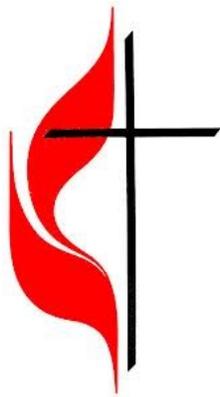


Aldersgate Hinge

July / August 2017



From the Pastor



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I was cleaning things out the other day and came across a 2x3" card. The words on it are terse but significant. It says:

"God's presence is our companion,
God's love our protection,
God's power our strength,
God's wisdom our guidance."

I like the reminder that God is everything to us. God gives us life and everything we need to live it well according to his will and his way. Without God, we can do nothing. With God, all things are possible.

We need God all the time. It's easy to get distracted and forget that. With summer upon us, we tend to fill up our schedules with all kinds of things. Living in Rochester, NY, we need to cram as much as we can into the few brief months of warm weather. Before we know it fall will be here and the not so great weather that often accompanies it. In the busyness of the summer, I encourage you to make time for God. Pray and read your Bible every day. Worship with us on the Sundays you are in town and somewhere else when you are away. Keep Christ at the center of your life and be open to the work of the Holy Spirit around you. You'll have the best summer ever!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Anne

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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Our Ministry of Concern

Prayer Concerns

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

Recovering at Home: John Best, Doug Jones, Sr., Shawn Roach

Aldersgate People with Ongoing Health Concerns: Jessica Christie, Francis Crabtree, Joyce DeBell, Kim Latragna (daughter of Evelyn Welker), Robert Kovac, Ruth Loomis, Joan Michlin, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe Piper, Donna Rice, David Stanley, Bob Wiederhold

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health Concerns: John Adamski (son-in-law of Betty Judd), Quinn Aldrich (cousin of Mike Dunn), 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), 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), Peg Roach (mother of Shawn Roach), 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), Mary Smith (daughter of Larry VanAllen), Nora Studier (friend of Wendy & Mike Dunn), Karen Stevens (friend of Tom & Louie VanKouwenberg), Lindsay

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.



Prayer Requests

Thomas (niece of Lorrie & Ron Durbin), Jessica Thompson (cousin of Mike Dunn), Stacy VanHerreweghe (friend of Anna Simm), Hal Wagner, Ted Way (uncle 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), Janice Wilson (aunt of Mike Dunn), 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; Jane Coonan, Donna Rice – Mill Landing; Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Myrt Holmes – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Pat Holmes – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Rosetta Knapp – Grandville; Phyllis Little, Ray LaFlair – Legacy Park Crescent; Len Mack – Legacy Clover Blossom; Gordon Preston – Atria of Greece; Martha Thomson – Hamilton Manor.



Transportation Ministry

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

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

Family Fun Night for All; Volunteers also Needed

We will again have a table at the Dewey Ave Festival re-named "Dewey/Stone Family Fun Night." It will be held behind Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Ave, from 5-7 on **Tuesday, July 25**. If you can help, let Pastor Anne know. Or simply come enjoy a night with our neighbors.

Our Next Crafting Workshop Welcomes All on Revised Dates: August 4 & 5

Are you looking for a chance to work on your scrapbooks? Or make some new cards? Or finish that knitting project? Or make the items you want to sell at the Crafts & Collectibles Show? Is it easier to work on things when you're in the company of other crafters?



Join us on Aug. 4 & 5 to work on whatever projects need some dedicated time. You'll get your own table to spread out your stuff. Friday includes dinner and a make and take project. Leave your supplies overnight so you're ready to go first thing the next morning! Saturday includes breakfast and lunch, plus another make and take. Chip in for pizza or share leftovers for dinner.

Friday, Aug. 4: 1:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, Aug. 5: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Come both days (\$45) or just one (\$25 each). Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the gathering space or register online at: www.aumcgreece.org/craftws. All funds raised will go toward paying expenses at the church. Contact Karen Sladden for more information, 455-2920.



ALL items for the
September Hinge
are due by **August 15**.

Please send to:
karensadden@hotmail.com

Get Ready for the Crafts & Collectibles Show in October

Flyers have been sent out to past vendors for our upcoming Crafts & Collectibles Show on **Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21**. If you know people who may want to participate, pick up vendor flyers for them from the Missions Counter or give their names and addresses to Candy Metzger or Gretchen Hughes.

We will continue to have a church booth with craft items donated by our members. Your contributions will be welcomed. The more variety we have, the more likely we are to do well at this booth.

Where Did the Rummage Sale Leftovers Go?

Thanks to all the donations, workers, and shoppers we had another successful Rummage Sale at Aldersgate. Our total proceeds so far are **\$5,337.41**. We had good, steady help throughout the preparations and sale, and great help with clean up. (We still wonder where everything comes from!) We always get compliments on how well organized the sale is, but this year we heard people tell others that this was one of the best sales around. It was a job well done!

Where did the leftovers go? Even with sales high, the sheer quantity of leftovers is amazing. The clothing and linens went to the St. Pauly's Shed at Greece UMC to benefit our Greece Habitat for Humanity Coalition, and all the remaining books and household items were again welcomed by the Goodwill Store on Dewey Avenue.

thank you

The Teasdale family would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, gifts to Memorials, acts of kindness, and expressions of sympathy and concern for Bill's passing. Thank you to Pastor Anne, Pastor Jerry, Scott Wiley and Ray Baird for their many visits. Bill appreciated the scripture readings, prayers and words of encouragement and comfort. Thanks to Marilyn and her crew for providing a luncheon after the service.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

Collection of Supplies for the United Methodist Committee on Relief Begins Soon

Mid-July you will see the blue-gray totes lined up under the coat racks in the Gathering Space ready to receive supplies for **Backpacks** for both our **Hispanic Ministry** and for **School, Health, and Layette Kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief**. This annual project is important because it provides local children within the outreach of our Hispanic Ministry with the school supplies they need and helps to stock the shelves at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA with kits ready to be shipped out for disaster relief and educational projects undertaken by UMCOR in the U.S. and around the world.

Ads for sales of school supplies traditionally start shortly after July 4. We start collecting early in order to get the best prices. While we don't put the UMCOR kits together until the UMW meeting in September, the backpacks for the **Hispanic Ministry** will be **needed in August** for the start of school here. UMW members will be counting and storing the items on a regular basis as the totes become full. All items must be new. Lists of supplies needed for each ministry will be in the weekly bulletins and available on the mission table in the Gathering Space.

Last year we sent 209 School Kits, 201 Health Kits, and 51 Layette Kits along with boxes of additional supplies. Can we do better this year?

Your support for these projects puts your love for God and his children into action on the front lines of disaster or poverty relief locally and around the world. It's a testimony that we are truly "serving Christ with joy."

Members of Sew 'n Sew's have completed enough school bags and baby sweaters to meet our usual goals. They continue to work on baby gowns and receiving blankets for UMCOR kits. They are also working on caps for preemies at local hospitals, Warm-Up Rochester afghans, items for our upcoming craft show, and prayer shawls.

Sew 'n Sew's meets the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 1 to work on a variety of "love in action" projects. Feel free to join us. If you need more information, call Betty Hild (208-5949).

Reading Circle Meets Year Round

Reading Circle will meet at its regular time on the first Thursday of the month, **July 6**. Come this month prepared to share briefly a book you have enjoyed reading recently and to recommend a book for us all to read dur-

ing the **2017-2018** program year. See what your friends are reading!

At the August 3 meeting, members will discuss *Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Lemmon, a story of a woman's survival under the Taliban in Afghanistan. Copies will be available in the church library.

The Reading Circle meets in the church library starting at 1:00 PM. Light refreshments are provided. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Jane Salminen (544-1703) for more information.

UMW Members: Complete Your Reading Plan for 2017

Turn your report in to **Jane Salminen** by **September 1**. You just need to read one book from each of the five categories—Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth—and *Response Magazine* to complete Plan I. Selections can be from the 2012-2017 reading lists including youth and children's books if they haven't been on your report in previous years. There's a good supply of books on the UMW shelves in the church library. Some of them are quite short! Copies of *Response Magazine* are on the bottom shelf of the cart. Could we regain our leadership this year as the unit with the most readers?

Mission u Scheduled for July 27-29

The Asbury Camp & Retreat Center at Silver Lake, New York, will host the United Methodist Women Mission u once again for a time of study, worship, fellowship and inspiration. The study courses offered this year are "Living as a Covenant Community" and "Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the United States." The latter course should be of special interest to members at Aldersgate because of our connections to the Red Bird Missionary Conference and to the Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma. The spiritual growth study builds on what we have been seeing written about the importance of building community as part of our witness to God's work in our lives.

The cost for the Thursday-Saturday stay is \$235 for double occupancy rooms and \$275 for single occupancy rooms for two nights and eight meals. The registration forms are available on the Missions Counter, and the deadline is July 10, 2017. The Saturday Sampler Events will be held at Grand Island UMC this fall and at Nunda UMC in the spring.



JULY 2 – LET’S CELEBRATE
IT’S GOOD TO CELEBRATE THE WAYS GOD
BLESSES US.

JULY 9 – HOW GOD TALKS TO US
IT’S IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO GOD

JULY 16 – GOD MAKES A HERO
GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING OR
ANYBODY

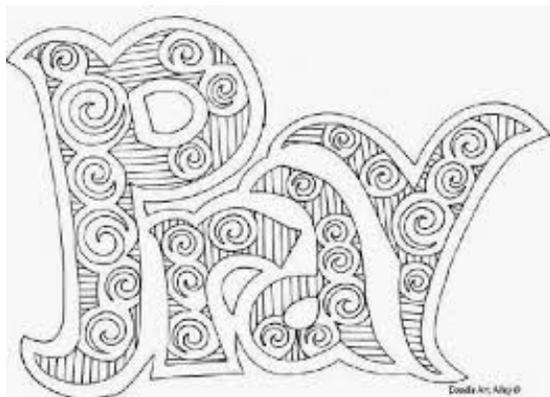
JULY 23 – FAITH TO GIVE AWAY
IT’S IMPORTANT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT GOD’S
LOVE

JULY 30 – WHEN THE HEAT IS ON
GOD HELPS US STAND UP FOR WHAT’S RIGHT.



WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Doc, Sue, Mitch, & Kennedy want to wish all of the kids from Kidsgate a safe and blessed Summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September!



Registration is Now Open!

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 2017

9:00 am – Noon

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.AUMCGREECE.ORG

Want to Help Bring Kids Closer to God?

Come September the Christian Education Department will be looking for people to serve as teachers or assistants in our Sunday School program.

We have openings from Pre-K through High School at both 9:30 and 11:00 services. Please let Mitch know if you are interested in serving.



What are You Doing This Summer?

Summer Camp Information has arrived! If you would like to find out more information regarding United Methodist Christian Camps, feel free to grab a brochure on the main bulletin board.





4th - 6th
Youth
CONNECTIONS

Will not be meeting for the months of July & August. We will come back together on September 15th.

Update:

Thank you to all who supported the youth group and purchased Rada Cutlery. We raised \$250.00 for our Youth Program.



Kingdom Bound Festival @ Darien Lake
July 26-29, 2017

There will be no Youth Group July 28th.

Faithful Fridays, Every Friday

(Unless advised otherwise)

Grades 7-12
7-9 pm

Contact Mitch for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported our bottle and can drive! We can accept anything that can be redeemed for \$0.05. So far we have raised more than \$750 for our youth program. Please keep them coming!



Facebook: Aldersgate
Greece Youth Group

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship,

You wrote last month about the need to keep up with—actually, stay ahead of—our mortgage payments so that we can get it paid off within ten years. If contributions toward the mortgage payment are down this year, I'm wondering now about how well we are doing in keeping up with our support of our budget. Please fill me in.

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

Good question! (That's what they all say when confronted with a question they would rather not answer.) Income for the Current Expense Budget is also down this year. As of June 13 (the Sunday before our last Church Council meeting when we get regular reports on giving) income to date this year totaled \$133,126.25 compared to \$143,675.80 for giving at this point in 2016—a difference of more than \$10,000. Not having heard about any significant controversy which would disrupt giving, we assume that reasons like those accounting for the lower mortgage apply—a change in the makeup of our congregation, with some older, more able givers passing away. On the positive side, keep in mind that our congregation is changing, but not diminishing.

A related concern is that we continue to fall behind in paying our Ministry Shares. The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. It really is important that we do our best to meet our obligations to our district, conference, and denomination ministries.

What is the answer? After the discussion at Council, Pastor Anne sent each member an e-mail with a quotation from *Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson: "At some point in our lives, the best we can do isn't enough. Our

best solutions, ideas, and efforts aren't good enough. That's when we need to hit our knees and trust to do what only God can do. After all, *prayer is the difference between the best you can do and the best God can do.* And that's a big difference!"

She went on to write, "It seemed a fitting reminder that as we deal with our financial concerns at Aldersgate, prayer is vitally important to the solution. I am hoping you will commit with me to pray for at least 5 minutes every day for an answer to our financial situation. Make sure the major portion of that time is for listening to what God has to say. Let's keep working on it, but let's see what God will do."

Now \$10,000 is not an insurmountable difference for a congregation our size—less than \$600 each week—unless it continues. Prayer is the place to start. We saw God at work when we built the additional facilities, and we continue to see God at work as we expand our ministries to serve as witnesses of His love. We even saw Him at work this month when Council voted to put \$15,000 from the Building Fund toward the principal on the mortgage. (The annual contribution from the Blanche Ollie Lawson estate as well as a significant donation from a current member had come in during the month.)

Let's each pledge to take the time every day this month to spend in prayer specifically for an answer to this financial issue; listen to what God would have us do both as a congregation and as individuals.

As Mark Batterson wrote, "[Prayer] is the solution to every problem. That is the answer to every question." Let's get on our knees in prayer!

Seeking God's Direction,
Sally Stewardship

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Graduating from High School

Briana Kephart from Greece Olympia High School
Going to Monroe Community College
for Veterinary Technician

Ryan Lindeman from Greece Athena
Going to SUNY Oswego
for Business Administration



Samuel Maggio from Eastridge High School
Going to Monroe Community College

Caleb Thompson from Trade School &
Greece Odyssey Academy
Going to Monroe Community College
for Construction Technology

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Eric DeCann	July 2
Ivan Montgomery	July 2
Colleen Tyler	July 4
Ryan Lindeman	July 10
Marisue Caupp	July 11
Jared Jones	July 14
Debra Simm	July 14
Caleb Thompson	July 15
Michelle Maggio	July 15
Angela Maggio	July 15
June Griffin	July 16
Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18
Michael Spicer	July 19
Floyd Hughes	July 23
Allison McHugh	July 24
Emma Bock	July 25

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Barb Jeffers	July 4
Gary & Denise Hogestyn	July 10
Ron & Lorrie Durbin	July 15
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chris Peeck	August 2
Jane Salminen	August 2
Emma Simm	August 2
Dustin Deutsch	August 3
Dennis Pankey	August 4
Ray Poling	August 6
Luke Simonelli	August 7
Ruth Loomis	August 8
Evelyn Welker	August 13
Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Denise Hogestyn	August 14
Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Gege Dunn	August 15
Rhonda Simonelli	August 15
Jim Haschmann	August 15
Edith Coburn	August 18
Nathan Dunn	August 23
Ellie Cook	August 25
Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Molly Donovan	August 25
Terry Young	August 26
Dick Edgett	August 27
Mike Accapezzato	August 30
Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31
Jane Shukitis	August 31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Helen Wolter	August 1
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Quinton & Laure (VanPutte) Williams	August 5
Ken & Jerry Sisson	August 6
Brian & Margaret Jones	August 13
Dave & Maria Stanley	August 16
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Dennis & Anna Simm	August 26
Jim & Carol Cobia	August 27
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28

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Graduating from College

Daniel Hogestyn from U. S. Military Academy at
West Point
Bachelor of Science

Christine Mitchell from Roberts Wesleyan
BA in Religion & Philosophy

Venessa Whitt from Rutgers University
with Honors

Congratulations to all the graduates! All of us here at Aldersgate wish the graduates the best success in their next big step in life.



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11:00 AM Nancy Bader (225-2730)

9:30 AM

- 7/2 Joyce & Frank Pombert, David Rogenmoser, Larry Van Allen
7/9 Susan DeVincentis, Kathy Bernardi, Shawna Poling, Dick Keegan
7/16 Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann, David Rogenmoser, Larry VanAllen
7/23 Kathy Bernardi, Bobbi Mohrmann, Lisa Deutsch, Frank Pombert
7/30 Shawna Poling, Tim Kephart, Karen Rice, Lisa Deutsch

August, TBD

11:00 AM

- 7/2 Nancy & Terry Young, Karen & John Best, Zuni Garcia-Simons
7/9 Denise & Gary Hogestyn, Scott Wiley, Nancy Bader
7/16 Bobbie Eckert, Jerry Sisson, TBD
7/23 John Zorn, Michael Accapezzato, TBD
7/30 Bette Edgett, Carol & Bud Kress, TBD
8/6 Nancy & Terry Young, Karen & John Best
8/13 Candy Metzger, TBD
8/20 Bobbie Eckert, Jerry Sisson, Scott Wiley, Nancy Bader
8/27 Zuni Simons, Bette Edgett, TBD
9/3 Karen & John Best, Zuni Simons, Nancy Bader

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

- 7/2 Mark DeVincentis
7/9 George Shukitis
7/16 Cori Louden
7/23 Bobbi Mohrmann
7/30 Kathy Bernardi
8/6 Carol DeCann
8/13 Bobbi Mohrmann
8/20 Cori Louden
8/27 Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

- Nancy Young
Sue Zorn
Bobbie Eckert
TBD
Lorrie Durbin
Nancy Young
Tom O'Connor
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Annual Conference Report

Annual Conference is three and a half days of total immersion in United Methodist governance. Its purpose is to create and support both lay members and leadership, provide vision, resources and collegiality. Some of the time spent at Conference is uplifting; such as Bishop Webb preaching, and the young peoples' service, the memorial service, and the ordination service. Some of the time is challenging; such as wrestling with and voting on petitions and resolutions. Some of it is fun; meeting new people, listening and singing along to a gifted Christian band. And some of it is just frustrating as twelve hundred people take a shot at Roberts' Rules of Order and ask to make their voices heard. It is physically challenging too – there are long hours and those chairs are HARD.

Bishop Webb's sermon set the theme for the Conference: "Together in Prayer: Trusting that God is Enough." It made clear the importance of focusing on the WHY not the WHAT or HOW, as the Church moves forward. Bishop Webb reminded the crowd that the WHY is our mission, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. "We must offer to a despairing world the good news of Jesus—through our actions and in our words," he said. "If we keep the WHY primary, I know, I believe, I trust that God will show us the way into the WHAT and HOW."

Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, an ordained pastor, author, and professor at Princeton Theological Seminary was the study leader. She spoke about reimagining churches for the next generation, what she called missional entrepreneurship. The idea is to bring young people to God by getting them involved in a project that helps the community. Another important report was on the Commission on a Way Forward, a committee formed by the Council of Bishops at the last General Conference to make recommendations concerning the church's position on human sexuality.

The Trustees' report celebrated the new Conference Center; the newly built headquarters for the bishop and his staff in Liverpool, came in at \$12,000 under budget. It also reported that after many, many hours of negotiation, the Camp Findley Association was unable to come up with the necessary financing and Camp Findley will be put up for sale. And the Financial committee reported that for the first time in Upper New York Conference history (eight years) the conference paid 100% of their apportionments.

Ask me for more details. You can also check out "Annual New York Conference" on Facebook. Scroll down to a link to a video wrap-up, as well as a series of shorter videos including a full-length video of Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean's talk. — *Carol Kress*