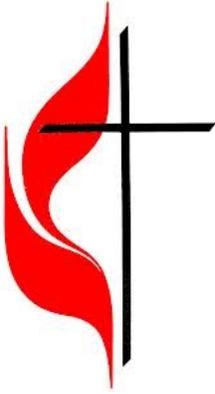


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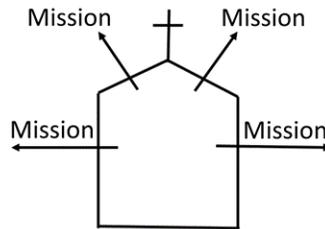
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From the Pastor

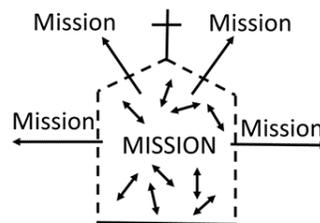
Church of the Helping Hearts!

Aldersgate Church has many great mission projects. The people of Aldersgate are very actively involved in those mission projects, locally, nationally and globally – Community Dinner, Mission Share, Rochester Area Interfaith Network, Greece Ecumenical Clothing Closet, English Village School, Habitat for Humanity, Red Bird Mission, CROP WALK, Greece Food Shelf, Mission Trip, White Gifts, Mission Programs on Africa and Puerto Rico, and supporting missionaries...



Praise to God. Aldersgate Church is very passionate about reaching out beyond the church walls to share the love of God as shown in the figure on the left.

However, this figure led me to think of mission from a new perspective. What about the people within the church? Do we help people inside Aldersgate Church? There are people in Aldersgate who need help. Actually, everyone has at least one thing for which he/she would appreciate if he/she can get help. For example, someone wants to move a desk, but he can't do it by himself. I believe there are many people in Aldersgate who can and are willing to help him. It will take just ten minutes. Someone needs to replace a toilet, but she doesn't know how to do it. I am sure we can find someone who can do it for her.



Mission field is not just out there. Aldersgate is also a mission field as shown on the left. This is not a new idea. As we find in Acts 2, the early church was like this. They received the Holy Spirit. They were filled with love. They shared love with one another, sharing life together. It grew their faith and compassion for the people outside and reached out to them. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved (Acts 2:47).

Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34)." Christian love is two-directional – Giving and Receiving. The act of receiving is a wonderful gift of the Spirit. We know that because we have received salvation as a free gift from God.

Let's grow Aldersgate Church to be a church of the Helping Hearts. You will hear later more about how it works. In the meantime, please contact the church office if you need any help. Summer Blessings!

Pastor Sung Ho

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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.

Aldersgate People with Ongoing Health Concerns:

Kathy Bernardi, Bernice Bird, Ellie Cook, Donna Colangelo, Francis Crabtree, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Joyce Farrokh, Carolyn Gilson, Helen Griswold, Becky Hess, Tim Kephart, Rosetta Knapp, Ray LaFlair, Phyllis Little, Ruth Loomis, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Laurie Ruell, Larry Scrivens, Iris Simonelli, Karen Sladden, Betty Smith, David Stanley, Michael Thompson, Doug Unell, Hal Wagner, Terry Young, Zeh Family

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Miguel Ahumaha (Juan Ruiz), Amy & Halo (Laura Kimmel), John Adamski (Betty Judd), Rex Ahrens (Dave Rogenmoser), Quinn Aldridge (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Carol Price Barden (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Eleanor Barry (Natasha Carstens), Tony Blanco (Karen Best), Mom (Jerebrel Bowens), Chris Brown (Jerry & Helen Wolter), Bill (Jane Shukitis), Bonnie Bush (Bobbi Mohrmann), Butch (Roger Forbes), Casey (Kathy Peck), Sonny (Gloria & Rick Baker), Mary Diederle (Ellie Cook), Diania (Kathy Bernardi), Denise, Jen, James, Emily & Noah (Gloria & Rick Baker), Norma (Mark DeVincentis), Bill (Gloria Baker), Mom (Carol DeCann), Felix Delgado (Zuni Simons), Dickman Family (Colleen Tyler), Diane Durbin (Ron Durbin), Norm (Dick Edgett), Emily & Keegan (Patti Vawter), Ken & Beth (Ashley Everts), Jill Finegan (Ed Geier), Cathy (Roger Forbes), Jan Hasak (Roy Baird), Mary (Doug Hess), Betty & Mike Hillman (Patti Vawter), Helen & Jake (Doug Hess), Myra, David, Judd & John (Deborah Whitt), Jessie (Adam Pfund), Beth, Jordan & baby (Deb Hamel), John (Rick & Gloria Baker), Helen & Bob (Nancy Jones), Kelly (Nancy Jones), Robin Jones (Erin Pfund), Judy Junod (Susan Holmes), Grandmother (Brianna Kephart), Kevin (Gloria & Rick Baker), Joe Klein (John & Debbie Simm), Jim Kofron (Sue Galligan), Jennifer Larsen (Gretta Schaefer & Sabrina McLeod), Lily (Rick & Gloria Baker), Jeffrey M (Deborah Whitt), Matt & Judy (Candy Metzger), Carley McCarthy (The VanKouwenbergs), Philip Mead (Bobbi Mohrmann), Bill Meagher (Tammy Gilzow-Kephart), Stacey Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Milton (Sharon Bartter), Nancy (Lisa Deutsch), Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Kelly Naylor

E-Mail Prayer Chain

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

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



(Debbie & John Simm), Scott Noble (Shirley Geier), Norah (Jan Rothfuss), Patty (Sue Galligan), Pete (Natasha Carstens), Randy Patzwald (Debbie & John Simm), Laurie Peacock (Sue Spicer), Cooper Petrone (Sabrina McLeod), Phoebe (Deborah Whitt), David (Cindy Purzycki), Carol (Laurie Ruell), Will Rickman (Roger Ridley), Butch Riemer (Karen Rice), Polly Roberts (Bette Edgett), Christian Ruell (Laurie Ruell), Kathy & Scott (Sue Rozinski), Nathan (The Russos), Paula (Tim Rolfe), Brittany Sauers (Gloria Baker), Martha Simmons (Deborah Whitt), Jim Schaefer (Bobbi Mohrmann), Judy Smith (Carla Starr), Adam (Anna Simm), Hal Thomas (Lorrie & Ron Durbin), Abby (Louretta Teasdale), Marcie (Laurie VanAllen), Marilyn Thomas (Deborah Whitt), Tom (Alma Harmer), John Treahy (Christine Mitchell), Donald Walter, Kathy (Gloria Baker), Barb Way (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Wally (Kathy Start), Roger (Colleen Tyler), Evan Weaver (Mitch), Vickie (Doug Unell), Shirley Webber (Annette Thompson), Janice Wilson (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Dad (Kaori Winter), Greyson Wise (Tammy Gilzow-Kephart), Chuck Wolter (Jerry & Helen Wolter), Rachel (Louie VanKowenberg)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Nona Antczak — Aaron Manor; Barb Condon — Cherry Ridge; Jane Coonan — Mill Landing; Al Holmes — Latta Road Nursing Home; Pat Holmes — Legacy Cranberry Landing; Rosetta Knapp — Hilton East; Phyllis Little — Episcopal Home; Len Mack — Hurlbut Nursing Home; Donna Rice — Mill Landing; Martha Thomson — Hamilton Manor

Christian Sympathy is extended to David Rogenmoser upon the death of his mother, Marilyn.

Parish Visitations

Call the church when someone enters the hospital or is discharged or if you, or someone you know, desire a pastoral call.

Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons in July & August

- July 7 True Freedom, John 8:31-32
- July 14 Food & Spirit I – The Parable of the Soup, Ephesians 4:4-6
- July 21 Food & Spirit II – The Parable of the Salad, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- July 28 Food & Spirit III – The Parable of the Coffee/Tea, 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Aug 4 Food & Spirit IV – Thermodynamics of the Holy Spirit, Luke 24:28-32
- Aug 11 Christian Virtue I – Forgiveness, Matthew 6:14-15
- Aug 18 Christian Virtue II – Kindness, Matthew 5:40-42
- Aug 25 Christian Virtue III – Perseverance, Galatians 6:9-10; Philippians 3:14

Come together to the Combined Service & Church Luncheon

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30am

There will be only one service at 10:30am, combining 9:30 and 11:00 services with traditional hymns and praise songs and Communion. Let us join together to be united in one spirit as one body. Potluck luncheon will follow the service in the Ide Center. Please bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs will be served. Brothers and sisters of the Hispanic and African faith communities are invited.

Annual Conference Report

Sunday, July 14, 5:00-6:00pm in the Chapel

Those who attended Annual Conference will present an overview of what has been done at the Special Session of General Conference in February and 2019 and Annual Conference regarding human sexuality. We will also have a conversation about what it means to local churches. Everyone is welcome.

Imagine Our Future: Debt Reduction Campaign (June 2019 – May 2022)

Thank you for making a pledge for the debt reduction (2019-2022). If you have not made a pledge yet, you are encouraged to consider prayerfully and support the ministry of Aldersgate Church. You may send your pledge to the church office.



Dewey Stone Family Fun Night

July 16, 5:30-8:30pm
Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY

Aldersgate Church will be present in this event. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and introduce our church. Last year more than 20 people from Aldersgate Church came and supported our church, sharing stories of Community Dinner, VBS, worship services and other ministries. Some children registered for VBS. You can be a part of this event by simply coming and being present. We hope to see you there.

Native American Sunday is July 21st

Native American Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sunday offerings of The United Methodist Church. Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully. Your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

This special Sunday will be July 21st. A special envelope will be included in the bulletin that day. If you are not able to be with us that day, feel free to make your donation anytime in July, being sure to include a notation for "Native American Sunday."

Thank you in advance for your support.
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

Job Posting

Next Crafting Weekend Fundraiser

Welcomes All on August 9 & 10

Are you looking for a chance to work on your scrap-books? Make some new cards? Finish that knitting project? Or make items you want to sell at the Crafts & Collectibles Show?

Join us on Aug. 9 & 10! 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. 9: 12:30-10:00 pm

Saturday, Aug. 10: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Come both days (\$50) or just one (\$30 each). Register by August 2 before prices go up by \$5. All funds raised will go toward paying expenses at the church. For more information or to register, contact Karen Sladden (455-2920 or karensladden@hotmail.com) or Susan Galligan (317-3138 or sgallig1@rochester.rr.com). Forms are available on the bulletin board in the gathering space, or register online at:

www.aumcgreece.org/craftws

United Methodist Women

Summer Break

Sew 'n Sew's will not meet in July or August. We will start up again on September 9.

School Kits and Health Kits

Now is the time to start thinking about buying items for the School and Health Kits that we put together at our September meeting. Lists of items needed are on the counter by the Missions Board. This is a very worthwhile project that we do and are in need of all the items on the list. Thanks.

Craft and Collectible Sale

Vendors needed for this year's Craft and Collectible Sale on October 11 and 12. Brochures/Applications are on the counter by the Missions Board. If you have any questions, contact Candy Metzger at 227-3138.

Title: Contemporary Worship Team Leader (Praise Band Leader)

Part-time, year-round, average 10 hours/week
Supervised by Lead Pastor, Worship Comm, Church Council

Reviewed by SPRC

Position Purpose: To provide leadership and direction to the Aldersgate UMC Contemporary Worship Team/ Christian Praise Band and contemporary worship service

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Attend and direct Praise Band practices on a week-night
2. Attend and lead worship at the Sunday morning Contemporary Service
3. Ensure coverage for the Contemporary Worship Team when members are absent, as needed.
4. Be responsible for the team's appearance, sound and delivery on the stage, which excludes the AV system but may include making recordings of the team from the AV system.
5. Bring contemporary vision, ideas, music, etc. to the team.
6. Work with the Pastor and others to plan meaningful Contemporary Worship experiences.
7. Attend Worship Committee meetings to facilitate communications and planning.
8. Facilitate and ensure the following administrative functions take place: Communication between members of the ACWT; list of selected songs provided each quarter to team members; ensure each team member has copies of music as needed; maintain an updated list of songs and track songs sung throughout the year; maintain a monthly calendar of Sunday anticipated absences of team members; communicate with the Audio/Visual ministry team the words to songs and/or pictures for each worship service and review prepared visuals for accuracy

Anyone interested in this position, please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Attn: Erin Bills, Administrative Assistant
4115 Dewey Ave.
Rochester, N.Y. 14616
or ebills@aumcgreece.org

Aldersgate Staffing Changes

Mixed Emotions Follow Christine Mitchell's Leaving



We have truly mixed emotions about Christine Mitchell leaving as our Youth Director and Christian Education Co-Director. She has provided guidance, instruction and support for so many young people in our church over the time she has been with us, it is hard to think of how we will operate without her. The smile that is always on her face is so contagious and speaks so clearly of the love of Jesus that shines through her that it will be tough to say goodbye. Friday night will not be the same at the church without her and neither will the Dewey Ave Festival, movie nights, the fundraisers, Kingdom Bound, VBS, popcorn and pizza or any of the other things that she has done to bring blessings, fun and a sense of belonging to the kids of our church. We will truly miss her.

On the other hand, she is moving on to become what she has worked so hard to become. A Pastor at her own church. Her congregation will get to see that smile, benefit from the participation that she brings with her and the ideas that are always there. She will bring the love that she has shown all of us to her new location.

We have been truly blessed to have her be part of our life as a church. We will miss her, and we are glad to see her go on the next phase of her calling.

Thank You, Jean Paul Kimararungu, for Your Custodial Help

Jean Paul Kimararungu has been our custodian for over 2 years. Unfortunately, he has resigned his position due to family responsibilities that prevent him from being able to continue in this role. While working as custodian at Aldersgate, we witnessed Jean Paul's dedication and strong work ethic. We appreciate all his endeavors in fulfilling his job responsibilities and all he did above and beyond his job description. We wish him and his family God Speed and are glad that although he is no longer employed as Aldersgate's custodian, he continues as a faithful member of the Aldersgate community.

New Youth Director and Children's Ministry Co-Director, Brian Winter

As of June 17, 2019, we have a new Youth Director and Children's Ministry (formerly called Christian Education) Co-Director. His name is Brian Winter. He comes to us with an expansive background for this position. He has - taught Bible Study (high school to college students) to a group of teens from three churches (Webster Bible Baptist Church, Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Calvary Bible Baptist Church), taught a young adults (men's) Bible Study for members of Calvary Bible Baptist Church, given various Biblical counseling to all age groups from children to elders and contributed in creating/organizing programs for teenagers to do puppet shows, games and sports to attract young children to church at several other churches. He has also helped design church literature for Calvary Bible Baptist Church, West Side Bible Baptist Church, as well as for missionaries to Canada and Nigeria. He has a Certificate of CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) and taught local 5 Day Clubs as well as being a Kung Fu Master where he has taught all age groups including classes for the JD program at a state-operated detention center. He is an amazing young man who is also married to Kaori Winter, our Organist and the son of Jan Winter, our Treasurer. Oh, and did we mention his Small Group on Monday night? Yeah, we thought not.

We are truly blessed to have him join us in this position. Not only does he bring the experience and background in teaching, but he brings a deep and abiding faith that you will all have the pleasure of getting to know once you get to know him.

Keep in mind that he has many people to learn and much to digest from his predecessor. Just the names and faces are a new area so introduce yourself, shake his hand and let him know you are glad to have him join us in his new position.



Children's Ministry

Sunday School Teachers Celebrated

Thank you to our group of dedicated and faithful people who gather and nurture our children, youth and adults each Sunday during the school year. They faithfully prepare lessons & crafts, and they seek to engage in conversation about life, God, and faith.



9:30 Worship Service

Erin Pfund (Preschool)
Rhonda Simonelli (K-6th grade)
Teacher Helpers: Bri Schmitt, Stacy Stephens & Julia Troiano

11:00 Worship Service

Nancy Brehm (1-5th grade)
Chitie Edgett (1-5th grade)
Christine Mitchell (Confirmation Class)
Dennis Simm (High school)
John Simm (High school)
Bobbi Mohrmann (Adult)

Nursery & Toddler Attendant/Teacher

Robin Fox

God is
within her,
she will
not fail.
PSALMS 46:5

Congratulations Graduates!

High School Graduates:

Marie Sims

Graduating from Greece Athena
Planning to attend SUNY at Oswego

Dayna Claire Edgett

Graduating from Webster Thomas High School
Planning to attend SUNY at Geneseo
(Dick & Chitie's Granddaughter)

College Graduate:

Gretta Schaefer

Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership
December 2018 from Medaille College



NEW!

Summer Basketball Camp!

Aldersgate UMC * July 22-26, 2019

From 9:30am -11:30am * Ide Gym * Ages 6-9

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Multiple camp discount *2 or more campers per family) \$15.00 for second child, \$10.00 for third child

Come ready to play in shorts and sneakers! Each camper will receive a t-shirt. If you have a basketball at home, please bring it with you.

On the last day of camp on Friday, there will be an awards ceremony & pizza party from 11:30-12:00 pm!

Contact Camp Director: Patti Vawter: pattivawter@yahoo.com (or Rhonda Simonelli: rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org) for more information.

Online Registration is open. Enrollment Max: 30

Paper Registration forms are also available in church.

Checks payable to: Aldersgate United Methodist Church by July 7. Mail to 4115 Dewey Avenue Rochester, NY 14616. Contact the office at 585-663-3665.





Vacation Bible School
August 12-16
9:00 am – Noon

Join us each day for games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, music and much more! At **ROAR VBS**, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

Vacation Bible School is FREE and open to all kids who are in Preschool (Age 4) through Sixth grade. Online Registration is open! For more information, contact Rhonda or Mitch rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org.

Volunteers help make this ministry a success. Let Rhonda know if you can assist in some way.

SNACK items needed for VBS:

- 2 large bags of plain M&M's
- 2 big boxes of Goldfish crackers
- 3 large bags of plain/butter popcorn
- 2 large containers of Animal Crackers
- 2 large bags of banana chips
- 6 boxes of Waffle cones (60 cones total)

Let Rhonda know if you are able to purchase any of these items. Drop off item(s) in the church office in late July.

VBS Decorating, Set & Design Work Days

We would love to have a lot of help making our African Scene for VBS this year. Please join us if you can for one, two, or all of these work days. Thank you! We will have food to eat for the workers!

- Sunday, July 28 from 9-1 in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, August 4 from 9-1 in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, August 10 starting at 9am-? In Fellowship Hall



**Support & advertise
 this year's
 Vacation Bible School**

Order your shirt today
Pick your Color and Size
Cost: \$7.00
Add \$2.50 2XL or 3XL
Add \$3.50 4XL & up



Name: _____

Color: _____ Burgundy (Adult)

_____ Yellow (Child)

****Those not attending VBS can choose either color**

Size: _____ Qty: _____

To our Special Aldersgate Family:

As we are about to embark on our new adventure at Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church, we would like to say thank you for being such a great family and support system for us over the past 6 years. We have laughed and cried together, and even more important we have worshiped and fellowshiped together. Growing in our love and knowledge of Christ and grooming me to get me ready for this next stage in my ministry call. Even though we will not be with you every Sunday, Aldersgate Church will always be in our prayers, and we will visit as often as we can. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your children and youth, they have been such a blessing to us. I look forward to seeing what great things God has planned for both Aldersgate and Honeoye Falls Churches.

Peace and Blessings,
 Mitch & Kennedy

NEW ADDRESS:

17 Creekside Drive
 Honeoye Falls, NY 14472



Youth CONNECTIONS

Grades 4 – 7

**2nd & 4th Friday of each month
6pm - 7:30pm**

Bible Study and Games!

You don't want to miss out on this!

Contact Brian Winter for more information



**Faithful Fridays Every Friday
(Unless advised otherwise)**

Grades 8 – 12

7pm – 9pm

Contact Brian Winter for more information



On June 9th we welcomed 8 youth to our Aldersgate family, as they were all confirmed at our 11:00 Service. The Confirmation program began with a short video introducing our confirmands (you may view it on the Aldersgate Facebook Page), followed by each of the youth having a small part in the hymn "Seek Ye First." Those who saw it know how heartwarming of a performance it was. We want to give a BIG thank you to Kaori Winter for her hard work in coordinating that piece. After showing the congregation some of their God-given gifts, the 8 were confirmed and offered a prayer of blessing one by one with their mentor and Mitch laying hands. Please help us welcome Ashley Everts, Luke Simonelli, Steven Samuel, Erin Galligan, Ella Simonelli, Molly Donovan, Emma Fisher, and Cyril Samuel as our Confirmation Class of 2019. Congratulations to all.

A special thank you to our confirmation mentors: Christine "Mitch" Mitchell, John Simm, Rich Mohrmann, Sue Zorn, Candy Metzger, Susan DeVincentis, Kennedy Mitchell, and Adam Pfund.



Youth Car Wash

July 20, 2019

10am – 4pm

Free –

Donations Accepted!

Bring your car, van, truck, SUV, or your preferred mode of transportation to the church parking lot and let the Youth clean it right up!

Bring your car, van, truck, SUV, or your preferred mode of transportation to the church parking lot and let the Youth clean it right up!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported our bottle and can drive! We accept anything redeemable for \$.05.

Thanks for your donations!



Kingdom Bound Festival at

Darien Lake

July 28-July 31

One Day Pass Cost: \$69.00

Please keep our youth who are attending Kingdom Bound in your prayers, that they may experience Jesus and see God in many ways through the speakers, musicians and other Christians. Contact Brian Winter for more information!



Facebook: Aldersgate Greece Youth Group

Report on June's Annual Conference

When I was first asked several years ago to be Aldersgate's lay member to attend the Upper New York Conference, I cheerfully said "Yes", and then went home and went online to find out what the Upper New York Conference was. We are a Conference, going to a conference? Huh?

Now I know that the world-wide United Methodist Church is divided into jurisdictions (kind of like states), which are divided into annual conferences (like counties), which are further divided into districts. Aldersgate UMC is in the Northeastern jurisdiction, in the Upper New York Annual Conference, in the Genesee Valley district. And every year, annual conferences meet together in a central location to hear committee reports, vote on resolutions, and do other important things. So off we went: Pastor Sung Ho, Pastor Hector, Jan Rothfuss, Christine Mitchell, Kennedy Mitchell, Ashley Everts, and myself!

Every year I am blown away by the sight of one thousand United Methodists gathered in one place; singing, smiling, eating, hugging, worshipping and voting. Annual Conference is overwhelming and impressive. As always, the four days were filled with a mixture of the routine (committee reports, budgets), amusing (the bishop wearing a Dr. Seuss hat), the frustrating (amendments to the amendments to the resolutions) and the wonderful (the music, the singing, the preaching and the lifting up of those retiring, passed on, or dedicating their lives to ministry).

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Christine Mitchell was appointed as part-time local pastor to Honeoye Falls United Methodist.
- Upper New York now has 98 New Faith Communities. Over the course of the session, \$5,600 was raised toward that vital mission. As a result, Bishop Webb had his picture taken wearing a Dr. Seuss hat!
- The attendees were treated to two sermons given by Rev. Dr. Vance Ross, pastor of Central UMC in Atlanta, GA. His video is on the website; I highly recommend it!
- A report from Church Mutual, our insurance company, included a mention that there will be a raise in premiums thanks to two church fires in the past year.
- There were fourteen churches in Upper New York that closed over the past year, including Grace UMC and West Ave UMC in Rochester. The buildings will be sold, with the proceeds going to the new faith ministries.

- We elected 12 people as delegates to either 2020 General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference. Half of these are clergy, the other half laity, with two of the twelve people reserves.
- We considered 13 petitions and resolutions, with 8 passing.
- You can check the website, <http://www.unyumc.org> for details and videos!

The theme of the conference was "Together in Prayer-Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones". With the results of the Special Session last February, it is likely that there will be changes coming to the entire denomination, and Aldersgate will need to educate itself on the possibilities, and immerse ourselves in prayer, in order to be prepared to make the best decisions. To begin the process, you are invited to meet with Pastor Sung Ho, Jan Rothfuss, Pastor Hector and myself on Sunday, July 14 at 4:30 to discuss the results of the Special Session held last February in St Louis regarding human sexuality, along with the resolutions just passed at annual conference. Along with information, we will all have a chance to share our concerns and ask questions- although there will most likely not be any answers until the next General Conference in 2020. However, this is a journey we need to take together as members of Aldersgate, and all of our voices need to be heard. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Carol Kress

Quiet Room — Did you know?

There is a "Quiet Room" adjacent to the sanctuary (enter the Ide Center by the choir side, door is on the right), where you can go with fussy infants or if you need to feed or breast feed your infant. You can see and hear what is happening in the sanctuary but not be heard. There are drapes on the windows that can be pulled if you need that privacy. The room has not been kept up in recent times but is now up and running. There is still a staffed nursery on Sundays from 9:00 until 12:30 and the Quiet Room is not meant to be a nursery or playroom. No children should be in there at anytime without one of their parents and is designed for use of the parents with their infants. We would appreciate any feedback and/or suggestions.

Betty Judd
Bobbi Mohrmann

“UN-GROW UP!”

Mark 10:15 “Whomever doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

It seems like all our kids want to do is to be “Grown-Up.” It’s even a “command” we give to those we don’t think are acting “right:” “Oh, Grow Up!”

Several years ago, though, I spent 18 months as a Pre-school Teacher’s Aide, in a 3-year-olds classroom and I learned more from them than I ever taught them. I learned that I had a lot of “Un-Growing Up” to do!

The first lesson came immediately, in how they welcomed me. I was, certainly, a different age than all of them and a different race than most and yet they all wanted a spot on my lap and to introduce themselves all at the same time. And it wasn’t just like that the first day. It was like that all year. It was not in their nature to be un-welcoming or to discriminate!

The second lesson came from a policy that made “sense” to the grown-ups. If one child had a crying fit, upon arrival or when transitioning between activities, we would gently separate them and let them cry it out, and move on to the next activity. The rest of the children had difficulty “ignoring” that other child, though. It was not in their nature to not show compassion for one who was hurting.

The third lesson came from a major change that came in the middle of the year. Two Preschools were combining. Ours was closing for renovations. The students would go to a new building. Only two would be together, with one teacher they knew, combined into existing classrooms with a new teacher and classmates. We expected fear and anxiety, and got it from their parents, and felt it ourselves, but the kids were Great! As long as a teacher would be with them, they were fine with facing anything!

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 ANNIVERSARES

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| Bob and Barb Jeffers | July 4 |
| Gary & Denise Hogestyn | July 10 |
| Ron & Lorrie Durbin | July 15 |
| Edward & Natasha Carstens | July 18 |
| Michael & Rhonda Simonelli | July 20 |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Jung Lee | August 26 |

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| Terry Young | August 26 |
| Dick Edgett | August 27 |
| Mike Accapezzato | August 30 |
| Roxanna Muthersbaugh | August 31 |
| Jane Shukitis | August 31 |
| Christine Mitchell | August 31 |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARES

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| Jerry & Helen Wolter | August 1 |
| Marshall & Grace Watts | August 4 |
| Quinton & Laure (VanPutte) Williams | August 5 |
| Ken & Sharon Bartter | August 7 |
| Dan & Robin Fox | August 9 |
| Brian & Margaret Jones | August 13 |
| Jeffrey and Laura Kimmel | August 15 |
| 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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Serving in Worship This Summer

Scripture Readers

| | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 7/7 | Nick Adams | Nancy Young |
| 7/14 | Nancy Jones | Sue Zorn |
| 7/21 | Rich Keller | Kathy Peck |
| 7/28 | David Rogenmoser | Bobbie Eckert |
| 8/4 | Combined 10:30 AM service: Reader TBA | |
| 8/11 | Sharon Bartter | Brian Winter |
| 8/18 | Kathy Bernardi | Ron Durbin |
| 8/25 | Mary Sims | Sue Zorn |



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Now, they are not "all" this way, and not "all" the time, but for the most part, the nature of a 3-year old is to always be welcoming, to everyone, to always be compassionate, and to always trust without fear. When it comes to our relationships, with Christ and other people, it's time to "Un-Grow Up!"

Sharon Bartter



July 2019

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (3/4) 7:00 pm Sm. Group (Winter) (P) | 2 1:00 pm Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) | 3 12:00 pm Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | 4  shutterstock - 136152794 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:00-8:30 AM Prayer Meeting (P) 8:15 AM ACWT (S) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 12:15 PM Adult Sunday School (P) 12:15 PM African Worship (S) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 3:15 PM Hispanic Kids Worship (3/4) | 8 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (3/4) | 9 1:00 pm Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 pm Trustees (O) 7:00 pm Sm. Grp (DeVincents) (P) | 10 6:00 pm Bible Study (Winter) (P) 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | 11 1:30 pm Reading Circle (L) | 12 | 13 |
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| 21 8:00-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 8:30 AM ACWT (S) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 12:15 PM Counting (O) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 3:15 PM Hispanic Worship Kids (3/4) | 22 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (3/4) | 23 Basketball Camp 9:30 - 11:30 am | 24 6:00 pm Bible Study (Winter) (P) 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | 25 7:00 pm SPRC (3/4) | 26 | 27 4:00-6:00 PM 6th Annv. Community Dinner (Ide, K) |
| 28 8:00-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 8:15 AM ACWT (S) 9:00 AM VBS Workday (FH) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 10:30 AM Choir (Ide) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 12:15 PM Counting (O) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 3:15 PM Hispanic Worship Kids (3/4) | 29 6:30 pm Girl Scouts (3/4) | 30 Youth Grp to Kingdom Bound Day 1:00 pm Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) | 31 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | | ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4) Saturday 9:00 AM (2) | AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily 7:30 AM (FH) Sunday 7:30 PM (FH) Monday 7:30 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM |



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| 4 Aldersgate Gathering 8:00-8:30 AM Prayer Meeting (P) 8:15 AM ACWT (S) 9:00 AM VBS Workday (FH) 10:30 AM Combined Worship (S) 12:00 PM Summer Gathering (Ide,K) 12:15 PM Counting (O) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 3:15 PM Hispanic Kids Worship (3/4) | 5 | 6 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) | 7 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | 8 7:00 PM Finance (4) 6-9 pm Craft Day set up (Ide, K) | 9 | 10 9:00 AM VBS Workday (FH) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Craft Workshop Friday 12:30—9pm (Ide, K) </div> Saturday 9am-9pm (Ide, K) |
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| 18 8:00-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 8:15 AM ACWT (S) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (S) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3/4, 7) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (S) 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 12:15 PM Counting (O) 2:00 PM African Worship (S) 3:00 PM Hispanic Worship (C) 3:15 PM Hispanic Worship Kids (3/4) | 19 | 20 1:00 pm Sm. Group (Coburn) (2) 6:00 PM Trustees (O) 7:00 pm Sm. Grp (De/Vincentis) (P) | 21 6:00 pm Bible Study (Winter) (P) 7:00 pm Hispanic membership class (2) 7:00 pm Hispanic Kids (7) | 22 7:00 PM Ch. Council (3/4) | 23 | 24 |
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