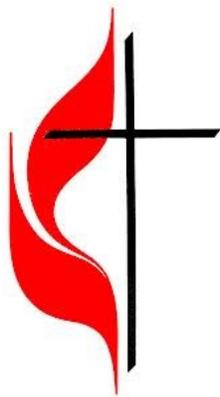


Aldersgate Hinge

March 2017



From the Pastor

Inside This Issue

- Pg. 2 Our Ministry of Concern
- Pg. 3 Events & Opportunities
- Pg. 4 Aldersgate United Methodist Women
- Pg. 5 Christian Education
- Pg. 6 Youth Update
- Pg. 7 Aldersgate U Sessions Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Pg. 8 Missions News
- Pg. 9 Sally Stewardship
- Pg. 10 March Calendar
- Pg. 11 Our Church Staff Serving in Worship This Month
- Pg. 12 Library Corner

I recently read something written by Karoline Lewis that intrigued me. The title was, *Choose Your Lent*. She went on to suggest “Your starting point matters. You can suffer through Lent. Or, you can choose to move through Lent from a place of wonder and gratitude: wondering where God might show up, what God might reveal in this dormant time, this time set aside so as to anticipate life, a time that looks forward to glimpses of the new creation.” (Internet article, Feb. 4, 2016)

Lent is the 40-day period (which excludes Sundays) of preparation for the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection. It’s generally a somber time of examining our lives and doing what we can to learn to live more faithfully. Many people give things up for Lent to experience in some small way solidarity with Jesus’ sacrificial death. There’s nothing wrong with that, but I think, as Karoline Lewis suggests, that our attitude in approaching this makes a difference. We can look at Lent as an opportunity to grow closer to God in Christ or we can see it as something to endure. I choose to see it as opportunity.

Our opportunity begins March 1, to come together for an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 PM. Worship each Sunday will focus on one what Steve Harper identifies as *Marks of a Methodist*. These are based on a sermon John Wesley, the father of Methodism, wrote in 1742, called *The Character of a Methodist*. Each mark is a practice that when followed will help us live a righteous life filled with goodness, peace, and joy. We have an opportunity to explore loving God, rejoicing in God, giving thanks, praying constantly, and loving others.

I’m excited about a new opportunity being offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM starting March 8. Lisa Deutsch will lead a 6-week study on Prayer (see p. 3). Also, on March 25 we will hold our first session of Aldersgate U from 9 – 11:20 AM. During that time three Discipleship Discussions will be offered. Anyone interested in joining Aldersgate should plan to attend these sessions, but everyone is welcome. See more details on p. 7. Two more sessions of Aldersgate U covering 3 additional Discipleship Discussions each will be held April 8 and April 29. If you are interested in joining the church but unable to attend these sessions, please see me and we’ll try to work something out.

Please join us for Moving Forward Saturday, March 18 from 9-11:30 AM (see p. 3). We’d like everyone to be a part of helping us discern where God is leading us as a church. What is our next ministry experiment? Our Community Dinner came out of our last meeting like this. What a blessing it has been for us and our community.

I pray you’ll choose to move through Lent with a sense of wonder and gratitude and take part in the opportunities for worship and study.

Blessings,
Pastor Anne

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Transforming Lives and Serving Christ with Joy

4115 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, New York 14616-1216 • (585) 663-3665 • www.aumcgreece.org

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.

Hospitalized: Helen Wolter – Unity

In Rehab: Al Holmes – Latta Rd. Nursing Home; Phyllis Little – St. Ann’s; Jane Coonan – Unity

Recovering at Home: John Best, Rhonda Simonelli, Terry Young, Bob Wiederhold

Aldersgate People with Ongoing Health Concerns: Jessica Christie, Francis Crabtree, Joyce DeBell, Kim Latragna (daughter of Evelyn Welker), Ruth Loomis, Joan Michlin, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Kathy Peck, Donna Rice, David Stanley, Bill Teasdale

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with 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 Chiamonte (best friend’s mother of Jessica Fox), 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), Deborah DeVincentis (sister-in-law of Mark & Susan DeVincentis), 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), Alaine Jackson (friend of Robin Fox), 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), Electra McRae (aunt of Lorrie Durbin), Rita Mead (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Stacy Miller-Clark (cousin of Mike & Wendy Dunn), Nicole Mohrmann (granddaughter of Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Ardis Nerby (mother of Lisa Deutsch), Steven Peters (friend of Robin Fox), Selina Palmer, niece of Gloria & Rick Baker, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Delia Pinto (aunt of Juan Ruiz), Carol Price-Barden (cousin of Wendy & Mike Dunn), Susan Tuck Rooksby (friend of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Elaine Roney (sister of Meg Jones), Sean Rymer (son of Carole & Dave Rymer), Roselin Shankland (mother of Lorrie Durbin), Nora Studier (friend of Wendy & Mike Dunn),

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.



Karen Stevens (friend of Tom & Louie VanKouwenberg), Lindsay Thomas (niece of Lorrie & Ron Durbin), Stacy VanHerreweghe (friend of Anna Simm), Hal Wagner, Ted & Barb Way (uncle & aunt of Michael Dunn), Shirley Webber (mother of Annette Thompson), Kevin Weil & family (nephew of Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann), Jennifer Welker & Noah Welker (daughter & grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), Denise, Emily & James White (daughter, granddaughter & grandson of Gloria & Rick Baker), 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; Myrt Holmes – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Pat Holmes – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Rosetta Knapp – Grandville, Phyllis Little – Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack – Legacy Clover Blossom; Lily Sugden – St. Ann’s; Martha Thomson – Hamilton Manor.

Christian sympathy is extended to Mike & Wendy Dunn and family on the death of Mike’s father, Donovan Dunn.

Christian sympathy is extended to Eric & Kim Lindenau on the death of Eric’s mother, Mary Ann Lindenau.

Christian sympathy is extended to Yolanda Morales and family on the death of her husband, Max Ramos.

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.

Church Events & Opportunities

Lenten Prayer Study Begins March 8

Come join us as we begin a 6-week prayer journey during Lent to discover the secrets of effective prayer. Maxie Dunham's "The Workbook of Intercessory Prayer" will serve as our guide. We plan to meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM (or earlier if that would work better for your schedules). You will be asked to give 20 - 30 minutes each day to read about prayer (usually 1 - 2 pages) and record your thoughts. The weekly meetings will focus on sharing experiences as we progress through the material. Topics include Keys for Effective Intercession and How to Overcome Hurdles to effective prayer. The first meeting on March 8th at 7:00 PM will be at the church in the Parlor. Subsequent meetings can take place either in participants' homes or at church, whichever the group prefers.

Please Join Us for "Moving Forward Saturday – Where Is God Leading Us?"

Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 12. This is a day that we all turn our clocks ahead one hour as we begin to get more and more daylight after a long winter. On Saturday, March 18, Aldersgate's Church Council is sponsoring an event called "Moving Forward Saturday – Where is God Leading Us?" The **purpose of this short morning session will be to brainstorm ideas of how our church can move ahead with new missions or programs** in order to continue to transform lives and bring people to God. We'll be using topics suggested on the Greater Things vision cards to begin the brainstorming session – but all ideas will be welcome! Here are the details:

Date: **Saturday, March 18**

Time: **9:00 - 11:30 am**

Location: **AUMC Ide Center**

Starting Topics:

- Attracting more Teens and Young adults/families to church
- Encouraging greater diversity
- Engaging in partnership(s) with Lake UMC
- Helping those in Need

Coffee/Tea/Water/treats and Childcare will be provided! The only thing we need from YOU are IDEAS! Plan on joining us for this exciting morning.

Together in His Footsteps –

Family Devotions and Activities for Lent

Pick up your Lenten Devotional in the gathering space.

Bring the whole family along as you travel your Lenten journey with Jesus! Fun and enriching activities, family-centered reflections and prayers remind children and adults of the importance of deepening their spiritual life during Lent. Spending time together as a family, especially time together in prayer, is vitally important in today's culture. *Together in His Footsteps* can serve as a powerful tool to keep adults and children centered in their faith and to emphasize our rich and beautiful Lenten traditions. Well-known author Michelle Van Loon engages readers and encourages them to put their faith into action, fostering a habit that can last a lifetime.



Come Walk this Year's Crop Walk!

Sunday, May 7th is the date for this year's Crop Walk. **Messiah Lutheran Church** at the corner of Mt. Read and English Road will be the host church this year. The registration will be at 1:30 and the walk will start at 2:00. This year will offer a choice of the traditional route, plus a 5K and the Golden Mile. In case of inclement weather, we will be able to walk in Messiah's Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful fundraiser to help combat hunger locally and worldwide. It is held under the auspices of **Church World Service** and 25% of the funds raised will go to **The Greece Food Shelf** and the remainder to help worldwide projects. **Aldersgate** will serve as a rest stop on the route as well as **Bethany Presbyterian**. If you can't walk, you can sign up to help with the snack table at Aldersgate. For the past few years our leadership team has included **Aldersgate, Trinity Episcopal and Messiah**. Our theme last year and this year is **"Walking as One."**

Please join us in this important walk. The sign-up sheet is on the opportunities board and sponsor envelopes are available from the church office. Any questions may be sent to Joyce Farrokh at efarrokh@rochester.rr.com.

Game Night

Join us on March 11 at 6:00 pm.
All are invited!

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

Coffee Connection Founder to Speak at General Meeting

Joy Bergfalk, the founder of Coffee Connection, was recently awarded Rochester Women's Network "W" award. She started Coffee Connection in 2011 to help women recovering from drug addiction, trauma, and homelessness by providing training, employment and support on their road to a lasting recovery by selling fair trade, organic coffee to retail and wholesale customers. The location of the first store is on South Avenue and another one is on East Main Street. A third location, Cannonball Café located on Lake Avenue, recently closed. Ms. Bergfalk will speak both to the need for resources like those Coffee Connection provides and to her experiences.

This General Meeting of Aldersgate United Methodist Women will be held on **Thursday, March 30**, in the Ide Center with a light supper (usually soup, salad, and dessert) served **at 6:15 PM**. The program will immediately follow the supper.

After a break (to give the speaker a chance to leave if she wishes), we will hold a short business meeting and take up our Thank Offering for the year. Pledge to Mission cards will also be available for those who haven't yet pledged. Everyone interested in the topic is welcome to attend. Cost for the supper is just \$5.00, payable at the door. Please sign up on the Opportunity Board so we have a place set for you.

Morning Circle

Climate Justice, a current 2016-2018 Mission Study for UMW, will be the topic at the next meeting of Morning Circle at 11:00 on **Tuesday, March 21**, in the Parlor. Among other issues, the study focuses on the disproportionate effect of climate change on the poor all around the world. If you wish, bring a sandwich or yogurt for lunch. Hostesses provide dessert and beverages. Everyone interested is welcome.

Reading Circle

At its next meeting in the library at 1:00 PM on **Thursday, March 2**, Bobbie Eckert will lead the Reading Circle in a discussion of the novel *Emerald Windows* by Terri Blackstock. The story examines the impact of malicious gossip on two talented young people hired to create a series of stained glass windows for an historic church in a small town. Copies of the book are available in the Church

Library in the UMW section. Please sign the book out on the clipboard.

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Light refreshments are served each month. If you have any questions, please call Jane Salminen at 544-1703.

Join in a Global Celebration

Church Women United in Rochester & Vicinity invites you to attend their annual **World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3**, at The Brickstone at St. John's Meadow, 1325 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester. The group will begin gathering at 10:00 AM with the program beginning at 10:30 AM. The host country for the World Day of Prayer 2017 is the Philippines. The biblical text chosen is Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service. The offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in the Philippines and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice.

Refreshments and informal conversation will follow the service. No reservation or registration fee is required. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Community Cupboard of Rochester. Sign up on the Opportunities Board if you wish to carpool. All women of the church are

UPCOMING DATES:

March 13 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 in UMW Room (Room 1 on lower floor)

April 8 – District Communion Breakfasts

April 11 – Meal in the Upper Room

May 4 – Book Review Luncheon, Noon

May 13 – Mothers, Daughters & Friends Banquet

June 8-10 – Rummage Sale (Collection begins on May 29.)

October 20-21 – Crafts & Collectibles Show



JESUS SHOWS LOVE

MEMORY BIBLE VERSE *"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT. LOVE EACH OTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU ALSO MUST LOVE EACH OTHER." (JOHN 13:34)*

MAR 5 — TEN LEPERS
LUKE 17:11-19

MAR 12 — ZACCHAEUS
LUKE 19:1-10

MAR 19 — LAST SUPPER
MATTHEW 26:17-30

MAR 26 — IN THE GARDEN
MATTHEW 26:31-58



MARCH 5, 12, 19 @ 11:00AM

- VBS STYLE WORSHIP
- OFFERING WILL BE USED TO SEND A CHILD TO SCHOOL THROUGH OUR AFRICAN MINISTRY (BRING AN OFFERING, RECEIVE A PRIZE)
- PRAYER
- BIBLE SKITS
- WORSHIP LED BY OUR HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!
- IT'S A MINI WORSHIP SERVICE IN 15 MINUTES! COME ONE, COME ALL!

The last Sunday of each month the children will attend service for the children's moment with Pastor Anne. All other Sundays, the children will be dropped off right at Kidsgate (located in the Youth Room off Fellowship Hall).

One-Day VBS: "Deep Sea Discovery"

God is with us wherever we go!



March 11th 9am-Noon

PreK – 6th Grade

Featuring the Seneca Park Zoo Mobile, Singing, Dancing, Crafts, Games & So Much More!!

Register online at aumcgreece.org

Donations Needed for Easter Baskets

We are starting to **collect small items** (i.e., individualized wrapped candy, teas, pretzels, soap, notepaper, pens, little Christian and spring-like trinkets, etc.) **to make Easter baskets** for congregation members who are home-bound or in hospitals and nursing homes. Your child may bring these items to church during the next few weeks. There will also be a large basket in front of the nursery for donated items. We hope to make 20 baskets. Thanks so much for your continued support.



Easter Liturgical Dance



This year, we are going to present a Children's Lyrical Dance on Easter Sunday. We will hold practices in Fellowship Hall between services on **Sundays starting March 5th at 10:30 am.**

The two Fridays prior to Easter, we will meet at 6 pm in the Sanctuary to hold dress rehearsals. If your child is interested, please contact Christine "Mitch" Mitchell via email at cmitchell@aumcgreece.org.



Easter Sunday, April 16th

10:35–10:50 am

Pre-K — 6th Grade

- Playground area in front of Church (meet between Sanctuary and door to the outside).
- Weather permitting for outdoors. If we need to, we will move to Fellowship Hall.
- Please bring appropriate shoe wear for going outside.



4th - 6th Youth CONNECTIONS

Informational Meeting was held Friday Night, February 24

Please contact Mitch if you have any questions.
Check the weekly bulleting for updates.



Faithful Fridays, Every Friday

(Unless advised otherwise)

Grades 7-12
7-9 pm

Contact Mitch for more information.

Genesee Valley District Youth Lock-In

March 3-4, 2017
6 pm - 11 am
Aldersgate UMC

Who's it 4?

Youth grades 6-12

How Much Does it Cost?

\$5.00 per person

What Do I Bring?

Friends, positive attitude, sleeping bag/blanket, pillow, 1 or 2 snacks per Youth Group to share.

What's Taking Place?

Special Guest Speakers Re: Heroin Epidemic and what our youth can do to help. Games, Pizza, Snacks, Devos, Small Groups, Fellowship.

****This is a must come event for all Youth! Get Mitch the payments by February 26th****



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Fundraiser



Sunday, March 19th
Noon - 1:30pm
IDE Center

The youth will be serving Soup, Sandwiches and Beverages after the 11:00 service.

Cost: Free Will Donation to the Youth Fund.

- Baked Goods Sale
- Silent Service Auction (each youth will be putting at least one service up for auction)

If you are willing to donate soup please contact Mitch or any of our youth.

All Proceeds will be used to help fund youth activities, scholarships and camping at Kingdom Bound.

Pre-sale tickets will be on sale between services
March 6th & March 13th

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported our bottle and can drive! So far we have raised approximately \$700 for our youth program. Please keep them coming!



CCYM UP!Word '17

March 31- April 2, 2017
Holiday Inn, Liverpool NY

The registration cost for UPWORD 17 is \$60/per person (youth and adults) with the cost of \$115/per night for each hotel room our group needs (maximum of 5 per room).



Facebook: Aldersgate
Greece Youth Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey Kimmel	March 1
Mary Sims	March 3
Roger Ridley	March 4
Scott Wagner	March 7
Steve Tyler	March 9
Robert Winter	March 10
Chitie Edgett	March 10
Gerald Wolter	March 12
John Shukitis	March 17
Eric Lindenau	March 17
Alene VanPutte	March 18
Sarah Roza	March 20
Sylvia Lynch	March 22
Frances Crabtree	March 23
Rosetta Knapp	March 21
Andrea Rex	March 26
Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Bill Peeck	March 27
Connie Gomez	March 27
Patricia Forbes	March 28
Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Michael McHugh	March 28
Derek Smith	March 28
Dean Hogestyn	March 29
Kwame Edusel	March 29
Tim Rolfe	March 29
Paul Brown	March 30
Gordon Spicer	March 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances VanKouwenberg	March 24



Transportation Ministry

Please call the church office if you need a ride for a doctor's appointment.

Aldersgate U Discipleship Sessions

Interested in joining the church, growing in discipleship, or refreshing your faith? Join us at Aldersgate U for our Discipleship Discussions. Those wishing to join should try to attend all sessions. Others are welcome to attend whichever ones they want or perhaps missed in the past. Even if you've attended before, each discussion is always a little different. Let Pastor Anne know if you are coming and will need child care. We will make arrangements. Aldersgate U will be held on 3 Saturday mornings this spring with 3 classes each session.

March 25

- 9:00-9:40 What's the big deal about the Bible?
- 9:50-10:30 Who is Jesus and what does he have to do with me?
- 10:40-11:20 How do I talk with God

April 8

- 9:00-9:40 What's different about Methodists?
- 9:50-10:30 Why do I need the church and why does the church need me?
- 10:40-11:20 Is God calling me to serve?

April 29

- 9:00-9:40 Why is the Church always talking about money?
- 9:50-10:30 How do I share my faith?
- 10:40-11:20 Next Steps in your faith journey and Membership Orientation

Join us!!!

thank you

We would like to thank our Aldersgate church family for their thoughts, prayers and cards for Jim's recent surgery.

Blessings to all,
Jim & Nancy Bailey

From the Trustees

Thank you to Tom Sims for installing a new water heater in the IDE storage room on an emergency basis so that two dinners could be held the very next weekend.

Thank you to Debbie Kennedy for updating the Worship Times listed on the doors to the parking lot, and for preparing signs to support the new playgrounds use.

Mission News

Lenten Offering for Greece Habitat Project

This year's special Lenten Offering is again designated for the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity Coalition, which is now raising funds to build their **seventh house**. They already have 22% of the needed funds on hand. On **March 5**, the first Sunday in Lent, the ushers will distribute small cans in which you can place your spare change throughout Lent to help move forward the important work of building another home in the city. Each time you drop in a contribution, please take the time to pray for those working on Habitat homes and for those preparing to be the future homeowners. The filled coin cans, while not costing us much at any one time, can add up to a tidy contribution from all of us together toward the goal of raising another \$65,000 for that house. **Please return** the filled cans to church **on Easter Sunday**. Your every gift will be appreciated.

Food for Friends

The Missions Committee has chosen **Sunday, March 19**, for our first quarter special emphasis on bringing in non-perishable food products for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. This important emergency service needs a regular supply of the following items: **cereal (both hot and cold); rice (1 or 2 lb. pkgs.); Ramen noodles; pudding; Jello; juice; canned pasta; pasta (dry); spaghetti sauce; hash, chili or stew; pork'n beans; canned meat or fish; tuna fish; peanut butter; instant mashed potatoes; soups; jelly or jam; canned vegetables; cake mixes; canned fruit; toilet paper; dish detergent; bar soap; shampoo; toothpaste; deodorant; paper towels; and laundry soap**. The ushers will distribute grocery bags the Sunday before as a reminder.

Marilyn Sobus, who delivers our donations to the Food Shelf, reported to the Missions Committee that **Aldersgate donated a total of 1,549 lbs. of food in 2016**. Let's see if we can do even better in 2017!

Community Dinner Year-End News

While Mary Sims, the coordinator of the Free Community Dinner, says that "the Community Dinner is not about numbers...but it is nice to know how many people we have reached..." In 2016 dinner was served to 2,329 people by 329 volunteers (plus others that did not sign in). The total cost was \$3,088.05, and the contributions from the dinners was \$3,380.04. Thanks to additional

monthly donations of food from the Open Door Mission, they were able to feed everyone for just \$1.35 per person. The group is also grateful for the donations this year of a cooler and a warmer that help the workers keep food at appropriate temperatures for safety.

Mark the last Saturday in the month to attend this outstanding outreach effort. Don't feel uncomfortable because you don't feel you need a "free" dinner. (You can always make a donation.) We need Aldersgate people to sit with the newcomers to our church to welcome them, to get to know them, and to invite them to church. If you do want to volunteer, check the sign-up sheet each month to see where you are needed.

Mission Share Needs Your Help

Paul Filipiak, the Director of Mission Share Outreach Center on Long Pond Road asked Church Partners to find **volunteers to staff a four-hour shift on Saturday** on a once-a month or once-a quarter basis. Some churches are creating teams of four that would work together on the same schedule, whether during the regular Tuesday thru Thursday hours or the prospective Saturday hours. The hope is that people will be more likely to work as part of a team. (Aldersgate does not currently have anyone actively working there.) He plans to schedule a training day for volunteers sometime in late March. For more information, call 585-368-0744 or email msocdirector@gmail.com.

Their two major fundraisers for 2017 have been scheduled: The **Annual Auction for Saturday, April 22**, hosted by First Bible Baptist Church; and the annual **Golf Classic Tournament at Ridgemont Country Club on Monday, July 24**. Mark those dates on your calendar and plan to participate.

Crossroads Pregnancy Care, service of Mission Share Outreach Center, recently announced the appointment of a **new director, Marilyn Raymond**. She will be working to continue the development of a network for families in crisis who seek their assistance.

In the meantime, let's all remember our commitment to bringing in **feminine hygiene products and toilet paper**, two much needed items that really stretch the budgets of most of the Mission Care clients. Every delivery from Aldersgate is gratefully received.

(Continued on page 9)

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally,

You just offered a short course in personal budgeting, and I missed it. Will it be offered again? I think I am managing pretty well, but should I think about taking it?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

We do have a small “waiting list” of interested people, and those who just completed our recent course offering of “Freed Up Financial Living” endorsed it enthusiastically. Some said they’d consider taking it again. I’ve viewed this course as a facilitator at least three times (this time and in its previous incarnation as “Good Sense Budgeting.”) I don’t necessarily learn anything new after three views, but I do pick up reminders of the importance of strategies I’ve forgotten. I also enjoy the humor with which they deal with the various issues.

“Freed Up Financial Living” is a course presented by Christian personal finance advisors based at Bill Hybels’ Willowcreek Church. One of the first concepts they highlight is the reminder that ALL “our” resources belong to God and are given to us to manage. They urge us to practice Biblical stewardship of those resources by first returning to God ten percent of what we are given. If we haven’t been doing that all along, practicing tithing (giving ten percent) can be a shock to the system. They also recognize that some of us have gotten deeply in debt, whether it is from making up for a too-slim

paycheck, accumulating credit card debt, incurring heavy medical debt or student loans, etc. Ten percent may be just too much. Their point is that in good faith we need to start giving *something* off the top and to work toward ten percent as our situation improves using the other strategies they suggest.

The other early big reminder is that with the second ten percent we should be paying ourselves—start saving for emergencies, for expected replacements of vehicles and appliances, schooling, for retirement, etc. Again, that process may have to start small, but we need a commitment to do that and to grow toward the full ten percent.

Then we have ALL the remaining eighty percent to pay down debt and to cover our day-to-day expenses. Of course, some trimming may be necessary to be sure that those expenses fit into the eighty percent. That’s what the rest of the course is about—addressing many of the traps and myths we find ourselves caught up in, assisting us in deciding what is important and what is not, thinking outside of the box in dealing with emergency expenditures, and so on.

If you are interested, please let us know through the blue sheets on Sunday or tell one of the members of the Stewardship Development Team and watch for further developments. We are committed to serving the Lord and to helping you as best we can.

Serving with joy,
Sally Stewardship

(Mission News Continued from page 8)

Our Support for UMCOR Saves Lives

The special offering **One Great Hour of Sharing** on the fourth Sunday in March supports the administrative costs of running the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This offering is important because UMCOR does not receive funds from the general budget of the United Methodist Church for its operations. But because this offering covers those operating costs, your gifts later to specific disaster relief and recovery efforts or to ongoing projects like building fish farms to provide income and protein-rich food, teaching hygiene and basic medical care, or

digging wells to supply safe drinking water can go entirely to that cause. Your generous gifts allow us to demonstrate God’s love to hurting people in our own country and around the world.

Plan now for a generous gift on **Sunday, March 26, to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering** so that this important work continues.

March 2017

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  5:45 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)	2 1:00 AM Reading Circle (L) 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L)	3 5:00 PM District Youth Lock In (G, S, Ide, K, C, Classrooms, FH)	4 11:00 AM Lock In Ends 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
5 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 3/4,7) 1:15 PM Hispanic Bible Study (7,8) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 2:15 PM Hispanic Fellowship (FH) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	6 6:15 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	7 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzys 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 PM ACWT (S) 6:30 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8)	8 1:30 PM Staff (O) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM ESL (3/4) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Lent—Prayer Class (P)	9 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Finance (4)	10 7:00-8:30 PM Sr. High Youth (FH) 8:30-9:00 PM Sr. High Youth (Ide)	11 9:00 AM—12:00 PM One Day VBS (Ide, K, S, FH) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00 PM Game Night (3/4)
12 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 3/4,7) 1:15 PM Hispanic Bible Study (7,8) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 2:15 PM Hispanic Fellowship (FH) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C)	13 1:00 PM Sew n Sew's (1) 6:15 PM Girl Scouts (3/4)	14 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 PM ACWT (S) 6:00 PM Trustees (O) 6:30 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	15 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzys 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM ESL (3/4) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Lent—Prayer Class (P)	16 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (8) 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM Church Council (3/4)	17 10:30 AM-9:00 PM Craft Workshop (Ide, K) 7:00 PM—12:00 AM Hispanic Prayer Vigil (G) 7:00-8:30 PM Youth (Ide) 8:30-9:00 PM Sr. High Youth (FH)	18 8:00-10:00 AM Basketball (Ide) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 9:00-11:00 AM All Church Meeting Next Step (Ide)
19 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 3/4,7) 1:15 PM Hispanic Bible Study (P, FH, 7) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 2:15 PM Hispanic Fellowship (FH) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	20 6:15 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	21 11:00 AM Morning Circle (P) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:30 PM Soccer (Ide) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8)	22 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM ESL (3/4) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Lent—Prayer Class (P)	23 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 6:15 PM UMW General Meeting (Ide, K) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	24 7:00-8:30 PM Youth (Ide) 8:30-9:00 PM Sr. High Youth (FH)	25 8:00-10:00 AM Basketball (Ide) 9:00-11:20 AM Finance Class (3/4) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 4:00 PM Community Dinner (Ide, K) 4:00 PM ACWT (S)
26 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School 3/4,7) 1:15 PM Hispanic Bible Study (P, FH, 7) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 2:15 PM Hispanic Fellowship (FH) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C)	27 6:15 PM Girl Scouts (3/4)	28 9:45 AM Sm. Group (Caupp) (2) 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Simm) (8) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P) 7:00 PM Investment Club (O)	29 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 6:30 PM ESL (3/4) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Lent—Prayer Class (P)	30 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (3/4) 6:00 PM Sm. Group (Huffman) (2) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P) 7:00 PM D. Jones (8)	31 7:00-7:30 PM Youth (Ide) 7:30 PM Sr. High Youth (FH)	

Our Church Staff

Anne O'Connor

Pastor

621-4799

aconnor@aumcgreece.org

Gerald A. Wolter

Pastor Emeritus

621-1904

hgwolter@frontiernet.net

Eric McHugh

Pastoral Intern

Rhonda Simonelli

Christian Education Co-Director

663-6663

rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org

Christine Mitchell

Christian Education Co-Director

& Youth Director

704-5587

cmitchell@aumcgreece.org

Candy Metzger

Administrative Assistant

663-3665

cmetzger@aumcgreece.org

Tamara Ruiz

Organist

truiz@aumcgreece.org

Colin Mann

Choir Director

mann.colinj@gmail.com

Doc Kavanagh

Contemporary Worship Leader

doc@aumcgreece.org

Hector & Maria Rivera

Hispanic Ministry Leaders

hrivera@aumcgreece.org

msrivera@aumcgreece.org

Shawn Roach, Custodian

Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant

4115 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14616
Phone: (585) 663-3665
Fax: (585) 865-8442
info@aumcgreece.org
www.aumcgreece.org

Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

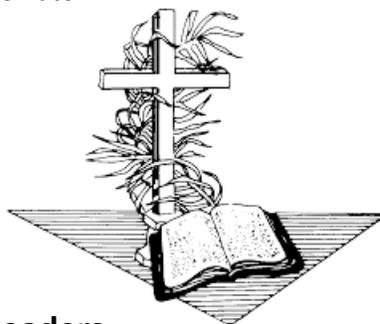
Scheduling Contacts: 9:30 AM Frank & Joyce Pombert (978-2626)
11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

9:30 AM

- 3/5 Shawna Bigler, Ted Carstens, Kathy Bernardi, Lisa Deutsch
3/12 Susan DeVincentis, Shawna Bigler, Tim Kephart, Larry VanAllen
3/19 Kathy Bernardi, Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann, David Rogenmoser
3/26 Frank & Joyce Pombert, Kennedy Mitchell, Dick Keegan

11:00 AM

- 3/5 Nancy Young, Karen Best, Michael Smith, Scott Wiley
3/12 Zuni Simons, Carol & Bud Kress, Nancy Bader
3/19 Bobbie Eckert, Jerry Sisson, Kim & Eric Lindenau
3/26 Bette Edgett, Denise & Gary Hogestyn, John Zorn & Michael Accapezzato



Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

- 3/5 Ron Durbin
3/12 Sabrina McLeod
3/19 Rich Keller
3/26 Lorrie Durbin

11:00 AM

- Nancy Young
Lorrie Durbin
Mary Sims
Gary Hogestyn



ALL items for the
April Hinge
are due by **March 15.**

Please send to:
karenladden@hotmail.com

Please notify the office if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically instead of a printed copy in the mail.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
www.aumcgreece.org
4115 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14616

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Rochester, NY
Permit No. 1208

Library Corner



New for Adults

- **Apostle: Travels Among the Tombs of the Twelve** by Tom Bissell – lives and legacies of the apostles
- **Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis** by J. D. Vance – struggles of working class Americans
- **Murder is Binding** by Lorna Barrett – no shortage of colorful suspects in this local Greece author’s mystery about the death of the owner of a small-town bookstore
- **My Name is Mahtob: The Story that Began in the Global Phenomenon Not Without My Daughter Continues** by Mahtob Mahmoody – daughter triumphs over trauma to peace and forgiveness
- **Wherever the River Runs: How a Forgotten People Renewed my Hope in the Gospel** by Kelly Minter – her journey to the Amazon inspires us to step out of our comfort zone and meet the needs of others – UMW
- **A woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton** by Carl Bernstein
- **Deceived; Hope Harbor; Trapped; Vanished** by Irene Hannon – 4 novels and/or mysteries by a Christian author
- **The Well Women: Crossing Boundaries** by Ladine Housholder – Bible study group meets at the well to share the story of the Samaritan woman and their own stories about overcoming obstacles – UMW
- **What We’re Fighting for Now is Each Other: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Climate Justice** by Wen Stephenson – journalist turned activist tells the stories of those involved in the fight for climate justice – UMW

New for Children

- **DVD – The Chronicles of Narnia** – children playing hide and seek end up in a land imagined by C.S. Lewis

“The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives.”

Matilda by Roald Dahl