

Aldersgate Hinge

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From the Pastor



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November begins with our celebration of All Saints Sunday (Nov. 6) when we remember our loved ones who have died during the past year. It includes our celebration of Thanksgiving and ends with the beginning of Advent and the Hanging of the Greens (Nov. 27). These are important times in the life of the church and in our spiritual lives. They can help us put into perspective the other big thing that happens this November—the election of our next president.

Most of you know me well enough to know that I have no intention of telling you how to vote. I trust that you will pray about your choice and for the country as together we elect the new president. There has been much about campaigns which has been disheartening and disturbing to me and I suspect to many of you. People seem to be polarized in their view, which is okay as long as we can love and respect the other even as we graciously make our own thoughts known. In addition, we might remember that Jesus told us to love our enemies. Not that political adversaries are “enemies,” but we are called to love even those who disagree with us.

It is my hope and prayer that when the election is over we can come back together as a country. The Bible tells us to pray for our leaders. It doesn't say to pray for them if we like them or not. We are simply to pray for them so they will work to create an environment where people can live in peace and justice. Then pray that whoever leads us will do so with God's help and in a God-honoring way.

Vote for the person you think can best lead the country and then whatever the outcome, give thanks that we have the privilege of voting and living in a free country. We have much for which to be grateful! Let us never forget that and joyfully give thanks to God who is the source of all that we have and all that we are.

Blessings,
Anne



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Our Ministry of Concern

Prayer Concerns

People are added and removed from our ongoing prayer list upon request. Please call the church office to ADD, REINSTATE, or REMOVE names.

In Rehab: Al Holmes — Latta Road Nursing Home

Recovering at Home: Bernice Bird, Marisue Caupp, Ellie Cook, Frances Crabtree, Roger Forbes, Dean Hogestyn, Ruth Loomis, Harry Muthersbaugh, Kathy Peck, Donn Rice

Those with Ongoing Health Concerns: John Adamski (son-in-law of Betty Judd), Karen Ameco (cousin of Ron Durbin), Bonnie Bush (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Ronnie Catalano (niece of Gloria Baker), Cindy Chiaramonte (best friend's mother of Jessica Fox), Jessica Christie, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Dave Coccia (friend of Gloria Baker), Ralph Dellheim (brother-in-law of Lorrie & Ron Durbin), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), William Donahue, Donovan Dunn (father of Mike Dunn), Diane Durbin (mother of Ron Durbin), Jennifer Durbin (sister of Ron Durbin), Nancy Fein (niece of Bob Wiederhold), James Fuller (brother of Mary Finacchairo), Jim Gaiser (brother-in-law of Gloria & Rick Baker), Wayne Griffin (son of June Griffin), Alma Halmer, Antoinette Heerkens (friend of Robin Fox), Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Frank Ireland (brother of Jackie Hogestyn), Keith Kimberly (friend of Gloria & Rick Baker), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Bailey), Steven Lynch (son of 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, Stacy Miller-Clark (cousin of Mike & Wendy Dunn), Nicole Mohrmann (granddaughter of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Mas Okita, Dorothy & Jack Pearson, Steven Peters (friend of Robin Fox), Kaley Petrella (friend of Richard Keegan), Selina Palmer (niece of Gloria & Rick Baker), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Delia Pinto (aunt of Juan Ruiz), Dana Player, Carol Price-Barden (cousin of Wendy & Mike Dunn), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), Laurie Ruell, Sean Rymer (son of Carole & Dave Rymer), David Stanley, Karen Stevens (friend of Tom & Louie VanKouwenberg), Bill Teasdale, Lindsay Thomas (niece of Lorrie & Ron Durbin), Stacy VanHerreweghe (friend of Anna Simm), Hal Wagner, Ted & Barb Way

E-Mail Prayer Chain

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

Call Candy at the Church Office (663-3665) if you have a prayer request during the week.

Chitie Edgett, coordinator
cge1935@gmail.com



(uncle & aunt of Michael Dunn), Bill & Shirley Webber (parents of Annette Thompson), Kevin Weil & family (nephew of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Jennifer Welker & Noah Welker (daughter and grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Warren Wind (son-in-law of Larry Scrivens), Glenn Woessner (nephew of Maria & Dave Stanley), Chuck Wolter (son of Jerry & Helen Wolter)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Nona Antczak, Warren Lenau (Debbie Lenau's father) — Seabury Woods; Jean Stevens - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Maurice & Evelyn Deuel — Brightonian Nursing Home; Robert Fisher — The Jewish Home; Rosetta Knapp, Donn & Donna Rice — Grandville; Phyllis Little — Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack — Legacy Clover Blossom; Pat Holmes — Legacy Cranberry Landing; Martha Thomson — Hamilton Manor; Myrt Holmes — Crimson Ridge

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Anna & Dennis Simm on the death of Anna's grandfather, Doc Tower.

Parish Visitations

Call the church when someone enters the hospital or is discharged or if you, or someone you know, 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

Joy to the World

The Chancel Choir invites you to participate in Advent and Christmas music season! Our annual Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th (both services). If you are interested in singing, please attend choir rehearsals starting Wednesday, November 2, at 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided. In addition to weekly rehearsals, singers will also need to attend a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Colin Mann (716-861-9932 or mann.colinj@gmail.com). Thank you and we look forward to continuing this special Aldersgate tradition!

Auction Time!

Carol Ritter Wright will be back as auctioneer for our **29th Annual Aldersgate Auction on Friday, November 11**. To start the evening, 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 around 6:30 PM**.

Aldersgate proceeds this year will again be divided between our own **Building Fund** and **Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity** to help start funding their seventh house. A successful auction can make a difference to all. Please think now about your contributions. We are looking for **good quality items, gift certificates, baked goods (or the promise thereof), services**—anything you think someone else might want. We need 80-100 items for a successful auction. Donation forms are available each week in the bulletin, or contact **Gretchen Hughes** (865-2822 or 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 now. Plan now to come and to bring your friends. This is an evening you don't want to miss!

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 27. Please see Pastor Anne, Rhonda, or Mitch if you would like to help out in this way.



A Special Advent Worship Service To Begin this Holy Season!

*On Sunday, November 27th
9:30am and 11:00am Worship Services*

A Pot-Luck Luncheon
will start at 12:15 pm

There will be seasonal crafts and coloring pages
for Kids and Adults!

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. Please be on the lookout for more
information as we get closer!

Dine With Us at Applebee's

Monday, November 6

10% of Food Receipts benefits our Building Fund.

Make this lunch or dinner out with your friends!



We are planning a special worship service **"HANGING OF THE GREENS"** on November 27 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 6th. There will be one practice on Sunday, November 20 during Sunday school.

Service Opportunities Available

Do you have some spare time and feel called to lend a hand somewhere in the community? The weekly Sunday bulletin outlines many opportunities, which include the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf, our monthly Community Dinner, helping the Youth Group, Journey Home hospice care, the Men's Putter's Club, helping the Kitchen Committee, and more. Or call the office to get more details.



ADULT DEVOTIONAL: *"Do Not Be Afraid"*

Pick one up in the Gathering Space starting on Sunday, November 27.



This booklet contains scripture, reflections, and prayers for each day of the Advent season. The Society of St. Andrew shares these devotions with you as part of their ministry to address spiritual and physical hungers, and we pray that you will be blessed in using these materials each day of your Advent journey.

Society of St. Andrew, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, grassroots, ecumenical and interfaith ministry, has been working toward a world without hunger since 1979.

www.endhunger.org

Game Night

**Join us on November 12 at 6:30 pm.
All are invited!**

Aldersgate U for You!

Our fall **Discovery Discussions** are an excellent chance to learn about several topics in the church. If you didn't attend any before, this is a good start. If you are new to the church, we welcome you to attend. If you've done them all – come anyway. You'll learn more!! Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

Discussions for Saturday, November 5			
Level	Topic	Leader	Time
100	How do I talk to God?	Lisa Deutsch Room 2	9:15-10:30
200	Why do I need the Church and why does the church need me?	Kathy Peck Room 4	9:15-10:30
300	Why is the Church always talking about money?	Gretchen Hughes Room 2	10:45-11:30
300	How do I share my Faith?	Eric McHugh Room 4	10:45-11:30

Discussion for Sunday, November 13			
Level	Topic	Leader	Time
300	What happens when someone dies?	Anne O'Connor	1:00-2:30

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

UMW Holds Very Successful Fall Activities

We continued our successful run of assembling hundreds of kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Thanks to your generous contributions we were able to assemble 209 Health Kits, 101 School Kits, and 51 Layette Kits for 2016. We started this annual project in 2003 after being challenged by a couple from the Springville UMC who volunteered regularly at the UMCOR's first disaster relief warehouse, the Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana, which was established for Hurricane Andrew. Other warehouses like Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA, have been set up since then. Since 2003 we have assembled and delivered a total of 2179 Health Kits, 1562 School Kits, and 326 Layette Kits. The kits are used both in disaster relief and in UMCOR's many ongoing health and education projects.

The 2016 Crafts & Collectibles Show in mid-October had 27 outside vendors, a few less than last year but more than earlier years. Not all the expenses are in, but the net proceeds should be around \$1600, which includes lunch sales, the baked goods sale, and the church craft booth. Traffic was a little slow, but most vendors seemed to feel that they did well and were planning to return next year—the Lord willing!

Proceeds from the Crafts & Collectibles Show are divided between UMW mission giving and the Church General Benevolence Fund used by the Missions Committee.

Reading Circle

Coaltown Jesus by Ron Koertge is the selection for the Reading Circle's next meeting. Written in blank verse, it is a whimsical but thoughtful story about Jesus' sudden appearance in the bedroom of a grieving teenage boy. Pick up a copy in the Church Library to read, and plan to come on **Thursday, November 3, 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, **six 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, Joyce Farrokh, Jane Salminen, and Helen Wolter** for reading one book in each of the five categories in the UMW Reading List: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurtur-

ing for Community, Spiritual Growth, and Social Action.

Carol Cobia received a Plan Three Certificate (15 books) and Gretchen Hughes received a Plan Four Certificate (20 books).

Morning Circle Will Prepare Baskets for Shut-Ins

Come on **Tuesday, November 15**, 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 of the suggested items include *packets of tissue, anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, playing cards; wrapped hard candy (regular and sugar-free), cookies, and gum; packaged chips, pretzels, or crackers; pocket calendars; pens; plastic rain scarves; small devotional books; stamps, notepaper, postcards; tea (regular or herbal); lotion; combs or brushes; toothbrushes/toothpaste; and bookmarks.* This is not intended as a comprehensive list, nor will all baskets be alike.

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 14 & December 12 - Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00, in UMW Room (Room 1)

December 1 – Reading Circle, 1:00 PM, Church Library

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

January 16 - Next General Meeting, 9:30 AM in the Chapel, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration & Project Day



Seeking Volunteer Helpers for One-Week Mission Trip in Your Own Back Yard!

Free for Adults!

April 17 – 21, 2017

Applications Due: 12/11/16

(Must have your own health insurance & a background check will be done.)

We need your help! Please consider any option below marked with an RL, which counts towards the 3 Required Leaders needed so we can send up to 12 youth to work camp this year.

- **Work Site Leaders (RL)** – Provide planning, direction and support on Work Sites.
- **Roving Experts (RL)** - Adults skilled in one or more major home repair areas: electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, roofing, etc.
- **Sidewalk Club Leaders (RL)** – Provide planning, direction and support while allowing the students to do the ministry work.
- **Sports Camp Leaders (RL)** - Work with teens to help lead skills and scrimmage events at a City-based mini-camp.
- **Gofers** – Support Work Site teams
- **Security** - Made up of adult volunteers who provide security and information at Home Base each morning and evening of Work Camp.
- **Kitchen Crew** - Feed the hundreds of student and adult volunteers
- **First Aid** - Nurses or EMTs provide 24-hour on-site care in the event of injury or illness.
- **Prayer Walk Leaders** - make it possible for students to be bold in prayer as they take a walk around the neighborhood.
- **Lunch Providers/Delivers** – Each church is assigned a work site to which we must supply lunch for the three work days (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

Contact Christine “Mitch” Mitchell for more information or an application cmitchell@aumcgreece.org or 585-704-5587

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported our bottle and can drive! So far we have raised approximately \$550 for our youth program. Please keep them coming!



Friday Night November 4th

6–7 pm

Bible Study and Games!
You don't want to miss out on this!



Faithful Fridays, Every Friday

(Unless advised otherwise)

Grades 8-12
7-9 pm

Contact Mitch for more information on either program.

FALL GATHERING 2016

NOV. 18-19, 2016

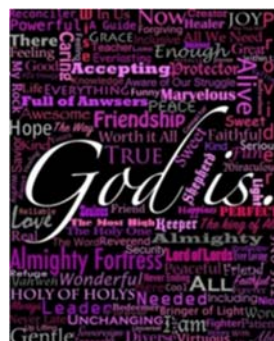
5:00 PM FRIDAY - 3:30 PM SATURDAY

COST \$40.00

DUE: NOV. 6TH

Aldersgate youth will host a Carnival welcoming youth from around the conference to our church. 100% participation is requested. (Financial Assistance Available if needed, Contact Mitch for information)

Aldersgate “Hispanolos” will be the worship band for the event as well!



Facebook: Aldersgate
Greece Youth Group



MEMORY BIBLE VERSE "I'LL TAKE YOU AS MY PEOPLE, AND I'LL BE YOUR GOD" (EXODUS 6:7)

Nov 6 — IN THE WILDERNESS
EXODUS 15:22-17:7

Nov 13 — TEN COMMANDMENTS
EXODUS 19:1-20:21

Nov 20 — HANGING OF THE GREENS REHEARSAL DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Nov 27 — HANGING OF THE GREENS WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS PARTICIPATING (NO REGULAR CLASSES)



NOVEMBER 6, 13 & 20 @ 11:00AM

- VBS STYLE WORSHIP
- 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!

Our Mission Project for Fall & Early Winter is "READ TO FEED"

This is a Heifer International reading incentive program dedicated to ending world hunger and poverty. The kids will learn that they can make a difference in the world. Have them bring their offering and /or pledge on Sunday mornings during KIDSGATE. During the first weeks of December, we will tally the money we have collected to see what gift(s) we can purchase. For example, a goat is \$120.00. There will be small reading incentives passed out to kids during KIDSGATE to encourage them to read more!



Christian Education



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2016**

FROM 10:30AM -12:00PM
(CIDER AND DONUTS PROVIDED)

AUMC Ide Center

All ages invited but geared more for preschool-3rd grade

This is not a drop off program.

Special books to read aloud, a multicultural Thanksgiving placemat to color, make your own original leaf wreath, and fun parachute play.

Free/SIGN-UP TODAY!

Limit of 12 children

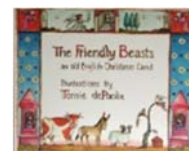


Christmas Eve Liturgical Dance

We are excited to have Becky Fisher as our Aldersgate children's dance choreographer for this year's Christmas Eve Liturgical dance. She will be teaching a special dance and holding practices on **Sundays from 10:30-11:00am starting December 4 in Fellowship Hall**. There will be 4 practices, one being a **dress rehearsal on Friday, December 23 from 6:30-7:00pm**. Your child must attend the dance practice sessions. Please let know Rhonda Simonelli or e-mail rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org if your child is interested in this creative and fun opportunity.

Christmas Eve Play Opportunity for Children!

We are looking for children actors for this year's Christmas Eve play held at the 5:00 family service. The title for this year's play comes from a book titled *"The Friendly Beasts :An Old English Christmas Carol."* There will be 4 practices total starting on Friday, December 2 at 6:00. The final practice will be a dress rehearsal on Friday, December 23 from 5:30-6:30pm. You must be able to make most of the practice sessions. Please let Rhonda Simonelli and/or Christine Mitchell know if your child is interested in being a part of this year's Christmas Eve service.



Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

I understand the need to simplify our lives as Pastor Anne reminded us during the Fall Finance Campaign. I get it. I know that need applies to more than our possessions. But as I look around my house, I see many things that are perfectly usable but not used. I don't just want to throw them out. Are there ways I can use them to help the church?

Trying to Clear Things Out

Dear Trying to Clear Things,

You are not the only one so challenged. Whether it's a special plate or an outfit that no longer fits that you wore for a special occasion, it's just hard to part with some things. We don't all want to hold garage sales. Giving to a place where it can help someone else makes it easier.

If you have been around Aldersgate, you know that we have a couple of occasions when you have a chance to "recycle" some of these items. The Rummage Sale in June takes most things—just not bowling balls and skis (and maybe a couple of other things.) The low prices help many people each year purchase needed clothing and household furnishings they couldn't otherwise afford. Unfortunately, we can't store those donations throughout the year so that you can get them out of the house. If you can store them, begin early in the year to set them aside and hold them until we start to collect on Memorial Day. The funds are divided between Aldersgate United Methodist Women and a need in the Church itself. The UMW uses it for their mission projects.

The Auction is coming up. Again many of the donated items are things you received as gifts or bought with good intentions and never used. That doesn't mean someone else isn't looking for them! (Actually I've found some very nice Christmas or birthday gifts at both the Rummage Sale and Auction. Sometimes my daughter-in-law even gives me a list!) The money from the auction is traditionally divided between a church need and a current missions project—this year the Building Fund to pay off our mortgage (every bit helps) and the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity.

Don't forget, too, the St. Pauly's shed located at Greece UMC **raises money** 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. Every month they send a check to Greece Churches Habitat based on the poundage collected.

Remember, however, that they DO NOT process fabrics for recycling; consequently, disposal of rags, fabric scraps, etc. cost them money and extra effort. Keep in mind, also, that they do not take other household items like toys, furniture, and appliances. All those 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 each week. If possible, please put your donations into tied or closed bags. Your donated items and your discretion are appreciated.

If our scheduling here at Aldersgate does not fit your needs as in "I can't stand having this recliner taking up so much room anymore!), please consider one of the many other local organizations like Goodwill or the Salvation Army. We are all essentially in the same "business!"

Thanks for asking,
Sally Stewardship



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
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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Election Day Bake Sale Supports Aldersgate Missions Committee

This is bake sale season! Money from the Election Day Bake Sale is used by the Church Missions Committee to support special projects. Several Election Districts will be voting at Aldersgate in the Ide Center, and since it's a presidential election year, there should be a large number of voters.



People in our area come in expecting to find good, fresh baked goods to take to work as a snack, dessert for supper, or to refill 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 8**, be sure to stop by the church yourself to see what is available. You may even want to come in more than once because new pies and cookies have a way of appearing throughout the day. 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 20

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.

This year we will have a speaker from the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf to tell us briefly about the importance of their work. The ushers will remind you the Sunday before "Food for Friends" by distributing grocery bags as you leave the sanctuary. Those in need in our community are counting on your continued support.

United Methodist Student Day November 30

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

Count Your Blessings



In Colossians 3:15, in the middle of a description of how Christians should live, the Apostle Paul says, "And be thankful people." Most of us probably agree that being "always thankful" as we are told in many other places in the Bible is not always easy. One of the best suggestions for achieving an ongoing sense of thankfulness may be that of maintaining a diary of three things for which we are thankful each day. It does help, too, to set aside a special time of the year to focus on our thankfulness. For most that is the Thanksgiving season.

Traditionally we at Aldersgate have designated the Sunday before Thanksgiving for a time to honor the presence of God in our lives and the blessings he has given us with a special **Thank Offering**. Mid-month you will receive in the mail a Thank Offering card on which you may share your blessings. It would be a good time to review the list of blessings you have been recording. 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 special offerings at Christmas and Easter are designated for mission and outreach. **The** Thanksgiving Offering is the only special offering used for the support of our on-going ministries here at Aldersgate. Show God's goodness to you with your generous support of work here at Aldersgate.

So very
THANKFUL

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily 7:30 AM (FH) Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM	ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)					
		1 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) 6:00 PM ACWT (S) 6:30 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8)	2 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:00 PM Basketball (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM ESL (3/4)	3 10:00 AM Reading Circle (L) 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	4 7:00-7:30 PM Youth (Ide) 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth (FH)	5 8:00-10:00 AM Basketball (O'Connor) (Ide) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00 PM Game Night (3/4)
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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

Scheduling Contacts: 9:30 AM Frank & Joyce Pombert (978-2626)

11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

9:30 AM

11/6 Frank & Joyce Pombert, Kennedy Mitchell, Ted Carstens

11/13 Susan DeVincentis, Shawna Bigler, Ed Carstens, Kathy Bernardi

11/20 Larry VanAllen, Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann, Ted Carstens

11/27 Shawna Bigler, David Rogenmoser., Tim Kephart, Lisa Deutsch

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

11/6 Kathy Bernardi

11/13 Doc Kavanagh

11/20 Shawna Bigler

11/27 Sabrina McLeod

11:00 AM

Nancy Young

Melissa Powell

Dick Stacy

Melissa Powell

Pie-Eating Season is Here!

Why bake for yourself when you can purchase pies while at the same time helping important ministries? Holiday Pies for Habitat Houses from Kelly's Farm Market are available again this year for Thanksgiving (or putting in the freezer for Christmas!).

Homemade 10" fruit pies cost \$16 each. Flavors available are apple crumb, apple raspberry, holiday crumb, or pumpkin. ORDER BY NOVEMBER 6 for pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. See Bud Kress if you have questions (865-7658 or budk2@frontiernet.net). Net proceeds benefit the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition toward building our **seventh** house.



ALL items for the
December/January Hinge
are due by **November 10!**

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New for Adults

- **High Yield: Seven Disciplines of the Fruitful Leader** by Lovett Weems - leadership practices the author has found most fruitful in his work and what he's seen exemplified in others - **UMW book**
- **More Bad Girls of the Bible** by Barbara Essex – what can we learn from the stories of 14 Biblical women, including Hagar, Miriam, Mary and Martha, the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary Magdalene, Bathsheba, Zipporah, Shiphrah and Puah? - **UMW book**
- **Old Testament Prophets for Today** by Carolyn Sharp - brief introduction to each Bible prophet and how their messages are relevant today - **UMW book**
- **Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space** by Lynn Sherr - chosen for the seventh shuttle mission, she cracked the celestial ceiling and inspired several generations of women – **UMW book**
- **The Second Half: A Novel** by Lauraine Snelling – a couple plan to travel and garden when they retire, but their son is deployed to Pakistan, and they become guardians of his two young children

- **Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War** by Rita Brock - bringing healing to the wounded souls of the returning warriors - **UMW book**
- **Traces of Guilt** by Dee Henderson - Christian suspense novel about a state policewoman, Evie Blackwell, and a local sheriff who team together to solve two unsolved missing person cases
- **The Visitor's Guide to the After Life: Where to Go, What to Do, Where to Eat, and Other Heavenly Hints** by Annie Pigeon - light look at the other side

New for Children

- **Journey with J. W.: John Wesley's Ride Through Methodist History** by Daphna Flegal – through stories, crafts and games, experience life in the time of John Wesley and the circuit riders, and learn how our Methodist heritage has shaped who we are as people of faith - **UMW book**
- **The Prince of Egypt (Collector's Edition Storybook)** by Disney – explore the themes of faith, God's actions, and death in this story of Moses

"With a few flowers in my garden, half a dozen pictures and some books, I live without envy."

Felix Lope de Vega, Spanish playwright and poet