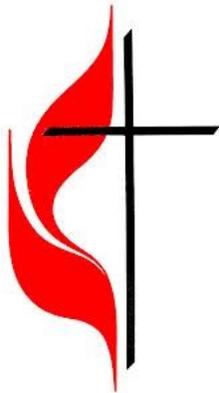


# Aldersgate Hinge

March 2015



## From the Pastor

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Lent began on February 18 with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) of preparation for Easter. Traditionally it is a time for self-examination and repentance (turning from sin and turning toward God). Many people “give something up” for Lent, sacrificing something that is important to them to help them focus on the sacrifice Jesus made in dying on the cross for everyone. Other people add elements to their devotional lives—additional personal prayer time, corporate worship, and/or service.

I encourage you to plan now to attend the special worship services during Holy Week: On Sunday, March 29 we will hold our annual Palm/Passion Sunday; on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. we will celebrate the last supper; on Good Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. we will take time to remember Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross on our behalf. On Good Friday, there will also be a prayer vigil during the day. There will be more information about these things in the April *Hinge*.

This year our theme for Lent is “This Love Changes Everything.” Sermons and Sunday school lessons will be focusing on this truth. If you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to add the spiritual discipline of journaling to your devotional time during this season. There are prayer journals in the Gathering Space for you to use. If you choose not to journal, pick up a copy of the daily devotional, *The Nail*, and add it to your daily prayer time. Be sure pick up a bookmark and nail also available in the Gathering Space.

Observing Lent by taking time to focus on God’s amazing love in Christ Jesus is vital to a truly joy-filled celebration of Easter. In Jesus Christ we know a love so great that he holds nothing back. Jesus Christ “who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:6-8) It is only by Jesus’ sacrificial death that resurrection becomes possible.

I pray you will make a conscious effort to celebrate a Holy Lent, practicing the age old traditions of self-examination, confession, and repentance that ultimately leads to life in Christ now and forever.

In Christ’s love,

*Pastor Anne*

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# Our Ministry of Concern

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## 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:** Larry Van Allen – Strong

**Recovering at Home:** Noel Anderson, Dawn Barrett Brickel (daughter of Nora Spindler Miller), Mark DeVincentis, Ron Durbin, Dean Hogestyn, Nora Spindler Miller, Jack Simm, Ken Sisson, Wilma Jean Smith, Bill Tschorke

**Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:** Tom Beamish (cousin of Carole Jermyn), Bonnie Bush (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), 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), Beverly Johnson, Rich Keller, Addison Lorraine Kelly (daughter of Jessica Christie & Aaron Kelly), Keith Kimberly (friend of Gloria & Rick Baker), Barb Jeffers, Beverly Johnson, 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, Marissa 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 & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Kevin Weil & Family (nephew of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Jennifer Welker & Noah Welker (daughter and grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Denise, Emily & James White (daughter, granddaughter & grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold)

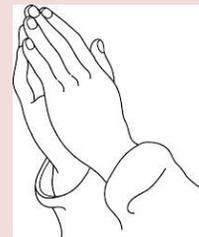
**Nursing Homes/Living Centers:** Nona Antczak, Warren Lenau (Debbie Lenau's father) – Seabury Woods; Maurice Deuel – Hilton East; Evelyn Deuel – Brightonian Nursing Home; Phoebe Brown – Edna Tina Wilson

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly printed church bulletin prayer concerns list UPDATED.

FYI: Candy Metzger will be sending out the weekly Sunday email prayer chain in March and early April when the Edgetts are in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Thank you!) If you have a prayer request that cannot wait until the following Sunday, you may contact Candy at the church office.

*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

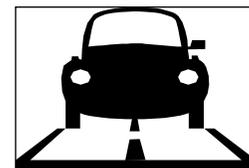
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## Parish Visitations

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

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

**Monday, March 2**

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

### **Take Your Best Shot!**

Date: Sunday, **March 15th**

Where: Ide Center

Time: Following the 11:00 am  
service - 1:30 pm

Concessions: Pizza, Ice Cream &  
Beverages (\$1.00 for each item)

Activities: Shoot some hoops with friends and family  
and/or enjoy food and fellowship

Proceeds go to *Imagine No Malaria*.

There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.



### **Report from Nicaragua Trip**

Do you want to hear more about the mission trip to Nicaragua from our Aldersgate Mission Team? This is the first time in many years that we have sent a team to another country; so you may have more interest than usual in hearing about their experiences beyond the brief reports we get in the Sunday morning services. Was it a worthwhile experience? Is it something you might like to participate in another year? As a church, is this an area where we should become more involved?

Come to the next **UMW General Meeting on Thursday, March 26, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Ide Center. We will begin with a light supper (just \$5.00) followed by the program. Everyone interested is welcome — men, women, and youth. If childcare is needed, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board.

A short business meeting for UMW members will complete the evening. (All are welcome, but we take a break after the program so that those who need to leave can do so.) This is also the meeting to which we bring our annual UMW Thank Offerings and make our Pledges to Mission for the year if we haven't done so in Circle meetings.

### **Youth Pancake Lunch Fundraiser, March 21**

Support the Aldersgate Youth Group at their Pancake Luncheon from **12-1:30 p.m.** on Saturday, March 21. A free-will offering will be taken. You can also bid on gift baskets for auction.

Contact Lisa LiPuma to sign up for lunch, offer assistance (monetary and/or breakfast ingredients), or volunteer to help that day — email: [llipuma@aumcgreece.org](mailto:llipuma@aumcgreece.org) or call her at 585-705-9641 (cell number) or at church.

### **Van Drivers Needed**

We need additional drivers for the Aldersgate Van to support bringing members and visitors from the Villages at Unity Senior Living Center to the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. Currently there are four people from the Villages who attend Aldersgate's 11 a.m. Worship, but there are now only two van drivers for that time. With more drivers we could support more Sundays, and help fill in for when drivers are out of town. If you are willing to consider helping with this ministry, please contact Bob Thayer at 746-6998, or Rich Mohrmann at 225-1526.

### **"Gathering of Friends" Needs Volunteers**

The Evangelism and Membership Care Team is sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Gathering of Friends" event on **April 11**, for our Aldersgate UMC family who are unable to attend church regularly. They are invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. This 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.



### **Game Night**

**March 14 at 6:00 p.m. — All are invited!**  
in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games

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# Aldersgate United Methodist Women

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## “Meal in the Upper Room” March 31

All women of the church are invited to participate again this year in an especially meaningful **Lenten service** known as “The Meal in the Upper Room.” Those attending will gather at **6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary for the Preparation Service then move silently into the Ide Family Life Center for the meal of foods chosen for their significance to the occasion.

Children are welcome, but they must be old enough to sit without talking or getting up for at least an hour. Please feel free to invite friends who may be interested as well. We do need to know the exact number attending, so please sign up no later than Sunday, March 29. (If you find at the last minute that you can’t attend, please call Joyce Farrokh at 865-5135.)

## Reading Circle

At its next meeting in the library at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 5**, the Reading Circle will discuss *Philomena* by Martin Sixsmith, a book that was made into a popular 2013 movie. The movie focused primarily on the mother’s search for a son she had been forced to give up for adoption. The book fills in what was happening to the son as he grew up in America to become Chief Legal Counsel to the Republican National Committee during the Reagan Administration.

Copies of the book are available in the Church Library in the UMW section. Sign the book out on the clipboard.

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome at Reading Circle. Members of the group serve light refreshments each month. If you have any questions, please call Jane Salminen at 544-1703.

## 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 6**, at **1:30 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church**, 800 East Ridge Road, Rochester 14621. The host country for the World Day of Prayer 2015 is The Bahamas. The biblical text chosen is John 13:1-17.

Refreshments and informal conversation will follow the service. No advance reservations or fee is required. Sign up on the Opportunities Board if you wish to carpool. All women of the church are welcome to attend.



## Annual Communion Breakfast

On **Saturday, March 28**, Communion Breakfasts will be held at four locations in the Genesee Valley District: Covenant UMC, Genesee UMC, LeRoy UMC, and New Life UMC in Webster.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the service starting at **9:00 a.m.** The offering will go toward our District Pledge to Mission. Breakfast will follow the service. The cost for the morning is just \$7.50 per person. Reservations are transferable but not refundable.

Please **sign up** on the Opportunities Board by **Sunday, March 15**. Indicate which church you will be attending. Give your money to **Joyce Farrokh**. Your check should be written to *Aldersgate United Methodist Women*. She will send one check from our treasury to your selected church with our reservations.

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

### ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPCOMING DATES

**March 9** - Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 in UMW Room  
(Room 1 in basement)

**May 2** Genesee Valley District Spring Event

**May 7** – Book Review Luncheon, Noon

**May 9** – Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet,  
5:30 p.m.

**June 4-6** – Rummage Sale (Collection begins  
on May 25)

**July 30-August 1** – Mission u (School of Mission) at  
Camp Asbury

**October 9 & 10** – Crafts & Collectibles Show

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I'm new to attending church. I like being a part of Aldersgate, and I understand that it costs money to support our worship services, to keep the building warm, and to offer all the other programs I enjoy. I want to contribute, but I don't know where to start. How much should I be giving?

Newby

Dear Newby,

That's a good question. Thank you for asking. (Isn't that how responders start while they are stalling for a good answer during a Q & A?)

Seriously, it is a good question. And you are already a step ahead of many people in recognizing that staff, maintenance, and programs in church cost money. It is true that God is working behind the scene to see that our churches have the money they need. However, the money doesn't appear magically. If we are listening, he provides the prompts – as he is right now.

Biblical giving is both systematic and spontaneous. The Old Testament standard of regular giving is a tithe – 10% – of our income off the top. Periodically a second and even a third tithe is called for to provide for the priests, the temple, and the poor. Special occasions had prescribed offerings. Then there are examples of spontaneous offerings, such as a call to bring gifts to help build the temple. (A couple of times so much came in that people were told to stop!)

The NIV Stewardship Study Bible quotes Andy Stanley, a well-known pastor and teacher, who likes to emphasize the New Testament verse, "Each man should give what

he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

He explains that God "doesn't want you to give reactively. He wants you to go home, look at your bucket of seed, and determine in your heart how much you'd like to sow. He wants you to consider thoughtfully your current circumstances, your life, your potential, and your finances. He wants you to involve your family. He wants you to pray about it. And then he wants you to come up with a plan. It may be a percentage or an amount." (p. 599) He and other Christian financial writers use a number of "p" words to describe Godly giving: *proportionate, planned, precommitted, priority, percentage, progressive, and prompted.*

Whatever we decide to do, our generosity should be coupled with cheerfulness. (We used to say, "Give until it feels good.")

Supporting the church financially is more complicated than dividing up the cost among all those who attend. Our resources differ, and they will change over the course of our lives. But whatever our circumstances, Andy's advice will work. Prayer is the key word. God does know what you can do and will share that knowledge with you if you ask and then listen to the answer. And don't be surprised or let it scare you if it is more than you think you can give! God does like to challenge us.

Prayerfully & Cheerfully,  
Sally Stewardship

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### UMW Continued...

#### Morning Circle

Aldersgate is handicapped accessible. Does that mean that we have done everything we need to do to make people with disabilities welcome? Lorrie Durbin will lead the discussion of "**The Church and People with Disabilities,**" a current UMW Mission Study topic at the next meeting of Morning Circle at 11:00 on Tuesday, **March 17**, in the Parlor. Wear green and bring a sandwich or yogurt for lunch. Hostesses provide dessert and beverages. Everyone interested is welcome.



### B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood Invites

The Women of Reform Judaism/B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood has invited us to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Event on Wednesday, **March 18**, at 11:00 a.m. at 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester 14618. The showing of the PBS film, *Israel Inside*, will be followed by the opportunity to hear Elana Pogal and Emma Ross, two high school students who spent part of last summer in Israel. Lunch and discussion will follow the presentation.

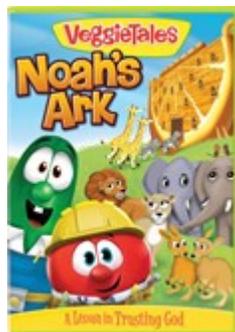
Bring your own non-meat lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. There is no charge for this event, but reservations made by calling 244-7060 x233 would help them prepare. They will also welcome donations of non-perishable food items for local pantries.

# Christian Education

March's **Kindergarten-5th Grader** lessons will come from the unit *Preparing For Easter: God is With Me in Difficult Times* based on the scripture, "My help comes from the Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth." *Psalm 121:2*. We will learn through activities where the children will hear, understand and experience Bible stories, and be encouraged to apply the stories to their lives and to serve others in their own church and community.

Week	Topic	Activity
March 1	Wild About God VBS – Noah's Ark	Veggie Tale Movie: <i>Noah's Ark: A Lesson in Trusting God</i>
March 8	The Widow's Offering	Play Give-It-Away Tag & Learn about Herod's Temple
March 15	The Last Supper	Make a Remembering Chalice & Eat Matzah and Juice
March 22	The Garden	Make a Garden of Gethsemane & Play Praying-Hands Cakewalk
March 29	Palm Sunday	Palm Parade to the song "Let the Trumpets Sound" and learn about the symbols of Palm Sunday

Come and bring a friend to one of our Kidsgate Classes (9:45 & 11:15) on March 1<sup>st</sup>! We will be showing the Veggie Tales Movie *Noah's Ark* as a follow-up to our one-day VBS Wild About God. *Noah and his family, along with a zoo full of animals, take an adventure aboard an orange slice ark! Will they chart a new course, or will they remember to trust God's promise? Grab your umbrellas and find out in this Veggie Tales retelling of the beloved Bible story!* We will be serving popcorn and juice.



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

**Confirmation Class** will be attending a retreat on March 20<sup>th</sup>- March 21<sup>st</sup>. Details were sent to parents.

In March, the **Young Adults Class** will view and discuss *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel.

Summary: In this small group Bible study DVD, *The Case for Faith: A Six-session Investigation of the Toughest Objections to Christianity*, Lee Strobel discusses tough questions while addressing the most common objections to the Christian faith. Through compelling video of personal stories and experts addressing these topics combined with reflection and interaction, Christians and spiritual seekers will learn how to overcome these obstacles, deepen their spiritual convictions, and find new confidence that Christianity is a reasonable faith.

Sessions include:

1. The Challenge of Faith
2. Dealing with Doubts
3. Evil and Suffering, Part 1
4. Evil and Suffering, Part 2
5. Why Is Jesus the Only Way to God?
6. The Power of Faith

In March, the **High School Class** will start in Room 2 with the young adults class to view *The Case For Faith* by Lee Strobel. They will then move to Room 8 for a separate discussion when needed.

## Children's Lenten Devotions

Each child (family) will be receiving a Lenten activity magnet set that parallels the adult study during KIDSGATE.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Shrove Pancake Dinner on February 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of fun, fellowship and food. The proceeds went to support our One-Day VBS and other Special Events for our Christian Education Program. A special thank you to all who helped out to make this possible; Nancy Bader, Lisa LiPuma, Rich and Bobbi Mohrmann, Cindy Purzycki, Kathy Peck, Christine

## The Wearing of the Green...the Color of March

Green shamrocks were used by St. Patrick to explain the trinity to the pagan Irish. Through his evangelism, he became the patron saint of Ireland. The celebration on March 17<sup>th</sup> coincides with the date of his death, and originally began as a church festival with feasts and activities showcasing Ireland and its culture.

The 'wearing of the green' is more a national symbol. Green was worn by Irish nationalists who launched a rebellion against the British in the late 1790s. This color is worn as a symbol of their martyrdom.

But green is also associated with other events in March. Spring begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>, with hopefully, more green visible on the ground than white. And this year, we'll be waiving green reeds on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

During this Lenten period leading up to Palm Sunday and Easter, Anne's messages will be focusing on how God's love helps us to change our priorities. The message on March 15 will be from Galatians 5:13-14:

***"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word; even in this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."***

One of the ways we can serve others and show how God's love is alive is through the body of the church. This brings me to Stewardship's favorite topic, **"The Sharing of the Green."**

### March 15 :

- **Think green -**
- **Wear green -**
- **Give green -**



Our tithes and gifts freely given to the church provide the vital funding for Aldersgate to be able to reach out to others through the various ministries our members are involved in. Whether we like to think about it or not, the church requires a significant amount of money in order to pay the mortgage, provide light and heat, pay the salaries of our small, but vital staff, cover our apportionments to the greater UM church, and pay all other expenses associated with worship (bulletins, projector lights, music, Christian education, just to name a few).

During Lent this year, prayerfully consider how God's love shapes your priorities around your financial giving to Aldersgate. Instead of giving up chocolate or your daily Starbucks coffee for Lent, increase your weekly or monthly giving to the church by 2% - you may be surprised at how easy this is to do...and can continue even after Lent!

If you are already tithing, consider '2<sup>nd</sup> mile giving' toward the 'Projector Bulb Replacement' fund or the Building Fund.

***"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.***

***May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields***

***And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand."***

Sue Accapezzato,  
Stewardship



## Intentional Discipleship Update

The intentional discipleship process development team has been hard at work. We have a draft of the process we plan to implement in the fall. Being a disciple of Christ involves three simple things — loving God (worship), loving others (small group involvement), and serving Christ with joy (both inside the church and out in the community).

We need your help. Please keep the team and process in prayer. We also need people who are called to lead discovery discussions as listed in "The Faithful Lifestyle". Let Pastor Anne know if you are interested. She will work

with you to develop the content. The plan is to offer each discussion three times a year. We also need someone to work with Laurie Ruell to coordinate these discussions. In addition, we are looking for someone who is called to publicize the activities of our existing small groups and work with others to form new groups. If God is calling you to this kind of ministry, please let Pastor Anne know. If you have comments about the process, you can pass that on to any of our team members. You are also welcome to join us at our next meeting on March 3 at 7 p.m.

*Naomi Moss, Anne O'Connor, Ray Poling, Maria Rivera, Laurie Ruell, Dennis Simm, Julia Troiano*

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## Library Corner

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Thank you for your donations to the library. They are always welcome.

February's *Response* magazine features articles about how animals are making life easier for people with disabilities and the challenges of being disabled in countries south of the equator.

### New DVDs

- *Godspell* – A musical of parables from the Gospel of Matthew.
- *Little Red Wagon* – With the help of his little red wagon, a boy dedicates himself to helping the victims of a hurricane.
- *Veggie Tales: Beauty and the Beet* – The power of kindness.

### New Books for Children

- *A Christmas journey* by Susie Poole – Tells the stories of the Bible in the context of why Jesus came.
- *Manger*, by Lee Hopkins – A Christmas book of poems conveying the majesty and intimacy of that first Christmas Eve.
- *Star Bright* by Alison McGhee – What can this little angel possibly give to Jesus?

### New Books for Adults

- *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton (book and DVD) – Includes discussions on abortion, homosexuality, prayer in school, euthanasia, separation of church and state, creation and evolution in the public schools, and the death penalty.

- *The Family* by David Laskin – 100 years of history are covered in this non-fiction story of three branches of one Jewish family – one in the U.S., one in Palestine, and one trapped in Nazi-controlled Europe.
- *Francis of Assisi* by Adrian House – Biography of the humble saint.
- *Remembering Christmas* by Dan Walsh – Novel by the author of *The Unfinished Gift* – After his step-father suffers an aneurysm, Rick's mother calls him home to keep the bookstore open. From the regular customers and one homeless man who gets breakfast every day from the owner, Rick sees another side of the step-father he never felt close to.
- *Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door* by Barbara Mahaney – We don't need to venture far to find what matters most.
- *The Story: the Bible as One Continuing Story* – The stories, poems and teachings of the Bible read like a novel.
- *Sum It up* by Pat Summitt – The basketball coach shares her triumphs and experience with Alzheimer's disease.
- *That Used to Be Us* by Thomas Friedman – We face challenges on which our future depends – globalization, revolution in information technology, the nation's chronic deficits and excessive energy consumption.

*“Reading will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live.”*  
Oliver Goldsmith

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### March Birthdays

Mary Sims	March 3
Roger Ridley	March 4
Phoebe Brown	March 5
Scott Wagner	March 7
Dan Rothfuss	March 9
Steve Tyler	March 9
Robert Winter	March 10
Chitie Edgett	March 10
Gerald Wolter	March 12
Gloria Montgomery	March 13
John Shukitis	March 17
Eric Lindenau	March 17
Alene VanPutte	March 18

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sarah Roza	March 20
Sylvia Lynch	March 22
Frances Crabtree	March 23
Andrea Rex	March 26
Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Bill Peeck	March 27
Connie Gomez	March 27
Patricia Forbes	March 28
Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28

Michael McHugh	March 28
Derek Smith	March 28
Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Kwame Edusel	March 29
Paul Brown	March 30
Gordon Spicer	March 30
Bill Tschorke	March 31

### March Anniversaries

James & Lorraine	
Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances	
VanKouwenberg	March 24

### Keep UMCOR Working Thru “One Great Hour of Sharing”

**Sunday, March 1**, has been designated as the date for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, the special offering that supports the administrative costs of running the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This offering is important because UMCOR does not receive funds from the general budget of the United Methodist Church for its operations. But because this offering covers those operating costs, your gifts later to specific Advance Specials or Disaster Relief efforts go entirely to that cause.

Greg Forrester, who is now the Assistant General Secretary for UMCOR primarily responsible for U. S. and Caribbean Disaster Relief, spoke at a recent District event. He told attendees that UMCOR’s work is divided into five areas: U.S. Disaster Response, International Disaster Response, Development, Health, and Material Supply Network (think UMCOR kits). We frequently hear about disaster relief and recovery work, but we may be less familiar with their work in Health and Development. The focus in health care right now is on the Imagine No Malaria campaign and on child and maternal health. The development work includes preventive projects to reduce risk in future disasters, digging wells and improving water supplies, building fish farms for nutrition and economic development, and landmine removal to reduce injuries and create more usable farmland in African countries. One of the more interesting wells in Africa uses a children’s merry-go-round to power the water pump! Please plan now to give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering so that this important work continues.

### Mission: Share Outreach Center

In April Mission: Share will begin its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation. They are approaching the “half a million meals served” mark. Each year the number of families served by their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and gifts has increased. This important outreach to Greece is growing. The goal, however, is not just to give people food and clothes, but also to lead them to Christ. Christian witness is an important part of the ministry.

Your support is essential. Volunteers staff the ministry on a regular basis, sorting and organizing donations, helping clients choose the items they need, etc. Special events

like the Back2School Outreach require large numbers of one-time helpers to distribute backpacks and to reach out to the families that come. Providing emergency home repairs is another important outreach.

Aldersgate has made a commitment to providing **\$1,200 each year** in financial support, all from **second-mile giving**. Your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* marked for Mission: Share can help us reach that goal. In addition, we collect **feminine hygiene products** and **toilet tissue** to deliver each month.

Another way to support this valuable outreach program is by participating in their **annual auction**, which will be held this year on **Sunday, April 19, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Greece Assembly of God**. Most items are bid on in 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.

### Dining Out at Ruby Tuesday’s Still a Successful Fundraiser

Our Aldersgate Nights at Ruby Tuesday’s brought in a total of **\$2,013.62** for our **Building Fund** in **2014**. That’s a successful fundraiser. We did find that, although we had approval for both the first Sunday and Monday of the month for most of the year, spreading our patronage over two days did not work as well as focusing on just one. As a result, we are back to dining out together just on the first Monday of the month and hoping to do even better this year.

Join us on **Monday, March 2**, at the Ruby Tuesday’s on the corner of Ridge Road West & Long Pond, give the voucher from your Sunday bulletin to your server, and 20% of your food bill will go to the Aldersgate Building Fund. Most of us go in the evening, but the opportunity is ours throughout the day.

Just another thought: if you do use a coupon, the 20% is only applied to the amount after the coupon discount. Also, we get 20% when you purchase a gift card, but not when you use a gift card to pay the bill. It helps to know the rules!



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## Serving in Worship This Month

### Ushers

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/1	TBA	TBA
3/8	TBA	TBA
3/15	TBA	TBA
3/22	TBA	TBA
3/29	TBA	TBA

Scheduling Contact: Ray Poling (phone number: 993-8058)

### Scripture Readers

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
3/1	David Roza	Nancy Young
3/8	Naomi Moss	Annette Thompson
3/15	Erin Pfund	Dick Stacy
3/22	Rich Mohrmann	Karen Sladden
3/29	Tom O'Connor	Bobbie Eckert



ALL items for the March Hinge

are due by **March 15**.

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## Crop Walk News!!

“It was a cold and wintry night.” No, Snoopy is not writing this article, but it would have aptly described our meeting on Feb. 12th at Aldersgate to distribute Crop Walk material to interested churches from Greece. Letters were sent to all churches inviting them to the meeting. We were pleased with the turnout, considering the weather, and had representatives from Mother of Sorrows, St. John the Evangelist, Messiah Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, and will also give materials to Lutheran Church of Concord and John Knox Presbyterian. A great start to this annual event! Carol Coons from the Greece Food Shelf said how delighted they were to receive a check for over \$2,000 as a result of last year’s walk. 25% of funds received stay with the local food shelf and the remainder will help Church World Service combat hunger in our country and around the world.

This year Aldersgate will again host the event on **Sunday, May 3rd** with registration at 1:30 and the **walk to begin at 2:00**. We will follow the usual route for the 6-mile



walk with rest stops at Bethany and Messiah. The 1-mile walk will be from Aldersgate to English Road and back. Our “Rock and Roll” route will be in Ide Family Life Center and will be available for anyone to participate. It will be user-friendly for those wanting to participate with an even surface for wheelchairs and walkers, and you can walk any distance you like.

Helpers and Walkers wanted: Sponsor envelopes will be available from the church office, and we would like help in setting up a snack table for walkers. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Opportunities Board.

Questions can be addressed to Joyce Farrokh at [efarrokh@rochester.rr.com](mailto:efarrokh@rochester.rr.com) or you can leave a message at the church office and she will get back to you.