

# Aldersgate Hinge

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## From the Pastor

I confess that I'm writing this *Hinge* article for myself today. Sometimes life brings blows and loss that weigh heavily on our hearts. We get tired. We wish things were different and don't see a way out. It's times like these when all we can do is turn to God. The Psalmist writes, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 12: 2) In the words of a hymn by George Matheson, "O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee. ...O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not in vain that morn shall tearless be." Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Thank you for allowing me to process my thoughts with you. I don't know about you, but I am starting to feel better already. These are not idle promises or false hope. The risen Christ is with us and does not leave us alone. Nothing can separate us from his great love. With Christ all things are possible including overcoming challenges, hurdles, loss, and whatever we encounter that brings us low. There is no bad day that can't be brighter because God is there. Rejoice in the Lord always!

There is much to look forward to in May! The CROP Walk is May 3rd. Mother's Day is May 10. Confirmation is May 17. And Pentecost is May 24. And that's just the Sundays. You'll find lots more things in this issue of the *Hinge*. Be sure to check it out.

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.

**In Hospice Care:** Wilma Jean Smith at Crimson Ridge

**In Rehab:** Martha Thomson – Grandville Nursing Home, Joyce DeBell – Presbyterian Home, Joan Michlin – Jewish Home

**Recovering at Home:** Noel Anderson, Dawn Barrett-Brickel (daughter of Nora Spindler Miller), Ron Durbin, Bob Fisher, Seward Griffin, Kim Lindenau, Anthony Mendola (Gail Snyder's grandson), Larry Van Allen

**Those with Ongoing Health Concerns:** Tom Beamish (cousin of Carole Jermyn), Bonnie Bush (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Stacy Miller-Clark (cousin of Mike & Wendy Dunn), 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 & 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, Barbara Milliken, Nicole Mohrmann (granddaughter of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Marissa Peck, Toby Place (friend of Dan Hal-lowell); Kaley Petrella (friend of Richard Keegan), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Delia Pinto (aunt of Juan Ruiz), Carol Price-Barden (cousin of Wendy & Mike Dunn), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Ted Way (uncle of Michael Dunn), 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), Helen Wolter

## 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



**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 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; Barbara Milliken – Presbyterian Home

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Ivan and Denise Montgomery on the death of Gloria Montgomery.

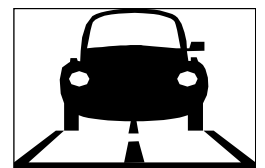
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## Parish Visitations

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.



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## Church Events & Opportunities

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Keep your checkbook handy to support someone participating in the **CROP WALK** on May 3!

### Gospel Trio Entertains at Mothers, Daughters, Friends Banquet

"Final Harvest" is a local gospel trio with strong Christian convictions and a desire to share the good news. Pamela Warren, Pamela Sandberg, and Lacy Burdick have sung together since 2006. They will perform at our Mothers, Daughters, and Friends Banquet on **Saturday, May 9**, just a few days after returning from a two-month singing tour in Arizona and New Mexico. Through their music they share their love for God and the message of God's last call for His final harvest.

The buffet dinner will be prepared by our own Marilyn Sobus with a menu that includes both chicken and ham, macaroni and cheese, roasted potatoes, cole slaw, marinated carrots, applesauce, rolls and butter, and cake for dessert. We will gather in the Ide Family Life Center **starting at 5:30 p.m.** for punch and snacks with **dinner served promptly at 6:00 p.m.**

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.

**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 for teens and adults, \$7 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.)

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.

### Calling All Volunteers!

#### Aldersgate Spring Work Day

**Saturday May 16**, from 9 a.m. to noon

(Rain date is May 30.)

### All-Church Picnic on June 7

Mark your calendars for our church family picnic on Sunday, **June 7, 2015** (following the 11:00 a.m. worship service) at **Braddock's Bay Park**. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon 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! We need people to help set-up, cook food, and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet located on the main bulletin board.



### Backup Van Drivers Needed

Some backup drivers are needed for the van to give rides to the Unity Villages residents who attend Aldersgate's 11 a.m. Worship. Occasionally the regular drivers are not able to drive on a particular Sunday, and we would like a few more drivers to serve as backup. If you are willing to be a backup driver please contact Bud Kress or Bob Thayer.

### Golfers: Save This Date

Mission: Share will hold its annual Golf Classic on **Saturday, July 11**, at Braemar Country Club. This is one of their two major fundraisers to support the important work done here in Greece. Whether you are an expert or a duffer, you will have fun. More information will be coming soon.



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

**Monday, May 4**

Bring your bulletin insert, and Ruby Tuesday's will donate 20% of our food receipts to our Building Fund. Make this your lunch or dinner out with your friends!

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# Aldersgate United Methodist Women

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## Annual Rummage Sale Gives Second Life to Languishing Possessions

Your “clutter” may be just what someone else needs. Check around the house – closets, kitchen shelves, basement, attic, and garage. What usable items do you see that you are actually no longer using? Don’t overlook decorative items in your living spaces that you would like to replace with something fresher. Clear out the clutter and make all those items available to someone else!

The Annual Rummage Sale is set for **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 4, 5, & 6**. For the first two days, items are sold individually, but Saturday is a bag sale day and we are more open to negotiation on larger items. We also sell **baked goods on Thursday and Friday**.

The Rummage Sale is a major fundraiser for the UMW. Half the money raised is used for its Pledge to Mission, local programs, and mission projects. The other half will go to the Aldersgate Building Fund this year.

### Drop off donations beginning on Memorial Day, May 25.

We will try to arrange help for you to get furniture or other large items to the church if help is needed. As useful as they are, we have found that hide-a-beds and sofa beds are usually heavier than we can manage. Please bring all **rummage sale items no later than Wednesday morning, June 3**, so that we can get them priced and displayed. If you have questions, call Gretchen Hughes (865-2822) or Cindy Purzycki (225-4220).

What do we need? We are looking for **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.**

The sign-up sheets for helping with preparations and the sale itself will be posted on the Opportunities Board by mid-May. Use this opportunity to have fun and to get better acquainted with others in the church. A successful sale lets us do a lot of good for a great many people.

## Book Review Luncheon May 7

Recognizing that we are celebrating this year the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of many events of the Civil Rights Movement, Charlotte Ridley will review a biography of Rosa Parks. **Our Auntie Rosa** by Sheila McCauley Keys includes the first-hand recollections of her thirteen nieces and nephews.

Join us on **Thursday, May 7, at noon** in the Ide Center for the Annual Book Review Luncheon. It costs just **\$8.00 per person** payable at the door. This event 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.

### ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UPCOMING DATES

**May 11 – Sew ‘n Sew’s** at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1

**May 19 – Morning Circle Luncheon.** Watch for updates in the weekly bulletin.

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

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

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## Current Trustees:

The following people are our current Trustees:

Term ending 3/31/16 – Tom O’Connor, Bud Kress, Kimberly Lindenau (Class of 2015)

Term ending 3/31/17 – Rich Mohrmann, Michael Smith, Bob Thayer (Class of 2016)

Term ending 3/31/18 – Karen Best, Miguel Lopez, Gordon Osborne (Class of 2017)

Giving Report		
	Jan 1 - Apr 18, 2015	Jan 1 - Apr 18, 2014
Building Fund Donations	45,818.03	48,111.96
Offering		
Gifts	7,102.00	11,365.65
Hispanic	2,714.69	2,985.93
Green Sunday	1,416.00	0.00
Plate	1,676.85	835.00
Pledges	68,359.00	67,675.50
Room Rental	2,704.80	3,301.50
Total Offering	<b>\$ 83,973.34</b>	<b>\$ 86,163.58</b>
Total Income	<b>\$ 129,791.37</b>	<b>\$ 134,275.54</b>

The above figures compare the giving between 2015 and 2014 from January 1 to mid-April . As you can see, giving is down this year from last year. The cold weather kept the attendance down the first couple of months of 2015. Green Sunday helped by bringing in \$1,416 – and it also appears to have stopped the snow! Paying the bills continues to be a struggle...



## Honor Mothers with a Special Gift

Again this year we encourage you to give a special contribution to the Aldersgate Building Fund on Mother's Day, May 10, in honor of or in memory of your mother. Gifts will be acknowledged with a special insert in the bulletin later in the month. Gifts to the Building Fund have a lasting value because they help to bring us closer to paying off the current mortgage on our facilities, ultimately freeing up our attention for other ministries.

There will be an insert in the bulletin in advance of this special offering or use the form on this page. Please make your check payable to Aldersgate UMC and designate it for "Mother's Day Gift." Be sure to include your mother's name with the gift so that she can be properly recognized.



### Remember or Honor Someone Special on Mother's Day with a donation to our Building Fund

*Donation list will be published in the bulletin*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ *(Amounts will not be published.)*

Return this form with payment to church.

# Christian Education

May's Kindergarten-6th Grader lessons will come from the Unit 3, *In the Spirit*, based on the scripture, "But me! I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord." Micah 3:8. The children will learn through activities where they 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.

Date	Topic	Activity
May 3	Gifts of the Spirit	Play "What is the Gift?" & make a "Gifts-of-the-Spirit Windsock"
May 10	Mother's Day	Mothers of the Bible Game and "You Light Up My Life" Craft
May 17	Seven in the Spirit	Play "Cooperative Marble Pass" and make a "Wheel of Service" to do throughout the week.
May 24	Pentecost	Pentecost Story and making Pinwheels
May 31	Philip and the Ethiopian	Play "Bible Verse Bowling" and make a "Bible Verse Scroll"

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

**Summary:** In this small group Bible DVD study, Strobel uses his journalistic approach to explore the most common emotional obstacles to faith in Christ. 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 May, 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.

**Confirmation will be on May 17** at the 11:00 a.m. Service. Please join us afterwards in the Gathering Area for cake and to welcome the new members of our church!

Parents of Confirmands, please remember to schedule a time for your child to meet briefly with Rev. Anne prior to Confirmation.

## Carnation Sale on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>



The Sunday school children will be selling colorful carnations for \$2.00 each before and after each Worship service on Sunday, May 10. Proceeds will go towards our summer VBS.

## Summer Camp Opportunities Available

Our church **2015 Summer Camping Catalogs** have arrived! These catalogs are on the main bulletin board for you to look at. There are also many retreats and family week-ends listed in these catalogs as well. We would encourage anyone interested in attending to pick up a catalog and/or check out the website: [www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org) and click on Camp and Retreat Ministries. These are amazing places to make new friends, grow in faith, and have the time of your life!

See Rhonda or Julia for more information on this exciting opportunity for children! You need to register soon for extra discounts.



## Christian Education Meeting, May 31st

There will be a brief Christian Education meeting on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** in the church office from **10:30 -11:00 a.m.** We will discuss summer lessons, fall themes and lessons, and touch on our summer VBS. All are welcomed to attend.

## Graduate Recognition

**All Graduates:** Please contact the church office (663-6663) with the following information by Sunday, June 7, 2015.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Everest VBS Planning Meeting, June 14

There will be a very important **EVEREST VBS** meeting for all staff to attend and anyone who is interested in learning more about this exciting week at our church. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, June 14 at 12:15** in Rooms 3&4. Lunch will be served. A sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board or e-mail/call Rhonda or Julia.

## Game Night

**May 9 at 6:00 p.m. — All are invited!**  
in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games



## Everest — Vacation Bible School 2015

**August 17-21 • 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. • FREE**

Join us August 17-21 from 9:00-12:00 for games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, music and much more! At Everest vacation Bible school, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

Vacation Bible School is FREE and open to all kids who are in Preschool through Sixth grade. Online Registration will begin in May. For more information, contact Rhonda or Julia at 663-3665 or [rsimonelli@aumgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumgreece.org) or [jtroiano@aumgreece.org](mailto:jtroiano@aumgreece.org).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May Birthdays

Jerry Sisson	May 4
Tracy Maggio	May 8
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8
Karen Best	May 9
Nancy Bader	May 10
Suzanne Unell	May 10
Ron Durbin	May 11
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
Nancy Bailey	May 24
Barb Condon	May 24
Chase Tyler	May 27
Naomi Moss	May 28
Sam Maggio	May 30
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

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## Dear Sally Stewardship

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Dear Sally Stewardship,

*I keep getting calls and mailings from charities. Most of them seem to be doing good work, but I really don't have the money to help them all. Besides, so many offer gifts – address labels, greeting cards, or tote bags (if I give a certain amount). I know those things cost them money that I'd rather they spend on the work they do. Some use paid fundraisers. I've heard that the cost for that is really high. I'd actually rather give to my church because I know where that money is going, but I'd like to help others, too. Any suggestions?*

*In a Quandry*

Dear Quandry,

Believe me, I do know what you mean – although I nearly always go for the tote bags. (Some of my collection may end up in the Rummage Sale this time!)

There are many good causes out there and it's well that people organize to address them. However, they do share addresses and phone numbers. (Charities are exempt from Do Not Call Registries.) Once you have contributed to an environmental cause, you will hear from all the rest. If there's a disease you are especially concerned about, your gift may trigger many more appeals. They understand, like we do, that they are more likely to get contributions from someone who has already given than from someone who never has.

First of all, you are right to think that, as a Christian, your priority is giving to and through your church. Both in the Old and New Testaments it is clear that our "first fruits" are to be given to support "the temple" and God's work there. But we are also called to help the poor, the widowed, the stranger – and often that too can be done through the church. If you don't know how your church money is spent, you can find out easily. For instance, just ask the church office for a copy of the Annual Report,

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### Double Thank You!

Thank you to Mark DeVincentis for installing the replacement projector on the right side of the Sanctuary.

Thank you to Ray Poling for replacing a number of burnt-out fluorescent ballasts in the Ide Center.

which includes both last year's spending and this year's budget as well as a report of extra-mile giving and reports that describes what the various work areas have been doing. Our fundraising expenses are minimal.

You can feel safe giving through the church to organizations like the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Greece Food Shelf, Habitat for Humanity, Mission: Share, etc. We are involved in the work and know how the money is being used.

There are some outside charities and parachurch groups you may want to support. If you would rather the money be used for their work than buying tote bags, mark "no gifts" on your return form. (Don't ask me about online giving, because I don't do that.) Keep in mind that the address labels, notepads, and greeting cards that come with the request are yours to keep free of charge. You are under no obligation to make a gift.

If you get frequent calls, learn to say, "No," quickly and politely. Sometimes you have to be quite firm. The professionals especially have answers for all your objections. But, if you drag it out, it's a waste of their time as well as yours. Even the paid fundraisers are just doing a job, and you might better let them get on to others who may be more responsive. They are not wrong to try, but I also consider their requests a giving opportunity for people who may not be connected with a church.

Please don't give just because the charity includes a picture of a pitiful child or animal with big eyes. If you are wondering how a particular charity uses its money or how much is spent on fundraising, check [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). All kinds of interesting information is available at that website. Some groups spend as much as 90% of their income on fund drives. Some groups use paid fundraisers once every few years to beef up their donor lists. Either way, you may want to think twice about your money being used that way.

Good question. We want to be generous, but most of us have a limited supply of money. It is smart to consider how our contributions are being used. I hope these thoughts help you.

Wishing you wisdom & generosity,  
Sally Stewardship



### Community Dinner Coming Up on Second Anniversary

As July is fast approaching, it is amazing the Community Dinner will celebrate its second anniversary. For the past two years the Community Dinner has been feeding folks a warm meal on the last Saturday of every month. What started in July 2013 with 1 person has grown to feeding an average of 160 people. In 2014 the Community dinner fed over 1,500 people. Every month Aldersgate gets to show the love that God has for everyone. We serve many people in need: those who do not have enough food and/or cannot afford a healthy meal, those who may be lonely and seeking companionship, and even those who simply desire a good home-cooked meal.

We also offer free crafts and books to the children that come. And **we are in need of more books for children and teens.** The Community Dinner is supported by donations only. The Community Dinner Committee would like to thank all who have supported the dinners either by time and/or money. As we move forward we want to also thank you for your continued support. Let us show God's love to as many people as we can at our May 23rd Community Dinner and beyond.

### Continue Support for Mission:Share

We have an unusual but essential ministry through Mission: Share Outreach Center in Cedarfield Commons off Long Pond Road: providing feminine hygiene products and toilet tissue. These essential items cannot be bought with food stamp money, and people often do not have enough of their own money to purchase them, especially at the end of the month. We are the only church that has made this a regular commitment. (The others stock the food shelves.) We are always greeted with big smiles when we deliver our monthly supply because our contributions are so very welcome. Use your coupons to purchase these needed supplies and put your purchased products in the Mission: Share box behind the Welcome Table.

### It's Time for Our 6th Habitat House

The Greece Habitat Coalition of Churches is about to embark on our next home. The ground breaking is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th (weather dependent). The home will be located at 87 Orange Street, just a couple of blocks West of Frontier Field. We will be seeking volunteers during the build phase, details to follow.

We are in the final stages of our fundraising efforts. So far we have raised almost \$44,000 towards the \$65,000 necessary to sponsor a home. Our next fundraiser will be the **Sticky Lips**



**BBQ** scheduled for **Thursday, May 21st** at **Hope Church, 1301 Vintage Lane** just East of Long Pond Rd. Dinners will include ¼ chicken with 2-3 ribs and 2 sides, macaroni salad and baked beans. Dinners will be \$14 and available for take-out between the hours of 3:00 – 7:00. Tickets will be sold in advance on the three Sundays in May before the dinner. Advance ticket sales are important as we need to guarantee a minimum of 250 dinners to Sticky Lips so that they will also bring adequate meals for drive up dinner sales. Last year our 'Drive Up' sales were a major portion of our total sales, helping greatly to achieve our fund raising goal.

This will be a great opportunity to kick off the summer season with a delicious dinner and at the same time support Habitat's efforts to build homes and revitalize neighborhoods.

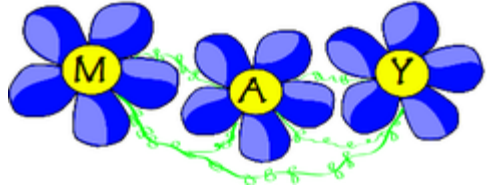
### Food for Friends

Thank you for the special effort you made to bring in nonperishable foods for the Greece Food Shelf on our Food for Friends Sunday, March 29. The 308 pounds of products helped replenish their shelves. Our next Food for Friends Sunday is scheduled for June 22, but please don't wait until then to help out. Every week our volunteers deliver the food brought to the blue box behind the Welcome Table to the Food Shelf. This is an important ministry to our neighbors.

### Food Shelf



# May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>AA MEETINGS (FH)</b> Daily 7:30 AM Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM & 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. 6:30 p.m. (3)	<b>ALANON</b> Monday 7:00 PM (8)  <b>GAM-ANON</b> Friday 7:00 PM (2)  <b>GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS</b> Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)				<b>1</b> 4:00—6:00PM Eagle Scout Ceremony (Smith) (Ide, K) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (FH)	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Teen Band (S) 9:30 AM Altar Meeting (O) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 3:00 PM Gloria Montgomery Memorial Service (S, Ide)
<b>3</b> 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) 11:00 AM Kidsgate—Sunday School (FH, 3/4) 11:00 AM Confirmation (8) 1:30 PM Crop Walk Registration 2:00 PM Crop Walk Starts 1:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (P, FH, 7) 2:30 PM Hispanic Fellowship (C) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 6:00 PM Youth (YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<b>4</b> Aldersgate at Ruby Tuesdays 6:00 PM Youth Council (YR) 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (2, 3, 4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM D. Jones (P) 7:00 PM Discipleship Process (O)	<b>6</b> 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30—8:30 PM Hispanic Prayer (C)	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM Book Review Luncheon (Ide, K) 5:00 PM Bell Choir (Ide) 5:30 PM Brownies (3/4) 7:00 PM Beginner Bible Study (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (FH) 7:00 PM D. Jones (2)	<b>9</b> 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 5:30 PM Mother/Daughter/Friends Banquet (Ide, K) 6:00 PM Game Night (3/4)
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<b>31</b> 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 (3/4) 10:30 AM Christian Ed. Meeting (O) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:00 PM Children's Sunday School (3/4) 1:30 PM Hispanic Bible Study (P, FH, 7) 2:30 PM Hispanic Fellowship (C) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 6:00 PM Youth (YR)						

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## Serving in Worship This Month

### Ushers

#### 9:30 AM

5/3 Al & Myrt Holmes  
Shawna Bigler  
Ray Poling

5/10 Al & Myrt Holmes  
Susan DeVincentis  
Bobbi Mohrmann

5/17 Al & Myrt Holmes  
Naomi Moss  
Kathy Bernardi

5/24 Al & Myrt Holmes  
Ray Poling  
Shawna Bigler

5/31 Al & Myrt Holmes

#### 11:00 AM

Terry & Nancy Young  
John & Karen Best  
Zuni Simons

Scott Wiley  
Michael Smith  
John Best

Sue Spicer  
Bobbie Eckert  
Candy Metzger  
Marie Sims

Ray LaFlair  
Gary & Denise Hogestyn  
Betty Hild

Ray LaFlair  
Bud & Carol Kress  
Nancy Bader

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

### Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

5/3 Ray Poling  
5/10 Jane Shukitis  
5/17 Naomi Moss  
5/24 Shawna Bigler  
5/31 Marie Sims

#### 11:00 AM

Nancy Young  
Melissa Powell  
Annette Thompson  
Gary Hogestyn  
Karen Sladden



ALL items for the June Hinge  
are due by **May 15**.

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## Library Corner

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The focus of April's **Response** magazine is Latin America, especially the plight of Central Americans who have fled political violence and poverty, never to be seen again. Closer to our daily life, due to warmer temperatures and wetter weather, a coffee plant fungus is seriously affecting the crop production and threatening its future.

### New Books for Children

- *Agatha's Feather Bed* by Carmen Deedy – the geese want their feathers back – UMW
- *The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Justice* by Carole Weatherford – civil rights – UMW
- *The Herd Boy* by Niki Daly – he dreams of being president – UMW
- *One World Kid's Cookbook* by Sean Mendez – well-illustrated, easy recipes from around the world
- *Only the Mountains Do Not Move* by Jan Reynolds – photographic essay of the Maasai of Kenya – UMW
- *Puffling Patrol* by Ted Lewin – true story of endangered baby puffins – UMW
- *Unplugged: Ella Gets her Family Back* by Laura Pedersen – limiting technology – UMW

### New Books for Adults



- *Across Many Mountains* by Yangzom Brauen – 3 generations flee Tibet – UMW
- *Free? Stories About Human Rights* by Amnesty International – UMW
- *Fulfilled: Living and Leading with Wisdom* by Kirk Jones – effective leadership – UMW
- *The New Feminist Agenda* by Madeleine Kunin – challenges of working women – UMW
- *Not Just a Pretty Face* by Stacy Malkan – cosmetics industry hazards – UMW
- *Permission to Speak Freely* by Anne Jackson – God can handle our questions – UMW
- *The Power of Serving Others* by Gary Morsch – real-life examples – UMW
- *Up: Mother/Daughter's Peakbagging Adventure* by Patricia Herr – 48 peaks – UMW
- *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion – facing the death of her husband

*"We read to know we are not alone."*  
C.S. Lewis