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From the Pastor



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*That's contentment—
knowing and believing that
God will provide all you need,
no matter what.*

Wikipedia says, "Contentment is a mental or emotional state of satisfaction drawn from being at ease in one's situation, body and mind."

In his book, *Satisfied*, Jeff Manion defines contentment. "Contentment is the cultivation of a satisfied heart. It is the discipline of being fully alive to God and to others whatever our material circumstances. Contentment is not achieved through getting everything we want but by training the heart to experience full joy and deep peace even when we don't have what we want."

The Apostle Paul put it this way, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any situation whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:11b-13)

As Christians, contentment is a choice that we make with God's help. No matter where we are or what our circumstances we can be at peace because we know that our faithful God is with us. We can learn to be content as we remind ourselves of the many blessings we have even if we don't have everything we want. We can learn that our self-worth does not come from anything we do or have, but from God who created us good. We can learn what is really important as we serve Christ and others in the world. We can learn contentment as we learn to share what we have with others and discover joy in generosity.

With God's help we can make the best out of any situation and find joy and peace in it. I pray it will be so for you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Anne

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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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.

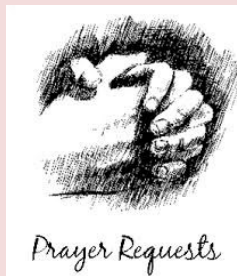
In Hospice Care: Wilma Jean Smith – Maplewood Nursing Center

In Rehab: Martha Thomson — St. Johns

Recovering at Home: Noel Anderson, Dawn Barrett-Brickel (daughter of Nora Spindler Miller), Seward Griffin, Anthony Mendola (Gail Snyder's grandson), Nora Spindler Miller, Janice Preston, Bill Tschorke, Jim Cook, Jr., Jack Pearson

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns: Samantha Alloco (friend of Kim Latragna), Karen Ameco (cousin of Ron Durbin), Bonnie Bush (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Cindy Chiaramonte (best friend's mother of Jessica Fox), 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, Diane Durbin (mother of Ron Durbin), Jennifer Durbin (sister of Ron Durbin), James Fuller (brother of Mary Finacchairo), Heather Gerber (friend of Tracy Winter), Shirley Grierson, Wayne Griffin (son of Seward & June Griffin), Maura Hebberecht (sister of Shawn Roach), Larry Hickey (friend of Candy Metzger), Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Barb Jeffers, Beverly Johnson, Keith Kimberly (friend of Gloria & Rick Baker), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Bailey), Lorraine Linder (mother of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Sylvia Lynch, Bill MacMillan (uncle to Lorrie Durbin), Lena Mangion (friend of Richard Keegan), Tom Marsh, Electra McRae (aunt of Lorrie Durbin), Rita Mead (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Joan Michlin, Nicole Mohrmann (granddaughter of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Marissa Peck, 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), Ron Rozinski, David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, John (Cal) Wagner (son-in-law of Jean Stevens), Diana Wallace (daughter-in-law of Betty

E-Mail Prayer Chain



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

If you have a prayer request that CANNOT wait until the following Sunday, please contact/leave message for Candy at the Church Office.

Chitie Edgett, coordinator
edgett83@frontiernet.net

Hild), Ted Way (uncle of Michael Dunn), Kevin Weil & family (nephew of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Jennifer Welker & 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)

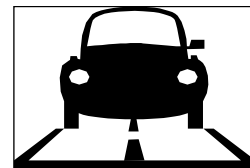
Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Nona Antczak, Warren Lenau (Debbie Lenau's father) – Seabury Woods; Phoebe Brown – Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Maurice & Evelyn Deuel – Brightonian Nursing Home; Robert Fisher – The Jewish Home; Fred Hild – The Hurlbut; Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Phyllis Little – Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack – Legacy Clover Blossom; Pat Holmes – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Martha Thomson – Grandville Nursing 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

Fall Work Day at Aldersgate,

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Rain Date: Saturday, October 17

Thank you all for helping complete a number of tasks in the past year. If you are willing to donate your gifts of time or talents to work on one or coordinate a small team for a project, please consider helping during the Fall Work Day, on October 3rd. We want God's house to look welcoming to all. We will be sprucing up the church both inside and out. As always there are plenty of general cleaning task for which we can always use your helpful hand. Come help out and enjoy the fellowship, fun, and food.

Some Specific Tasks To Do:

1. The exposed roof trusses at the front (east) and back end of the chapel need a second coat of paint.
2. Clean kitchen stove top, backsplash, and hood.
3. Clean up all the leaves and debris around the property. (Paper Bags are in Utility Room.)
4. Check and clean flat roof area of debris. Clean flat roof drains. Clean gutters on side of Chapel roof.
5. Weed and clean as needed: Court yard gardens, and gardens around the building.
6. Clean and paint the hallway outside of the Chapel and Room 8. (Holes are filled and sanded.)
7. Basketball hoop & backboard in designated area of Parking Lot.
8. Replace window with small hole that is on west side of Fellowship Hall.
9. Connect Office area HVAC ventilation to Family Bathroom by Office Hallway.
10. Clean, weed, and trim area around back porch of rental property.
11. Trim vines off of small trees on west side of Parking Lot.
12. Trim bushes by front sign so that lights have a clear path to illuminate the sign.

Game Night

October 10 at 6:00 p.m. — All are invited!
in Rooms 3 & 4

Featuring Euchre and board games



"FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS" FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 24, 2015

5 PM – 7 PM IDE CENTER

- *FOOD*
- *GAMES*
- *PRIZES*
- *PUMPKINS*
- *BOUNCE HOUSE*
- *MUCH MUCH MORE*

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!**

(PLEASE CONTACT MITCH OR RHONDA IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT; ALSO THERE IS A VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD)

Come to Aldersgate Night at Applebee's on Ridge Road

Monday, October 5

Bring your bulletin insert, and Applebee's will donate **10% of our food receipts** to our Building Fund.
Make this your dinner out with your friends!

Crafting Workshop Recap

The August Crafting Workshop was once again a successful fundraiser for the Aldersgate Building Fund. \$720 was raised from this two-day event. This is the 4th Crafting Workshop fundraiser that has been held. Each one has brought in a substantial donation toward the Building Fund. Many thanks to Karen Sladden, Tammy Ruiz, and Susan Galligan for organizing the events.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

Indoor Craft Show Has Most Vendors Ever!

The Crafts & Collectibles Show is growing! We've added four more spaces to last year's setup in the sanctuary and are filled except for a few Friday-only spaces. This is also the earliest we've filled spaces. The show is catching on!

Now we need customers to make our vendors happy! Plan to come shop for yourself and help spread the word among your friends. To help you advertise, we have some pink quarter-page flyers on the Mission Counter to carry with you. There's no publicity better than word of mouth!

Shoppers will find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts and useful, decorative items for themselves. Jewelry, fabric art, photographs, decorative boxes and soaps, crocheted and knitted items, greeting cards, flower arrangements, paper crafts, and collectible memorabilia will be among the variety of items on display. Shop ahead for Christmas and birthday gifts as you support our local craftsmen.

At **our church booth** will be a special table with a large selection of **gently used stamps and punches** at ridiculously low prices for all the stampers and scrapbook lovers among us. The other two tables feature craft work and donated collectible items from our own members, including a number of Jim Shore figurines.

Sign up now to help staff the show so that it runs smoothly on **Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10**, from **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. How can you help?

Thursday night: Assist vendors bringing in their crafts, help set up the church booth, make coffee.

Friday & Saturday: (1) Prepare lunch both days. We would like to continue offering our traditional meatball subs and hot dogs for those vendors and customers who want to purchase lunch. Regulars especially count on that lunch.

(2) Bring in **baked goods** for both days. This is a major "profit center" for us if we have baked items to sell. Be sure to label the kind of pie, cake, or cookie and indicate whether or not the item includes nuts. **Staff** the bake sale, church booth, lunch counter, and welcome station.

Friday night: Provide security between close of sale and close of building. This is even more important because we will have booths set up in the Gathering Space and Sanctuary both days.

Saturday night: Assist vendors in getting their product to their cars and help clean up the area; take down signs; and reset the Sanctuary, Ide Center, and Gathering Space.

Money raised by the Crafts & Collectibles Show is divided between the Church Missions Committee and Aldersgate UMW to meet our commitment to local mission outreach through Mission Share, the Greece Food Shelf and our Christmas White Gifts program; and to national missions like Red Bird and Cookson Hills Center.

As with all our projects, we do have fun working together. Sign up on the Opportunities Board now!



Reading Circle Meets October 1

Billy Graham's book *Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well* is the reading selection for October with Helen Wolter leading the discussion. Copies of the book are available in the Church Library. We meet at 1:00 pm in the Church Library the first Thursday of the month. Dessert and beverages are available for all.

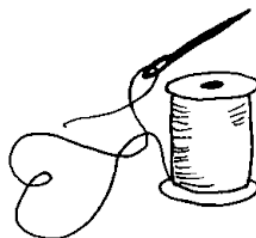
Planning ahead? The November selection is *Queen of the Fall* by Sonja Livingston.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Jane Salminen (544-1703) for more information.

The Work Goes On!

The members of Sew 'n Sew's don't stop. They've completed the school bags, baby gowns, baby sweaters, receiving blankets, and washcloths for the recent shipment of UMCOR school, health, and layette kits. The need for prayer shawls, afghans for the homeless, baby bibs (used for childcare by the Utica Neighborhood Center), and caps for preemies continues. We will also start right away on the supplies needed for kits next year. As this group grows, the variety of projects grows as well.

Join us on the second Monday of the month, **October 12**, at **1:00 pm in Room 1** (at the foot of the stairs at the south entrance). Talk to Betty Hild (663-5032) if you have questions.



World Communion Sunday

OFFERING PROVIDES CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

Half the funds from the special offering on World Communion Sunday, **October 4**, will be used to support Crusade Scholarships for students primarily from the Asia/Pacific region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe who don't normally have access to funding for graduate-level education. Students who plan to study in health-related fields, rural development, social work, teaching, theology, pastoral care, environmental studies, and agriculture are given priority. The students are expected to return to their home communities to use the skills learned for at least five years after finishing their studies. Any remaining funds are used to provide Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduates, with fifteen percent reserved to fund programs for ethnic people seeking second careers in church-related callings.

Your gift can help to touch many lives. Write your check payable to *Aldersgate UMC* or put your donation in a pew envelope. It should be designated for **"World Communion Sunday."**

What Woman's Picture Will Be on the Ten-Dollar Bill?

We don't know yet; but the three most popular suggestions include Eleanor Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony, and Harriet Tubman.

(Note that they are all New Yorkers!) With that in mind, UMW Morning Circle will focus on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt at its next meeting on **Tuesday, October 20**. Cindy Purzycki will lead the discussion with a video of the life of Mrs. Roosevelt and recent articles that illustrate why she is thought of so well.

The programs of Morning Circle vary over the course of the year, featuring current hot topics, health concerns, mission studies, social justice issues, and special projects. The group meets at 11:00 am on the third Tuesday of the month, usually in the Parlor. Feel free to bring a sandwich or other light lunch. Dessert and beverages are provided. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the topic.

Looking ahead: At the November meeting, the group will assemble baskets for our shut-ins for distribution over the holidays. Be thinking of items you can contribute to the baskets and plan now to participate.

Missions Committee Sponsors

Election Day Bake Sale

Remember to vote on **Tuesday, November 3**—and to stop by the church (even if it's not your polling place) to purchase baked goods or Christmas crafts. The news is that more Election Districts will be using Aldersgate as its voting place. That means more customers!

However, **to have a good sale, we must have the goods!** People come in the morning expecting to find **cookies, brownies, and breads** to take to work with them. Throughout the day we have "regulars" who look forward to the mouth-watering **pies and cakes** they find here every year.

Proceeds from this Bake Sale go into the General Benevolence Fund, which is used by the Aldersgate Missions Committee to meet our financial commitment (\$100 a month) to Mission Share and to meet other missions needs as funds are available.

Sign-up sheets will be posted after the Craft Show for you to indicate your willingness to contribute both the product of your baking skills and your service in staffing the sale.

Pie-Eating Season Coming Up!

Why bake for yourself when we have so many opportunities to purchase pies while at the same time helping important ministries?

Holiday Pies for Habitat Houses from Kelly's will be available again this year for Thanksgiving (or put in the freezer for Christmas!) Watch for more details near the end of this month. Net proceeds will go to the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition toward completing the payments on our sixth house still under construction.

Thank You

To My Aldersgate Church Family

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and cards of sympathy that my family and I received during Walt's journey to be with the Lord. We will miss him very much, but know that he is at peace and free from his battle with the Alzheimer disease.

Lovingly, Gege, Laurie and Marlin, Todd,
Jon and Katie

Christian Education

Coming Soon!!!!

- VBS-Style Worship
- Introduction of the "Bible Twins"
- Offering will be taken during this time each week
- Prayer
- Bible Skits
- Worship will be led by our High School Sunday School Class!
- And maybe a surprise visit from Stripes or Louie!



"Taking Responsibility for YOUR LIFE" by Andy Stanley
"RESPONSIBILITIES. We all have them. But we don't all take them as seriously as we ought to. Wouldn't it be great, though, if we all took responsibility for the things we are responsible for? Wouldn't it be great if you took responsibility for everything you're responsible for? It's time to stop the finger-pointing and excuse-making and to remove the 'ir' in irresponsible."

In this four-session small group Bible study, Stanley tells us it's time to ask ourselves, Am I REALLY taking responsibility for my life?



Oct. 4 – Adam & Eve
Genesis 2:10-3:24

UNIT TWO – Big Promises

Memory Bible Verse *"All the families of earth will be blessed because of you" (Gen 12:3)*

Oct 11 – Abraham & Sarah
Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

Oct 18 – Abraham & Lot
Genesis 13:1-12

Oct 25 – The Birth of Isaac
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Nov 1 – Isaac & Rebekah
Genesis 24:1-67

The Young Adult Sunday School will be studying:

"Unbroken: Faith Edition"



"In May 1943, bombardier Louis Zamperini's plane crashed into the Pacific. He survived, only to be taken prisoner by the Japanese. His captors' brutality drove him to the limits of endurance, but his hope and tenacity saw him through – and set him on the road to a life-changing encounter with God. The triumphant tale of a true American hero!"



Huge Thanks for VBS Help!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers and helping hands for this year's very cool and powerful EVEREST VBS! We raised **\$210** for UMCOR Nepal's Earthquake Relief Fund.

Kathy Peck, Kim Lindenau, Erin Pfund, Bobbie Eckert, Candy Metzger, Brianne Schmitt, Deepa Samuel, Ally McHugh, Lisa Lipuma, Christine Rice, Karen Rice, Mike Simonelli, Stephen Edgett, Dayna Edgett, Chitie Edgett, Dick Edgett, Allison Greenberg, Doc Kavanagh, Sue Kavanagh, Michael Smith, Marie Sims, Nancy Brehm, Shawna Bigler, Sue Rozinski, Kennedy Mitchell, Tim Kephart, Debbie Kennedy, and Juan Ruiz.

We greatly appreciate all of the love, time and hard work you poured into this VBS. It was a joy to see God working through you to touch the lives of the children. Keep Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!

We also want to thank the congregation for their prayers and support.

Again, Many Thanks to our devoted Sherpa friends,

Rhonda Simonelli and Christine Mitchell



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17 (Jr & Sr High)

Apple Picking @ Green Acre Farm

Time: 11 am-1 pm

Cost: Only cost is for the apples you purchase.

Lunch will be provided

October 24 (Jr & Sr High)

5-7 pm Christian Education Fall Festival. The youth will be running a game & face painting!

November 6-7th (Sr High ONLY) Reverb Super Bowl –

Hockey Game, Total Sports Experience, Club House Fun Center. – This is an up all night event

Time: Friday 6 pm - Saturday 6 am

Cost: TBD

November 20-21(Jr & Sr High)

CCYM Fall Festival @ Aldersgate.

More information to come!

YOUTH GROUP FRIDAY NIGHTS 7:00PM ~ 8:30PM

(The 3rd Friday of each month we will be in the Youth Room.

All others we will be in the Sanctuary & Ide Center.)

- Prayer, Worship, Highs & Lows
- Bible Study
- Fun and Games

Volunteers and Chaperones are always welcomed. If you are interested, contact Mitch cmitchell@aumcgreece.org call or text 585-704-5587.



If you are participating in any school activities please let Mitch know, if she is available she would love to come and support you!

<https://www.facebook.com/AUMCGreeceyouth>

Thank you Doc, Sue & Brianne for helping out with youth group this year! Blessings to you all! - Mitch



Youth Group Party! (Sept. 11, 2015)



October Birthdays

Laure VanPutte	October 5
Annette Thompson	October 5
Rachel Brehm	October 7
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Dale DeCann	October 12
Margaret Jones	October 13
Martha Sholl	October 13
Robin Lindeman	October 15
Zachary Farrell	October 16
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Thomas Rankin Sr.	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18
Ella Simonelli	October 19
Nancy Young	October 20
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Nicholas Spicer	October 23
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Bette Edgett	October 25
Kevin Ruell	October 27
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30

October Anniversaries

Timothy & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
John & Karen Best	October 20

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

*I want my child to grow up to be a good steward.
Any ideas on how to teach good stewardship to children?*

Thinking Ahead

Dear Thinking:

Good question! We do teach best by example; but, unless we take some time to talk about it, children may not associate your actions with being a good steward for God.

Stewardship is managing the affairs of someone else. In church we too often think of it as raising money for the budget, but it's a much broader concept. As Christians we are the stewards of all God's affairs on earth. No one of us can do it all, so everyone has a role with the gifts to carry it out. Some of these ideas I have borrowed from *Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money*, a book Delia Halverson wrote for Sunday School teachers.

In the Bible we read of God's charge to care for the earth and of the importance of giving to God one-tenth of what we possess. Parables Jesus told illustrate the importance of being prepared, of caring for others, of people who failed to use their gifts (hiding their light under a bushel), of having the right attitude. Sharing bedtime stories like the little boy who willingly shared his loaves and fishes, the good shepherd, and the Good Samaritan, pointing out how each were examples of good stewards brings out the idea without getting complicated.

When even young children carefully put away their toys and books, turn off the lights when leaving a room, help you in the kitchen, remind them that they are being good stewards of the possessions God has given them, that they are taking care of the resources of the earth God has given them (and saving mommy & daddy money), that they are showing God's love when they help others.

Remind them that they have special gifts to use for God. They may or may not have a talent for music, drawing, etc., they can use for God; but call their atten-

tion to their possession of gifts like the ability to make people happier by smiling at them, or noticing who may need help or attention and giving it.

Talking about money may be hard for us, but it is essential that we teach children to use their small amounts of money wisely. Being open about how you figure your own church offering, how you plan saving, and how you think ahead so that you have enough to pay household expenses is modeling good stewardship, keeping your comments simple, short, and age appropriate. When they receive a birthday gift of money or their allowance, ask them how they plan to give back to God, how much they want to save, and how they plan to spend the rest. It's entirely appropriate for them to be able to spend some amount on a toy or candy, but encourage them also to think of a larger goal for which they can save. Teach also the difference between wants and needs by asking them to say "I want" or "I would like" rather than "I need" when there's an opportunity.

Spend time with them outdoors or at nature centers. Teach them the names of plants and animals and provide opportunities to learn more about the life cycles and needs of plants and animals. The more they know about God's creation, the more likely they are to care about it.

Teach them about recycling and recognize them when they use both sides of a sheet of paper and use the recycle bin.

Call attention to people in your family, church, and community who use their time in service to God through helping others. Call them good stewards of their time. Ask them to call your attention to people being good stewards. Setting aside a regular time for devotions with your child is another way to demonstrate good stewardship of time.

It won't happen all at once, but it can become a habit. Over time you will create a good steward of the resources God has given, and maybe even become a better steward yourself!

Thanks for asking,
Sally Stewardship

Living Satisfied

How can we appreciate all God has given us and live the life He intends us to have?



1 Timothy 6:18-19 helps to answer that with these words:

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they can take hold of the life that is really life.”

We need to live our lives on a mission to be good stewards of our gifts so that we can experience the satisfaction God wants for us. This is really just another way of saying that God wants us to share freely and generously our time, talents and treasure and live a life of purpose...living satisfied!

On September 20th, Pastor Anne began a 5-week series on the book *Satisfied* by Jeff Manion. She'll help us to think about what we have and what we crave, to think more biblically about our “stuff,” and provide perspective on how the Bible speaks on the topic of contentment.

- Learning to be content, Phil 4:11-13
- The danger of comparison, Matt 20:1-16
- Our identity lies in God, Eph 1:3-14
- Instructions about our wealth, 1 Tim 6:17-19
- The generous heart, 2 Cor 9:6-15

Then on Sunday, October 25th, we will all be asked to make our yearly financial commitment to support the day-to-day operations and missions of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.



Prayerfully consider how your family can help contribute to maintain the vitality and missional outreach of our church.

Coming October 23 — Another Exciting Evening of Gospel Music!

Southern Gospel New York is bringing the **4One Quartet** to Aldersgate on Friday, October 23, at 7:00 pm. If you enjoyed last year's concert, you are in for another treat. If you missed it, get the date on your calendar now.

The unusual name stands for “Four Men – One God.” Although the individual members have been singing gospel music for many years, they organized as a quartet in 2012. They have already professionally recorded four CDs and one DVD. Based in Reed City, MI, they are busy nearly every week, singing in both large and small venues. Early in October they will sing at the National Quartet Convention in Pigeon Forge, TN. Before they get to us, they will have performed in Virginia Beach, twice in Iowa, and four times in Michigan. If you want to sample their music, go to their website at www.4onequartet.com.

Tickets go on sale at the “ticket” table in the Gathering Space on Sunday, Sept. 27, and will be available through Oct. 18. Advance sale tickets are \$12 each, but tickets at the door will be \$15. They will have their recordings on sale that night, and we will have some light snacks for you to munch on while you decide what recording you want to take home with you.

28TH Annual Auction & Spaghetti Dinner Set for Friday, November 13

Talk about a long-held tradition at Aldersgate! Can you believe that we've been successfully supporting mission projects and our own church needs with an auction for 27 years? A related long-held tradition is inviting **Carol Ritter Wright** to serve as our auctioneer, and she will be with us again on November 13. She's missed very few auctions!

Get the date marked on your calendar now and start thinking about items or services you may want to donate. Ask merchants or restaurants that you regularly patronize for gift certificates or products that they could donate. (We have the letters they need for supporting records of their donations.) In mid-October you will find bulletin inserts asking what you can contribute so that we can let others know in advance what will be available. We are looking for good quality new or used items that may interest others.

Aldersgate proceeds this year will be divided between the **Building Fund** (we're determined to pay off that mortgage as soon as we can!) and the **Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition**, which wants to complete funding for the sixth house we are currently building. Don't miss it. Bring your friends for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily 7:30 AM Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM & 1 st Thurs 6:30 p.m. (3)	ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)			1 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Beginner Bible Study (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	2 6:00—8:00 PM Youth (Ide, S) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (FH)	3 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Fall Work Day 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
4 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 2:15 PM Hispanic Fellowship (P) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 4:45 PM Hispanic Sharing Our Table (FH) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	5 Aldersgate at Applebees 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	6 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (3, 4) 6:30 PM Discipleship Process (O) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C)	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (O) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Hispanic Prayer (C) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM English as a Second Language (3/4)	8 5:30 PM Brownies (3/4) 7:00 PM Beginner Bible Study (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C) 7:30 PM Finance (4)	9 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Craft Show (S, Ide, K, G) 6:00—8:00 PM Youth (C) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (FH)	10 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Craft Show (S, Ide, K, G) 9:00 -10:30 AM Teen Band (C) 10:30 AM—12:00 PM Credo (C) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00 PM Game Night (3/4)
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Serving in Worship This Month

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Scheduling Contact: 9:30 AM Ray Poling (993-8058)

11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

10/4 Kathy Bernardi

10/11 Jan Rothfuss

10/18 Rob Durbin

10/25 Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

Nancy Young

Shirley Geier

Kathy Peck

Bobbie Eckert



ALL items for the November *Hinge*
are due by **October 15**.

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Library Corner

Response Magazine

The **September** issue features an article about solitary confinement in U.S. prisons. There are currently 41 supermax prisons that hold prisoners exclusively in solitary confinement, up from 1 in the 1980s. The average California inmate spends over 6 years in solitary. One-half of all prison suicides occur in solitary. Prisoners have been sent to solitary confinement for such infractions as having a tattoo, speaking Spanish, and staging a peaceful hunger strike.

Our Methodist heritage holds that punishment which is not restorative is counter to our values. In May 2016, UMW will ask the church at the UM General Conference to work toward ending solitary confinement in U.S. Prisons.

New Books for Children

Funds given in memory of Barbara Robinson were used by the library to buy children's books. She had been a music teacher for many years, dearly loved children and reading. These are the books that were purchased in

Barbara's memory.

- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* – a musical book of the familiar children's song
- *The Parable of the Lily* by Liz Curtis Higgs – a girl tosses out an old flower bulb and is surprised to see what a beautiful flower it becomes in time
- *The Goat Lady* by Jane Bregoli – neighbors don't understand the lady who keeps goats until a girl paints scenes from her life and displays them in the town library
- *Snow in Jerusalem* by Deborah daCosta – two boys, one Jewish, one Muslim, learn that they both love the same stray cat and work together to restore her to health
- *The Little Drummer Boy* by Jack Keats – illustrates the familiar Christmas song
- *Conversations with Kids, 7 – 10* by Joanne Faye – open-ended conversation starters that lead to deeper discussions

*"We are people through other people.
We cannot be fully human alone."
Archbishop Desmond Tutu*