

Aldersgate Hinge

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From the Pastor

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It's November already and our thoughts turn toward year-end activities. November could be a dull, dreary month but there is much to celebrate!

On Nov. 2 we will take time during worship to remember and thank God for our loved ones who died during the past year as well as dedicate memorials for the past year.

Be sure to vote on Nov. 4. Thank God that we live in a free country and pray for those who don't. On Nov. 11, take time to thank a veteran for his/her service.

In November, many of us will begin our Christmas shopping. If you are going to do some online shopping, get connected with UM Marketplace. If you go through that site to make your purchases, a percentage of your purchase will come back as a donation to Aldersgate. It's an easy way to share some of your abundance with the one whose birthday we will be celebrating. You can find more information and a link on the church website. This time of year is also a great time for extra-mile giving to and through the Church.

Of course, in November we celebrate Thanksgiving. It's a great time to connect with family and friends and to give God thanks for the multitude of blessings God has bestowed on us. The attitude of thanksgiving should be ours all year, but it's always good to be reminded of it.

On Nov. 23, we will be receiving our quarterly collection of "Food for Friends" to feed the hungry by restocking the shelves of the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf.

The last Sunday in November (Nov. 30) church begins preparation for Christmas. This is the First Sunday in Advent. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find more information about the special activities planned for that day.

Rather than bemoan the end of summer, let's celebrate because God is good all the time! All the time, God is good!

In Christ's love,

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.

Hospitalized: Krystal Montalvo (daughter of Janis Beyo) – Strong; Tom Simons – Rochester General

Recovering at home: Noel Anderson, Mark DeVincentis, Shirley Grierson, Mike Spicer, Nora Spindler Miller, Mary Sims, Bob Wiederhold, Tim Rolfe

Those with ongoing health concerns: 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, James Fuller (brother of Mary Finacchairo), Heather Gerber (friend of Tracy Winter), Shirley Grierson, Wayne Griffin (son of Seward & June Griffin), Becky Hess, Pat Holmes, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Barb Jeffers, Beverly Johnson, Rich Keller, Addison Lorraine Kelly (daughter of Jessica Christie and Aaron Kelly), Keith Kimberly (friend of Gloria & Rick Baker), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Bailey), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Lena Mangion (friend of Richard Keegan), Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Rita Mead (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Joan Michlin, Nicole Mohrmann (granddaughter of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Gloria Montgomery, Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Toby Place (friend of Dan Hallowell); Kaley Petrella (friend of Richard Keegan), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Delia Pinto (aunt of Juan Ruiz), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi and Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Jennifer & Noah Welker (daughter & grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Denise, Emily & James White (daughter, granddaughter & grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Nona Antczak, Warren Lenau (Debbie Lenau's father) – Seabury Woods; Maurice Deuel – Hilton East; Evelyn Deuel – Brightonian Nursing Home; Phoebe Brown, John Hayashi – Edna Tina Wilson

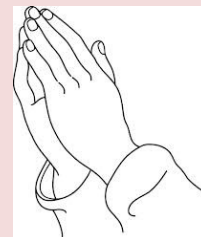
E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly printed church bulletin prayer concerns list UPDATED. If your family or friend's situation has changed in any way, PLEASE contact the church office or email me.

Our Prayer Chain participants faithfully pray for the current week's joys and concerns emailed them. Thank you all!

If you have a prayer request that cannot wait until the next Sunday, contact the church office or me.

Chitie Edgett, coordinator
edgett83@frontiernet.net



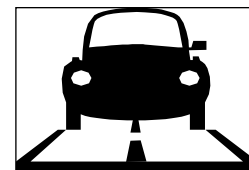
Living Center; Fred Hild – The Hurlbut; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Jean Smith – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Phyllis Little – Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Martha Thomson – The Village West; Robert Fisher – The Jewish Home; Pat Holmes – Episcopal Home

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.



Church Events & Opportunities

Church Women United Sponsor World Community Day on November 7

Dr. Ruth Scott, who has been active in the Rochester community for decades and the first African-American woman to lead the Rochester City Council, will be the featured speaker. She recently published her memoir, "The Circles God Draws." The program will be held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams Street, Rochester 14608, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is \$3.00. Please bring a bagged lunch and a contribution for the Community Food Cupboard. The women of the church will provide beverages and dessert. No advance reservations are needed.



Order Your Habitat Pies for Thanksgiving

Order forms will be placed in church bulletins **through November 16** for you to place your order for pies to benefit the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity. The 10-inch 4.5 lb. pies from Kelly's Farm in Hilton come in four varieties: **apple crumb**, **apple-raspberry**, **pumpkin**, and **Christmas Crumb** (apple/cranberry/pineapple). They cost just **\$16.00** each. A **two-pound dish of apple crisp** is available for **\$12.00**. Please put your check payable to **Aldersgate UMC** and clearly marked for "**Habitat Pies**" and your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Orders must be paid in advance.

Pick up pies at the church on **Tuesday, November 25**, from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** Pies not picked up will be left in the kitchen with your name on them. If you have any questions, see Bud or Carol Kress, the Aldersgate coordinators for this project.

Plans now are to begin building the next Greece Habitat for Humanity house in the spring. Your additional contributions to support this project are always welcome. Just make your check payable to **Aldersgate UMC** with a designation in the memo line for "**Greece Habitat House.**"

Game Night

November 8 at 6:00 p.m. — All are invited!
in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games

It's Auction Time!

Carol Ritter Wright will be back as auctioneer for our **27th Annual Aldersgate Auction** on **Friday, Nov. 14**. Lake United Methodist Church will be with us again for this evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fundraising. To start the evening, the ever-popular **spaghetti and meat-ball supper** (including a salad and dessert) will be served promptly at **6:00 p.m.** We plan to **begin the auction earlier** than past years, starting between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Aldersgate proceeds this year will be divided between our own Building Fund and the Mission Trip to Nicaragua. Lake UMC will receive the funds from the sale of items they donate. A successful auction can make a difference to all.

Please think now about your contributions. We are looking for **good quality items, gift certificates, baked goods (or the promise thereof), services**—anything you think someone else might want. We need 80-100 items for a successful auction. Donation forms are available each week in the bulletin, or contact **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822 or fghughes76@frontiernet.net) to let her know what you plan to bring. We try to advertise each week what items have already come in.

There is a letter on the Missions table that you can give to the businesses in recognition of their gifts. Remind them that they will get recognition in our church bulletin prior to the auction if we know about the gift early enough, in addition to the auction book that night.

There will be a **silent auction table** for items valued under \$10 and items that come in at the last minute. This has worked well for us and is especially interesting to the young people who attend. It is open to everyone, and you can start bidding on items as soon as you arrive.

The spaghetti supper still costs just \$5.00. The **sign-up sheets for the dinner** are on the bulletin board. Plan now to come and to bring your friends. This is an evening you don't want to miss!

And Poinsettia Time, Too!

Watch the bulletins! Order forms for the poinsettias will be available soon. What a lovely time to add to the Christmas display in honor or to memorialize your loved ones. It is a tradition at Aldersgate. The plants will be displayed from December 14 through Christmas Eve services and beyond, if possible. Please call Carole Jermyn at 225-8956 if you have any questions.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

Concerned About Climate Change

The next General Meeting of Aldersgate United Methodist Women on Saturday, **November 8**, will consider the topic of climate change by showing the film **"Comfort Zone: A Film about Change."** The film looks at how three different people from Upstate New York respond to the issue of climate change. You'll recognize local scenery as you watch the way in which each approaches this global issue from a personal perspective. Often funny and always engaging, the message of the film will inspire you to think about your own views.

Pastries and coffee will be available at 9:15 a.m. in the Ide Center. The program starts at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

After an opportunity for discussion of the topic, we will hold a short business meeting before adjourning to work on our needlework projects: school bags, baby gowns, Warm-Up Rochester afghans, etc., until around 2:00 p.m. We'll break for a light lunch around noon. We ask a donation of \$5.00 for lunch.

Please sign up on the Opportunities Board, especially if you plan to stay for lunch so that we are adequately prepared.

Reading Circle

A Week in Winter by popular writer Maeve Binchy is the Reading Circle selection for November. The people who reserve a room for opening week in a new Irish bed & breakfast come from different countries and varying circumstances seeking a peaceful week in a remote location away from their troubles, creating an enjoyable story for us all to read.

Pick up a copy of the book in the Church Library to read, and plan to come on Thursday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy a thoughtful and uplifting afternoon discussion of a challenging story. A hostess will prepare light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Jane Salminen (544-1703) for more information.



Morning Circle Will Prepare Baskets for Shut-Ins; Seeks Donations

Come on **Tuesday, November 18**, to the Ide Center at 11:00 a.m. to help **prepare baskets** for shut-ins who are part of our church family. Join us both in contributing items and in assembling the baskets to remind these friends that we are still thinking of them. The baskets will be delivered by the Membership & Evangelism Visitation Team over the holidays.

To be sure we have a variety of items, we ask that those who are willing to bring items for the baskets sign up on the Opportunities Board with your name and the item you are able to contribute. When we know what we have, we will use UMW money allocated to the Morning Circle to purchase additional gifts. To be quite clear, the sign-up sheet is not for attendance purposes, since some people may not be able to attend but may still wish to contribute. For the first three Sundays in November there will be a large basket on the Missions Counter in which you may leave your donations before the meeting.

Some of the suggested items include *packets of tissue, anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, playing cards; wrapped hard candy (regular and sugar-free), cookies, and gum; packaged chips, pretzels, or crackers; pocket calendars; pens; plastic rain scarves; small devotional books; stamps, notepaper, postcards; tea (regular or herbal); lotion; combs or brushes; toothbrushes/toothpaste; and bookmarks.* This is not intended as a comprehensive list, nor will all baskets be alike.

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPCOMING DATES

November 10 & December 8 — Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00 p.m., Room 1

December 4 — **Reading Circle**, 1:00 p.m., *Cleo: The Cat Who Mended a Family* by Helen Brown, Library

December 16 — **Morning Circle**, 11:00 a.m., Parlor

January 19 — Next **General Meeting**, 9:15 a.m. in the Ide Center, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration & Project Day

Did You Know . . .

- This year we assembled and delivered 200 health kits, 100 school kits, and 45 layette kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.
- Four members of our Reading Circle received certificates for the UMW Reading Program at the District Annual Meeting: Francis Crabtree, Jane Salminen, and Helen Wolter for Plan I (five books); and Gretchen Hughes for Plan IV (twenty books).
- Our Aldersgate unit was also recognized for being a **Five-Star Unit** and a **Gold Mission Today Unit**.

Crafts & Collectibles Proceeds Exceed Expectations

After expenses, the proceeds of our 7th Indoor Crafts & Collectibles Show totaled **\$2,413.33**, the highest ever. (One of these days we'll have to drop "Indoor" from the name; many members of our congregation weren't even here when we had an outdoor show.) We had a total of 33 different vendors plus the church craft booth over the two days, filling 37 spaces.

The proceeds were divided between the UMW and the church missions committee. The UMW will decide at its November General Meeting how much will go to each of our regular mission programs. The church missions money will be used primarily to complete our commitment to the support of Mission: Share.

We appreciate all those who stepped up to help. We had an excellent supply of baked goods and sold more lunches than ever. The church craft booth was well stocked. Notable this year was the help we received to set up for the show and to clean up afterwards because expanding into the sanctuary made the work more challenging.

We also thank everyone who took the time out of your busy schedules to shop. Your participation is key to our being able to continue successfully. Without each and every one of you we could not carry out this project.

Thank You

Frank and Joyce Pombert and Rich Keegan want to thank all the wonderful people who prayed for our dog, Dusty, during his illness. He died peacefully on October 12th.

Aldersgate is such a blessing to us. Pastor Anne prayed with us and helped us through it – God bless you all.

Fearless Giving

Do you know the joy of selfless giving and love for others? True love doesn't calculate – it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple: love is more precious than gold or wealth!

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is precious. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she fearlessly gave away all she had.

We aren't asking you to give away all you have, but it's not too late to fearlessly turn in your financial commitment to Aldersgate for 2015.



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- **One Thousand White Women**, by Jim Fergus – novel about women who marry Native Americans in the 1880s
- **And the Shofar Blew**, by Francine Rivers – a young minister takes on a dying church in California
- **Intimate Moments with the Savior**, by Ken Gire – how Jesus changed the lives around him
- **To Repair the World**, by Paul Farmer – encouragement for those who want to work for global health equality and social justice

"It cannot be that people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading."
John Wesley

Please visit the library! It's open whenever the building is, and self-checkout is a breeze.

Christian Education

November's **Kindergarten-3rd Graders'** lessons will come from the unit *Hope for God's People* based on the scripture "I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 29:11. 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.

Week	Topic	Activity
Nov. 2	Joseph and His Brothers	Go on a Colored Cloth Hunt
Nov. 9	Joseph in Egypt	Have a Paper-Plate Race
Nov. 16	Joseph Saves the Day	Play "Skinny Cow"
Nov. 23	Reunited (Thanksgiving)	Thankful Turkey
Nov. 30	A Savior is Coming (Micah)	Follow-the-Prophet and Hered- the-Sheep Games

Our **4th-6th graders**, led by Nan Keller, will continue the program *Finding Your Way Through the Bible*. This program is designed to help the children become familiar with their Bibles and learn how to use them at their own speed.

The **Young Adults Class**, led by John & Dennis Simm, will continue the study *Defining Moments* by Andy Stanley.

Summary: It's no secret that what you don't know can hurt you. In spite of that, we still go out of our way at times to avoid the truth. While the truth often hurts, deceiving ourselves will ultimately only worsen the situation. Participants will listen in as Jesus introduces some rather perplexing truths to seven individuals who had grown comfortable with their misinformed lifestyles and belief systems. Participants will discover firsthand that the truth can set you free.

The **High School Class** is led by Christine Mitchell from 11:00-12:00. The class starts in Room 2 with the young adults class to view the *Defining Moments* study by Andy Stanley. Then they move to Room 8 for a separate discussion.

Kidsgate Celebrate!

We kicked off KIDSGATE CELEBRATE on Sunday October 5th and have been having God-Centered, Kid-Geared Worship experiences ever since! We sing upbeat Christian songs, learn signs and dances, participate in and watch skits, pray and have just a wonderful time worshipping God! It takes place in Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 11:00-11:15. All are welcome to join us!



Advent Begins on November 30th

"Walking the Road to Bethlehem/Your Journey to Christmas," by Adam Hamilton

This year's Advent devotional will be available on Sunday, November 23 in the Gathering space. We are asking for \$4.00 (if able) to pay for each book. This devotional is organized around 4 key locations of the Christmas Story: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, and the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The children will be receiving their Advent devotional On the Way to Bethlehem book in Sunday school. The youth will be receiving a teen Advent devotional.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, November 30th at 12:00 p.m. is the All Church Family Advent Celebration. We will begin with a potluck meal in the Ide Center followed by family activities, crafts, games and a "journey." There is a sign-up sheet on the Main Bulletin Board. We look forward to kicking off this Advent season with you!

Check out: www.growproclaimserve.com

We hope everyone is taking some time to look through the website and Apps accompanying our Kidsgate curriculum. There are pages for kids and parents to enjoy, with articles and fun learning opportunities for your family that follow up on our Sunday lessons. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Julia or Rhonda for more information.



Dear Sally Stewardardship

Dear Sally,

Why do we have an annual finance campaign and get asked to make a pledge for all of next year? We may be moving and I don't know if I'll be able to pay a pledge all year. I understand that many churches don't use pledge programs, but rely on whatever comes in.

Nervous

Dear Nervous,

Your uncertainty is understandable, and a good reason to think in terms of "fearless generosity." If we give only what we have to spare, or only what we think is "reasonable," where is the fearlessness? Where is the faith? That's why we also ask you first to pray about your



CREDO: a statement of the beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions

Credo (Confirmation Class 2014/2015) is off and running, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a.m. We have awesome kids! Elijah, Zach, Matthew, Kennedy, Michelle, Sammy, Marie. They're the best kids ever! They are great at eating pizza, great at playing 4 square, and great at remembering Bible verses! They are smart, fun, full of energy and just the kind of kids God wants to pledge their lives to following Him!

So far we have learned not to hang out with bad kids in school ("Don't stand in the way of sinners") and not to make fun of worship services that are not the ones that we prefer ("don't sit in the seat of mockers"). We have talked about and prayed for friends from school who are "self-harmers," and learned about how we will be expected to reaffirm our faith, renounce evil, and promise to be faithful members of Aldersgate next May when we are Confirmed.

We all know now that to be a "Disciple" of Jesus means to follow Him. We will all have to WORSHIP Him, LEARN about Him, and SERVE Him to be true disciples.

It will be a great year; one that we will all remember and treasure! Please, everyone, pray for the Confirmands, mentors (they are absolutely the best!), and the leaders.

Blessings, Doc and Sue

pledge and to follow God's leading. We must recognize that God does challenge our assumptions about what we "are able" to do and asks us to trust Him to provide.

Other churches do have different practices. Frankly, tithing is more widely practiced in some areas of our country than in others, making church financial support a little easier. It is God's plan after all. (We actually do have a fair number of tithers.) There are churches that ask you to turn in your tax return annually to be sure that you are tithing. Some carry on fundraising year-round just to support their basic programs or issue regular calls to pay bills. Some pass the plate repeatedly in the Sunday service until they have enough. Some just cut staff and programs when there isn't enough money. There are probably more ways to approach this issue than I know about.

We choose to ask for pledges. Pledges give you an opportunity to demonstrate your trust in God's ability to provide and allow us to trust Him in making plans for ministry for the year ahead. Even then, as you know, there are blips with unexpected expenses; but we really don't have to run a constant campaign for basic financial support. In our practical experience, most people pay pledges in full and don't only when there have been serious changes in their lives, such as needing to move. Even then, they often try to complete what they started.

Don't ask me to cite references, but I have also read in the books about church financing that churches with a pledge program get stronger financial support than those who do not.

Having pledges has allowed us to focus our special offerings and fundraising throughout the year largely on outreach such as support for Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity, Mission: Share, Meri Whitaker, the Greece Food Shelf, Christmas White Gifts, Mission Trips, etc. We've had some very tight moments – and indeed are not currently paying our apportionments in full – but one commitment we made as a church when we built the addition was to continue to reach out in mission rather than focus inward. That commitment and the facilities we built have allowed us to grow in that respect. That outreach is the reason many new people cite for choosing Aldersgate.

Even if we approach our pledges with some queasiness, count on God to teach us how to be fearless givers.

Trusting God to provide,
Sally Stewardship

Thank You

The Trustees wish to thank the following people for their efforts helping maintain Aldersgate's facilities:

- Nancy Brehm for painting the stairways inside the back door near the Chapel and Fellowship Hall;
- Mark Houser and Bud Kress for obtaining and delivering a tall ladder to Aldersgate, and saving us from spending significant lift rental fees during projector maintenance, and thanks to Mark for guiding and helping during the maintenance work on the Sanctuary projectors;
- To everyone that helped during the Fall Work Day.

Come to Aldersgate Night at Ruby Tuesday's on Ridge Road

Monday, November 3

Bring your bulletin insert, and Ruby Tuesday's will donate 20% of our food receipts to our Building Fund.

Dear Aldersgate Family,

Thank you so much for all your muchly needed prayers, cards, calls and emails. I'm still working at recuperating and continue to appreciate your blessings.

*Much love,
Gloria Montgomery*



Dear Helping Hearts Members,

As we age we develop health issues and it is increasingly difficult to get things done that were once routine and enjoyable. I was unable to do the yard work at my home this year. It was a concern that the work would not get done.

With God's help I recently met Ken and Nancy Rex from your Helping Hearts program. It has been a pleasure getting to know them. They completed all the work they said they would do. They were very respectful at all times. They always asked before they did something to be sure that the work would be done to my satisfaction.

The yard work had gotten out of hand for me to do. The flowerbeds were all overgrown and full of weeds. With winter coming I was worried that I would not be able to clean the yard up before the snow season started. Ken and Nancy Rex from Helping Hearts came to my rescue and cleaned up the entire yard. Now it looks much neater and cleaner. They did an outstanding job and they did just as I would have done myself if I were able. They even put covers on the window wells to keep the rain and melting snow from getting into the house as it had done in the past.

There was also an issue with finding someone to maintain the furnace who would be trustworthy and would not try to sell me something I did not need or could not afford. Tyler from Triple-O Mechanical is taking care of the heating and air conditioner. He is a very pleasant young man and seems to be very honest and trustworthy. Thank you, Ken and Nancy for bringing him here.

It is not often that we encounter people in our daily lives who are so willing to help others in the Name of Jesus Christ. You have a great caring program that shares the love Christ by following his word by example. This is a true example of Christianity and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all that you have done.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Pat Hill

Note: Helping Hearts desperately needs referrals from you! Pick up referral forms in the church office. Fill them out and return them to the office. Nancy and I will pick them up there. If you have any questions you can call us at 585-943-0890 or email us at www.theguru@rochester.rr.com.

Ken & Nancy Rex



November Birthdays

Amanda Farrell	November 4
Larry VanAllen	November 4
John Simm	November 7
Sandi Norris	November 8
Carolyn Gilson	November 9
Tommy Maggio	November 9
Michelle Peck	November 11
Fred Hild	November 13
John Best	November 16
Natalie Bock	November 16
Bill Burdick	November 18
Betty Hild	November 18
Suzanne Spicer	November 18

John Cook	November 18
Richard Caupp	November 19
Ann Christie	November 20
Andrea Peeck	November 20
Jan Winter	November 21
Tamara	
Gilzow-Kephart	November 24

Rachel Carstens	November 25
Eric Rex	November 25
Laura Wagner	November 30
Diane Haschmann	November 30

November Anniversary

Kurt & Robin Lindeman	November 21
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Election Day Bake Sale Supports Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Last year's Election Day Bake Sale provided a base of financial support for our Free Community Dinners. Our goal this year is to support those who are going on the District Mission Trip to Nicaragua in February.

So, once again we call on our excellent Aldersgate bakers to help us out. We have a reputation to uphold. People come in expecting to find good, fresh-baked treats to take to work as a snack, dessert for supper, or refills for their freezers for the upcoming holidays. **Pies, small cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, breads**, etc. all find a home if we have them for sale. Be sure to mark on your donation what kind it is and whether or not it contains nuts or is sugar-free.

After you vote on **November 4**, stop by the church to see what is available. You may even want to come more than once because new pies and cookies have a way of appearing throughout the day. Christmas crafts will also be available for sale. The sale opens at 7:00 a.m. and continue until all is sold or it's 6:30 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board for those of you who can contribute home baked goods or can help staff the sale.

Bring "Food for Friends" on November 23

When we are planning our own feasts for Thanksgiving, it is especially appropriate to remember those in our community who may not be able to do so. That's why the Missions Committee picks the **Sunday before Thanksgiving** for a special emphasis on bringing a bag of non-perishable groceries to fill the shelves of the **Greece Food Shelf**. These last few years have brought an extraordinary increase in the number of people in our community

who are "food insecure." This is one important way we put our love into action as Christians.

The ushers will remind you the Sunday before by distributing grocery bags as you leave the sanctuary. Those in need in our community are counting on your continued support.



Remember St. Pauly's Shed

The St. Pauly's shed at Greece United Methodist Church **raises money** every month for the **Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity** project. It is a good place to donate clothing – if you can't wait for the Rummage Sale. They take clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys in usable condition. They **DO NOT** process fabrics for recycling; consequently disposal of rags, fabric scraps, etc. cost them money and extra effort.

Please remember, also, that they do not take other household items like toys, furniture, and appliances. All those items have to be placed in the dumpster by the church liaisons who check the shed before the St. Pauly's truck comes to pick up the clothing.

If possible, please put your donations into tied or closed bags. Your donated items and your discretion are appreciated.

United Methodist Student Day Nov. 30

Thanks to gifts on United Methodist Student Day, students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities can receive scholarships and loans. Our gifts add up to make a world of difference for young people preparing for a life of service. Please be generous. For more information about United Methodist scholarships and loans, ask in the church office.

Has God Been Good to You This Year?

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving we bring in a special **Thank Offering** to honor the presence of God in our lives and the blessings he has given us. Mid-month you will receive in the mail a Thank Offering card on which you may share your blessings. Your gift will be recognized as part of this special offering whether it comes with the card in the envelope provided, in the Thanksgiving envelope in your book of church envelopes or in a pew envelope marked "Thank Offering."

The Christmas and Easter offerings are designated for mission and outreach. The only special offering used for the support of our ongoing ministries here at Aldersgate is the Thanksgiving Offering. Show how good God has been to you with your generous support of His work here at Aldersgate.

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

11/2 Al & Myrt Holmes
Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

11/9 Al & Myrt Holmes
Shawna Bigler
Ray Poling

11/16 Al & Myrt Holmes
Dan & Jan Rothfuss

11/23 Al & Myrt Holmes
Susan DeVincentis
Naomi Moss

11/30 Al & Myrt Holmes
Larry Van Allen
Eric McHugh

11:00 AM

Terry & Nancy Young
Zuni Simons
Scott Wiley

Gary & Denise Hogestyn
Bud & Carol Kress

John & Karen Best
Nancy Bader
Ray LaFlair

Anton & Carolyn Gilson
Bill & Lauretta Teasdale

Betty Hild
Bette Edgett
Mike Smith

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

11/2 Jan Rothfuss
11/9 Dave Roza
11/16 Naomi Moss
11/23 Cori Loudon
11/30 Nancy Bader

11:00 AM

Nancy Young
Candy Metzger
Kathy Peck
Nancy Bader
Bobbie Eckert



Acolytes

11:00 AM

11/2 Michelle Maggio & Marie Sims
11/9 Stephen Samuel & Erin Galligan
11/16 Matthew Thompson & Max Tyler
11/23 Zachery Farrell & Elijah Tyler
11/30 Natalie & Emma Bock



ALL items for the December/January

Hinge are due by

November 15.

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Library Corner

A display of John Wesley books (also Susanna and Charles) is on the cart in the library.

The cover photo of **Response Magazine's** October issue is of a young girl who lives in a cemetery in Manila. 10,000 people do. UMW provides classroom education and meals for the children and is negotiating with an electronics factory about training the youth for employment. *Tulsa UMW has circles for girls in grades 4-12, broadening their knowledge of what's happening close to home and around the world. *UMW in Virginia is raising awareness about predatory lending and fighting to end the exploitation of people in difficult circumstances. *Fighting in South Sudan has displaced many, especially women and children. Interfaith groups have lobbied for cease-fire talks that would eventually lead to a transitional government and new elections. *14 Repair Cafes in the U.S. are repairing cameras, lamps, jackets, bracelets, etc. Reuse, recycle and restore come together when we take time to repair.



New DVDs

- **King's Faith** – a young man finds hope in Christ's love while serving time in a juvenile penitentiary
- **The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry** – friendship between a 12-year-old boy and a 75-year-old man

New Book for Children

- *Jonah and the Big Fish*

New Books for Adults

- **Flight Behavior**, by Barbara Kingsolver – novel about the effects of global warming
- **The Invention of Wings**, by Sue Monk Kidd – a young woman and her slave during the 1800's
- **The Hope Chest. Looking for a Miracle. A Merry Heart. Plain and Fancy.** All by Wanda Brunstetter – Amish series

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily 7:30 AM Sunday 7:30 PM (FH) 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 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
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