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From Your Pastor

The church at its best is a church in motion. After his resurrection and just before he ascended to sit at the right hand of God the Father, Jesus gave one final command to his followers, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

We are called not just to gather and worship and take care of each other, but to go out and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who are living apart from him. In Jesus Christ, we have what the world needs! Do you believe that? Does your relationship with Jesus make a difference in your life? Then tell a friend. Invite them to worship or another activity at church. And trust that God is with you to help you by giving you the opportunities and words to share the Good News.

Another part of going to make disciples is watching where God is at work in the world and joining God in it. There are many places we are doing that now. But there is more to be done. Late last fall many of us participated in a "360" that was intended to look at our readiness as a congregation to become more missional in serving our community. After some long delays, we are going to hear the results of that survey on **October 13**. We will gather with other churches that day from 9AM to 3 PM and review our results. **Everyone** is welcome and encouraged to come. More details will be available soon. Please let me know if you can join me.

Thanks to those who have turned in the "Serving with Joy" cards and have put their ministry flag on the map. If you haven't had a chance to do that, I encourage you to do that. Some of the places people are serving are the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, the Rochester General Hospital Stroke Unit, the Linus Project, helping an elderly neighbor, Mission Share, Focus Plus, Scouts, Unity Adult Day Care, Rochester Psychiatric Center, Asbury Store House, Family Advocates of Heritage Christian Services, Binghamton recovery, the Edgerton Community Center, and Aldersgate UMC. If you want any more information about any of these, let me know and I'll connect you with the person or people serving there. It truly is a joy to be able to serve the Lord in so many ways and places!

Blessings,

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: Phoebe Brown, Joan Michlin

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Pauline Ashley, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Bill Butler (brother of Evelyn Welker), Lura Carstens (mother of Ted Carstens), Jimmie Condon, Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Logan Des-

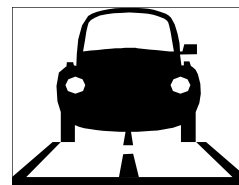
mone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Bill Easton (friend of Candy Metzger from NJ), Valerie Eckels, Chitie Edgett, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Robert Fisher, Stella Gagliano, Shirley Grierson, Becky Hess, Fred Hild, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Vince Jowett (friend of 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), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Len Mack, Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, Kathy Peck, Karly Pellman (granddaughter of Seward & June Griffin), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Gordon Preston, Barbara Robinson, Bill Shirk (friend of Evelyn Welker), Tom Simons, Wilma Jean Smith,

John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Helen Sullivan (mother of Karen Newberry), Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Allan Wiley

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, 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 Mavis Beers and family on the death of her husband, Malcolm, and to the family of Debbie Wolfe.



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 November Hinge are due October 15.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

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Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends:

Well, October's here and it is still over a month until the big election. Are you getting tired of all the political calls, TV ads, etc.? Maybe it's time to turn off the TV, sit back and try to get a new perspective on life.

An article in the Joyful Noiseletter (used by permission) was a help to me. It is entitled:

A Chance Meeting with a Frugal Amish Farmer

Recently, I happened to be standing in line behind an elderly Amish farmer at the checkout counter of a Kalamazoo supermarket.

The farmer had a neatly trimmed white beard and was in his eighties, though he looked like he was in his fifties. His complexion was ruddy, and he was lean and muscular.

Beneath his broad-brimmed hat, he wore a perpetual smile and a twinkle in his blue eyes.

I struck up a conversation with him. He was a delight, a man who laughed easily and seemed to be entirely at peace with himself and the world.

He said he was up from Shipshewana, IN, visiting relatives. I told him I had enjoyed visiting Shipshewana and the laid-back Amish community there.

"We've got a lot of good people in the Amish community" he said, adding with a laugh, "but we've got some crooks, too. Are you a Chris-

tian?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Good," he said, shaking my hand. "We've got some crooks in our denomination, too," I said, "but lots of good people, too."

When he came to pay for his groceries, he pulled out his wallet and carefully drew out the exact number of bills and coins.

"You're not paying with a credit card?" I teased.

"Naw, never use 'em," he laughed. "Just getcha into trouble. We're thrifty folks. We don't have a debt culture."

"That's why the economy is so bad. All this debt — people's debt and government debt. Maybe the Lord is shaking the trees, and bringing us back to some spiritual values. But we're called to pray for the government, even if they do dumb things."

He laughed, picked up a single bag of groceries, and waved goodbye.

Maybe its time for us to "get back to some spiritual values...and pray for the government, even when they do dumb things!"

Being in church every Sunday is a good start.

Blessings on you,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

BIRTHDAYS

Laure VanPutte	October 5
Annette Thompson	October 5
Rachel Brehm	October 7
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Dale DeCann	October 12
Margaret Jones	October 13
Robin Lindeman	October 15
Zachary Farrell	October 16
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Thomas Rankin Sr.	October 17
Laura Acciaio	October 17
Bill Miller	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18

Ella Simonelli	October 19
Nancy Young	October 20
Amy DeVincentis	October 21
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Nicholas Spicer	October 23
Jennifer Mack	October 24
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Bette Edgett	October 25
Corrine Keller	October 27
Kevin Ruell	October 27
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30
Mavis Beers	October 31

ANNIVERSARIES

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



Thank you EVERYONE for helping celebrate Chad and Jami Bader's call to mission!

I am very appreciative of your support and presence at church and the pot luck luncheon for them on Sunday, September 30. I know they thoroughly enjoyed being given the opportunity to share about their future mission service and what they will be doing in LeCeiba, Honduras.

Olivia (4) and Kingston (2-1/2) were at home in Raleigh, N.C. spending time with their wonderful Aunt Becky. I know many of you remember Rebecca Bader, Chad's sister. They were present "in spirit."

Your Sister in Christ,
Nancy Bader

Adult Sunday School Class at 11:00 AM

The 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School is currently working through a study about Romans 12. The next study will be a 6 week study on the book of Daniel. Please feel free to come attend, we would love to have you. Cori Loudon is the current teacher for this group, however it is run with a more discussion style format. We look forward to seeing you there!

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Class

Is studying "SOULS IN FULL SAIL... Christian Spirituality for the Later Years" by Emily Griffin. This book is helping us explore our spirituality as we get along in years.

We ALL are involved in the aging process you know! So regardless of your generation, you are most welcome! A mix of generations actually enriches our sharing experience!

So please do join us. Your presence will add immeasurably to our discussions. We're quite informal, so just bring your cup of coffee and come join us in the church parlor.

The **High School class** will be discussing and watching a DVD series on relationships and dating by Andy Stanley starting in October. This class is led by John and Dennis Sims and is open for students in Grades 10-12.

"Your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing."

2 Thessalonians 1:3

**Children in grades
4-6 are learning
the
Parables from the
New Testament.**

Grow, Proclaim, Serve! Grow your faith by leaps and bounds incorporates Bible stories, activities, crafts, media and games into a full faith experience for children. The children in the elementary grades are learning about Moses, the 10 commandments, and choosing a service project for the upcoming months.

GROW, PROCLAIM, AND SERVE! There will be a Christian Education meeting on Sunday, October 21 following the 11:00 worship service. We will be discussing upcoming events, curriculum, and Advent. All are welcomed to attend. Hot pizza, beverage and dessert will be served. Please let Colleen or Rhonda know if are able to attend.

"Planting Seeds of Faith" through Christian Education is a conference -wide Christian Education Workshop event that will take place on October 27, 2012 from 9:00am.-2:30pm at Clifton Springs UMC. See Rhonda for more information and registration materials.

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

Monday, October 1

4:00-9:00 pm

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

YOU ARE INVITED

The Tuesday evening small group will have a guest from the Rochester Interfaith Hospitality Network tell us about their work and how we can get involved. If you are interested join us on October 9 at 7:15 PM.

Blood Drive to be held at Aldersgate on October 29 from 2-7 PM

We need some people to serve by helping sign people up ahead of time. On the day of the drive we need people to help register those who come to give blood and distribute juice and cookies. Call the office and let us know if you can help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT

On October 28, Sunday school elementary classes will be coloring "**Life is sweeter with Jesus**" bags. Children will receive a sweet treat in class to take home with them. Some children will also be stenciling and painting pumpkins.

The Bishop Is Coming

After the installation service on September 30, Bishop Mark Webb plans to tour all the 12 districts in the Upper New York area in October.

Genesee Valley District — He will be at Rush UMC, 6200 Rush Lima Road, Rush, NY on **October 16th** from 6:00—8:00 PM.

Join us for a premier event on Sunday, October 28 from 5-7 PM!!!

Veggie Tales "The Penniless Princess"
God's Little Girl dinner (hotdogs, popcorn and drink) and movie night here at Aldersgate in the Ide Center. We will also be making a fall/harvest craft.

A poster with more information is located on the Christian Education bulletin board. Hope you can come! There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

**Are you looking forward to our next
Ladies' Night?**

**We are planning another shopping and
dessert event in November!**

**Stay tuned for more details in next
month's *Hinge*.**

GAME NIGHT

is resuming on

**Saturday, October 20
at 6:00 PM.**

Come join us for Euchre, board games or other card games.



FALL CLEAN UP AND GARDENING DAY will be held here at Aldersgate on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will be cleaning windows, mopping Ide floor, painting, glazing – you name it, it's on the list. Coffee, fruit, and donuts will be provided. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board, if you are interested in helping out or just shown up.

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOWCASES WORK OF TALENTED VENDORS

In its fifth year indoors, our annual Crafts & Collectibles Show on **Friday & Saturday, October 19 & 20**, is becoming well-established with both returning vendors and new ones. Shoppers will find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts and useful, decorative items for themselves. One of the vendors shops our rummage sale each year for objects to re-purpose as home decorations with her painting. Jewelry, fabric art, photographs, decorative boxes and soaps, crocheted and knitted items, greeting cards, flower arrangements, paper crafts, and collectible memorabilia will be among the variety of items on display. You will be able to shop ahead for Christmas and birthday gifts as well as support our local craftsmen. Our church booth features the work of our own members.



Hotdogs and our popular meatball sandwiches, chips and beverages will be available for lunch from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM both days. **Baked goods** will also be on sale each day. We need all the baked

goods you can supply. We have a number of regular customers who particularly look for Aldersgate bake sales. See Gege Dunn or Bobbie Eckert if you have any questions.

Money raised by the Crafts & Collectibles Show is divided between the Church Missions Committee and Aldersgate UMW to meet our commitment to local mission outreach through Mission Share, the Greece Food Shelf and our Christmas White Gifts program; to national missions like Red Bird and Cookson Hills Center; and overseas ministries in countries like Liberia and Haiti.

For a successful show we need **helpers, shoppers, and diners**. The show will be open each day from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. **Sign-up sheets** are available on the Opportunities Board for you to let us know that you can help with the various tasks that will create another successful event: setting up on Thursday evening or helping with lunch service, working at the baked goods table or the church craft booth or greeting people as they arrive on both days.

Join in the fun and fellowship of working and

UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, November 10 – General Meeting with “The Bread Man” as speaker

Saturday, January 26 -- General Meeting & needlecraft projects day

READING CIRCLE MEETS OCTOBER 4

The October book selection for Reading Circle is classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library. For those who are available and interested, the group will be showing the movie starring Gregory Peck in the Church Parlor in the morning starting at 10:00 AM. If you plan to come to the movie, bring a light lunch to tide you over for the afternoon discussion at 1:00 PM. Dessert & beverages will be available for all.

Planning ahead? The November selection is Maeve Binchy’s *Minding Frankie*.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (315-5077) for more information.

GREECE POLICE CHIEF TO SPEAK AT MORNING CIRCLE

On **Tuesday, October 16, at 11:00 AM**, Chief Baxter of the Greece Police will speak with the members of Morning Circle about local human trafficking issues and other local concerns. We will meet in the Chapel to hear him; then adjourn to the Parlor for our refreshments. We will have guests from nearby UMW units. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. There will be a **sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board** for this meeting.

SEW ‘N SEW’S

The work of Sew ‘n Sew’s was on display at the Genesee Valley District UMW Annual Meeting on September 22 to encourage all units to become involved in hands-on mission projects. Fairport showed their pillowcase dresses, North Chili their cuddle quilts, and Union Hill baby quilts and caps. The purpose of the display was to follow-up on our Spring Event “It’s All About H. I. M. (Hands in Mission).”

Sew’n Sew’s meets regularly at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (Old Office) on the second Monday of each Month. We are planning a Saturday project day in January with an opportunity for who would like to join us in working on a variety of hands-on needlework projects for mission.

On Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 PM Andrew Barron, Director of Jews for Jesus Canada will be giving a presentation. Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles aims to enrich your understanding of the gospel by going back to the Jewish roots of the Christian faith. He will explain how the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) is a vibrant part of Jewish life today, as well as how the holiday offers a wealth of meaning for Christians who value their Old Testament heritage.

Using visual aids, Andrew transports you to Jerusalem in Jesus' day and sets the stage for His claims to be the Light of the World and the one who provides the Living Water of the Spirit. Jesus not only celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles, He used it as the occasion to reveal His nature and His mission. Christians who want to better understand the Jewish life that Jesus lived on this earth will feel they know Him even more the rituals He and His disciples observed.



**Congratulations to Gloria and Ivan Montgomery
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
and thank you to Ann McCrossen who
donated \$50 to the church
in honor of their 50 years together.**

United Methodist Women (Cont.)

AWARDS PRESENTED AT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Aldersgate UMW was recognized once again as a Five-Star Unit for mission giving by paying in full our Pledge to Mission, collecting a Thank Offering, making Gifts in Mission and Gifts in Memory, and recognizing mission service with a mission pin. This giving supports the national and international ministry of United Methodist Women.

Four members received certificates for completing UMW Reading Plans: Frances Crabtree, Joyce Farrokh, Gretchen Hughes, and Helen Wolter.

Our unit is also once again eligible for a Silver Mission Today Award, but those will be given at a later date.



BIG REQUESTS FROM MERI WHITAKER

Churches like ours who have been regularly supporting the work of Meri Whitaker and Cookson Hills Center, a United Methodist mission site in Eastern Oklahoma, recently received a letter from Meri with the following requests:

"1. The summer is quickly coming to a close. Our children are back in school and the school supplies have been given out. The heat is diminishing and churches should be returning to full strength after this weekend. We have struggled to get through these very difficult months and while we have been blessed in many ways we are finding that the reality of recession is never good when working with the least, the lost, and the LAST. During a recession, giving to the last is just that--last. This past spring, the Food Bank published the statistic that Oklahoma is tied with Arkansas for first place in the nation in hunger. My first thought was, 'Would God's people allow God's children to go to bed hungry if they knew?' Of course not! Our giving is down and our bills keep going up. It is hard to make payroll but we must not dismiss people from their jobs. The good news is that you can help. With a gift to the Center, we will be able to meet our obligations to the staff, the cottage industry workers, the insurance people, the gas stations and utility workers. With your gift we can continue to meet needs and change lives in the Cookson area. Won't you please give?"

"2. As you know, we have been trying to raise money for a new Ministry Center. The building that we are occupying at present is a post-WWII building and is slowly tumbling down on us. We have run into a real thick wall in our fundraising. We were attempting to raise \$600,000 but we flat-lined at \$300,000. We have discovered that the Smokehouse Restaurant next door is presently in foreclosure. It is the same building that we had designed except it is ten feet longer and five feet wider. We are attempting to gain ownership of that building at the Sheriff's auction October 10th, 2012, at 10:00 am. We are close to having the amount that we will need to purchase the building but there will be some hidden costs of assessments, abstracts and surveys. We will also need to renovate it to meet our needs for office space. (We will not be running a restaurant in it.) We will need an additional \$100,000 to secure the building and renovate it to meet our needs. If you would like to make a gift to the building fund simply note that on the memo at the bottom of your check.

Thank you for your continued support. "

Our church has been supporting Meri and the work at Cookson Hills Center for about 20 years. For two years in the recent past, we designated half the proceeds from the annual church auction toward that new ministry center they need--until we received word that the building plans were on hold. We can help now in two ways: make an **additional gift** to Cookson Hills Center and make it a point to **pray** that the mission will be able to purchase the building next door in the foreclosure sale if it is the Lord's will.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women have already responded to this request by sending a check for \$500 to be used where needed. That may sound like a lot, but there are large needs there. If you feel called to help, you may do so by putting in the offering your check payable to **Aldersgate UMC** and designated for **"Cookson Hills Center"** or your gift in cash in a pew envelope so marked.

The center is making a difference daily in the lives of families, seniors, and children by providing employment, child care, health services, meals and activities for seniors, food, clothing, and much more. We can be a part of that ministry through our gifts.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE SPONSORS ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE.

Remember to vote on **Tuesday, November 6**—and to stop by the church (even if it's not your polling place) to purchase baked goods or Christmas crafts. With a national election at stake, we should have a lot of traffic in our entryway that day. However, **to have a good sale, we must have the goods!** People come in the morning expecting to find cookies, brownies, and breads to take to work with them. Throughout the day we have "regulars" who look forward to the mouth-watering pies and cakes they find here every year. National elections or local elections, we've been doing well if we don't run out of goods to sell early.

Sign-up sheets will be posted after the Craft Show for you to indicate your willingness to contribute both the product of your baking skills and your service in staffing the sale.

From our September 20 meeting

The Council's agenda item "Open Forum" was in-place at our September 20 meeting; being a monthly agenda item. This is an opportunity for anyone to share their ministry idea likes and dislikes; we are always open to hearing feedback. Reminder, your "voice" is important to everyone. The church, is the people...not a building...it's about GOD.

The Nominations Committee has 4 open positions, two each for the Class of 2012 and 2014, respectively. Also, the Lay Leader position is "open."

All positions require an individual being a Church member. Please contact Pastor Anne, if interested.

Rally Day, Sunday, September 9 shows great results. A total of 47 attended the Christian Education programs which includes 12 in the Confirmation class.

Youth Fellowship evening attendance, as of September 20, has reached 23 students to-date. This number includes 11 from the Hispanic/Latino ministries.

Worship total attendance increased 30% on September 9 vs. September 2.

Our next Council meeting is Thursday, October 18, 2012.

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING PROVIDES CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Half the funds from the special offering on World Communion Sunday, **October 7**, will be used to support Crusade Scholarships for students primarily from the Asia/Pacific region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe who don't normally have access to funding for graduate-level education. Students who plan to study in health-related fields, rural development, social work, teaching, theology, pastoral care, environmental studies, and agriculture are given priority. The students are expected to return to their home communities to use the skills learned for at least five years after finishing their studies. Any remaining funds are used to provide Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduates, with fifteen percent reserved to fund programs for ethnic people seeking second careers in church-related callings.

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

MISSION SHARE SERVING MORE

Whether needs in our community are increasing or people are becoming more aware of the services at Mission Share Outreach Center, the number of client visits has increased significantly. Like last year August saw the largest number thus far in the year; but this year there were 250 client visits compared to 190 in August 2011. Those 250 clients were coming in for services for themselves and their families with 804 individuals being served, with 775 for food and 681 for clothes. May and June this year had the next highest number of client visits with 191 each month.

Located at 10 Cedarfield Commons (off Long Pond Rd. north of the Greece Town Hall), Mission Share is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **If you have an interest in "serving Christ with joy"** by helping Mission Share clients on a regular basis, call 368-0744 for more information. There's a bit of paperwork, including a recommendation from Pastor Anne, but getting involved is easy.

Everyone can help by bringing in **bathroom tissue and feminine hygiene products** for the clients. Each sponsoring church is taking responsibility for a couple of items that are used regularly; so we are the primary source of these two items. We were told recently that

the first place clients look when they come in to "shop" is to the shelves where the tissue and feminine products are kept. If they see them, their faces light up with a smile.

Keep them smiling. Your donations can be put in the Mission Share box behind the Welcome Table. Our goal is to have enough for a delivery every week. .

KEEP THOSE LABELS COMING!

Dick Harmer, our coupon-clipper-in-chief, reported that in September he sent to Red Bird Mission 1616 General Mills Boxtops for Education worth 10 cents each to them. That's more than half again as many as this time last year. From Campbell's soup labels, he sent 898 one-pointer UPC's and 138 five-pointers. This may not sound like a lot (although it represents a lot of clipping!), but keep in mind that it costs us nothing and really adds up when every UM church participates.

This program is being used to obtain both school equipment and supplies for Red Bird Mission School and to purchase vans for transportation at the mission. Saving these labels helps to make possible this ministry to the children of the remote mountain area served by Red Bird.

"FOOD FOR FRIENDS"

"Food for Friends" Sunday to benefit the Greece Food Shelf brought in **374 pounds** of food on September 23. Thank you very much for your generosity. This effort does mean there will be fewer hungry people in our community this month.

Dear Sally,

I noticed Sunday that in our Gathering Area we had three different major projects going on--signing 2 x 4's for the Greece Habitat for Humanity house, selling tickets for Fiesta Latina to raise money for Emmanuel UMC, and collecting food for the Greece Food Shelf. Are we perhaps getting a little carried away? Perhaps that's why our church offering is down from other years.

Just Asking

Dear Asking,

It was a little busy, wasn't it? That's a lot of activity; but, as I told someone else, we're running out of Sundays to promote good causes! Frankly, there's a lot of need out there. We can't address every issue, but we do the best we can. We are very mindful of our mission: Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy. Our Missions Committee, our United Methodist Women, and other groups who select the projects on which we focus really do try to sort to find those causes where our natural interests lie and where our involvement is likely to do some good.

We don't expect everyone to give to everything. God really does speak to our individual hearts more on some subjects than others. Those close to our hearts will likely get a larger share of our giving. Some projects like building Habitat for Humanity houses call for physical skills not all of us have; while bringing in food for the Greece Food Shelf is likely something

that we all can do. We all like to get together to eat. If we can help a neighboring church with an inner-city outreach while doing so, it's a win-win situation. We can all pray for each and every effort in which we engage. God does promise us "more than enough for every good cause." (II Cor. 9:8)

Has that impacted our giving to support our church's regular ministries? The Stewardship Team and the Finance Committee do look at that question. We have no clear evidence that it does. Very rarely do we see a sign that our regular givers have reduced their pledges to accommodate giving to other causes. Of course, we have no idea whether or not they would increase their giving to the church if we had no other askings. Biblically we are to support our church with our first tithe and use additional offerings for other good causes.

We all need to realize that many of our visitors who have started attending regularly or have become members give our wide involvement in good works as their reason for staying. People want to be a part of a church that looks outward rather than inward.

Why is our income down from previous year? One reason may simply be that tight times may be catching up to us. Quite a number of our older regular givers, who tend to give more proportionately, have died in the last couple of years. A handful has moved away. We certainly have a healthy flow of new members, but

statistically most new members are slower in growing their giving. (I don't mean you, of course!)

God does provide for our every need. That truth applies to us as individuals and as a church. When we take into account our total giving toward paying for the expanded facilities we are enjoying and supporting our regular ministries--and increased giving for outreach--the total exceeds anything we could have imagined in the "prosperous" nineties.

We are holding a Finance Campaign this month. Each of us needs to pray about our own commitment as well as the overall commitment of the church to our mission. God has blessed us richly. We certainly don't want to become dead ended receptacles into which God pours blessings that go nowhere.

Keep those blessings flowing!
Sally Stewardship

P. S. Before anyone gives me the "moneychangers" lecture (re: running out of Sundays), the moneychangers were providing a needed service to those coming to the temple from out of town. That wasn't the issue. Jesus drove them out because they were cheating people and getting rich from it. They were also distracting from worship. We may need to look at that point. Good day!

ACOLYTES		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/7	Briana Kephart	Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell Chase Tyler
10/14	Allison McHugh	Michelle Maggio Ryan Lindeman
10/21	Briana Kephart	Emma Bock Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
10/28	Allison McHugh	Marie Sims

USHER SCHEDULE		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/7	Myrt & Al Holmes Candy Metzger Evelyn Welker	Nancy & Terry Young Tom & Zuni Simons
10/14	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
10/21	Myrt & Al Holmes Eric McHugh Linda Uebelacker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
10/30	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Eric Bock Vince Acciaio

SCRIPTURE READERS		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/7	Ray Poling	Nancy Young
10/14	Lisa Deutsch	Melissa Powell
10/21	Al Holmes	Suzanne Unell
10/30	Jan Rothfuss	Karen Sladden

AV		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
10/7	Rich Mohrmann	Roger Hotchkiss, Ray LaFlair
10/14	Mark DeVincentis	David Gray, Myles Gray
10/21	Brian Jones	Eric Bock, Dick Caupp
10/30	Ted Carstens	Sammy Maggio, Juan Ruiz

STICKY LIPS BBQ SUPPORTS BUILDING HOUSE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Construction is underway on the fifth house to be built by the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition. We do, however, still need to raise funds to pay for the entire project.

On **Thursday, October 11, from 3:30 to 7:00 PM** Sticky Lips will be selling its famous **BBQ Rib & Chicken Combo Dinner** with cornbread and two sides for **just \$12.00** each for **pickup at Trinity Episcopal Church**, 3450 Ridge Rd. West. (Note the change of location.) Advance sale tickets are not necessary, but they are a good idea. They will be available after services only on October 7.

If you are willing to **volunteer to help that evening** with directing traffic or dishing up food, **see Ray Poling** (621-1573). There are two shifts: 3:00-5:00 and 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

If you would like to volunteer on the building project itself, you may do so by signing up online. Watch the bulletins for more information.

ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR NOVEMBER 16

Funds from our Annual Aldersgate Auction this year will go toward paying the mortgage on our expanded facilities (Building Fund) and meeting our obligation to support our conference and denominational Shared Ministries (apportionments).

If you have never attended this event, get it on your calendar for this year. From the start of the spaghetti dinner to the last “sold” from the auctioneers, it’s a lively and entertaining evening. Your high bid may send you home with something you’ve always been wanting or a Christmas gift that you won’t have to compete for in the stores on “Black Friday.” In addition to the open auction, we will again have smaller items on a silent auction table.

Start now to think about what you can donate to the Annual Aldersgate Auction. We are looking for good quality new or used items that may interest others. Consider gift certificates from your favorite restaurants or stores or perhaps providing a service such as babysitting or lawn care.

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

“ABUNDANT JOY: OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY”

The message to us in II Corinthians 8:1-7, while written to first-century Christians, is an especially relevant message for us today. The Apostle Paul held up as an example the abundant joy and overflowing generosity of the afflicted and poverty-stricken churches of Macedonia who wanted to do their share in helping the poor in Jerusalem. How were they able? They gave themselves first to the Lord. He urged the Corinthians, who excelled in so many more gifts of every kind to excel also in giving--like the Macedonians. They gave freely, joyfully, and more generously than their means suggested was comfortable. That’s an important message in a time when many of us are feeling economic stresses.

As part of this year’s Fall Finance Campaign, our four bulletin inserts each Sunday leading up to Commitment Sunday on October 28 will examine what it means to give joyfully and generously of our time, our worship, our spiritual gifts, and our financial resources to God. What can happen when we give ourselves “first to God?”

Please be in prayer as you read the letter from our Stewardship Team that will come soon and the letter from Pastor Anne with the pledge card that will come later. Bringing your pledge forward during the worship services on **Commitment Sunday** will be your step of faith for the year ahead. Let’s remember and honor God’s faithfulness to us with those pledges as we look ahead to a new year of at Aldersgate.

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