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From the Pastor

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. (We will have a worship service at 7 p.m. I hope you'll join us.) Traditionally Lent has been a somber time of self-examination, fasting, and repentance (turning anew to God) in preparation of the celebration of the resurrection on Easter.

Fasting is one of those things most of us tend to dismiss. Part of this may be because we are bombarded with propaganda that says eating three or more times a day is important for our health. There is also the subtitle message that it is a positive virtue to satisfy every appetite. But fasting is an age-old practice and spiritual discipline where Christians abstain from food for spiritual purposes. (This is different than fasting to gain political power or attract attention to a cause.) Throughout the Bible there are examples of people fasting, and though he did not command it, Jesus assumed his followers would fast. (Jesus said, "When you fast do not look somber as the hypocrites do…", Matthew 6:16)

The focus of Christian fasting must be on God. One of the primary benefits of fasting is that it reveals the things that control us. If we are controlled by pride or anger or fear and the like, it will be revealed during fasting. We may rationalize these emotions as caused by the fast, but if we are open we discover these things are actually within us. With that discovery we can rejoice knowing that Christ has the power to heal us. Fasting also reminds us that we are not sustained by food, but "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4) We are not to simply abstain from food, but to take time to feast in God's word.

I encourage you to join me in fasting during Lent. Pick a day each week to skip a meal or two. If possible use the time you would have been eating, to pray and read the Bible. It's appropriate to drink water or juice during your time of fasting. In addition, during Lent you may want to fast from something that is important to you—TV, chocolate, Facebook, or whatever it is other than God that tends to control you. Stay open to the Spirit and see what God does in your life. And together let's see what God will do in the life of the church.

Have a holy and blessed Lent.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Anne

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy

Our Ministry of Concern

Prayer Concerns

People are added and removed from our ongoing prayer list upon request. Please call the church office to ADD, REINSTATE, or REMOVE names.

Recovering at Home: Dean Hogestyn, Dan Rothfuss, Jan Rothfuss, Joan Michlin, Michael Smith, Nancy Young

In Rehab: Beverly Johnson - Transitional Care at Unity

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Victor (Corkie) Alloco (friend of Kim Latragna), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Dick Bailey (friend of Candy Metzger), Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis), John Best, Todd Boer (grandson of Walt & Gege Dunn), Bonnie Bush (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Amanda Condrow (friend of Louie VanKouwenberg), 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, Robert Fisher, James Fuller (brother of Mary Finacchairo), Shirley Grierson, Cheryl Haines (daughter of Paul Brown), Becky Hess, Roy & Pat Holmes, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Rich Keller, Addison Lorraine Kelly (daughter of Jessica Christie and Aaron Kelly), Kyle Kephart (father of Tim Kephart), Mark Kurzen (friend of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Barb Jeffers, Betty Judd, Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Bailey), Kim Latragna, Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Sylvia Lynch, Lena Mangion (friend of Richard Keegan), Tom Marsh, Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Joan Michlin, Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Kathy Montgomery Peterson (sister/sister-in-law of Ivan & Gloria Montgomery), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Donna Sarnacki (sister of Judy Hare), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), David Stanley, Mike Tharrett (friend of Annette Thompson), Suzanne Unell, Ashlee VanKowenberg's Grandpa Gassett, Hal Wagner, Denise White (daughter of Gloria & Rick Baker), Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Nona Antczak – Seabury Woods; Maurice & Evelyn Deuel – Hilton East; Mavis Beers, Phoebe Brown, John Hayashi, Karl Goenitz (Lorraine Christie's father) – Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens;

E-Mail Prayer Chain a Success!

The method of E-Mail for our weekly prayer chain is working well. Because each participant can choose WHEN to pray, these requests can easily be incorporated into one's daily prayer time schedule. Thank you for taking the time for this important ministry!

<u>Please help us keep the printed Church Bulletin</u> <u>prayer concerns list UPDATED</u>. If your family or friend's situation has changed and can be removed (or re-framed) from this <u>current concerns list</u>, please contact the church office.

Candy Metzger has generously volunteered to send out the weekly email prayer chain for the six Sundays I am away. When you see her or call her at church, do join me in thanking her for stepping in!

Chitie Edgett, coordinator (Myrtle Beach snowbird)

Jean Smith – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Phyllis Little – Legacy; Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands; Fred Hild – The Hurlbut

Parish Visitations

Call the church office when someone enters the hospital or is discharged or if you, or someone of whom you are aware, desire a pastoral call. This will help provide better pastoral care and avoid unnecessary trips. 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.

Transportation Ministry

Please call the church office if you need a ride for a doctor's appointment.



From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends:

When you receive this copy of the <u>Hinge</u> we'll be enjoying our "Winter Break" in Florida. Wherever you are, we hope you have been experiencing the Lord's presence with you. He is not limited by location.

On March 5th, we begin the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. We plan to attend the service at St. Luke's UMC in Orlando. I hope you'll be able to attend this meaningful service at Aldersgate.

We plan to return to Rochester the middle of March to be here for much of Lent leading up to Easter (April 20).

During Lent 2014, I hope you'll consider another aspect of this season as quoted in the <u>Joyful Noiseletter</u> (used with permission). It is titled:

LENTEN JOY

Joy is not a notion usually associated with the season of Lent. We tend to think more somber thoughts: denial, penitence, abstinence, and the like. There is that, of course, but St. Benedict tells his monks in Chapter 49 of his Rule – not once but twice – that joy is essential to the Lenten Season.

One of the stumbling blocks to grasping his approach is that the term 'joy' is often considered synonymous with happiness. Happiness is fleeting; joy is lasting. Happiness exists in the moment when nothing to its contrary is present: no sadness, depression, darkness, difficulty. Joy, on the other hand, continues despite other emotions and external happenings.

Happiness is like the ripples on the surface of a stream which sparkle and glint in the sum but quickly disappear. Joy, however, is like the strong current deep down which always flows no matter the appearance of the surface of the water.

As Christians, joy should animate our lives. One may not be, and probably is not always happy, but one should try to be always joyful. The more cognizant I am of God's abiding presence and action in my life, the less likely I am to be troubled and disturbed by what goes on around or even in me. Searching for this deeper reality can be a good project for Lent."

Br. Alban Petesch, OSB via Fr. Michael Taras Miles St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church Belfield, ND

May you know this deep, abiding joy which Christ alone can give.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jerry



Congratulations to Annette Thompson

On Boy Scout Sunday, February 9, Annette Thompson was presented with the God and Service Award. This award is designed to express appreciation for outstanding leadership and significant contributions by an adult to the spiritual, social and physical lives of our young people. Annette Thompson is one such individual. Congratulations Annette!

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

In Mission in Haiti

Not all mission trips are spent building schools or providing medical care. Based on her long experience as an innovative teacher, mentor of student teachers, and now instructor at SUNY Brockport, **Valerie Clark** went to Haiti to provide a professional development course for Haitian teachers. Her sharing of what she learned in her time there is both informative and entertaining.

To hear Valerie speak, come to our next **General Meeting** on **Thursday, March 27**, **at 6:15 p.m.** in the Ide Center. We will begin with a light supper (just \$5.00) followed by the program. A short business meeting will complete the evening. This is also the meeting at which we bring our Thank Offerings.

Please sign up on the Opportunities Board so that we can set a place for you at the table.

Reading Circle Reads 1984

At its next meeting in the library at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 6**, the Reading Circle will discuss a classic novel that helped to shape some of our mid-twentieth century thinking. In light of current controversies about NSA surveillance, collection and use of personal information by major corporations; red-light cameras; and cell phones with tracking systems, is this novel relevant today?

Copies of the book are available in the Church Library on a shelf to the left of the desk. Please sign the book out on the clipboard nearby. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Members of the group will serve light refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Frances Crabtree (315-5077).

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPCOMING DATES

April 15– Meal in the Upper Room, 6:30 p.m.

May 1 – Book Review Luncheon, Noon

May 10 – Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet, 5:30 p.m.

June 5-7 – Rummage Sale (Collection begins May 26)

July 17-19 – Mission u (School of Mission) at Camp Asbury

Annual Communion Breakfast

On **Saturday,** April 12, five Communion Breakfasts will be held in the Genesee Valley District: Asbury UMC, Dansville UMC, Hilton UMC, Walworth UMC, and Wyoming UMC. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the service starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be an offering that will go toward our District Pledge to Mission. The cost for the morning is just \$7.00.

Please **sign up** on the Opportunities Board by **Sunday**, **March 30.** Since both Asbury and Hilton are close to us, please indicate which church you will be attending. Give your money to our treasurer, Betty Hild. Your check should be written to *Aldersgate United Methodist Women*. She will send one check from our treasury with our reservations.

This event shared with our neighboring churches has always provided a thoughtful and meaningful way of starting Easter Week.

Identity Theft, Scams & Fraud: Topic Chosen for Morning Circle

Have you received phone calls telling you that you won a lottery you don't remember entering? To get the prize and show your good faith, all you have to do is wire money to an address in a foreign country. Or has one of your relatives been stranded in a foreign country and needs immediate cash? (If not, you are probably not answering your phone or a spam filter is screening your e-mails!)

A speaker from Lifespan will address these and related issues at the next meeting of Morning Circle at 11:00 on Tuesday, March 18, in the Parlor.

Bring a light lunch. Hostesses provide dessert and beverages. Everyone interested is welcome.

Church Women United Sponsor Annual World Day of Prayer

Church Women United in Rochester & Vicinity invites you to attend their annual World Day of Prayer on March 7, at 1:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607. Speaking on the theme this year, "Streams in the Desert" will be the Rev. Susan Shafer, Senior Pastor of Asbury. No advance reservations or reservation fee is required. Refreshments and informal conversation will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.

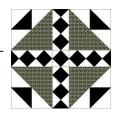
Sew 'N Sew's Send Quilts to Assembly



With more children's quilts completed, five were sent to the headquarters of United Methodist Women in New York for display at the 2014 United Methodist Women Assembly at Louisville in late April. Quilts and prayer shawls will then be distributed na-

tionally wherever they are needed.

The group continues to work on supplies for UMCOR kits, afghans for the homeless, and other projects at its regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1.



Meri Thanks Us for Birthday Gift

Each year the UMW sends \$50 as a personal gift to **Meri Whitaker** for her birthday on January 16. This year's thank you note reminds us of some of the important work that goes on at Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma:

"Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift to me for my birthday. This time of year is one that reminds me of how many people are interested in missions and the work we are doing here with the Cherokee people. Between Christmas, with all of the good wishes at that time, and then my birthday, I am inspired to do all I can to accomplish the work that God has set before me.

We are getting ready for spring, although it is still cold. We are planting the bedding plants in the greenhouse, pouring over chicken catalogues, and taking applications for VIM groups that will come all summer. The day care is making plans for some outdoor equipment, so it seems we are ready for some nicer weather.

I pray that you are enjoying the blessings of knowing Christ and that your 2014 will be as blessed as I have been through you.

In Christ, Rev. Meri Whitaker"

March Birthdays

Mary Sims	March 3			Nathani	N.4 - 20
Roger Ridley	March 4			Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Phoebe Brown	March 5			Michael McHugh	March 28
Scott Wagner	March 7			Derek Smith	March 28
Don Ruggles	March 7	Sarah Roza	March 20	Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Dan Rothfuss	March 9	Sylvia Lynch	March 22	Kwame Edusel	March 29
Steve Tyler	March 9	Aidan Byrnes	March 22	Paul Brown	March 30
Robert Winter	March 10	Frances Crabtree	March 23	Gordon Spicer	March 30
Chitie Edgett	March 10	Andrea Rex	March 26	Bill Tschorke	March 31
Gerald Wolter	March 12			D.Coursts Ourselessures visco	
		Cathy Carpenter	March 27	March Anniversaries	
Gloria Montgomery	March 13	Bill Peeck	March 27	James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
John Shukitis	March 17	Connie Gomez	March 27	Tom & Frances	
Alene VanPutte	March 18	Patricia Forbes	March 28	VanKouwenberg	March 24

Mission News

Keep UMCOR Working Thru "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Sunday, March 30, has been designated as the date for One Great Hour of Sharing, the special offering that supports the overhead costs of running the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

This offering is important because UMCOR receives no funds from apportionments. Because operating costs are covered by this offering, your gift later to specific Advance Specials or Disaster Relief efforts go entirely to that cause.

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

Coin Boxes Support Greece Habitat for Humanity

Coin boxes distributed during Lent for several years now have proven to be a significant way for Aldersgate to contribute to the **Greece Coalition of Habitat for Humanity** to build houses in the City of Rochester. Having completed the fifth house, the group is now gathering the funds needed for our sixth one. It costs about \$65,000 (including the value of in-kind donations) to build a house, but the completed houses have proven to be substantial even in the face of severe weather like hurricanes.

Fill your boxes with your spare change or donate your coupon savings – whatever pattern works for you. Even small amounts add up quickly when we all participate.

Return the box on April 27, the Sunday after Easter.

If filling coin boxes is not for you, consider writing a check, perhaps with these costs in mind:

\$25 = Box of Nails

\$50 = Bath Vanity

\$100 = Kitchen Sink

\$150 = Front Door

\$250 = Gutters

\$500 = One-Piece Tub and Shower with Surround

\$1,000 = Baseboard & Casings (Interior)

Your check should be made payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and marked "for Greece Habitat for Humanity." Your generosity continues to keep moving forward these efforts to address the important housing needs in our area.

Mission: Share

The Winter 2014 issue of the Mission: Share newsletter reported that in 2013 they provided the equivalent of 130,980 meals to individuals and families in the Greece area. In a recent D & C article about food banks, the director Tom Hakes said that the number of clients needing food had increased 20% in 2013 over the previous year.

We support the work of Mission: Share by meeting our commitment of \$1,200 in annual financial support and by our regular collection of feminine hygiene products and toilet tissue. The clients and volunteers are all smiles when they see one of us there to deliver your donations!

Another way to support this important outreach program is by participating in their **annual auction**, which will be held this year on **March 30 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the Greece Assembly of God**. Most items are bid on thru a silent auction, with only a few higher-priced ones (\$1,000+) selling through a live auction. It's a very enjoyable afternoon and all the proceeds go to benefit the work of Mission: Share.

By supporting Mission: Share, we are continuing our commitment as Christians to reach out to help our neighbors.

Ready, Set, Go!

It's not too early to get started for this year's **CROP WALK!** Aldersgate will be the host church and the date is set for **Sunday, May 4th.** Registration will be at 1:30 and the walk will start at 2:00 with a choice of the 5-mile

route or the Golden Mile, which will be 1/2 mile out and 1/2 mile back. A sign-up sheet will be posted with opportunities to walk or help out at Aldersgate. We are encouraging participation of all Greece churches and look forward to being able to help the Greece Food Shelf, since 25% of the funds raised will go to help



them. Sponsor envelopes will be available from Joyce Farrokh or from the church office. We ask that you collect donations at the time they are given so that everything can be turned in promptly on the day of the walk. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP and sponsor envelopes will contain receipts for cash donations.

Church Events & Opportunities

Crafting & Cardmaking Workshop, Feb. 28 & Mar. 1

Aldersgate will host a two-day fundraising crafting event on February 28 and March 1 that is open to the Rochester community. Participants will get dedicated table space to work on their craft of choice. Dinner will be served on Friday evening. Breakfast and lunch are included on Saturday. The cost is \$20 for one day or \$36 for both days.

An optional card workshop is also available. For \$20 you will make 10 greeting cards (two each of Birthday, Thank You, Thinking of You, Get Well and Sympathy). No card-making experience is necessary! All supplies will be provided. Please register in advance if interested (there will be limited supplies available on-site on a first-come basis). Registration forms are available at church or online at: www.aumcgreece.org/craftws. For more information, contact Tammy Ruiz at 585-402-8078 or Susan Galligan at 585-865-4416.

Community Dinner on March 29

Join us this month as we serve our increasingly popular Community Dinner on March 29. Volunteers welcome! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the gathering space for a variety of ways to assist with the meal.

Youth Pancake Lunch on March 22

If you love pancakes, there's another opportunity this month to help out and eat a meal. March 22nd will be the annual Youth Pancake Lunch. It will be a free-will donation. The youth are looking for volunteers to help in any way possible (prep, cooking, cleaning, etc.). If you can't come but would still like to help, they are accepting any type of donation toward the lunch: unopened pancake mix, syrup, etc. Contact Lisa if interested: 716-697-0677, LLiPuma@aumcgreece.org

Aldersgate Nights This Month at Ruby Tuesday's on Ridge Road

Sunday, March 2 & Monday, March 3 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bring your bulletin insert. Ruby Tuesday's donates 20% of the food receipts we collect to our Building Fund.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, March 4 5:00-7:00 p.m. Aldersgate UMC Ide Center

Dinner will include pancakes, sausage, and beverages \$5.00/individual or \$10.00/household family

There will be fun and festive children's activities.

All proceeds will go to the Christian Education Special Event Programs here at Aldersgate.

Save the Date — Volunteer for "Gathering of Friends" Event!

The Evangelism and Membership Care Team is sponsoring the 4th annual "Gathering of Friends" event. On **April 12**, all of our Aldersgate UMC family who are unable to attend church regularly will be invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

The 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 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 clean up?

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.

Easter Lillies

Easter Sunday is April 20th, and it is now time to think about placing a lily in the Sanctuary in Memory or in Honor of a loved one on that glorious day! Information will be inside the Sunday bulletins in March. If you have any questions regarding this traditional display, please call Carole Jermyn at 225-8956.

Save the date! All Church Picnic on June 1st

Mark your calendars for our church family picnic on **Sunday, June 1, 2014** (following the 11:00 a.m. worship service) at **Braddock's Bay** Park. Please see or e-mail Rhonda or Julia if you would like to



help out at this fun and relaxing day on the shores of our mighty Lake Ontario. There is a huge playground, trails to wonder and explore, games to play, crafts and a lot to eat!

THANK YOU

Aldersgate Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for the ongoing faithful support of our ministry. We are so thankful, blessed, and encouraged to have you join us in the work God is doing through our lives. Your faithfulness makes us praise our Lord, knowing that His body is striving to see His name lifted high. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to follow His plans for us!

In Christ, The Baders

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

I see the report in the bulletin of the amount of the previous week's offering for the budget and for the Building Fund, but I'd like to know a little more about how that money is managed and where it goes. How do I get that information?

Curious & Interested

Dear Curious,

Great timing! And thank you for your interest. You'd be surprised – or maybe not – at how many people just don't want to know or are afraid to ask. We don't intend to keep the information a secret; we'd like to be pretty transparent. Just don't expect us to give names with donation amounts!

Our Annual Church Report is due out shortly – after Council has had a chance to review all reports. All the regular committees of the church have a chance to report what they have accomplished over the past year (more than most people realize) and – wait for it! – the report includes the 2013 budget with the amount spent in each category and a copy of our 2014 budget. From these latter documents you will find what we spend or anticipate spending on staffing, facility upkeep, and programming in each of the work areas. From the Benevolence Report you can learn how much comes in for second-mile giving and the places for which it was designated. (Second-mile giving is designated giving beyond your support of our ongoing ministries and mortgage payment.) Even the UMW Annual Treasurer's Report is included so that you

know what happens to all that Rummage Sale money! The full report doesn't take long to read and it's actually quite interesting.

This year we plan to distribute copies of the Annual Church Report after services on Sunday or by mail so that more people get a copy. We usually make it available by request or put a small stack on the counter. Hardly anyone asks or picks up a copy. We don't know if that's because no one is interested or because it's inconvenient.

Now, if that report doesn't answer your questions, keep in mind that both Finance Committee meetings and Church Council meetings are open to everyone in the church and are announced in the Hinge and bulletin. (Finance meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and Church Council on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. – except when holidays interfere with the schedule.) There's just one caution: show too much active interest and you could get asked to serve as an at-large member of either group. (Just joking!)

We actually do believe that it's important for you to know where your money goes. The more you know, the more you can appreciate how much it does cost to keep our church running and the more comfortable you can be with fully supporting God's work here at Aldersgate. It's time you were "in the know."

See you at Finance! Sally Stewardship

Christian Education

Week	Topic	Activity
March 2	Jesus and the Children	Self-Portrait: Praising Jesus
March 9	First Sunday of Lent Pretzel Sunday	Making Pretzels
March 16	Zacchaeus	Wrap With Love
March 23	The Lord's Supper	Egg-Carton Grapes
March 30	Praying in the Garden	Stand Up for Jesus

March's Sunday School lessons will come from the unit *The Way to Jerusalem* based on the scripture: "As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen." (Luke 19:37) Children will learn through activities where they will hear, understand and experience Bible stories, be encouraged to apply the stories to their lives, and to serve others in their own church and community.

We would like to thank all of our 1-day VBS "Wild about God" volunteers who helped out in preparation, advertising, and donations during the program and clean up. We could not have done it without you! Your dedication and service to this program was amazing and a true blessing!

Thank you!

Julia and Rhonda

Christian Education Meeting

There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 23 at 12:15 in the Main office. Hot pizza will be served. Please let Rhonda know if you cannot attend. Thanks. We will be discussing upcoming events and Easter.

Family Art Night

Our next family art night is on **Sunday, March 23 from 4-6 p.m.** in the Ide Center. Mark Payton is our featured artist of the month. He will teach us some drawing techniques along with making a take along drawing kit for the car, restaurant, etc. Please come and join us for a simple meal, art and fellowship. It is for children and their families. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

2014 Summer Camp Info Available

Our **camping catalogs** have arrived for spring and summer! A poster is hanging up on the main bulletin board. Scholarships are available for any child wanting to attend one of the many summer Christian camps. There are also many retreats and family weekends listed in these catalogs as well. Check it out! See Rhonda or Julia for more information on this exciting opportunity for children!

Collection for Easter Baskets

much for your continued support!

We are starting to collect small items, (i.e., individually wrapped candy, teas, pretzels, soap, notepaper, pens, little Christian and spring-like trinkets, small stuffed animals, etc.) to make Easter baskets for congregation members who are home-bound or in hospitals and nursing homes. We also need Easter baskets. You may bring these items to church during the next few weeks. There will also be a large basket in front of the nursery for donated items. We are hoping to make 20 baskets. Thanks so

Mark Your Calendars for this Year's VBS!

Weird Animals

July 21-25th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pre-K — 6^{th} Grade More information to follow next month!

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)					I 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Crafters Unlimited Workshop (Ide, K)
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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

3/2	9:30 AM Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	11:00 AM Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy Bader Scott Wiley
3/9	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Bette Edgett Betty Hild Mary Sims
3/16	Al & Myrt Holmes Ray Poling Shawna Bigler	John & Karen Best Gary & Denise Hogestyn
3/23	Al & Myrt Holmes Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann	Tony & Carolyn Gilson Eric & Kim Lindenau
3/30	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Larry Van Allen	Eric Bock Bob & Ray LaFlair Scott Wiley

Acolytes

11:00 AM

3/2 Zachary Farrell, Stephen Samuel
3/9 Michelle Maggio, Marie Sims
3/16 Natalie & Emma Bock
3/23 Elijah & Chase Tyler
3/30 Matthew Thomson, Zachery Farrell

Scripture Readers

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/2	Confirmation Class	Melissa Powell
3/9	TBA	TBA
3/16	TBA	TBA
3/23	TBA	TBA
3/30	TBA	TBA



ALL items for the April Hinge are due by March 15.

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Recent Additions to the Library
The Glory of Angels – given in memory of
Shirley Tschorke
You are Special, by Max Lucado
The Playbook for Dads, by Jim Kelly
The Pillars of the Earth, by Ken Follett
World Without End, by Ken Follett
A Wreath of Snow, by Liz Curtis Higgs
Making Poverty Personal, by Ash Barker
Please Look after Mom, by Kyong-suk Shin
In the Footsteps of Jesus, by Jean-Pierre Isbouts
(Nat'l Geog.)

DVD - Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan

3 CDs – Hymns played on the piano by David Osborne, Dwayne Condon and Steve Hall

1 CD – Hymns played on the harp by Bronn Journey

Missing From the Library:

Which Way is Christmas, by David Mead What Would Jesus Do? Children's book Jacob's Gift, by Max Lucado When the Soul Mends, by Cindy Woodsmall

"A reading people will always be a knowing people."

~John Wesley

Everyone is invited for

Game Night

on

March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games