

Aldersgate Hinge

May 2014



From the Pastor

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Spring cleaning can be a spiritual exercise. The Tuesday small group just started a study called *Satisfied*. Its focus is discovering contentment in a world of consumption. Most of us don't even realize how much stuff we accumulate. The "homework" for the first week asked us to count our shoes and our shirts just to prove the point. Yikes! What an eye opener. I confess I tried to count shoes (which includes dress shoes, casual shoes, boots, sports shoes, sandals and flip-flops, slippers, and more). I have over 45 pair of shoes and I'm not sure I counted them all. I didn't even try to count shirts (which included sweaters, sweatshirts, tee shirts, dress shirts, and more.) I decided I didn't have time because there are so many! Granted some of the shoes and shirts were purchased eons ago. Hey, they still fit and maybe I'll want to wear them again. It's a great excuse to keep things around. The sad part of this is before spring is over, I'm likely to be tempted to buy another pair and can always find a way to justify it. The question is would my life be any less happy if I only had, say, 25 pairs of shoes?

The Bible is full of verses that warn us that an abundance of things will not make us happy. Some Bible passages make most of us uncomfortable like this one from Acts 4:32 (NLT): "All believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had." That's a whole different attitude than most of us have. We tend to think that we've earned what we have so it's ours. But we aren't content. Paul writes, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:11b-13)

With God's help, we can learn to be content. It may not come easily, but most of us can learn to live with less so we can share more with others. The second part of the homework assignment was to give something of value away. It can be something you haven't used for a while but still someone else might be able to use and enjoy. I used this assignment to start "spring cleaning" by setting aside several things to donate to the rummage sale at the end of the month and made a promise to God and myself to look for more things to add to it. For my spiritual (and economic) health the other thing I need to do is resist the urge to replace them with new things. Then money I "save" by not making a purchase that in truth I can live well without can be better used by God as I give it back to God through my Sunday offering. I am convinced that living more simply will bring greater joy than all the things I have and that God will give me strength to live it out.

I encourage you to count your shoes (or shirts), give something of value away, and see what God might do. Consider your spring cleaning a spiritual exercise that can bless you and others.

Blessings,

Pastor Anne

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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: Gloria Baker, Beverly Johnson, Dan Rothfuss, Joan Michlin, Kathy Peck, Bob Wiederhold, Nancy Young

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Victor (Corkie) Alloco (friend of Kim Latragna), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Pauline Ashley, John Best, Todd Boer (grandson of Walt & Gege Dunn), 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, Norm Edgett, Robert Fisher, James Fuller (brother of Mary Finacchairo), Heather Gerber (friend of Tracy Winter), Shirley Grier-son, 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), 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), Allison McHugh, Joan Michlin, Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Kathy Montgomery Peterson (sister/sister-in-law of Ivan & Gloria Montgomery), Kaley Petrella (friend of Richard Keegan), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Teresa Pinto (aunt of Juan Ruiz), Donna Sarnacki (sister of Judy Hare), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), Tom Simons, David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, 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), Nancy Young

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

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!

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



Chitie Edgett, coordinator

Hild – The Hurlbut; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens;

Jean Smith – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Phyllis Little – Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to Mas Okita and family on the death of Fran Okita and to the family of Mavis Beers. Anticipated date for the Beers Memorial Service is May 9 at 3:00 p.m.

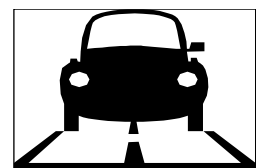
Sympathy is also extended to the family of Warren McIntyre, whose wife Dorothy passed away in February. (They

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:

As I pen this note for the *Hinge* we are getting ready to start our trip back to Rochester. While attending the Ash Wednesday service at St. Luke's UMC, we realized that we are beginning the season of reflection on the death and resurrection of our Lord. We are anxious to get back to Aldersgate and share this Holy Season with you.

We have enjoyed the pansies, petunias and many other flowers during our Florida stay. However, most years we especially enjoy the fresh foliage and many flowering trees as we drive north. (We wonder if they will be blossoming this year.) This reminded me of an item that appeared in the *Joyful Noiseletter* (used by permission) entitled:

THERE OUGHT TO BE A MOTHER'S MONTH

I'm a fortunate man. In the course of my time, I've had a close relationship with two mothers. One gave existence to my life. The other gave life to my existence.

Audry Mae Brown became Mrs. George A. Goldtrap, Sr. and consequently my birth mother. I'm grateful. She was the source of my earliest recognition of life's values...from the simplest recognition of the beauty of a buttercup, the magnificence of a symphony and the priceless nature of human life with its values and purposes.

My mother wasn't perfect. She even let me see her flaws. She showed me mine. But the love in our home was not scored like grades at school. It was etched into our hearts with the lasting effect of a chisel into granite.

I enjoyed the benefits of this motherly relationship for 21 years.

Peggy Sue Garrett became Mrs. George A. Goldtrap, Jr. and consequently the mother of my children...and the mother of others who unfortunately had temporarily lost their mother.

I'm equally grateful for this second relationship with a mother. She expanded my recognition of life's

values and helped me to survive their ever-changing nature.

This second relationship with a mother is a longer and closer one. It too exposes flaws...but enclosed in love, grows on the strength of its own existence until somewhere on the journey the relationship becomes self-sustaining.

With Peggy I learned to wait...to appreciate...to expect...to behold...and most importantly...to learn.

Peggy also helped me realize there was value in a willingness to unlearn...to recognize change as challenge, not fear it as an enemy...to see criticism or momentary rejection as a speed bump, not a stop sign.

Peggy also taught me to love. It began with a first kiss...it continues as understanding...it will endure as acceptance, without fear, of the things we cannot yet control.

Thank you, mothers. The cord cut, but no wise mother would have it otherwise. Good mothers teach us to depend on a different life support, and we're the better for it.

It has always bothered me that we have a whole month in honor of pickles and only one day in honor of mothers. Shouldn't it be the other way around?

I'll conclude my *Hinge* reflections with two more Mother's Day quotes from the *Joyful Noiseletter*:

Overheard: An elderly man recalling his boyhood days, telling a friend, "I can remember the first time my mother taught me religion. She said, 'You better pray that jelly stain will come out of the carpet!'"

"Your readers might enjoy an old saying my Mother taught me: 'Hearts like doors open with ease, with very, very little keys. Now don't forget that two of these are, 'Thank you' and 'If you please'."

Jean Quigley, Lebanon, OH



Have a Blessed Mother's Day and Wonderful Month of May!

Pastor Jerry

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

Book Review Luncheon May 1

These Is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine 1881-1901 is **Charlotte Ridley's** choice this year for the review she is presenting at our Sixth Annual Book Review Luncheon on **Thursday, May 1**, at noon in the Ide Center. In this notable work of historical fiction, author Nancy E. Turner tells the story of the challenges of a woman pioneering in the southwest.

The luncheon costs just \$8.00 per person payable at the door and is a fundraiser sponsored by our Reading Circle for our Church Library. Everyone interested is welcome. Please sign up in advance so we have a place set for you.

Caps, Mittens Needed Next Winter

While members of Sew 'n Sew's have been busy making afghans for Rochester homeless, supplies for UMCOR layette kits, children's quilts, and caps for premature babies born in local hospitals, and prayer shawls, we have become aware of two places that can use crocheted or knitted caps and mittens: English Village School and Mission: Share. If you are looking for a lightweight project for the summer, please consider taking up this. We can use more helping hands to meet this need and the others we have undertaken. If you have any questions, see Gretchen Hughes.

Locally Made Film Featured at District UMW Event

Built around the theme "Our Environment: Cooperating with God's Creation," the annual Genesee Valley District United Methodist Women's Spring Event will feature "Comfort Zone, A Film About Change," much of which was filmed in the Rochester area. One of the producers will be present that morning to answer questions and provide additional information.

The Spring Event this year will be held on **Saturday, May 17, at Avon United Methodist Church**. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the worship service and program starting at 9:20.

The cost is just \$10.00 for registration and lunch. Those who are interested can carpool. Please sign up on the bulletin board by May 4 and give your money to our treasurer, Betty Hild, so she can send in our registrations.

Morning Circle May Luncheon

Members of Morning Circle will gather at **Ricci's Family Restaurant** on the northwest corner of Long Pond and Latta Roads at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20**, for their annual luncheon. They will be able to order from the menu and to ask for separate checks. **Please sign up** on the Opportunities Board by Sunday, May 18, so we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.



"Membership" is a flexible term when speaking of our UMW groups. We welcome visitors and newcomers any time we get together.

Another Special Event for Readers

Craig Shirley, author of ***December 1941: 31 Days That Changed America and Saved the World***, will speak about his book over lunch in the Ide Center on **Thursday, June 26**. The book, which was on the *NY Times Best Seller List*, is the selection of the **Reading Circle** for June. He was "encouraged" by his mother (Bobbie Eckert) to join us for our monthly book discussion.

We will meet for **lunch at 11:30 a.m.** with the presentation to follow at 12:30. The cost is just \$8.00 for the lunch and program. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board in early June to reserve your place at the table. Copies of the book will also be available in the Church Library early in the month so that you have a chance to read the book in advance, although you are sure to enjoy hearing him whether or not you have had a chance to read the book. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPCOMING DATES

May 12 – Sew 'n Sew's, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1

July 17-19 – Mission u (School of Mission) at Camp Asbury, Silver Lake (registration forms on Mission Counter)

Oct. 10 & 11 – Crafts & Collectibles Show

Church Events & Opportunities

National Day of Prayer on May 1

Thursday, May 1st is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a prayer service at 12:00 p.m. in the Eastman Room at the Greece Town Hall. All are welcome.

Reverend Mother Superior Entertains at Mothers, Daughters, & Friends Banquet

In response to repeated requests, we have finally been able to connect with the Reverend Mother Superior – otherwise known as Phyllis Contestable – for our entertainment at the upcoming Mothers, Daughters, and Friends Banquet on **Saturday, May 10**. She once did belong to the Sisters of Mercy and taught music as a nun. Since she left the convent, she has performed locally and nationally as part of a cabaret duo with local musician Alan Jones. After appearing as the Reverend Mother in *Nonsense*, she began her individual comedy career. By day she is a music teacher in the Churchville-Chili District and was honored as the Rochester Philharmonic Music Teacher of the Year in 2000.

We will again distribute **baby bottles** to those who wish to support the **Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center** that is part of Mission Share. Fill the bottles with spare change and **return them** to the church on **Father's Day** in order to support this important work.

The buffet dinner will be catered again by Petrillo's with a menu that includes garden salad, Italian dressing, crab salad, ambrosia fruit salad, baked chicken, baked ziti, meatballs marinara, salt potatoes, rolls/butter, and gourmet cookies. We have also ordered a cake for those who want a choice of desserts.

Get your tickets for the banquet in advance from the office or after services on Sunday so that we will be prepared with a place for you and we can make nametags in advance. Tickets are \$15.00 for teens and adults, \$7.00 for children 5 to 11, and free for children 4 and under. (We will still need a count for the youngest children, even though there is no charge.)

We will **gather in the Ide Center starting at 5:30 p.m.** for punch and snacks with **dinner served promptly at 6:00**.

Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, or women friends. Don't hesitate to come by yourself either. You won't be sitting alone for long. Be prepared for an uplifting evening of good Christian fellowship.

Dine With Us at Ruby Tuesday's

Sunday, May 4 & Monday, May 5
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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

Spring Work Day on May 17

Calling all volunteers! The Trustees have designated Saturday, May 17 for a spring work day at Aldersgate., starting at 9:00 a.m. The backup rain date is June 7th.

"Great Recycling Event" — The Annual Rummage Sale Coming!

The Annual Rummage Sale is set for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 5, 6 & 7**. For the first two days, items are sold individually, but Saturday is a bag sale day. We also sell baked goods on Thursday and Friday.

The Rummage Sale is a major fundraiser for the UMW, but it is also a whole church function. Half the money raised is used for our UMW program and mission projects and half is used to meet a need in our own church. This year we are designating \$1,000 of the church proceeds for the van needed for our Hispanic and youth ministries with the remainder going to the Building Fund.

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

Donation drop-offs begin on Memorial Day, May 26. We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if needed. As useful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds and sofas are usually heavier than we can manage. **Please bring all items no later than Wednesday morning, June 4**. If you have questions, feel free to call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822) or Cindy Purzycki (225-4220).

Mission News

Native American Ministries Sunday is May 4

Did you know that your special gift for ministries among Native Americans supports work here in Western New York as well as seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans? About 119,000 members and 225 United Methodist churches in the United States identify themselves as Native American. Because Upper New York Annual Conference has substantial work among Native Americans, half our offering stays in our own annual conference. Your gift helps both those who are studying to become pastors as well as those they serve. Please put your generous contribution in the envelope provided in the bulletin that Sunday, or mark **"Native American Ministries"** on your check or pew envelope.

Sticky Lips BBQ Continues as a Fundraiser for Greece Habitat for Humanity

Repeated successful fundraisers with Sticky Lips BBQ have led the Greece Coalition of Habitat for Humanity to approach them again to serve up their very popular dinners on **Thursday, May 22, at Hope Lutheran Church** on Vintage Lane. Take-out meals will be available from **3:30-6:30 p.m.** for **\$13.00 each** and include BBQ chicken and ribs, macaroni salad, and cornbread.

Pre-order tickets will be available after each service starting **May 4** from **Bud Kress**, who is our Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity representative. Those of you unable to reserve meals in advance, plan to go early to be sure to get a dinner. (The coalition does need to sell 250 advance tickets to be sure that Sticky Lips will cook on-site and make walk-in dinners possible.)

The Greece Coalition now has nearly \$25,000 in its treasury toward the sixth house. We need closer to \$65,000. We can help move this very important project along and enjoy some good eating at the same time. Be sure to tell your friends.

Growing Needs Felt in Calls to Mission: Share for Service

The number of individuals provided with food in January 2014 was 962, an increase of 163 over 2013. The number provided clothing increased by 150. In February the 687 people provided food was an increase of 104; and the 621 given clothing was an increase of 242. Based on the

entry interviews, this likely represents both an increase in need and an increase in the awareness in the community of the services provided at Mission: Share. The Greece Food Shelf and Mission: Share are in frequent contact with each other both to avoid duplication of services and to make referrals to the other when one can't provide the needed service.

One new development at Mission: Share is the requirement that clients complete a five-week financial literacy course by internet or phone to continue eligibility. (The requirement is waived when it's deemed inappropriate, e.g., senior citizens who already know how to pinch a penny twice before it leaves their hands.) The course is made available by a financial advisor who regularly volunteers her services to Mission: Share clients.

Because of our long-term commitment to the Greece Food Shelf, Aldersgate has not been asked to participate in their regular food drives. **Our commitment** instead is to provide much-needed **feminine products and toilet tissue**. Those items are necessary to the largely female clientele and often too expensive for their budget. Because of your generosity, we have been able to deliver a good supply every month, sometimes twice a month. In spite of the quantities delivered, our volunteers do find the shelves empty or nearly empty each visit, so that our arrival is a most welcome "just in time" event.

Thank you for your continued effort to bring toilet tissue and feminine products to fill the blue Mission: Share box behind the Welcome Table. Keep up the good work!

Golden Cross Supports Ministry in Retirement Community

There are six United-Methodist-related senior-living facilities in the Upper New York Annual Conference, one of which is Wesley Gardens located on East Avenue here in Rochester.

The Golden Cross offering each year on Mother's Day helps to support chaplains working in these communities to offer visitation, Bible study and worship opportunities. Their programs are essential to the total well-being of the residents. Your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and marked **"Golden Cross"** (or your gift in a pew envelope so marked) will go directly to maintain this important service.

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

Why do we have so many “special” offerings? I do trust the church that the money is going to meet valid needs, but I’m finding it difficult to keep up. I made pledges to the Building Fund last May and to the church budget last fall and I feel a bit guilty about not responding to all these specials, too. Help!

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

Believe me, I do understand. I have finally learned to say “no” to telephone solicitations and to toss out the pleas that come in the mail (except those I already support) without feeling too guilty. I think I’m on everybody’s list. Because the church is fairly transparent about how and what missions are supported, I do trust their requests. But respond to all of them? Most of us have to use some discernment.

How did we get here? At some point in the distant past – or so I’m told – the church had a single budget to support all its ministries. As funds got tighter or the number of ministries increased, people realized that some ministries were more “appealing” than others, say a youth program vs. garbage collection. (Although garbage collection could become VERY appealing in short order if we didn’t pay the bill!) New ministries are sometimes approved if they can generate their own income.

Keep in mind that it’s not just the church doing this. Remember when the Community Chest or United Way covered most of the appeals in town? The practice is hardly unique to Aldersgate or The United Methodist Church.

What to do? Our first obligation is to support our local church and through it our basic denominational ministries. Biblically the tithe or the first 10% of income (crops and animals in the agricultural society of the Old Testament) was given for support of the temple and the

priests who maintained it and led worship. Offerings or additional tithes were designated for other purposes, for example, a service to thank God for a special blessing or care for widows and orphans.

That makes sense. If we read the Old Testament, we see over and over what happened to the religious life of the Israelites if they neglected the temple and its priests. We can’t offer a youth program or a community dinner – both popular at Aldersgate – if we don’t maintain our staff or keep up our facilities or pay the mortgage!

So, first, we complete our pledges or designate our giving to the regular budget that covers staff, program, and facility upkeep and to the Building Fund from which the mortgage is paid. That’s basic. Then, if God has so blessed us, we give further prayerful consideration to the many requests for “second-mile” giving. *No one is expected to respond to every request.* God really does call some ministries to our attention more than others and gives us a way to respond. And he doesn’t call everyone to the same ministry. If it’s important to Him and if we are paying attention, it will get covered. Many times it is through the accumulated small donations of many people; other times it is from a single large gift.

As you read through this Hinge, note that many features, such as the pastors’ letters, Christian Education activities – and the Hinge itself – are supported by our budget. Many others are reports of ministries accomplished through second-mile giving. Read through them with a sense of blessing. They are all opportunities for us to see how God is working and how he is calling us to serve not just with our financial resources, but also with our time and talents. If God is calling, there is a way to answer!

Giving first to God,
Sally Stewardship

A Sincere Thank You

A sincere thank you to my Aldersgate Family and Pastors for prayers, cards and calls over the past months. They mean so very much. Have repeated “Be still and know that I am God” and “Be not afraid, I am with you Always” so many times. I send these words prayerfully back to you.

Kathy Peck

Everyone is invited for
Game Night

on

May 17 at 6:00 p.m.

in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games

**Keep your checkbook handy to support
someone participating in the CROP
WALK on May 4!**



April Gathering of Friends Recap

It took over 40 volunteers but this year's Gathering of Friends on April 12 was awesome! The Evangelism and Membership Care Team was hard at work making plans for the day as well as attending and offering where help was needed. Our own youth provided the program that included both instrumental and vocal music along with the Aldersgate Praise Team. The kitchen staff provided a great luncheon. Other volunteers (including our youth group) worked on setup, clean up and serving the meal. Others provided transportation and welcoming services. Volunteers provided name tags for our honored guests, table centerpieces and skills in still photography as well as videography. Of course our church staff provided support as invitations were generated and sent, programs generated and a Communion Service was provided. Please know that everyone who participated is treasured. We are already looking forward to next year's event!

Jan Rothfuss, event coordinator,
Evangelism and Membership Team

Many Thanks

The Trustees would like to recognize winter helpers at Aldersgate:

- Thank you to all who volunteered to help with clearing the seemingly never-ending snowfall from this winter: Larry Scrivens, Ray Poling, Tom O'Connor, Bud Kress, Mike Simonelli, Rich Keller, Gordon Spicer.
- Thank you to Brad Robinson of Lake Avenue UMC for repairing and painting the metal door frame to the hall outside of the Fellowship Hall.
- Thank you to Erin Pfund for shampooing the Parlor rug.
- Thank you to Bob Thayer for plumbing and electric light fixture repairs.
- Thank you to Jim Finocchiaro for painting the Youth Director's office wall.
- Thank you to Gordon Osborne for repairing the cracked metal legs on one of our tables.
- Thank you to Harry Muthersbaugh for replacing difficult-to-access lights over the Chapel entrance stairway.
- Thank you to Gary Hogestyn for organizing the storage area under the Chapel.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

Jerry Sisson	May 4
Tracy Maggio	May 8
Tyler Hanko	May 8
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8
Karen Best	May 9
Nancy Bader	May 10
Suzanne Unell	May 10
Nicole Carpenter	May 12
Brian DeCann	May 12
Cori Loudon	May 13
Debbie Lenau	May 15

Renee Tibbles	May 15
Brenda Ruell	May 18
Beverly Johnson	May 19
Sammy Maggio	May 19
Andrew Rice	May 20
Janet Pelcher	May 20
Teeghan Ruggles	May 22
Nancy Bailey	May 24
Barb Condon	May 24
Chase Tyler	May 27
Naomi Moss	May 28
Nichole Ruggles	May 29
Sam Maggio	May 30

Don Wright	May 31
Donna Rice	May 31

May Anniversaries

Debra & John Simm	May 2
Eric & Stephanie Bock	May 5
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Tim & Paula Rolf	May 13
Floyd & Gretchen Hughes	May 29
Eric & Sara McHugh	May 30
Roger & Patricia Forbes	May 30
Richard & Marisue Caupp	May 31

Week	Topic	Activity
May 4	Peter's Declaration	Rocks in the Prayer Jar
May 11	Mother's Day	Mother's Day Craft
May 18	Peter and Tabitha	Make Sock Dolls for the Nursery
May 25	Peter in Prison	Follow-the-Angel Obstacle Course

May's Sunday School lessons come from the unit Peter based on the scripture "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Matthew 16:16. We will be learning through activities where the children 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.

Let Your Creativity Blossom!

We are looking for a host/cohost for this month's Family Art Night on Sunday, May 18th. We eat, reflect, listen and inspire, and create Art! Look for more information in your Sunday Worship bulletin. Please see Rhonda if interested.



Get Ready for Summer Camp

Our church 2014 Summer Camping Catalogs are located 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!

Mark Your Calendars for this Year's VBS!



July 21-25

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Pre-K — 6th Grade

Vacation Bible School at Aldersgate

You can register now at: www.aumcgreece.org

Or register on paper today! Forms will be distributed in Sunday School class. Bring friends with you or meet new ones here.

All Graduates

Please contact the church office (663-6663) with the following information by Sunday, June 8, 2014.

- **High school Graduates:** We need your name, what school you are graduating from, and where you are going.
- **College Graduates:** Your name, what college you are graduating from, and your degree.
- **Drop off a picture** for our picture display. All pictures are needed by Sunday, June 9th.



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





May 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)			1 9:00-11:00 AM D. Jones Class (2) 12:00 PM Book Review Lunch (Ide K) 5:00 PM Bell Choir (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	2 1:00 PM Exercise (FH) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:30 PM Hispanic Youth (FH)	3 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
4 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School 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 1:30—3:00 PM Crop Walk (Ide) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C, N) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) Aldersgate at Ruby Tuesdays	5 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (2) 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) Aldersgate at Ruby Tuesdays	6 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzys 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 PM Boy Scouts (8) 7:00 PM D. Jones Class (2)	7 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM Prayer (8) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Youth (FH) 7:00 PM Bible 101 (2)	8 7:30 AM Dewey Ave. Round Table (3/4) 5:00 PM Bell Choir (Ide) 6:00 PM Boy Scouts (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Finance (4)	9 1:00 PM Exercise (FH) 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Mavis Beers (S, Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:30 PM Hispanic Youth (FH)	10 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 3:00 PM Mother/Daughter/Friends Banquet (Ide, K)
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25 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School 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, N)	26 Memorial Day Rummage Sale Collection	27 Rummage Sale Collection 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM D. Jones Class (2) 7:00 PM Investment Club (O)	28 Rummage Sale Collection 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM Prayer (8) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Youth (FH)	29 Rummage Sale Collection (Ide) 5:00 PM Bell Choir (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	30 Rummage Sale Collection 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8) 7:30 PM Hispanic Youth (FH)	31 Rummage Sale Collection 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/4	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner John Lange	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
5/11	Al Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner John Lange Ray Poling	Tony Gilson Eric Lindenau Betty Hild Mary Sims
5/18	Al & Myrt Holmes Shawna Bigler Ray Poling	Eric & Kim Lindenau Ray & Bob LaFlair Scott Wiley
5/25	Al & Myrt Holmes Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann	John & Karen Best Gary & Denise Hogestyn

Scripture Readers

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
5/4	Confirmation Class	Nancy Young
5/11	Scott Wagner	Mary Sims
5/18	Shawna Bigler	Tom Simons
5/25	Dave Roza	Confirmation Class



ALL items for the June

Hinge are due by

May 15.

Send to:

karensadden@hotmail.com

Living With Cancer Class

Do you know anyone living with cancer or maybe who beat it, but is still having troubles? Mental Performance Coach Doug Jones is forming a cancer support group to be held on Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m. to look at the different aspects of the disease, how to overcome some of the problems faced by the person affected, and their support (family or friends). We will meet for 5 weeks to start, with the starting date to be determined. If you know someone who may be interested, please email or call Doug Jones at doug@joneshypnosis.com or 585-406-1164. Class size will be limited, so please call or email if you are interested.

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 - ***New Testament for Everyone***, by N. T. Wright, is a highly regarded commentary set of 18 books.
 - ***NIV Application Commentary: Deuteronomy*** and ***NIV Application Commentary: Job*** are the two most recent volumes in the set of Biblical commentaries.
 - ***Tim Tebow: Everything in Between***, is a DVD documenting his transition from collegiate player to the NFL.
 - ***Peter and Paul***, is a DVD about the two apostles.
 - ***A. D.: The Story of Acts***, is a 2-disc DVD set.
 - ***Redeeming Love***, by Francine Rivers, is a historical novel set in the gold rush country of California.
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- Abused by her family, Angel feels unworthy and afraid of the love given to her by others. Only by the redeeming love of Jesus, who will never let her go, does her heart finally open.
 - ***The Cat Who Talked Turkey***, by Lillian Braun, is a cozy tale in spite of two murders and a pair of villains.
 - ***Response*** magazine, April 2014, has feature articles about the death penalty, prison ministry and changing the world by church circles. It is located on the UMW bookshelf. (You don't have to sign magazines out. Just borrow and return them in a timely fashion.)
 - ***Interpreter*** magazine, March/April 2014, features the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) with articles about current projects, supply depots, and past disasters that it still supports. It, too, is located on the UMW bookshelf.

*"He fed his spirit with the bread of books."
~ Edwin Markham, American poet*