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February 2013

From Your Pastor

February is the month we celebrate love. As Christians, we first celebrate God's love. John writes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another." (1 John 4:7-11) Love begins and ends with God. It is because God has first loved us that we can love one another.

This love that God enables is greater than we are and greater than our feelings for one another. Love is a way of acting toward others that shows forth the love of God. The Apostle Paul puts it this way, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a) It's a tall order, but with God all things are possible. So let's focus on loving others as Christ loves us.

February 13 is the beginning of Lent, the Forty day period of preparation for Easter. It's a time to reflect on God's amazing love for us in Jesus' death and resurrection and to examine our love for God and others. I encourage you to join us for worship at 7 PM on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 13) and to use the "Committed to Christ" daily devotion-al guide that will supplement weekly Sunday messages. These will be available at church.

My prayer for Lent is that we grow in love and commitment during this Holy season.

In Christ's love,

Anne

PS. I hope you'll join us for the many fellowship opportunities this month:

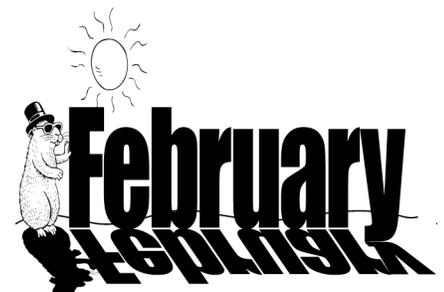
- February 2 Chili Cook-off
- February 9 Friendship Dinner
- February 12 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

You'll find more information about these meals in the Hinge.

Also, on February 10, we will be welcoming back The Reverend John Cooke, a former Aldersgate pastor, who will bring the message that morning.

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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.

Hospitalized: Jack Simm - Strong, Greg Heizyk - Unity

Recovering at home: Brandon Gray, Cindy Purzycki, Bill Teasdale

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis), 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 Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), William

Donahue, Valerie Eckels, Chitie Edgett, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Robert Fisher, Stella Gagliano, Steven Gray (brother of David Gray), 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), Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Len Mack, Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Joan Michlin, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, 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, John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley,

Helen Sullivan (mother of Karen Newberry), Rick Tripp (brother of Nancy Massing), Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold)

Our home-bound: John Sobus

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr, Maurice & Evelyn Deuel - Hilton East; Mavis Beers, Phoebe Brown, Phyllis Keegan - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp - Crimson Ridge Gardens; Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong - Crimson Ridge Meadows; Phyllis Little, Evie Souve - Legacy; Len Mack, Martha Thomson - Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to Edith Coburn and family on the death of Ted, to the family of Maxine Pollock, and to Steve and Colleen Tyler and family on the death of Steve's mother, Leonora Tyler and



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 March *Hinge* are due **February 15!**

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Friends & Family:

As I pen these words, we are just recovering from entertaining all our relatives for Christmas and New Years. We are all facing the challenges of the New Year before us!

As we look back, we may feel that we failed in many ways, but remember that we serve a Lord who is always ready to give us “another chance”! I’m reminded of this by an item that appeared in the *The Joyful Noiseletter* (used by permission) entitled:”

Who was he?

He failed in business at age 22.

Ran for the state legislature and was defeated—age 23.

Again failed in business—age 24.

Elected to legislature—age 25.

Sweetheart died—age 26.

Had a nervous breakdown, and his friends feared for his sanity—age 27.

Defeated for Speaker of the legislature—age 29.

Defeated for U. S. Congress—age 34.



Elected to Congress—age 39.

Defeated for U. S. Senate—age 46.

Defeated for Vice President—age 47.

Defeated for U. S. Senate—age 49.

Elected President of the United States—age 51.

Who was he?

Abraham Lincoln

If this man who was defeated so many times could be one of our great presidents — there is hope for you and me!

God bless you,

Jerry Wolter

Visitation Pastor

SAVE THE DATE VOLUNTEER

The Evangelism and Membership Care Team is sponsoring the 3rd annual “Gathering of Friends” event. On April 20, 2013, all Aldersgate UMC folks who are unable to attend church regularly will be invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

The 11:30 – 2:00 PM event will include a program and time for worship along with a great lunch. We are looking for some volunteers to help us make it a special day for all of our guests. Can you provide some entertainment? Can you help with transportation? Can you help serve and/or cleanup?

To volunteer, please contact Jan Rothfuss (347-6020) or Candy in the office (663-3665). Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Hogestyn	February 1	Dominic DeBell	February 11	Helen Allen	February 21
Joan Michlin	February 1	Ray LaFlair	February 11	Michael Smith	February 23
George Shukitis	February 2	Scott Wiley	February 11	Harry Muthersbaugh	February 24
Patrick Byrnes	February 4	Doug Jones III	February 13	Jessica Christie	February 26
Todd Farrell	February 5	Mike Dunn	February 15	Sue Accapezzato	February 26
Ed Geier	February 5	Fran Baird	February 15	Michael Thompson	February 26
AnnaMarie Sims	February 6	Ken Sisson	February 17	Grace Watts	February 27
Vince Acciaio	February 9	Gretchen Hughes	February 17	Elijah Tyler	February 27
Ryan Kennedy	February 10	Ethan Cary	February 18		
		Dave Stanley	February 20		



ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Wiederhold & Bette Edgett	February 10
Dean & Jackie Hogestyn	February 13

Easter Lilies

Easter Sunday is March 31st, and it is now time to consider placing a lily in the Sanctuary in Memory or in Honor of a loved one on that glorious day!

The order blanks will be inside the Sunday bulletins beginning February 24. The cost of the Lilies will be \$10.00.

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



Thank You

Dear Aldersgate Church Family:

We would like to thank you for your love, prayers, meaningful cards, and gifts to our Memorial Fund. We have been blessed in so many ways.

Also, thanks to Pastor Anne and Pastor Jerry for their love, comfort and support during this time.

In His Love,
The Coburn Family

A very belated thank you to my Church Family for your many contributions to making my 80th birthday so special.

Many blessings to you all.

Betty Hild

GROW, PROCLAIM, SERVE!

During the month of February, the children's Sunday school classes will be focused on learning the "Stories of the Kingdom".

February 3: The Golden Rule / Golden-Rule Inchworm

February 10: New Veggie Tales movie, "Lettuce Love One Another"/Make a Valentine for someone special & heart tag.

February 17: Lent: Pretzel Prayers & make/eat pretzels. Serve to Congregation after worship service.

February 24: Good Samaritan/ Neighbor Paper Collage

We will be watching the new Veggie Tales movie, "Lettuce Love One Another" during Sunday school on February 10 during both services. The children will also be crafting an original Valentine for someone special. Don't be surprised if you get tagged



We would like to start a **Family Art Night** for children (age 4-12? and their families) sometime this winter or early spring. We would like it to be once a month, for 1-2 hours, simple dinner and devotion. Each family would host (meaning...plan the craft, devotion/song, etc.) only once a year in the Ide Center. We have a book with many ideas on what to do. If interested, please see, call or e-mail Rhonda with your thoughts, suggestions and/or questions. We would love to have at least 10 families participate

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are in need of a Children's Sunday school teacher during the 9:30 AM Worship Service. The children range from 5-10 years old. We supply the lesson plans and supplies for each Sunday. Please prayerfully consider this ministry to our church.

Rhonda and Colleen

The Sunday school children will be receiving a "Countdown to Easter" mobile and family devotional book to take home to craft and study during Lent. The Youth will be receiving a daily devotion titled, "Gracebook: God's Social Media".



SAVE THE DATE
February 9, 2013, from 6:00PM – 8:30PM

Buy your tickets now!

The Hispanic/Latino Ministry will be celebrating the Second Annual Friendship Day. The menu includes two different meals to choose from:

Adult's Menu

(\$10/Person)

Choice 1:

Stuffed Chicken Breast with Homemade Mashed Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables, Spinach & Cheese

Choice 2:

Puerto Rican-Style Yellow Rice & Pigeon Peas with Roasted Pork & Macaroni Salad

Desert: Flan-cake (half custard-half cake) or Cheesecake.

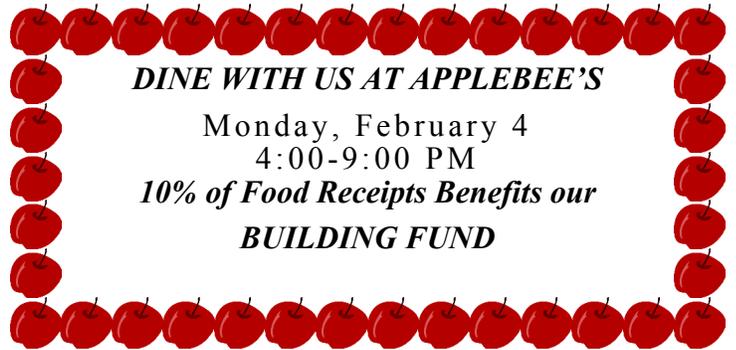
All dishes include: side salad, bread, desert & drinks

Kids' Menu (

Kids are Free)

Pizza or Mac & Cheese & Soft Drink

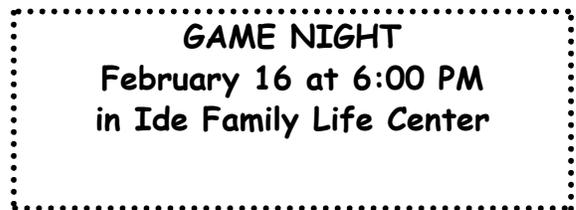
All proceeds are to buy a van to transport the Youth Ministry.



DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

Monday, February 4
4:00-9:00 PM

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



GAME NIGHT

**February 16 at 6:00 PM
in Ide Family Life Center**

**Please Sign Up for
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER on
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 5-7 PM**

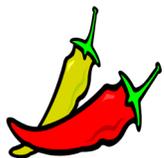
The cost is \$5.00/single and \$10.00/household family. We will be serving blueberry, chocolate chip, and regular pancakes along with hot sausage! Children can decorate a Mardi Gras mask, collect beads, and find chocolate coins.

We are looking for people to prep, help serve, and clean-up. See Rhonda or Colleen, if you are interested in any of these tasks.

This year's proceeds will go to Flower City Work Camp and our Sunday school program.

**SIGN UP FOR
Aldersgate's Annual
Chili Cook Off**

Saturday, February 2, 2013
4:00—6:30 PM



Taste Off: 4:00—5:00 PM—\$2.00—Sample & vote for your favorite Chili.

Come and Eat: 5:00—6:00 PM—\$5.00—Bowls of Chili

Also: Silent Auction of Baked Goods



READING CIRCLE

Here Burns My Candle by Liz Curtis Higgs, one of our favorite authors, is the selection for the Reading Circle on **Thursday, February 7**. Set in 18th century Scotland, this story of love and betrayal is another of Higgs' exciting and challenging historical novels. Join us in the Church Library at 1:00 PM for light refreshments and an entertaining discussion of the book.

For those of you who plan ahead, the selection for March 7 is *The Help*, the best-selling novel by Kathryn Stockett. We will

meet in the Library at 10:00 AM to watch the video, eat our bag lunches, and reconvene at 1:00 for the book discussion.

The books are available each month in the Church Library. Sign a copy out and return it when you are finished so that it is available for others.

Newcomers are always welcome. For further information about Reading Circle, call Frances Crabtree (315-5077).



M I S S I O N u

2013 "MISSION u" ANNOUNCED

The School of Christian Mission has been re-named. It is now "Mission u." The purpose and format remain the same, an opportunity each summer to spend a short time in focused study of the Scripture, social issues, and mission around the world. Although sponsored by United Methodist Women, the school is open to all.

This summer's spiritual growth study will be "Living Sacramentally &

Walking Justly"; the geographic study will be "The Roma of Europe"; and the social issue will again be "Poverty." The format allows participants to take only two of the studies. The spiritual growth study is required and is new every year. The other two are repeated in alternate years so that students ultimately have a chance to study each topic if they choose.

"Mission u" will continue to be held in three locations in the Upper New York Conference, and are open to everyone interested. The first

will be held at Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, on July 12-14; the second at Camp Asbury, Silver Lake, on July 18-20, and the third at Silver Bay, Lake George, on September 13-15.

BABY SHOWER FOR WOMEN'S CARE CENTER AT MORNING CIRCLE

Joan McCarthy, the new Executive Director of the Women's Care Center at 3252 Lake Avenue, will speak at Morning Circle on **Tuesday, February 19**. Since the primary focus of their work is to support young women and their babies, the Morning Circle plans to hold a "baby shower" to provide supplies that they need most frequently: **Enfamil formula, diapers** in sizes 4 & 5, **baby sleepers** for infants up to 27 lbs., and **hooded towels**. Other baby items will be welcome, but these are the "hot" items on the wish list.

Come to the stories of the important work this organization is doing in our own neighborhood. The meeting will start at 11:00 AM in the Parlor. Bring a light lunch and enjoy dessert and beverages provided by our hostesses of the month.

UPCOMING DATES:

- February 11** - Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00 PM, Room 1
- March 23** - District Communion Breakfasts
- March 26** - Meal in the Upper Room
- April 7** - UMW Sunday
- May 18** - Red Bird Mission Craft Show

GREAT NEWS! LAST PAYMENT MADE ON HABITAT HOUSE

To the surprise of most of us who have been following these developments, our representative Ray Poling brought back from the last committee meeting the announcement that the last payment had been made to Flower City Habitat on the current house project. (Flower City fronts the money used in building.) Most of us were anticipating having to continue to raise money to finish paying for the house after it was built as we have at times in the past. Currently it costs \$65,000 in cash and in kind donations to build a house. With the small surplus remaining, the committee plans to purchase an appliance for the home as we have also done when we could. When asked if there were plans for a sixth house, Ray just smiled and said, "They were making plans for fundraisers for later this year."

Work on the house is not yet complete. On January 13 Pastor Anne announced two more dates when Aldersgaters were scheduled to work. The dedication will probably be held in early February.

14 full-time employees. (They only have two or three paid employees.) The warehouse also provides storage space for a number of local and national non-profit service agencies.

MERI WHITAKER'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

We have been supporting Meri Whitaker, a United Methodist missionary assigned to work at Cookson Hills Center in Eastern Oklahoma. Meri graduated from SUNY Brockport and was originally connected with the Western New York Annual Conference. Her Christmas letter reminds us again of God's faithfulness in providing just what we need.

After reminding us unnecessarily about the warm weather in Oklahoma at the beginning of December, Meri wrote:

"I look back over 2012 and I am so grateful for God's continued grace on the ministry and mission here at Cookson. As you know, we have been working for six years to raise enough money to build a new Ministry Center. The hub of the work is housed in the first building that was ever built for us in 1948. It is dangerously close to falling down. We moved the old clinic, which was the original building, up on the hill to make room for the new Ministry Center. We needed \$600,000. A year ago we flatlined. We have raised \$300,000 through gifts and grants but we just could not seem to move off that number. I didn't know what to think. Someone suggested that we buy the restaurant next door, as it was for sale. They were asking \$800,000. I just laughed; we certainly didn't need a restaurant and we didn't have that kind of money. After about three months, we heard that the restaurant was filing for bankruptcy and going into foreclosure. We began to inquire and our lawyer, Mr. Lloyd Cole began to research the auction and try to buy the building, if at all possible; and Mike Wiley headed up the effort. We went back to the Woodworth Foundation and asked for an additional \$50,000 and they agreed. To make a long story short, we were able to buy the building and all of its contents for \$340,000. We were unable to raise any more money because we were not going to NEED any more money.

"We have cleaned out the building and sold all of the kitchen equipment. We are presently converting the heat from propane to natural gas and the office walls will begin going up this month. We are hoping to begin moving right after the first of the year."

Just a note: Our own Carole Jermyn was at Cookson Hills Center the day the sale went through and

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING REPORT

Thank you for your very generous Christmas Offering. Our Benevolence Treasurer was able to add \$590 toward payment of our Shared Ministry apportionments and sent \$585 to Gateway-Longview to continue their caring work with Western New York children, youth, and families. Your Christian love is shown in your willingness to give freely to support God's work outside our walls as well as within.

MISSION CENTRAL REPORTS

After we put together school, health, and layette kits each fall, we take them to Mission Central, a large warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA, or to the Cortland, NY hub. Mission Central is a Disaster Response ministry of the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church that works with the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Their year-end statistics give us all some picture of the size of the need and the response of the churches in this whole Northeastern part of the United States, who use the warehouse as a collection point. From this warehouse in 2012, 8% of the items collected were sent to meet needs in Pennsylvania, 32% elsewhere in the U. S., and 60% globally. They had more than 7,000 volunteers join them in their work at the warehouse this year, the equivalent of

Sally Stewardship

DEAR SALLY STEWARDSHIP:

I haven't heard anything for a while. How are we coming along in paying down the mortgage on our new facilities?

A Little Concerned

Dear Concerned,

You're right. It's been awhile and I do have some information for you. First of all, yes, we have been making the nearly \$17,500 payments on time each month. We've not been without challenges some months, but God does provide. Just as Meri Whitaker noted, God does not necessarily give us a surplus, but He gives us ENOUGH! (We, of course, would be more comfortable with a surplus, but that kind of comfort doesn't seem to be among His promises.) Sometimes we have to borrow from other church accounts; then a bequest or a little larger gift comes along so that we can pay the borrowed amount back and move forward.

Jan Winter, our Financial Secretary, checked with Trust Management about the amount of principal still owed on the mortgage. As of December 10, we owed \$1,268,750. Of the original \$2.1 million borrowed in December 2004, **we have paid off \$831,250.** Because the loan was financed with bond sales rather than a traditional mortgage (which we couldn't find at the time), the amount of principal owed adjusts on June 10 and December 10 when bonds are retired. It is a 20-year mortgage, so we have a way to go. But as a congregation you have been generous and responsible.

You refer to our "new" facilities. You are no doubt a long-time member. We have reached a point where many who have joined us in recent years don't remember our church facilities being any other way. Some may not even realize that we do have a rather large mortgage payment to make each month and that many of the activities we now take for granted were not possible just eight years ago.

Your question also comes at a particularly good time. We are about to launch our fourth campaign for pledges to make those monthly payments for the next three years. Only with a large bequest or a very large response to the campaign can we be in a position to pay off the mortgage early. Don't groan--celebrate! This is a time to praise God for what He has done for us. It will be a time to look back to appreciate the benefits of using this wonderful building for the last seven plus years, and a time to consider what we could do if we were free of the mortgage. It's a time to build stronger connections with each other, to work with others with whom we are not yet well acquainted, to strengthen our faith and relationship with God.

You'll be hearing from your capital campaign committee soon!

Feeling blessed already,
Sally Stewardship

ANOTHER REASON TO CELEBRATE!

We have been reminding you each month that the first Monday is Applebee's Night and that 10% of the food receipts we collect that night goes toward our Building Fund to pay off our mortgage. As a fundraiser this event has brought in only a small amount each month, but it is an established event with "regulars" who look forward to socializing and, frankly, getting out of cooking for themselves.

Guess what! Jan Winter has been keeping a running total and that "small amount" over the last six plus years **has added up to more than one month's payment on the mortgage--\$17,500--**that Applebee's has contributed to Aldersgate. You can do the



math and figure out that they benefit as well. Our servers on the first Monday of the month benefit from the tips. In fact the manager has not had to "recruit" workers for a long time for what is ordinarily a very slow night! Until people quit showing up, we plan to continue and so does Applebee's.

So be sure to join us on **Monday, February 4**, between 4:00 and 9:00 PM at Applebee's at Paddy Creek Circle off Ridge Road West. Be there or be square--as someone used to say.

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has had a tour of the restaurant.

In other news Meri wrote:

“The Christmas store is in full swing and people are lining up to take advantage of their shopping time. The food boxes are full and everyone who comes to the Christmas Store will also have everything that they need for Christmas dinner. The wood has been cut and we will deliver several ricks to needy families when we deliver Christmas boxes to our shut-ins.

“Both of my parents live in Oklahoma now and they are experiencing all of the difficulties of aging. We thought we were going to lose my Dad two weeks ago but he has rallied and seems to be doing ok for now. My Mom gets more and more confused everyday and we have to watch her very closely to make sure she takes her medicine and eats. She still comes to my house every night for dinner.

“I have the little boy back again that I had two years ago. He is five, now, and in kindergarten. He

came to live with me in early July. I get up at 5:30 every morning to pack a lunch and get him ready to catch the 7am bus. We do homework every night and he loves to ride his horse. He is a delight and I am enjoying every minute that I am able to spend with him. Being a “mom” at 60 does pose some challenges, however, but I am looking forward to Christmas with him.

“The church is still my fortress. The family that I have there is wonderful and so supportive. They are always willing to help in anyway that they can and I don’t know what I would do without them.

“I hope that you are enjoying the grace and peace of this season and that every day is a celebration of the birth of our Lord and not just another day full of tasks and responsibilities. May this time of year remind you that God came to us and He is still with us, no matter what life throws at us. He has promised to carry our burdens, if we will let Him. He has promised to always love us

and God always keeps God’s promises.”

Just as a reminder, Aldersgate did play a small part in helping Cookson Hills Center to gather the original \$300,000 needed for the purchase of their new facility. Half the Annual Auction proceeds in both 2008 and 2009 were donated to Cookson Hills Center toward their building program. We also help to support Meri herself through our annual Easter offering each year. Your continued prayers and financial support are always needed.

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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Church Fax – 865-8442**

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/3	Briana Kephart	Chase Tyler Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
2/10	Allison McHugh	Michelle Maggio Marie Sims
2/17	Briana Kephart	Emma Bock Natalie Bock
2/24	Allison McHugh	Marie Sims Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/3	Al & Myrt Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy & Terry Young
2/10	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
2/17	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley
2/24	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/3	Confirmation Class	Nancy Young
2/10	Gloria Montgomery	Wilma Shaughnessy
2/17	Paul Brown	Gege Dunn
2/24	Cori Louden	Confirmation Class

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	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
2/3	Brian Jones	Dick Caupp, Ray laFlair
2/10	Mark DeVincentis	David & Myles Gray
2/17	Ted Carstens	Erick Bock, Roger Hotchkiss
2/24	Rich Mohrmann	Sammy Maggio, Juan Ruiz

Church Council News

No one spoke at the Council's new agenda item "Open Forum".

The new Bishop is receiving invitations to preach in local churches. He is being given September 2015; when Aldersgate will be celebrating 60 years.

The December 6th Council meeting was discussion and review of the proposed 2013 Budget. Reminder, that the monthly mortgage is \$17,436.

The December 9th Church Conference meeting was led by D.S. Rev. Ted Anderson. Ted concluded by stating the church is to be a joy; not a burden.

Be engaged in service – world and community. Ask ourselves – Are we living the gospel? and How do we see Jesus today? Remember:

God is good – ALL THE TIME!

Our next Council meeting is Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Reminder:

The Nominations Committee has 3 open positions, one for the Class of 2012 and two for the Class of 2014. The Lay Leader position is "open." All positions require an individual being a Church member. There are other opportunities to serve... Where would you like to use your gift of service? Please contact Pastor Anne, if interested.

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Lenten Devotional

Please pick up this year's Lenten devotional titled, ***Committed to Christ: 40 Devotions for a Generous Life*** by Bob Crossman and Ben Simpson. This study explores six steps to living a generous life through: Prayer, Bible Reading, Worship, Witness, Financial Giving, and Service. These devotional books will be in a labeled basket in the Gathering space starting February 10.

The cost of each book is \$2.25. If you can donate towards the cost of the books, there will be a box next to the books to put your money in. If you can't, that is fine, too. We want everyone to read and participate in this life-changing study on Christian discipleship.



**Service on Wednesday, February 13,
at 7:00 PM**

February 2013

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> 1:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:00 PM LIVE Youth (YR, Ide)	<i>2</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 4:00 - 6:00 PM Chili Cook-Off (Ide, K)
<i>3</i> 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 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) 5:00 PM Parent Fellowship (YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>4</i> 4:00 – 9:00 PM Applebee's 6:30 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>5</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) 7:00 PM SPRC (8)	<i>6</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice (C)	<i>7</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (O) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (P)	<i>8</i> 1:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Friendship Dinner Setup (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:00 PM LIVE Youth (YR)	<i>9</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00—8:30 PM Friendship Dinner (Ide, K)
<i>10</i> 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 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) 5:00 PM Youth (Ide, YR)	<i>11</i> 1:00 PM Sew N Sew's (1) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 6:30 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>12</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) 5:00—7:00 PM Pancake Dinner (Ide, K) 7:15 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>13 Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Service (S) 7:00 PM Dewey Corridor Neighbors (FH) 8:00 PM Choir (S)	<i>14</i> 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>15</i> 1:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:00 PM LIVE Youth (YR, Ide) 7:00 PM Wedding (C)	<i>16</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) :00 PM Game Night (Ide)
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<i>24</i> 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 1:00 PM Boy Scouts (Thompson) (8) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>25</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 6:30 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM ACWT (S)	<i>26</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) 6:30 PM Meal in the Upper Room (S, Ide, K) 7:15 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:30 PM Investment Club (O)	<i>27</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice (C)	<i>28</i> 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)		