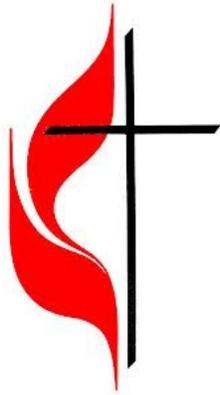


# Aldersgate Hinge

November 2015



## From the Pastor



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As I write this it's the middle of October. It's a beautiful sunny day. The trees are just beginning to change colors. We are so fortunate in this part of the country to enjoy the change of seasons. It makes every day an adventure. With the coming of Fall, however, we already see signs of the Christmas shopping season. Perhaps this is the year to simplify, to not get caught up in the hype, and to make a commitment to give away an amount equivalent to what you spend on your family. As Mike Slaughter says, "Whose Birthday is it, anyway?" Plan to make a special gift to the Christ through the church or to a favorite charity. I've decided that in addition to second-mile giving to the White gifts, I'm considering giving to the Ebenezer Hope Restoration Ministry which is helping refugees in Uganda and Rwanda. I hope to have more information for you in the December *Hinge*. God is up to something special at Aldersgate by sending us refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It will be exciting to see what happens next.

I hope you'll join us for worship during November. On November 1, we will be having our annual celebration of All Saints Day as we remember those who have died this past year and dedicate memorials. The next three Sundays, the messages will focus on forgiveness. This is an important series for all of us. On November 29, we will have a special Hanging of the Greens service to begin Advent. Look for more information about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope you are continuing to list the many blessings God has given you. Be sure to take time to thank God for each one you wrote down. Perhaps these can be the basis of discussion and prayer at your Thanksgiving gathering.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

*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:** Judy Hare – Strong, Barb Marsh - Rochester General, Ruth Loomis, Bob Wiederhold - Unity

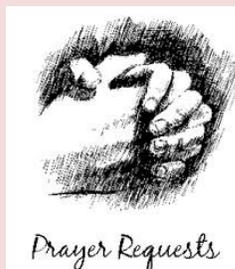
**In Transitional Care:** Lily Sugden – Unity, Betty Baybutt, Jean Stevens - Edna Tina Wilson

**In Hospice Care:** Wilma Jean Smith at Maplewood Nursing Center

**Recovering at home:** Noel Anderson, Seward Griffin, Doug Jones, Sr., Charlotte Ridley, Nora Spindler Miller, Jack Pearson, Marisa Peck, Nancy Young

**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 Heberecht (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 and Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), Ron Rozinski, David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, John (Cal) Wagner (son-in-law of Jean Stevens), Diana Wallace (daughter-in-law of Betty Hild), Ted Way (uncle of Michael Dunn), Kevin Weil &

## 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

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 and 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

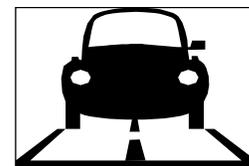
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## Parish Visitations

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

## Pot-Luck Luncheon to Honor Reverend Bob and Barbara Jeffers

Join us for lunch on **Sunday, November 1 at 12:15 pm** before the Jeffers move away to their new home in late November. There will be also cake served between Worship services on that day to wish them both many blessings and much happiness. They will be greatly missed here at Aldersgate!



## Annual Auction Time

**Carol Ritter Wright will be back as auctioneer** for our **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Aldersgate Auction** on **Friday, Nov. 13**. Lake United Methodist Church will join us for this evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fundraising. The ever-popular **spaghetti and meatball supper** will be served promptly at **6:00 PM** with a basic but filling menu that includes a salad and dessert. We plan to **begin the auction earlier** than years past, hoping to start around 6:30 PM.

Aldersgate proceeds will be divided between our **Building Fund** and **Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity** (to fund the remainder owed on their **sixth house**). Lake UMC will receive the funds from the sale of items they donate. A successful auction can make a difference to all.

Please think now about possible contributions. We are looking for **good quality items, gift certificates, baked goods (or the promise thereof), services**—anything you think someone else might want. We need 80-100 items for a successful auction. Donation forms are available each week in the bulletin, or contact **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822 or [fg Hughes76@frontiernet.net](mailto:fg Hughes76@frontiernet.net)) to let her know what you plan to bring. We try to advertise each week the items that have already been promised.

There is a letter on the Missions table that you can give to businesses you approach for gifts or certificates in recognition of their donations. Be sure to remind them, also, that in addition to a listing in the auction book, they will get recognition in our church bulletin prior to the auction if we know about the gift early enough.

There will be a **silent auction table** for items valued under \$10 and items that come in at the last minute. This has worked very well for us and turned out to be especially interesting to the young people that attended. However, it is open to everyone, and you can start your

bidding on silent auction items as soon as you arrive.

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

## Sunday Snack Help Needed

Have you been enjoying the snacks and fellowship around the after-service refreshments each Sunday? Did you realize that **just four or five people** are currently supporting that generous display of delicious nibbles that tide you over until lunch? We need that many for each service each week! Sign up on the Opportunities Board a week in advance to help out. The new sign-up sheets allow room for more people to sign up each week. **Now is the time to step up!**



## A Special Advent Worship Service To Begin this Holy Season!

*On Sunday, November 29th*

*9:30 am and 11:00 am Worship Services*

A **Pot-luck Luncheon** will start at 12:15 pm.

Make your Own Advent Wreath to take home!

A Reading of *The Pinetree Parable* by Liz Curtis Higgs and special pine tree art.

A **sign-up sheet** is located on the main bulletin board. Hope you can join us on this special day at Aldersgate UMC.

Hark the Glad Sound!

Sunday School Classes will be a part of these services. Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer!

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# Aldersgate United Methodist Women

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## UMW General Meeting on Nov. 7

The program for the next General Meeting of Aldersgate United Methodist Women has not yet been confirmed. (Watch the bulletin for more information.) However, a full day is planned. We will meet in the Ide Center for the program at 9:30 AM, followed by a short business meeting. At the business meeting we will need to decide on a recipient for the Mission Recognition Pin and determine our End-of-Year giving. The rest of the day (until around 2:00 PM) those who wish to stay will work on our needlework mission projects: school bags, baby gowns, Warm-Up Rochester afghans, etc.

Arrive a few minutes early to get your coffee or juice and a pastry to start the day. For those staying, a light lunch will be served around noon for which we ask a donation of \$3.00.

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

## Reading Circle

*Queen of the Fall* by Sonja Livingston is the selection for the next meeting in the Church Library of the Reading Circle. The book is a collection of essays that serve as a memoir of growing up in the Rochester area in the 80's and 90's.

Pick up a copy of the book in the Church Library to read, and plan to come on **Thursday, November 5, at 1:00 PM** to enjoy a thoughtful and uplifting afternoon discussion. A hostess will prepare light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Jane Salminen (544-1703) for more information.

In other news, **five members of the Reading Circle received UMW Reading Certificates** at the Genesee Valley District Annual Meeting in September. Plan One Certificates were given to **Frances Crabtree, Jane Salminen, and Helen Wolter** for reading one book in each of the five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Spiritual Growth, and Social Action. **Carol Cobia and Gretchen Hughes** received Plan Four Certificates for reading 20 books, at least two from each category, and ten additional books from the UMW Reading List.

## Morning Circle Will Prepare Baskets for Shut-Ins

Come on **Tuesday, November 17**, to the **Ide Center at 11:00 AM** to help **prepare baskets for shut-ins** who are part of our church family. To be sure we have a variety of items, we ask that those who are willing to bring items for the baskets sign up on the Opportunities Board with your name and the item you are able to contribute. When we know what we have, we will be able to use UMW money allocated to the Morning Circle to purchase additional gifts. To be quite clear, the sign-up sheet is not for attendance purposes, since some people may not be able to attend but may still wish to contribute. For the first three Sundays in November there will be a large basket on the Missions Counter in which you may leave your donations before the meeting if you can't attend.

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

Join us both in contributing items and in assembling the baskets to remind these friends that we are still thinking of them. The baskets will be delivered by the Membership & Evangelism Visitation Team over the holidays.

### UPCOMING DATES:

**November 9 & December 14** - Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00 PM, Room 1

**December 3** – Reading Circle, 1:00 PM, *The Christmas Train* by David Balducci, Library

**December 15** -- Morning Circle, 11:00 AM, Parlor

**January 18** - Next **General Meeting**, 9:30 AM in the Ide Center, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration & Project Day



### Election Day Bake Sale Supports Aldersgate Missions Committee

**This is bake sale season!** After a highly successful bake sale at the Crafts & Collectibles Show, we are asking the fine bakers of Aldersgate to step up once again. The Election Day Bake Sale is used by the Church Missions Committee to support special projects. This year more Election Districts will be voting at Aldersgate in the Ide Center; so there should be a notable increase in the number of customers.

People in our area come in expecting to find good, fresh baked goods to take to work as a snack, dessert for supper, or refills for their freezers for the upcoming holidays. **Pies, small cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, breads,** etc. all find a home if we have them for sale. Be sure to mark on your donation what kind it is and whether or not it contains nuts or is sugar-free.

After you vote on **November 3**, be sure to stop by the church yourself to see what is available. You may even

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### UMCOR Kit & Crafts & Collectibles Show Reports

We thank all of you who helped with the collection of supplies for kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. We delivered to the Cortland UMC HUB of Mission Central **95 School Kits, 200 Health Kits, 50 Layette Kits,** and many additional supplies.

Thank you also to all who helped with another very successful 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crafts & Collectibles Show. We had a total of 37 different vendors – some with multiple spaces – and the total proceeds were over \$2,700 from which we do still have some expenses to pay. The net proceeds will be divided between the United Methodist Women for their end-of-year expenses and mission giving and the Aldersgate General Benevolence Fund from which the Church Missions Committee allocates money to meet our commitment to support the work of Mission Share and other mission projects.

want to come in more than once because new pies and cookies have a way of appearing throughout the day. Christmas crafts will also be available for sale. The sale will open at 7:00 in the morning and continue until all is sold or it's 6:30 PM.

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

### Bring "Food For Friends" on November 22

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

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

### Remember St. Pauly's Shed

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

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

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

# Christian Education



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

### Unit Three– Blessings and Birthrights

**Memory Bible Verse** “The Lord bless you and keep you” (Numbers 6:24)

**Nov. 8** – Jacob & Esau  
Genesis 25:19-28

**Nov. 15** – The Birthright  
Genesis 25:29-34

**Nov. 22** – Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal during Sunday School Class

**Nov. 29** – Hanging of the Greens with Sunday School Kids Participating (No Regular Classes)



### Coming in January!!!!

- 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!

### New Preschool Teachers Needed



We would like to start a preschool class (ages 3 & 4) for the 11:00 service. We are in need of a teacher and teacher assistant. All lessons and materials are provided. Please see Rhonda Simonelli or call the church office or e-mail [rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org) if you are

interested in this service.



## Advent Devotionals Available in the Gathering Space on Nov. 22

### Adult Devotional:

### “Hark the Glad Sound”



In this collection of Advent meditations by Barry Bobb, you will explore the history and meaning of twelve familiar Christmas carols: *In the Bleak Midwinter; What Child Is This?; The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came; My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord (The Magnificat); Of the Father’s Love Begotten; Once in Royal David’s City; ’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (The Huron Carol); Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending, Where Shepherds Lately Knelt; O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; From Heaven Above to Earth I Come; Mary, Did You Know?*

### Youth & Young Adult Devotional:

### “Seeing Christ in Christmas”



This daily devotional for youth and young adults gives them a good focus to seeing (and being) Christ on display throughout their lives, and particularly in preparation for his coming.

### Children’s Devotional:

### “Sing a Song of Christmas”



Children will receive this daily devotional for children and their families during Sunday school as well as an Advent chain to assemble. The message of Christ will put a joyous song in your heart this Christmas season.



We are planning a special worship service “**HANGING OF THE GREENS**” on November 29 at both worship services. This is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are looking for children, youth, and a few adults to lead the service who are interested in reading lines and/or a little acting. **Please see**

**Rhonda or Mitch if your child would like to participate.** You can sign up for one service or both! *Scripts will be given out on November 1. There will be one practice on Sunday, November 22 during Sunday school.*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Upcoming Events

**November 6-7<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> grade & up)** Reverb Super Bowl – Hockey Game, Total Sports Experience, Club House Fun Center. – This is an up-all-night event, with an Evangelist Message  
 Time: Friday 6pm - Saturday 6am  
 Cost: \$47.00

**November 20-21(Jr & Sr High)**  
 CCYM Fall Festival @ Aldersgate  
 Cost: \$40.00

**December - more info to come**  
 Christmas Caroling with AUMC Band.  
 White Gifts Shopping  
 Christmas Party

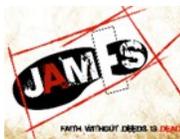
*Scholarships are always available!*

## YOUTH GROUP FAITHFUL FRIDAYS 7:00PM ~ 9:00PM

(The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month we will be in the Youth Room. All others we will be in the Sanctuary & Ide Center.)

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

The Youth have started reading and studying the Book of James, "Completed Faith."



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



Facebook: Aldersgate  
Greece Youth Group



Indoor Gaga Ball  
(Oct. 2, 2015)

Thank You to all who have donated to our Can & Bottle Drive. So far we have raised \$50.00 please keep them coming!

The Youth thank you for your support

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### November Birthdays

Amanda Farrell	November 4
Larry VanAllen	November 4
John Simm	November 7
Sandi Norris	November 8
Carolyn Gilson	November 9
Tommy Maggio	November 9
Michelle Peck	November 11
Fred Hild	November 13
John Best	November 16
Natalie Bock	November 16
Bill Burdick	November 18
Betty Hild	November 18
Suzanne Spicer	November 18
John Cook	November 18
Richard Caupp	November 19
Ann Christie	November 20
Andrea Peeck	November 20
Jan Winter	November 21
Tamara Gilzow-Kephart	November 24
Rachel Carstens	November 25
Eric Rex	November 25
Laura Wagner	November 30
Diane Haschmann	November 30

### November Anniversaries

Kurt & Robin Lindeman	November 21
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## Dear Sally Stewardship

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Dear Sally,

*Why is it so important that I turn in a Commitment Card? I already support the church as much as I can.*

*Feeling Pressured*

Dear Pressured,

Thank you. That's an honest, understandable concern. There are a number of reasons for churches to use a pledge program with commitment cards. Some of those reasons benefit you and some benefit the church.

Pastor Paul (the Apostle) spoke about giving to the Corinthians in a couple of places. In First Corinthians 16:1 he recommended setting aside a planned gift you can afford for each first day of the week so that a promised collection could be completed on time and without last-minute stress. Later in Second Corinthians 9 & 10, he cites the example of the Macedonians who gave generously of what they had even though they were very poor and also the example of Christ who gave himself. He emphasized that he wanted theirs to be a real gift, not one they felt pressured into giving. He also went on to stress the spiritual rewards of that kind of giving.

There is no doubt that there is a connection between our giving and our spiritual life – not so much in the gross amount we give as in the proportion of our resources that we give. A pledge campaign gives each of us an opportunity to focus on our giving: to figure out what portion of our resources we are currently giving and to consider whether or not we are giving in a way that shows God how grateful we are. The planning ahead of which Pastor Paul spoke implied more than checking our pockets each Sunday as the plate is passed to see what we have available. He is telling us to set a goal that we can afford and that represents God's will for us and to put a regular sum aside each week that will allow us to reach that goal comfortably. He also reassures us that we will have enough left to meet our own needs as well to help out with other worthy causes that may come up. In so doing we will be reflecting the grace God has given us.

Most of us find that writing down things we need to do will make it more likely that the jobs will get done. Whatever amount we set in our minds, we are more likely to follow through if we make a written commitment.

That written commitment also benefits the church. That more likely follow through means that the ministries of the church are more strongly supported. Traditionally we schedule the finance campaign in the fall so that the leaders of the church can plan the ministries of the next year with a budget relative to that promised amount. Those who study such topics consistently report that churches that conduct pledge campaigns are more fully supported than those who do not.

It is never too late to turn in a Commitment Card. If you have not yet done so for the current finance campaign, your card received this month will still be counted as support for our planning. We do also receive Commitment or Pledge Cards during the year from people who are new to the church or who newly see the value in making such a commitment. Those cards and gifts are always welcomed as a sign of a church not only growing in numbers but in spirit as well.

Be honest with yourself. Are you really comfortable that you are giving as much as you can afford? You may find after a review that you are indeed. If not, you may or may not be able to increase your gift all at once. In her message on October 18, Pastor Anne challenged us to increase our goals by one percent each year until we reach a tithe – 10%. Some of us may find that giving more than a tithe is appropriate.

I hope this response will answer your question. Avoid the pressure; plan ahead!

Trusting God to provide,  
Sally Stewardship

***Come to Aldersgate Day at  
Applebee's on Ridge Road***

**Monday, November 2**

Bring your bulletin insert, and Applebee's will donate **10% of our food receipts** to our Building Fund.

Make this your lunch or dinner out with your friends!

### Thank You

My name is Becky Little; I am Carole Jermyn's daughter. My brother Tim and I would like to express our gratitude to the Aldersgate Family for their prayers, cards and support after our Mom's sudden passing in June. Reverend Wolter has been so kind and wonderful to work with and has helped us with his words of encouragement and prayer.

Aldersgate was such an important part of Mom's life and mine too. I grew up at Aldersgate enjoying Sunday School, Camp Asbury and youth group activities, and was married in the "old" sanctuary in 2000.

Mom will be missed by all who knew her. Thank you all for keeping her in your hearts.

Thank you,  
Becky

### Blessings all,

My name is Eric McHugh; I am a third year seminary student attending United Theological Seminary with the goal of obtaining my master's degree in Divinity. I am honored that I will be serving as the intern pastor for this next coming year. I look forward to working with all of you in the near future. Let me tell you a little about my call and myself.

I have two BA degrees from SUNY Brockport, one in Criminal Justice and the other in Sociology. My background is in the security field where I have worked in many capacities, including retail loss prevention, totaling 20+ years.

My call came to me as a result of being laid off as a loss prevention manager in a retail chain due to reorganization. Sometime during my time of self-pity, I was asked to look after my neighbor, a wonderful Christian woman named Ruth Best, who was well into her nineties. Ruth told me her past life and said she was the widowed wife of a pastor who served an evangelical church locally. Ruth was my guide to help me recognize my call. She used to ask me to tell her my childhood stories. I recalled taking care of my older customers when I was a paperboy often sitting, listening and learning. Ruth said, "Some things never change." During this time, Ruth convinced me to join and get involved with a church.

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### United Methodist Student Day Nov. 30th

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

For more information about applying for United Methodist scholarships and loans, ask in the church office.

### Has God Been Good to You This Year?

One assignment we were given last month during Pastor Anne's series of sermons on "Living Satisfied" was to take the time to make a list of our blessings. If you haven't already done so, this is a good time of the year to sit down with pen & paper (or computer) to start that list.

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

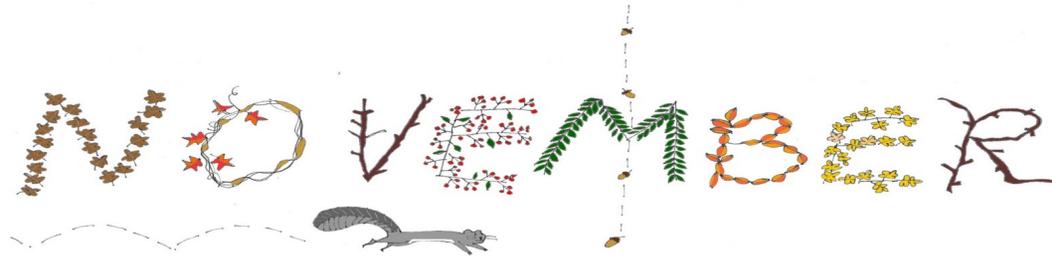
The Christmas and Easter offerings are designated for mission and outreach. The Thanksgiving Offering is the only special offering used for the support of our ongoing ministries here at Aldersgate. Show God's goodness to you with your generous support of work here at Aldersgate.

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### Live Christmas Tree Needed!



We need a **10-12 foot** live Christmas tree to decorate our church's sanctuary for the Christmas season. If anyone would like to bring in a tree, we will be decorating it during our special Advent program, "Hanging of the Greens" on November 29. Please see Pastor Anne, Rhonda, or Mitch if would like to help out in this way. Thanks so much!



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<p><b>1</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 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 12:15 PM Potluck for the Jeffers (Ide) 1:15 PM Confirmation (8) 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)</p>	<p><b>2</b> Aldersgate at Applebees 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 3/(4) 7:00 PM Soccer (Ide)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:00 AM-9:00 PM Elections (Ide) 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 (3, 4) 6:30 PM Discipleship Discussion (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (O) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Disciple (2) 6:00 PM Hispanic Prayer (C ) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM ESL (3/4)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 5:30 PM Brownies (3/4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:00 PM Youth (S, Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (FH) 7:00 PM Beginning Bible Study (Poling) (8)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 AM Teen Band (S) 9:30 AM Men's Putter Club (K) 9:30 AM—3:00 PM UMW General Meeting &amp; Project Day (Ide, K) 10:30 AM CREDO (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)</p>
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<p><b>15</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 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 12:15 PM Christian Ed. Meeting (O) 1:15 PM Confirmation (8) 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)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 11:00 AM Morning Circle (P) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 4:00 PM Greece Corridor Bd. (3/4) 6:00 PM Boy Scouts (Ide) 6:30 PM Discipleship Discussion (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM Investment Club (O)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Disciple (2) 6:00 PM Hispanic Prayer (C ) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM ESL (3/4)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5:30 PM Brownies (8) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Beginning Bible Study (Poling) (2) 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship Rehearsal (C) 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4) Set Up for Fall Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>District Fall Youth Gathering</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>District Fall Youth Gathering</i></p>
<p><b>22</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) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:00 AM Confirmation (8) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4) 1:15 PM Confirmation (8) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C, N)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Soccer (Ide)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 AM—12:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Disciple (2) 6:00 PM Hispanic Prayer (C ) 6:30 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM ESL (3/4)</p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> </p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:00 PM Youth (S, Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 4:00 PM Community Dinner (Ide, K) 4:00 PM ACWT (S)</p>
<p><b>29</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 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)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4)</p>	<p><b>AA MEETINGS (FH)</b> Daily 7:30 AM (FH) Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM</p>	<p><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)</p>	<h1>2015</h1>		

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## Serving in Worship This Month

### Ushers

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

11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

### Scripture Readers

9:30 AM  
11/1 Cory Louden

11/8 Kathy Bernardi

11/15 Nancy Jones

11/22 Marisa Peck

11/29 Ray Poling

11:00 AM

Nancy Young

Gary Hogetstyn

Gretchen Hughes

Nancy Bader

Mary Sims



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

Please send to:

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This brought me to Aldersgate and I have been a member ever since. As a member, I have been active, serving as the worship chair for two years, and have found this ministry rewarding while learning the ins and outs of worship in order to draw people into a closer personal relationship with the Lord through worship.

Along the way, I started the process of answering my call. I first became a lay servant, which guided me into seminary. Time flies and I am now in my third year of study. Seminary has forced me into service for the Lord, where I have been serving as a lay pastor for an independent living community in Churchville, NY for two years, which is an extension ministry of Aldersgate UMC. It is in this capacity that my call for geriatric pastoral care has been strengthened, with the intent to be a chaplain in the future. Short term I hope to remain as the acting pastor at this ministry while serving at a local church as their pastor. With that said, I ask for your help with prayers and guidance to hone skills necessary to be effective when that opportunity comes.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones while serving as an intern. I hope to see you all in the future and feel blessed to have this opportunity. I have already learned so much and cannot wait and learn from each one of you as we venture forward together guiding me through journey.

Blessings, Eric M. McHugh

## Game Night

November 14 at 6:00 p.m. — All are invited!

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## Library Corner

**UMW Reading Program** – Carol Cobia, Frances Crabtree, Gretchen Hughes, Jane Salminen and Helen Wolter have received certificates for reading books from the UMW Reading Program, which encourages members to expand their understanding of God’s mission and think critically about issues facing humanity today.

### New Books for Children

- 5 books about Noah’s Ark – start a conversation with your children about this rich and remarkable story
- *Just in Case You Ever Wonder* by Max Lucado – a father tells his daughter how grateful he is that God gave her to him and how they will always love and care for her
- *Animals of the Bible* by Marie Delval – Jonah’s whale, Isaac’s ram, the serpent in the Garden of Eden, and other animals were used by God for great purposes and lessons, all of them bearing witness to His wisdom and love

### New Books for Adults

- *A Lucky Life Interrupted: A Memoir of Hope* by Tom

Brokaw – a memoir of his year fighting blood cancer, & reflections on what in life means the most to him

- *Eat With Joy: Redeeming God’s Gift of Food* by Rachel Stone – how our meals can turn from being the source of endless angst and anxiety to expressions of generosity and love – **on UMW shelf**
- *Collected Works by Flannery O’Connor* – novels, short stories and letters exploring the nature of revelation, grace and redemption
- *Bamboo People* by Mitali Perkins – two teenage boys on opposing sides of the conflict between the government of Burma (also known as Myanmar) and the Karenni, one of many ethnic minorities – **on UMW shelf**
- *The Stranger: Barack Obama in the White House* by Chuck Todd – an insider’s history of Obama’s administration

*“Let us pick up our books and pens.  
They are our most powerful weapons.”*

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani Nobel Peace Prize winner who was shot and nearly killed by the Taliban for attending school at the age of 11