mike Simonelli/Recreational Games Leaders, Lorraine Christie, Sara McHugh, Tammy Ruiz/ Snacks Leaders, Tracy Maggio , Deb Simm/ Arts & Crafts Leaders, Rich Mohrmann, Audio/Visual Sound Board operator and Helper, Dick Edgett/ Photographer and Helper, Gretchen Hughes/ Registration Table helper and Holly Deutsch for Mural decorating and Helper, Stephen Edgett/ Helper, Nancy Brehm/Helper, Franelly Membreno/Helper, Rosita Torres/Helper, Juan Collazo/Helper, Genesis Collazo/ Helper, and Brian Hernandez/Helper. We ministered to almost 50 children in our neighborhood this year God Bless you all! Same time/Same place next year?

J Ranger Rhonda and Captain Ranger Colleen

RALLY DAY:

Sunday, September 9th, brings the start of the 2012-2013 Christian Education Calendar. We will mark this day with several festivities: third graders will receive their Bibles, backpacks will be blessed, and a special craft will be made. There are classes for all ages at both services. Parents, be on the lookout for a postcard from us with information about Sunday School.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:

Bring your backpacks to church on September 9, 2012 to receive a blessing during the Children’s Moment at each service. We mark the milestone of a new school year by sending our children off with a blessing on their studies, growth and maturing in age and grace, from the worshipping community of which they are a part. We are looking forward to such an exciting new year!

Parents, Save the Date! We’re having another Veggie Tale event during October. This time we’ll be watching the new movie – The Penniless Princess. We will again be having hot dogs and snacks.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The Confirmation Class will meet at 9:30 AM on September 9th in Room 2. This program will help you check out what it means to affirm the vows made at your baptism and later an opportunity to become a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church as this is an important decision in your life. If you are interested, call Jim or Lorraine Christie at 865-2109 or the church office at 663-3665, or just come to class on the 9th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

BIRTHDAYS

John Grizzanti	September 1
Melissa Eckles	September 3
Paul Wagner	September 3
Vincent Acciaio	September 5
Rich Mohrmann	September 7
David Roza	September 8
Bob Wiederhold	September 8
Lorraine Christie	September 9
Al Holmes	September 11
Shirley Geier	September 11
Michael Streb	September 11
Jim Carpenter	September 12
Wendy Dunn	September 14

Pauline Ashley	September 18
Carey Hughes	September 18
Glenn VanPutte	September 19
Nan Keller	September 20
Debbie Williams	September 21
Louretta Teasdale	September 22
Benjamin Norris	September 24
Brianna Ruggles	September 26
Becky Hess	September 27
Chris Loudon	September 27
Kevin Brown	September 28
Renee Jerva	September 28
Jenna VanKouwenburg	September 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Anne O'Connor	September 3
Daniel & Kathy Savage	September 6
Jim & Diane Haschmann	September 10
John & Candy Metzger	September 14
Mike & Wendy Dunn	September 15
Kwame Edusel & Millicent Essilfie-Edusel	September 25
Dale & Carol DeCann	September 26
Gordon & Sue Spicer	September 30



GOD IS GOOD

There are no words to express my gratitude for all your many kindnesses. I have been so blessed and pray for all to be touched by this caring Church Family.

Blessings,
Kathy Peck

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

ASSEMBLY OF UMCOR KITS OPEN TO ALL

Come one; come all! Help put together all the School, Health, and Layette Kits on **Thursday, September 27**, at our UMW General Meeting. Our goal is to complete at least 100 School Kits, 200 Health Kits and 40-50 Layettes. We have tasks for those who need to sit as well as those who prefer to work the assembly line. Men, youth, and children are as welcome as the women who usually attend. Children as young as six have helped in the past.

Supplies for these kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief are coming in nicely. Lists are on the Mission Counter in the Gathering Space. Check the bulletin each week to see what supplies are still needed. Additional supplies may still be brought that evening. Any "leftovers" will be sent along to fill kits assembled at Mission Central.

The evening will begin with a light soup, salad, and dessert supper at **6:15 PM**, although work will start as soon as people arrive. Before the close of the evening, there will be a brief business meeting primarily to formally approve our Pledge to Mission for 2013.

The **cost of the supper** continues to be just **\$3.00 per person** payable at the door. Please do **sign up** on the bulletin board in advance, however, so that we know how many places to set at the table.

READING CIRCLE MEETS SEPTEMBER 6

I Am Nujood, Aged 10 and Divorced will be the first book of the 2012-13 program year. This true story of a young Yemeni girl married off by her father to settle debts is on our UMW Reading List. The discussion leader will be Joyce Farrokh. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library. October's book will be the classic *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

The Reading Circle meets at 1:00 PM in the church library the first Thursday of each month. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Frances Crabtree (315-5077) or Helen Wolter (621-1904) for more information.



SEW 'N SEW'S

Would you like to use your needlework skills to start or support a ministry? Sew 'n Sew's is the place for you. This group meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (lower level). We have sewing machines available for those who want to work on school bags or baby quilts. Other members knit, crochet, or work on crossed stitch projects. We have patterns for prayer shawls, "Warm Up America" afghan patches, premie caps and many others. Feel free to join the group at any time. For questions, call Betty Hild at 663-5032.

"LIFE IS A BALL: HUMOR & HEALTH"

Suzanne Feather from MVP will bring us her presentation on the importance of humor to good health at the **September 18** meeting of **Morning Circle**. We will gather at 11:00 AM in the Ide Family Life Center where a **light buffet lunch** catered by Petrillo's will be served. The luncheon will include pre-assembled cold sandwiches (cold cuts, chicken and tuna), garden salad with dressing, pasta salad, chips and assorted gourmet cookies. The cost will be just \$7.00 payable at the door.

We do need at least 20 people present to make the finances work. So be sure to sign up on the Opportunities Board and invite your friends. This is good way to start our program year. For more information, talk to Gege Dunn (663-9235) or Bobbie Eckert (225-9582).

SIGN UP FOR GENESEE VALLEY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT FAIRPORT

On Saturday, September 22, the Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women will hold their Annual Meeting at Fairport United Methodist Church, 31 Church St., Fairport, NY. Registration will start at 8:30 AM and the meeting will conclude no later than 2:30 PM. The \$7.50 cost for the day includes lunch.

The keynote speaker will be Valerie Clark, our Upper New York Conference UMW Vice President, who recently returned from a Volunteer in Mission trip to Haiti. She will be reporting on the continuing recovery work there. The handiwork of our own unit and others will be on display, and we will share program and project ideas. Books on the UMW Reading List will also be available.

Reservations are transferable but not refundable. Please sign up on the Opportunities Board by September 13, and give your money to our Treasurer, Betty Hild. Please indicate whether or not you want to carpool.

CHAD BADER & FAMILY CALLED TO MISSION FIELD

On **Sunday, September 30**, Chad Bader (Nancy’s son) and his family will be with us to speak briefly at both worship services and then more extensively at a potluck dinner to be held shortly after the second service. Chad grew up at Aldersgate and is now living and teaching in North Carolina.

Chad and his wife Jami plan to work in ministries in La Ceiba, Honduras, through Commission to Every Nation, a mission organization based in Kerrville, TX. Jami will serve in the local mission hospital and in weekly medical clinics. Chad will teach Bible and English to local Hondurans. They have two children, Olivia age three and Kingston age two.

Chad and Jami have already spent a short time in the field with an experienced missionary couple who have worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 40 years. They will continue to work with this couple when they go there for their more extended service.

Missionaries with CTEN are asked to raise their own support from family, friends, and churches who believe in their work. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend so that you can learn more about their call and the work they plan to do. Whether or not you are able to commit to any amount of financial support, your prayer support will be very important. The more you know about the work the more clearly you can pray. Take this opportunity to be better informed.

MISSION TRIP TO PROJECT CHACOCENTE

Another Genesee Valley District mission trip to Masaya, Nicaragua, is scheduled for February 16-23, 2013. The \$1900 per person cost of the trip includes airfare, transportation, lodging, food, tips, supplies and materials, program costs and a financial gift to Project Chacocente. The first deposit of \$900 or more must be made by October 25 to reserve a spot with full payment by January 3. Mary and Ted Anderson are coordinating the trip. For more information call the District Office at 585-340-9525.

MISSION SHARE UPDATE

New this year: Mission Share was one of six agencies out of over 200 in the county selected by Foodlink to develop a Community Garden. On 2000 sq. ft. of land donated by Greece Baptist Church, Foodlink has been training six client families to grow their own food and to cook with fresh produce. In addition, Mission Share benefits with fresh produce to distribute to the rest of their clients.

We continue to support the work of Mission Share with our commitment of \$100 per month from General Benevolence money raised and with the donation of toilet tissue and feminine products. Other items they can use include travel toiletries, bars of soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and brushes, laundry detergent and dish soap.

“**Celebrate Life,**” a banquet at the Greece Assembly of God from 6:00-8:30 PM on Saturday, October 20, will feature comedian **Dan Viola** and speaker **Jill Kelly**. Tickets are \$25 before Oct. 1, and \$35 after.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY HAS NEW NAME

In keeping with the commitment of the Missions Committee to hold a special “Brown Bag Sunday” each quarter, the next special Sunday is **September 23**. However, we can no longer get donated brown bags from Wegman’s, and the ones we purchased were glued so poorly they all had to be taped. A new name was in order.

“Plastic Bag Sunday” didn’t have quite the same ring. After some discussion the Missions Committee settled on “**Food for Friends**” Sunday. (For those who remember the Five F’s, we could call it Three F’s Sunday--ask an “old-timer” at Aldersgate.)

On September 16, plastic bags will be distributed to remind you to come back the following Sunday with the bag full of nonperishable food products for the Greece Food Shelf. Jesus specifically told us to “Feed the hungry.” This is an area in which we can all do our

**Yes, we'll be there even on
Labor Day!
Come to Aldersgate Night at
APPLEBEE'S
Monday, September 3
4:00-9:00 pm**

FIESTA LATINA BARBEQUE RETURNS

Your dinner is planned for **Saturday, September 29: barbeque ribs or chicken**, corn on the cob, your choice of macaroni salad or rice and beans, roll, and dessert--brought to you by the fine chefs from Emmanuel United Methodist Church and prepared right here in our own kitchen. Take-out will be available from **4:00-6:00 PM**. If you eat in, free lemonade is included. The price remains the same: \$10 for both chicken and ribs, or \$8 for either chicken or ribs. Tickets will be sold in advance after services starting September 9. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Don't miss it!

GRIEFSHARE TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Our grief support group will begin another series of GriefShare beginning September 8th at 11:00 AM.

If you or someone you know, has suffered the death of a loved one, please join us. All are welcome. See Pastor Jerry or Paul Brown.

BELL CHOIR—RINGERS NEEDED

If you think that you might like to join the Bell Choir, there will be an **"Introduction to Bells"** on Saturday, September 8 at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. We would love to have you come and share the wonderful experience of bell ringing.

The Bell Choir meets every Saturday morning at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, starting September 8.



Christianity in the Methodist Tradition and Church Membership

Beginning September 23, Pastor Anne will be holding a 4-week course on what it means to be a Christian in the United Methodist tradition. This class is for anyone who is interested in learning the basics of what it means to be a United Methodist Christian, for those desiring to become a member of Aldersgate, and for those who are already members who are interested in becoming better informed. It is also a great opportunity to get to know some other Aldersgate people. At the conclusion of the class, attendees who desire to do so, will reaffirm their baptismal vows and may be received into membership on October 21.

Classes will be from 1:30 to 3:00 PM September 23 – October 14.

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 7**

A young woman who fled Haiti with her family in 1975 is now studying for ministry at a United Methodist seminary and pursuing a degree in social work at a nearby university thanks to a scholarship from World Communion Sunday funds. She is preparing for in a holistic ministry and mission both here and in Haiti.

Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering provide scholarships for racial ethnic students in the United States and for International students to transform the church and their communities.

-from umcsgiving.org

GAME NIGHT

**Saturday, September 15,
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.

Our church mission is “transforming lives and serving Christ with joy.” As part of trying to live into that mission, earlier this year, church council began to brainstorm ideas of how to measure our first church goal – “continued emphasis on getting out into the community. Initiate method to track and monitor.” The result of that brainstorming are cards titled “Serving with Joy”. These cards will be placed in the sanctuary beginning September 9th and can be placed in the offering plates. The cards simply ask how you have been serving in the community and how often. If you are willing to tell us more about it, there’s a place for that as well. It is our hope that the information you give us will tell us how well we are doing as a church in serving our community. We also hope that it will inspire others to serve more in the community. If you haven’t added your ministry to the map that has been set up in the gathering space, be sure to do it. It’s great to see all the places we are serving! Thanks for you ministry and your willingness to share it.

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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Evelyn Welker, Housekeeper	
Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant	

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Church Fax – 865-8442**

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 19 & 20

Looking for an outlet for your handcrafts? Do you sell a line of fine quality gift items? Do you perhaps sell antiques or collectibles? Don't overlook the chance to be part of our Crafts & Collectibles Show & Sale set for Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20, in the Ide Family Life Center and the Gathering Space. The area will be open for vendors to set up on Thursday evening from 6-8 PM, and the sale will be open to the public from 9 AM-4 PM each day. If you are interested, pick up a flyer from the Missions Counter in the Gathering Space or talk to Joyce Farrokh (865-5135) or Candy Metzger (227-3138).

You can help make this event successful in a number of ways. You may donate hand-made crafts for the church craft booth, bring baked goods for that booth, or help staff the sale and lunch counter. Sign-up sheets will be on the Opportunities Board later this month. And, of course, we also need customers. This is a great opportunity to pick up unique early Christmas gifts and to support local vendors at the same time.



The money raised by this event helps the Missions Committee to fund our commitments to Greece area social service agencies such as Mission Share. The UMW uses their portion to help fund White Gifts and to make contributions to other

“LOVE IN ACTION” AT CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 12-13

Helping out at **The Neighborhood Center**, the only United Methodist national mission site in New York State, will be included as part of the program for the Upper New York Conference UMW Annual Meeting in Utica, NY. All events for the weekend, including meals, worship and business meeting, will take place in the Meeting Hall site. The program will begin with dinner on Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon. Registration for both days, including Dinner Friday evening, is \$22.00. For Saturday only the cost is \$10.00. Registration is due by October 1. Reserve directly with area hotels for an overnight stay. If you are interested, see Gretchen Hughes for registration information.

UPCOMING DATES

September 2 - Reading Reports due to Bobbie Eckert

Saturday, November 10 – General Meeting with Chet Fery, “The Bread Man”

Mission News (Cont.)

HABITAT PLANS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE

The Greece Churches Coalition is planning to begin building this fall; however, the start date and the location have changed a couple of times as Flower City Habitat for Humanity develops its plans. Early this month look for a Sunday when we will be helping you to complete your volunteer sign-up online and be signing 2x4's that will be used in framing the house. If you are wondering--we're supposed to have good weather through Halloween. Besides, in case you have forgotten, we started building the addition to our church in November. God provides.

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I have heard that we have fallen behind in paying our apportionments. What are apportionments anyway? And why are we behind?

I Pay My Bills

Dear Bill Payer:

Good questions!

“Apportionments” is a specifically United Methodist term used to designate the money that is expected of the local church to support district, conference, and denominational ministries. The other term that has been used more recently is “shared ministries.” The amount expected from each church is based on the budget for these shared ministries and divided among the individual churches based on their demonstrated financial strength. (Yes, if you have more, more is expected of you.) Paying our apportionments is one of our responsibilities as part of a connectional church (another UM term). In other words, we are not an independent, or loosely affiliated, congregation-based church, picking our own bishops, ordaining our own pastors, or sending our own missionaries to the field. We accomplish great work for the Lord by working together with United Methodists around the world.

Through our apportionments we support the **World Service Fund**, the financial lifeline for Christian missions and ministries around the world. **Africa University** receives funds that allow it to send out graduates to change the world with their work in agriculture, health care, and church growth and development. The **Black College Fund** helps the 11-UM-related historically black colleges in the U. S. provide strong academic programs, strong faculties, and well-equipped facilities. The **Ministerial Education Fund** lets the denomination recruit and educate quality pastoral leadership. The **Episcopal Fund** supports our bishops. We are able to be a voice in national and worldwide ecumenical and inter-religious organizations because of the **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund**. Finally, the **General Administration Fund** supports those who provide trustworthy oversight of our operational systems and financial accountability. That description includes a lot of important work. Even a very large church is unlikely to have its fingers in that many pies, yet working together we can have a part in God’s work in all these areas.

Historically we have paid our apportionments in full. We fell short toward the end of last year and

that situation has continued until we are now around \$17,000 behind. Basically, while giving toward paying off our mortgage is up by about \$10,000 so far this year--and it needs to be--giving to our on-going ministries--the budget--is down about \$15,000 from the previous year. That’s not a large amount in terms of a \$300,000+ budget, but it’s enough to make paying bills very tight.

We aren’t the only church that has seen a decrease in giving. In fact it has hit us a little later than most, and Aldersgaters are still very generous. We’re not “going under” anytime soon. However, this circumstance certainly calls for prayer and thoughtful consideration of our ministry plans going forward. Like all other organizations, there are two ways to resolve a shortfall: increase revenue and trim the budget. It’s good to know, also, that God is in the equation. God, too, wants us to continue to pay all our bills!

Expecting God to provide --even if it’s out of our own pockets!

Sally Stewardship

ABUNDANT JOY: OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

The theme of our Fall Finance Campaign this year is based on II Corinthians 8:1-7, the Apostle Paul’s description of the Macedonians whose “joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they were very poor.” The key to their generosity was that “First, they gave themselves to the Lord.” Thus, Paul set the tone for the finance campaign in the Corinthian church. Read and pray that passage over and over. Notice that they didn’t use poverty as an excuse. Ask, “How would my life be different if I gave myself first to the Lord? How would my giving be different? How would Aldersgate be different? Would our joy and generosity be so abundant that others actually sit up and take notice?”

Our Council meeting on Thursday, September 20 will have a new agenda item entitled "Open Forum". We encourage anyone to come "share," as we need to hear their "voice" knowing its not about us...it's about GOD. This helps enhance the growth of 2012 Church goal #2. Goal 2 reads: Foster increased awareness, engagement and participation in all ministries of the church, evidenced by increased attendance in worship services, church sponsored programs, leadership rolls, and special ministry events/programs.

Nominations Committee has 4 open positions, two each for the Class of 2012 and 2014, respectively. Also, the Lay Leader position is open. All of the individuals need to be a church member.

The following persons were approved to serve on the respective Church committees:

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| Council, Chair - Nancy Jones | Council, Member-at-Large - Paul Brown |
| Finance - Nahomi Cruz | Stewardship - Sumarie Lopez |
| Missions - Pastor Hector Rivera | Evangelism & Membership Care - Pastor Hector Rivera |

The Benevolence Payment Summary as of July 31, 2012 shows a total of \$23,703 due to-date and AUMC has paid \$6,300.

Serving in Our Worship Services in September

SCRIPTURE READERS		USHER SCHEDULE	
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/2 Lisa Deutsch	Holly Deutsch	9/2 Myrt & Al Holmes	Walt Dunn
9/9 Paul Brown	Melissa Powell	Hal & Scott Wagner	Scott Wiley
9/16 George Shukitis	Sue Accapezzato		Tom & Zuni Simons
9/23 Bobbi Mohrmann	Gary Hogestyn	9/2 Al & Myrt Holmes	Nancy Bader
9/30 Karen Rice	Gege Dunn	Susan DeVincentis	Walt Dunn
		Evelyn Welker	John & Karen Best
		9/16 Myrt & Al Holmes	John Cochran
		Eric McHugh	Ray LaFlair
		Linda Uebelacker	Bill Teasdale
		9/23 Al & Myrt Holmes	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn
		Naomi Moss	Gary & Denise Hogestyn
		Evelyn Welker	
		9/30 Al & Myrt Holmes	John Cochran
		Hal & Scott Wagner	Ray LaFlair
			Bill Teasdale
			Scott Wiley

ACOLYTES	
9:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/2 Usher	Usher
9/9 Usher	Usher
9/16 Briana Kephart	Emma Bock
	Elijah Tyler
	Max Tyler
9/23 Allison McHugh	Marie Sims
	Renee Tibbles
9/30 Usher	Caleb Thompson
	Matthew Thompson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 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) 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal (Ide) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C)	3 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's	4 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 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P)	6 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (O) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Practice (C) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	7 1:00 PM Catch the Spirit (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	8 9:30 AM Altar Committee (S) 11:00 AM "Introduction to Bells" - Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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