

Aldersgate Hinge

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From the Pastor



I'm writing this on a beautiful, sunny, 60 degree day at the beginning of November. The election is tomorrow. By the time you read this the decision will be made and I pray the country will have begun to heal and come together after the contentious campaign season.

In spite of the decorations that are already up in the stores, it's challenging for me to think about Christmas, much less the new year, but I'm going to give it a try.

Advent, the season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's coming, begins on **Sunday, Nov. 27** with the Hanging of the Greens in both morning services, followed by a dish-to-pass luncheon at noon (see p. 3).

On **Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11 AM** there will be a worship service for any who are struggling during this holiday season. We call it our "Blue Christmas Service." It's a time to join with others to support one another and to hear the message of hope. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

The annual Christmas Cantata will be offered at both morning services on **December 18**.

Three **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Saturday, December 24:

5:00 PM is the children's service led by the children and the contemporary worship team.

7:30 PM is the traditional service with the chancel choir.

11:00 PM will include Holy Communion.

On **Christmas Day** there will **only** be **one service** and it will be **at 11 AM**. Children are invited to wear their PJs and to bring a gift they have received to be blessed.

We will hold both morning worship services on **New Year's Day**. That day we will have a traditional Wesleyan Covenant Service and share in Holy Communion at both services.

January 8 is our celebration of Epiphany and the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem.

On **January 15**, I will begin a 4-week sermon series, based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Half Truths*.

There is a lot planned to enhance our celebration of Christmas and the new year. I pray you'll be a part of it and experience the Savior's birth in a way that refreshes your soul and brings you lasting joy in Christ Jesus.

Christmas blessings to you and yours, Pastor Anne

PS. **Save the date!** Bishop Mark Webb will be preaching at Aldersgate at the 11 AM service on **February 12**. You won't want to miss it!

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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, Frances Crabtree, Gary Huffman, Kathy Peck, Dorothy Pearson

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), Antoinette Heerkens (friend of Robin Fox), Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Frank Ireland (brother of Jackie Hogestyn), Alaine Jackson (friend of Robin Fox), Keith Kimberly (friend of Gloria & Rick Baker), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Bailey), Ruth Loomis, 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 (uncle & aunt of

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



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; Maurice & Evelyn Deuel — Brightonian Nursing Home; Robert Fisher — The Jewish Home; Rosetta Knapp, Phyllis Little — Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack — Legacy Clover Blossom; Pat Holmes — Legacy Cranberry Landing; Martha Thomson — Hamilton Manor; Myrt Holmes — Crimson Ridge Gardens

Christian Sympathy is extended to Donna Rice and Family on the death of her husband, Donn Rice.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Jean Stevens.

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

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
Special Advent Crafts and
Coloring for All!

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

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

White Gifts Christmas Program

Helping Needy Families for 54 Years

The Aldersgate tradition of providing Christmas dinner
and gifts for needy families will continue this year. We
intend to provide help to at least 16 families. Listed be-
low are some of the ways that you can help make this a
special Christmas for those families.

- **Monetary Donations**
- **Adopt-A-Family** — Money will be provided from
the White Gifts general funds. You have the reward-
ing assignment of personally shopping and deliver-
ing to your "family."
- **Sponsor-A-Family** (Full responsibility for a
needy family) — Just like the "Adopt-A-
Family" option except that you fully sponsor
the cost of the food and gifts. Expect to spend
between \$300-\$400 for food and gifts for an
average size recipient family. *You may want
to share this project with other Aldersgate
families, co-workers, neighbors, or friends and
split the expense.*

Plan Now! Speak to Jan or Tracy Winter at
church or contact them by phone at 225-4927 for
more information and to volunteer in this very
rewarding venture as soon as possible. You may
also e-mail Jan at winterjanets@gmail.com.

Aldersgate Dining Out

Monday, December 5, will mark the last time we will be
"Dining Out" at Applebee's to raise money for our Build-
ing Fund. Dining out at Applebee's and at Ruby Tuesday's
has been a good fundraiser for many years now—raising
nearly \$20,000, and the Stewardship Team just feels that
it is time to give it a rest. Even though there are a num-
ber of people dedicated to showing up, not quite as
many are coming as previously were. That doesn't mean
you need to stop meeting your friends at Applebee's
(fellowship over meals is always good); it's just that the
church won't benefit financially. It also doesn't mean
that we (or another group in the church) might not con-
sider doing it again for another cause. But mark **Decem-
ber 5** on your calendar and join us in this one last Mon-
day to celebrate our many successful years of Dining Out
together.

Our Last Dine With Us at Applebee's!

Monday, December 5

10% of Food Receipts benefits our Building Fund.

Make this lunch or dinner out with your friends!

Game Nights

Join us on December 10 & January 14 at 6:00 pm.

All are invited!

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

3rd Annual Celebration of Life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to be Held at Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Monday, **January 16**, the day our nation celebrates the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. We will start the morning at **9:30** with a short service of celebration in the **Chapel**.

Because a service day is an especially appropriate way to celebrate Dr. King's birthday, we'll move to **Fellowship Hall** and get to work on our needlework projects: baby gowns, receiving blankets, school bags, Warm-Up Rochester afghans, prayer shawls, and children's quilts. While working, we will have an appropriate video to watch. Around noon we'll break for lunch and a short business meeting to set our budget for the year; then we'll go back to work until around 2:00 PM.

Please invite your friends and family to join us for all or part of the day. We ask a donation of \$5.00, to cover the cost of food and help subsidize the cost of some of the materials we will be using. The sign-up sheet will be on the Opportunities Board in January.

Reading Circle

For their Christmas selection this year, the Reading Circle has chosen *One Summer* by David Baldacci, the same author we read last year at Christmas. Jane Salminen will lead the discussion at the Thursday, **December 1, meeting in the Church Library**. The book chosen for **January 5** is *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton, author of many of the Bible Studies used by our small groups.

Books from the Public Library are available in advance in the church library each month. Please be sure to sign your name when you take one out and to cross it off when you return the book so that others can read it.

Reading Circle meets at 1:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. Members take turns leading devotions. Light refreshments are available. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Jane Salminen (544-1703).

UPCOMING DATES:

Mondays, December 12 & January 9 – Sew 'n Sew's, 1:00, in UMW Room (Room 1)

Morning Circle

On **December 20** Morning Circle will enjoy a Christmas video and/or sing Christmas carols. The group meets at 11:00 AM on the third Tuesday of each month, generally in the Church Parlor. Bring a light lunch. Light refreshments and beverages are available.

There will be **no January meeting** of Morning Circle, since the usual date is the next day after the General Meeting. For more information, see Cindy Purzycki (225-4220).

End-of-Year Giving by AUMW

The General Meeting of the Aldersgate United Methodist Women on October 27 featured a speaker from the Open Door Mission, Anna Valeria Iseman, who is heading a project to add transitional housing for homeless women and their children to the range of services provided by the Open Door Mission. Up to now their focus has been on serving homeless men. In recent years, the number of homeless women with children has been growing in our community and elsewhere until it is a major need.

After the program the members of UMW held a short business meeting, primarily to determine their end-of-year giving. United Methodist Women are required to "empty their treasuries" for mission at the end of each year, keeping only enough for expenses anticipated in the very near future.

We have already sent our Pledge to Mission of \$2,500 to the Genesee Valley District UMW. This is mission giving that helps to fund both national and international mission work supported by United Methodist Women. Individual pledges to mission that have come in since we paid our unit pledge in full in June will be sent to the Genesee Valley District to add to the District pledge of support for UMW missions around the world. We then had **\$1,600** to be given as follows: \$300 each to White Gifts, the Greece Food Shelf, and Cookson Hills Center; \$200 toward the Open Door Mission project to provide transitional housing for homeless women and their children; \$150 each toward Kennedy Mitchell's mission trip to Nicaragua and Upper NY UMW Conference Projects; and \$100 each to Matthew 25 Ministries for the pill bottle ministry and Cortland UMC for their service as a HUB for Mission Central. We are most thankful for all those who give of their time and resources to support all these missions. Through our dollars and projects, we are truly transforming lives and serving Christ with joy.



It's time to sign up for Flower City Work Camp!

Grades 7-12

Must commit to the entire week

April 17 – April 21

Cost: \$135 for the 1st student

\$120 for the 2nd student (same family)

\$100 for the 3rd or more students (same family)

Applications are due to Mitch no later January 8th!!



**Friday Night
December 2nd**

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.

1-Week Mission Trip in Your Own Back Yard!

Free for Adults! April 17 – 21, 2017

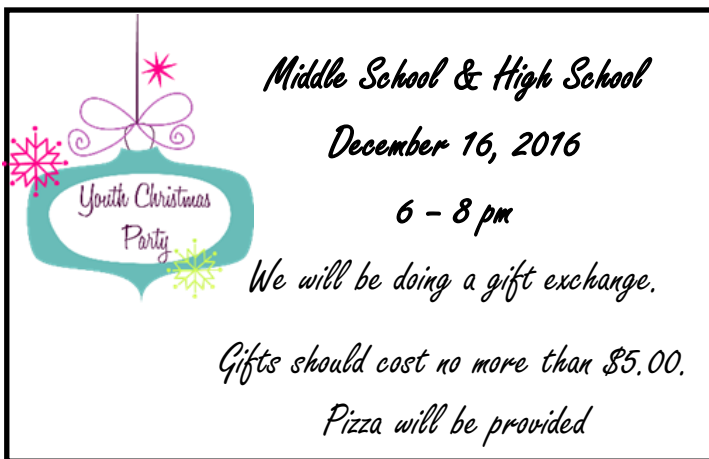
Applications Due: 12/11/16

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

We need your help! Any option below marked with an RL counts towards the Required Leaders we need, up to 3 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** – Provide security & 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** – Supply lunch for three work days (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

Contact Christine "Mitch" Mitchell for more information or an application! (585-704-5587)



Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported our bottle and can drive! So far we have raised approximately \$600 for our youth program. Please keep them coming!



Facebook: Aldersgate
Greece Youth Group



THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

BIBLE VERSE "UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"
(ISAIAH 9:6)

DEC 4 — MARY'S STORY

DEC 11 — JOSEPH'S STORY

DEC 18 — JESUS' STORY: OWLEGORIES EVENT

DEC 25 — MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wear your pajamas to Church and bring one present with you to receive a blessing. No Sunday School that day.

JESUS, GOD'S SON

BIBLE VERSE: "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON" (JOHN 3:16)

JAN 1 — SEARCH FOR THE KING

JAN 8 — TALK WITH THE TEACHERS

JAN 15 — COME TO THE RIVER

JAN 22 — CHANGE THE WATER

JAN 29 — BORN ANEW



**DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 &
JANUARY 1, 8, 15, 22
@ 11:00AM**

- VBS STYLE WORSHIP
- OFFERING TAKEN EACH WEEK
- PRAYER
- BIBLE SKITS
- WORSHIP LED BY OUR HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!
- AND MAYBE A SURPRISE VISIT FROM STRIPES OR LOUIE!

Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus

Reading of the Owlegories

During Sunday School on December 18

Color your own Christmas Owl Wind Chimes



Starting in January

Jr. High Sunday School will be watching

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ

During the 11:00 Service, in Room 8

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

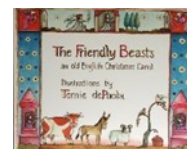
This is a Heifer International reading incentive program dedicated to ending world hunger and poverty. The kids will learn that they can make a difference in the world. Have them bring their offering and /or pledge on Sunday mornings during KIDSGATE. During the first weeks of December, we will tally 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!



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 Rhonda Simonelli know or e-mail rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org if your child is interested in this creative and fun opportunity.

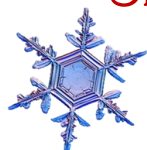
Christmas Eve Play Opportunity for Children!

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.

Snowflake Saturday



January 21, 2017

5pm – 7pm

Pizza will be sold for \$0.50 per slice

Beverages will be available (Including Hot Coca)

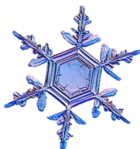
Bounce House

Glow in the dark Gaga Ball

Snowball Throw

Arts & Crafts

Games



Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors



Rhonda and Mitch would like to thank everyone who made the Fall Festival possible. It was a huge success and the children of our community seemed to have a great time.

A Special thank you goes out to: Debbie Kennedy, Nancy Brehm, Erin Pfund, Mike Simonelli, Carol Kress, Debbie & John Simm, Lorrie & Ron Durbin, Gary Huffman, Sabrina McLeod, Gretta Schaefer, Kennedy

Birthdays & Anniversaries

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Zuni Garcia-Simons	December 10
Maria Stanley	December 10
Samantha Christie	December 11
Carol Cobia	December 14
Shannon Forbes	December 16
Katie O'Connor	December 20
Stephanie Bock	December 22
Cindy Roza	December 24
Noel Anderson	December 25
Carol Pearson	December 25
Kathy Savage	December 25
Andy Deutsch	December 27
Fran VanKouwenberg	December 27
Daniel Savage	December 28
Leslie Edgcomb	December 30
Bobbie Eckert	December 31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brenda & Rick Donovan	December 3
Chris & Cori Loudon	December 8
Terry & Nancy Young	December 13
Harry & Roxanna Muthersbaugh	December 22
Ed & Shirley Geier	December 26
Nancy & Ken Rex	December 28

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Donovan	January 1
Brian Jones	January 1
Christine Rice	January 3
Jack Simm	January 3
Bob Thayer	January 3
Lorrie Durbin	January 8
John Grizzanti	January 9
Joseph Michaloski	January 19
Jan Rothfuss	January 19
Rich Keller	January 19
Len Mack	January 20
Holly Deutsch	January 20
Sara VanKouwenberg	January 23
Roger Forbes	January 27
Nancy Jones	January 31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Wendy Peeck	January 3
Bud and Carol Kress	January 24

Mission News

General Benevolence Fund

Benefits from Recent Fundraisers

Money from the General Benevolence Fund is used by the Aldersgate Missions Committee to support their work throughout the year. Thanks to the Crafts & Collectibles Show, the Election Day Bake Sale, and recent substantial donations, the fund is in good shape to begin this coming year.



The Aldersgate United Methodist Women designated half the net proceeds of the **Crafts and Collectibles Show – \$805** – to the General Benevolence Fund.

The **Election Day Bake Sale** brought in **\$579.05**, the most ever! We closed around 4:15 because we were sold out. Having the baked goods available and having the traffic

from such an exciting election sure helped! Thank you to everyone who supported both fundraisers with baked goods, staffing, crafts, etc. We also thank those who have donated money specifically for the General Benevolence Fund. Your contributions make a lot of ministry possible.

Human Relations Day January 15

Human Relations Day is an opportunity to celebrate our United Methodist connections. The special offering on this Sunday supports Community Developers, UM Voluntary Service, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Individually our impact may be limited, but through our United Methodist connections we can change lives! Please be generous.

Stewardship Update

Living Simply

Thank you for your faithful responses to our annual fall finance campaign to underwrite our ongoing ministries at Aldersgate in 2017. As of November 5, we had received 63 pledges totaling \$180,951.80. If you have not already made a pledge, it is not too late. There are additional pledge cards on the ushers' table just inside the sanctuary doors.

The members of Aldersgate do not make pledges lightly, and the Finance Committee knows we can count on those that are made. We do make projections of income from other sources, such as regular giving from those who don't pledge, rental income, and the loose offering in the plate, but we can plan with more confidence when we have reasonable certainty that the financial support is available.

Envelopes for 2017 will be out in the Gathering Space for distribution between Christmas and New Year's for those of you who asked for them. Your name will be on the packet if you checked "yes" on your pledge card. It is a handy way for both you and the financial secretary to keep track of your giving. There are usually a few extra packets if you didn't mark the card. Just be sure to put your name on the first envelope you put in the offering

so that the number on that packet will be associated with you.

This is also a good time to make arrangements to start or increase your Electronic Funds Transfer if that is your preferred method of making contributions to the church. EFT forms are available from the church office or our financial secretary, Jan Winter.

For those of you perhaps new to making pledges of financial support, keep in mind that we do realize that sometimes circumstances do change for our members during the year. You may raise or reduce your pledge during the year. A word to our financial secretary is all that is necessary. Ultimately, your commitment is between you and the Lord.

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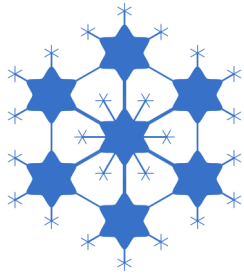
- **Jesus Calling for Little Ones** by Sarah Young – board book tells of His never-ending love
- **Joseph had a Little Overcoat** – Joseph's story is a Caldecott Medal winner for its illustrations
- **Quilting Now and Then** by Julie Dock – beautifully illustrated story of its changes over the years

"No one can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books."
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

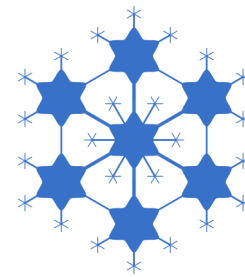


December 2016

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Ushers

Scheduling Contacts: 9:30 AM Frank & Joyce Pombert (978-2626)
11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

9:30 AM

12/4 Lisa Deutsch, Tim Kephart, Ted Carstens, Shawna Bigler
12/11 Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann, Dick Edgett, Ed Carstens
12/18 Susan DeVincentis, Shawna Bigler, Kennedy Mitchell, David Rogenmoser

11:00 AM

12/4 Terry & Nancy Young, John & Karen Best
12/11 Bette Edgett, Melissa Powell, Bobbie Eckert, Jerry Sisson
12/18 Denis & Gary Hogestyn, Zuni Simons, Michael Smith
12/25 Nancy Bader

12/24 Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Larry VanAllen, Frank & Joyce Pombert, Kathy Bernardi

7:30 PM Ray & Bob LaFlair, Nancy Bader

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

12/4 Mary Sims
12/11 Annette Thompson
12/18 Cori Loudon
12/25 (NO SERVICE)

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Ron Durbin

1/8

Kathy Bernardi

1/15

Annette Thompson

1/22

Bobbie Mohrmann

1/25

Lorrie Durbin

11:00 AM

Nancy Young
Bobbie Eckert
Mary Sims
Tom O'Connor

Nancy Young

Denise Hogestyn

Kathy Peck

Ron Durbin

Bobbie Eckert



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- **Almost friends. A Change of Heart. Christmas in Harmony** by Philip Gulley – 3 novels about Pastor Sam and the members of his quirky congregation in the small town of Harmony
- **The Andrew Paradigm: How to be a Lead Follower of Jesus** by Michael Coyner – to be an excellent Christian leader one must first be an excellent and faithful follower of Jesus Christ – UMW
- **The Enchanted** by Rene Denfield – in this “If All Rochester Read the Same Book” selection for 2017, a prison is seen through the eyes of a prisoner who finds escape in his books
- **Falling into Place: A Memoir of Overcoming** by Hattie Kauffman – news correspondent and member of the Nez Perce tribe shares her story of finding faith and overcoming poverty and abuse – UMW

- **It's Good to be Queen: Becoming as Bold, Gracious, and Wise as the Queen of Sheba** by Liz Curtis Higgs – her quest for wisdom shows us how to live boldly, seek truth and honor the Lord above all
- **The Molech Prophecy** by Thomas Phillips – full of local references, this local author’s novel was inspired by the desecration of Lakeshore Community Church in Greece several years ago
- **Mourning and Milestones** by Kathleen Fraser – local author’s suggestions on how to honor your lost loved one throughout the year

New for Young Adults

- **Theodore Boone: The Accused** by John Grisham – thirteen-year- old wants to become a lawyer

New for Children

- **Baby's First Bible** by Sally Wright – board book with simple text and charming illustrations
- **The Berenstain Bears Mother's Day Blessings**
- **The Berenstain Bears Very First Christmas**

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