

Aldersgate Hinge

May 2020



From the Pastor

Grace and Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

Christ is risen. What good news! Especially in such a time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

You are in my prayers. I pray that God may keep you safe and protect you with His almighty power from all dangers, especially from Coronavirus.

I believe that God will break the tomb of Coronavirus and raise us from it. One day, one day we will gather together in the sanctuary and sing aloud the hymn of Resurrection:

God raised us! God raised us!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Yes! The day will be coming. As I envision this gathering, I am already overwhelmed with the love of God who has walked and is walking along with us in these difficult times, and will be walking along with us until he will take us to the future that God has prepared for us. As I envision this gathering of praising God with joy and thanksgiving, my heart is elated with joy and hope, which gives enough strength to go through these difficult times.

In his letter Peter said, "Cast all your anxiety on him (God)." – 1 Peter 5:7

How can we do that? "Because God cares for you," Peter said.

God cares for you. How do we know? How can we not know? He showed how much he cares for us when he sacrificed his only Son for us.

Let us put our trust in God. God cares for us. Let us cast all our anxiety on God. God cares for us. God who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us also from the grave of Coronavirus.

In the Love of Christ, the Lord of Resurrection,

Pastor Sung Ho

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Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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Aldersgate Ministry During the Corona Pandemic

Our church building is closed for gatherings during the Coronavirus Pandemic, but ministry is not closed. Ministries are being carried out in new ways. I am so amazed and feel blessed with faith, passion, dedication, commitment, faithfulness and creativity of the people of Aldersgate Church. I would like to take an opportunity to share what is going on in Aldersgate Church during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Worship Service

Aldersgate Church has been doing weekly worship online using Aldersgate Facebook. Every Sunday morning, a worship video is posted on the church Facebook at 8am. The link to the worship video is posted on the church website, www.aumcgreece.org on Sunday morning. The link is also shared through church email.

Our music staff has been absolutely amazing. With their faith, gifts and commitment, they bring wonderful online worship to the Aldersgate congregation. I am also thankful to all worship participants for Scripture reading, prayers, special music. My special thanks go to our children/youths for their "Christ is risen" videos. They were awesome.

The online worship services have been viewed by 600-800 people each week before Easter. The Easter service has been viewed by more than 1,000 people and visited by more than 1,300 people. We are reaching out to many people. I encourage you to share the worship video with your Facebook friends.

Sermon Script

Sermon script is sent to church members by email on Sunday morning. For those who do not do emails, copies of the sermon script are mailed. If you don't get the sermon script by either email or mail and if you want to receive it, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Care

Pastor and the church office reach out to church members, especially the ones who need pastoral care and the ones who are isolated, by phone call or email. We have not done much so far because worship ministry and some essential tasks have been the major areas of ministry. Knowing the importance of communication and keeping relationships among church family members, we will put more effort on this ministry.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer ministry has been an important ministry in these challenging times. Many people are sharing their prayer concerns and the members of the Prayer Chain are praying with and for them. If you have prayer requests, send them to the church office by phone call (585-663-3665) or email (ebills@aumcgreece.org). If you want to join the prayer group, contact the church office.

Visitation Ministry

Our team for shut-ins ministry continues to provide ministry by making phone calls and sending cards.

Youth/Children's Ministry

Rhonda Simonelli and Brian Winter continue to have programs for youth and children. They meet in the virtual class using Zoom.

Small Groups and Church Meetings

Small groups continue to meet, using Zoom. Committees and ministry teams also meet by video conferencing.

A new fellowship group has been developed. They meet on Wednesdays at 7pm. It is a social gathering. Anyone can join anytime. There is no agenda. The information on how to join the gathering is found in the Mid-Week E-mail News.

If you want to use Zoom for any church gathering, please contact the church office for more information.

Mid-Week E-mail Church News

Mid-Week E-mail Church News is emailed every week. It includes the prayer list, church events and activities and announcements.

Finance Ministry

The financial giving and support for the church has been great during the pandemic. Thank you so much for your faithful giving with tithes and offerings to God and the ministry of Aldersgate Church. Let us continue to support our church. Please send your tithes and offerings to the church.

New Ministries

The pandemic situation has led us to see the world and the ministry of the church from new perspectives and to do ministry in new ways. We are still learning, which will help us to do ministries in new ways even after we go back to the life before the pandemic.

Pastor Sung Ho

Benevolence Update

Native American Ministries Sunday, May 3

Native American Ministries 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 American 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 includes both April 26th and May 3rd. As you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation in April or May, being sure to include a notation for "Native American Ministries Sunday."

Thank you in advance for your generous support.



Aldersgate Is One of the Elite

Over the year our United Methodist Church celebrates six Sundays when a special offering is taken. In 2019 there were 75 churches from our Upper New York Conference of 865 local churches that contributed to all six offerings. **Aldersgate made the list!** Your generosity supported Human Relations Day, UMCOR Sunday, Native American Ministries Sunday, Peace With Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday and United Methodist Student Day.

When we give on Special Sundays, we enable vital ministries that change the world, one life at a time. Feel free to talk to me if you have any questions. Yes, we are on our way to making this list again in 2020!

Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer

What is Second Mile Giving?

We all know that donations are received for the General support of our Aldersgate budget. We support our Building Fund to pay down our mortgage, too. There is also a third category of giving - our Benevolence support - or Second Mile Giving. This table lists the mission accounts, the total payments sent and total donations received this year for January through March. If you have any questions, please contact me at jan_rothfuss@hotmail.com

2020 Benevolence Second Mile Giving

ACCOUNT	Quarter 1	
	Payments	Donations
African Ministry Acct	\$ 5,300.00	
African School Sponsorship	\$ 8,056.00	\$ 5,095.02
African Ministry Widows Project	\$ 300.00	\$ 20.00
African Land Purchase	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20.00
Apportionments/Ministry Shares	\$ 2,446.00	\$ 2,244.22
Comfort Fund & Special Occasions	\$ 147.71	\$ 525.00
Community Dinner	\$ 689.82	\$ 730.25
Elim Fellowship - Farrokh	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Good Samaritan	\$ 230.00	\$ 190.00
Greece Food Shelf	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00
Human Relations	\$ 220.75	\$ 220.75
Our Daily Bread	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00
St. Andrews	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
UMCOR Disaster Relief	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
UMCOR Sunday Offering	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
White Gifts	\$ 21.46	
TOTAL	\$ 24,294.74	\$ 10,918.24

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:

Bernice Bird, Ellie Cook, Jennifer & Shaylee Crandall, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Ron Durbin, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Carolyn Gilson, Becky Hess, Dick Keegan, Tim Kephart, Ray LaFlair, Ruth Loomis, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe & Michelle Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Larry Scrivens, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Michael Thompson, Doug Unell, Hal Wagner, Scott Wiley, Zeh family

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Al & Maria Alvarez (Casandra Blanchette), Dan Barnhard (Kimberly Lindenau), Terri Brown, Amy & Halo (Laura Kimmel), John Adamski (Betty Judd), Quinn Aldridge (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Carol Price Barden (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Eleanor Barry (Natasha Cartens), Dawn Bayce (Sue & Ron Rozinski), (Christine, Claudia, Mark (Kathy Bernardi), Gretchen (Nancy Brehm), Terri Brown (Annette Thompson), Bonnie Bush (Bobbi Mohrmann), Mother (Mike Campanelli), Amy Carey (Sabrina McLeod & Gretta Schaefer), Tosh Carstens (Annette Thompson), Casey, Kris (Kathy Peck), Lou DeVelder, Andrew (Lisa Deutsch), Norma (Mark DeVincentis), Mom (Carol DeCann), Ethan, Zorine (Bobbie Eckert), Norm (Bette Edgett), Cathy (Roger Forbes), Jennifer Gleber (Sue & Ron Rozinski), Eileen Harloff (Wendy Dunn), Rich & Eileen Hartman (Nan Keller), Katie & Jake (Doug Hess), Nathan & family, Jordan (Deb Hamel-Russo), Helen (Doug Hess), David Herrmann (Sue Rozinski), Lois Hickey (Annette Thompson), Jessie (Adam Pfund), daughter and grandson (Nancy Jones), Helen & Bob (Nancy Jones), Kathy Kalwicki (Melody Zielinski), Kevin, Lily (Gloria & Rick Baker), Jennifer Larsen, Liz, Joanne (Gretta Schaefer & Sabrina McLeod), Frank Gallagher (Kimberly Lindenau), Marita Jones & family (Nancy Jones), Brother-in-law & Eileen (Nan Keller), Lonnie, Trina, Fonda (Deborah Whitt), Deb Lindenau (Eric Lindenau), Stephen (Sylvia Lynch), April Lusk, Kristen (Laurie Ruell), Bert Manecio, Mark (Brenda Donovan), Joe Martorella (AnnaMarie Simm), Maxine (Sharon Bartter), Matt & Judy (Candy Metzger), Sheila McLeod, Mom & Dad (Sabrina McLeod), Phillip Mead (Bobbi Mohrmann), Michelle (Bobbie Eckert), Stacey Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Nancy (Lisa

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.



Deutsch), Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), Kelly Naylor (Debbie & John Simm), Norah (Jan Rothfuss), Patty (Sue Galligan), Randy Patzwald (Debbie & John Simm), Laurie Peacock (Sue Spicer), Cooper Petrone (Sabrina McLeod), Phoebe (Deborah Whitt), Maria (Shawna Poling), Jeanee Poling (Shawna Poling), David (Cindy Purzycki), Daughter (The Ridleys), Butch Riemer (Karen Rice), Carol Ritter (Sue Zorn), Polly Roberts (Bette Edgett), Nico (Dennis & Anna Simm), Rhonda's husband (Mary Sims), Kim, Ray (Dave Rogenmoser), Christian Ruell (Laurie Ruell), Kathy & Scott (Sue Rozinski), Paula (Tim Rolfe), Elora (Mike & Deb Russo), Brittany Sauers (Gloria Baker), Martha Simmons (Deborah Whitt), Monica & Brook (Mary Sims), Susan Tuck Rooksby, Sam Ruzick (Dave Jones), Ricki Schaefer (Bobbi Mohrmann), Judy Smith (Carla Starr), Sylvania (Maria Stanley), Adam (Anna Simm), Wally (Kathy Start), Strothmann family (Karen Sladden & Sue Galligan), Abby (Louretta Teasdale), Marcie (Laurie VanAllen), Marilyn Thomas (Deborah Whitt), Sue VanderTang (Nancy Jones), Wilma, Lonnie, David (Deborah Whitt), Tom (Alma Harmer), Kathy (Gloria Baker), Ted & Barb Way (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Wally (Kathy Start), Mom (Annette Thompson), Herb, Roger (Colleen Tyler), Vickie (Doug Unell), Shirley Webber (Annette Thompson), Dad (Kaori Winter), Tom Yager (Sue Galligan), Jeannette, Daughter, Harmonni (Steve Zeh), Alicia (Sue Zorn)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Barb Condon – Cherry Ridge; Jane Coonan – Mill Landing; Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Pat Holmes – Legacy Cranberry Landing; Len Mack – Hurlbut Nursing Home; Donna Rice – Mill Landing; Elaine Sampson – Hilton East; Martha Thomson – Hamilton Manor

Christian Sympathy: To Annette Thompson, whose beloved Aunt Flora ("Pete") Garmin passed away.

Former Aldersgate member Cleida Galligan, mother of Karen Sladden and Susan Galligan, passed away on April 25 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

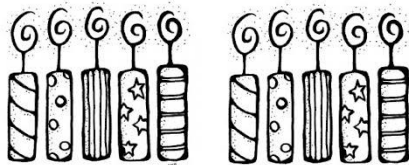
Birthdays & Anniversaries

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Baker	May 1
Jerry Sisson	May 4
Tracy Maggio	May 8
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8
Karen Best	May 9
Carol Kress	May 10
Brandon Troiano	May 10
Suzanne Unell	May 10
Ron Durbin	May 11
Brian DeCann	May 12
Cori Loudon	May 13
Debbie Lenau	May 15
Renee Tibbles	May 15
Brenda Ruell	May 18
Beverly Johnson	May 19
Sammy Maggio	May 19
Andrew Rice	May 20
Nancy Bailey	May 24
Barb Condon	May 24
Chase Tyler	May 27
Naomi Moss	May 28
Evelyn Troiano	May 29
Sam Maggio	May 30
Donna Rice	May 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Debra & John Simm	May 2
Eric & Stephanie Bock	May 5
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Tim & Paula Rolf	May 13
Eric & Sara McHugh	May 30
Roger & Patricia Forbes	May 30
Richard & Marisue Caupp	May 31



The Trustees' Corner

Who would imagine that COVID-19 would cause us NOT to use our beautiful church to congregate, socialize and celebrate the word of God. I can only speak for myself but as a Trustee I am at a loss to not have the activity and love of people in the building I care for. With patience, this time will pass and we will all be together in God's House.

The Trustees do still meet and are aware of needs. Please let us know if you happen to be there and notice something. Jean Paul is currently not employed due to lack of work, so again, if you are at the church and notice a need, please consider taking care of it — wiping, vacuuming etc. Jean Paul will return when the building is back in use.

We plan to have a May 16 Spring cleaning day from 9 am-2 pm. We ask that people continue to do the social distancing while working around the building and yard. If you are not able to make that day or choose to do some work alone — there is a lot of raking and cleaning out of flower bed areas to be done. The church has rakes and lawn paper bags that can be used — reach out to Adam Pfund if you need them.

We continue to need security checkers. Each evening someone walks through the building to ensure it is safe and secure. Typically it might be turning off a light or closing a window, but once in awhile an item is caught that if left unseen could cause mechanical problem! See Colleen Tyler for Details!

Van Drivers are also needed. Would you be willing to drive the van, or even your car, to pick up folks that have no way to get to church —when we open back up, of course? People will be very anxious to attend after not attending for so long. Please see the Van Coordinator, for details for the 9:30 and 11 am services - the Coordinator is Erin Pfund!

We continue to wait to hear about a grant that was submitted to cover the cost of new thermostats and additional facility repairs. We should hear something by the end of June! Please pray we are awarded these funds.

Thank you for your continued financial support during this COVID time — we are able to pay our bills like RGE, lawn mowing, and fire and county inspections on time due to your ongoing financial support. Even if we don't use the facility, the bills still come in!

Be safe and healthy, and until we see each other face to face —

Respectfully — The Trustees

Youth activities

Catching Up

Easter this year was a little unique, not being able to visit our family in person but instead catching up with others over the phone and online. We were blessed to communicate to several people over the course of the week as well as the youth and their families. I was also incredibly happy to see so many of the kids and youth through Zoom this Easter Sunday. We were also happy to know some of the youth have been involved in helping and doing things for others in this trying time.

Many of us were disappointed with the cancellation of Flower City Work Camp, which would have been held the week of Palm Sunday. It wasn't much of a surprise, but sad nonetheless. Yet as Palm Sunday approached, the FCWC team decided to live stream the worship events that would have normally taken place after the completion of the day's work. This also provided the opportunity for some of the youth who have been unable to attend in recent years to be able to join in a bit of the FCWC experience. In addition, Kingdom Bound held a series of concerts on Facebook live over the week, so it was a blessing that our youth had an opportunity to take part in them.

We are also looking forward to having our youth perform with their gifts for the online Sunday morning messages. We were blessed to see them taking part in the online service, proclaiming "Christ is risen" with joy and even displaying some of their talents. Last night (the 16th) we were blessed to hear Molly singing "In the Garden," which is for the upcoming service on Sunday (most of you will have seen it by the time you read this). There is so much talent in the group, and we know that will be a blessing to everyone.

It is a challenging time, and many of us are learning new ways to do things and communicate. This can be both frustrating and rewarding, but God is there to give us help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). In all that is happening, we pray for a greater spiritual awareness and awakening in our country. *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."* – Romans 8:28 (NKJV)
Amen!

4th – 7th Grade
Youth
CONNECTIONS

2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:00pm-8:30pm



Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group's bottle and can drive! Please keep them coming!



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Church Events & Opportunities

CROP Walk Rescheduled for Sept. 27

CROP Hunger Walk has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 27th here at Aldersgate UMC. If social distancing is still recommended at that time, we will have a "Walk in Spirit" Fundraiser instead. **JOIN OUR ALDERSGATE UMC GREECE CROP WALK TEAM!** Please see Rhonda Simonelli for more information.

May Scripture Readers

5/3 Nancy Young

5/10 Sue Zorn

5/17 Carin Gantner

5/24 Denise Hogestyn

5/31 Brian Winter

June Hinge Deadline

ALL items for the **June Hinge** are due by **May 15**.

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

United Methodist Women



Since we do not know if we will be able to meet in May, the following meetings/events are cancelled. Some may be rescheduled at a later date:

Reading Circle – May 7th – Book Review Luncheon

Mother/Daughter/Friends Dinner – May 9

Sew n' Sew's – May 11

Morning Circle – May 19th lunch

Our **Arts & Craft Show** will be on **September 18 & 19, 2020**. We will no longer have collectibles at this sale. Brochure/Applications will go out sometime during the week of April 13th. If you do not receive an Application and would like one, contact Candy Metzger at cmetzger-5336@gmail.com.

The annual **Rummage Sale** has been rescheduled for **October 8-10**. It will run from 10 AM – 7 PM on Oct. 8 & 9 and from 10 AM – 4 PM on Oct. 10, with a Bag Sale from 1-4. We will collect items from September 18-October 6 in the Ide Center.

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Children's Ministry

Online Sunday School Classes

Join Us for Zoom Sunday school class for children & youth, which meets at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings. All children/youth are invited to attend. Please contact Rhonda Simonelli rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or Brian Winter bwinter@aumcgreece.org for more information.



*First Zoom
Sunday School
Class*



SAVE THE DATE!

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

We hope to hold this summer's VBS, **ROCKY RAILWAY** (Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through), on August 10-14th.

Please let Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter know if you are interested in joining our crew this summer.