

Aldersgate Hinge

July/August 2020



From the Pastor

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Back to Church

We will be back to church in August. We will reopen the church. It is not really "reopening" because our church has never been closed. It was the doors and the building that were closed. Worship service, Sunday School, prayer ministry, small groups, caring ministry, outreach ministries and committee meetings have never been stopped. Thank you so much for being so active in ministry in these difficult times.

So it is not really reopening. I would say it is relaunching — doing the same thing in new ways, in different ways. As we resume worship service in-person, we will do worship service in ways different from the way we did before the Corona-virus pandemic — wearing masks, social distancing and so on. Our hope is to go back to the old normal. But we don't know when. We may not be able to return to the old normal. But don't be disappointed.

I hope you remember the promise that came from God to prophet Isaiah.

"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19

What an exciting news! God is about to do a new thing for Aldersgate Church. I want to know what God has for us in His mind? It must be a very exciting plan. I want to be a part of His vision. How about you? I hope you are very excited as well about His plan for us. I hope you also want to join God in doing great things for Aldersgate Church.

We must be open to God for our future. What we see now is only a part of His plan. As we move forward, we may be able to see more clearly for the next steps. God may lead us into a new territory that we have never been to. We must have faith that has the power to move us beyond comfort zones. You know this is our theme for this year - Move beyond Comfort Zones.

But I also want to remind you of our situation with the Coronavirus pandemic. As we relaunch our ministry in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, safety is more important than anything else. So we must keep a good balance between safety and moving forward beyond comfort zones.

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Thank you so much for all you have done for Aldersgate Church and its ministry.

God is doing a new thing. Let us join God in doing a new thing for Aldersgate. Let us move forward. God will be with us and lead us.

I am looking forward to seeing you and worshipping with you in person in our beautiful sanctuary, the home of our faith soon. We will also continue to have our worship service available online.

Pastor Sung Ho

Blessings to Hispanic Faith Community

The Hispanic Faith Community has moved to Greece United Methodist Church to continue their ministry in a new partnership with Greece UMC beginning July 1, 2020. They have done wonderful ministry at Aldersgate United Methodist Church for 8 years and they have been a wonderful blessing. Let us continue to pray for Pastor Hector Rivera and our brothers and sisters in Christ and their ministry.



Survey Update from Aldersgate's Re-Launch/Re-Opening Task Force

Thank you to all who participated in our recent church survey! The Task Force received information which has been very helpful as plans are made to bring everyone back to church safely.

Just a few highlights from the survey which may be interesting to you:

- ◇ A total of 189 surveys were mailed out and 87 surveys were returned. Thirty eight (38) surveys were received from folks who indicate they attend the 9:30am service and forty nine (49) surveys were received from folks who say they regularly attend the 11:00am service.
- ◇ These surveys represent approximately 166 people.
- ◇ Of all respondents, only 9 people indicated they had been tested for Covid 19, and none tested positive.
- ◇ Sixty two (62) of the 166 respondents indicated they consider themselves in a vulnerable population.
- ◇ Over half of the 166 respondents indicated they would feel comfortable returning to church once any stay-at-home orders (observing CDC and NYS guidelines) are lifted.
- ◇ Sixty three (63) percent of respondents ranked the following as "Very Important" or "Important":
 - Socially distanced seating,
 - Greeters not shaking hands,
 - Sanitizer available,
 - Masks required, and
 - Communion not offered in the typical fashion
- ◇ Seventy seven (77) percent of respondents agree that different aspects of our worship service may need to be phased in. (Communion, Singing, Children's Time, Collection of offering)
- ◇ Eighty one (81) percent of respondents indicated they would like to see the option of online worship continue, even after in-sanctuary worship has resumed
- ◇ To the question "if you have worshipped online during the past months what has been your experience", eighty five (85) percent of respondents stated Aldersgate's online worship "Exceeded or Met" their expectations. Thirteen (13) percent of respondents indicated they had not worshipped online.

Church Re-Opening Plan — Page 1

To our Brothers and Sisters of Aldersgate United Methodist Church,

It is with great joy that we announce our plan to restart in-person Worship services on Sunday, August 2, 2020. We are proceeding with utmost caution and firmly within the guidelines from both the State of New York and the UNY Conference.

John Wesley stressed both the centrality of community in the life of the church but also established 'do no harm' as a primary practice of faithful living. We seek to balance these two values as we plan to resume in-person gatherings for worship, education, fellowship, leadership and community outreach.

We will be taking a phased approach to opening our church with the first phase of resuming limited in-person Worship. Plans are also being made for when potentially other practices vital to our church and community will be able to be resumed.

Please read carefully the following information and guidelines that have been established so you know what to expect for Sunday services.

- We will hold one Worship service from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 2, in the Sanctuary. The African community will hold their service from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The 10:00 service will be streamed live on Facebook as well as taped and posted on Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

If you are included in the at-risk population, are immunocompromised, cannot wear a mask for extended periods, work in essential services such as health care or skilled nursing facilities, or do not feel comfortable attending in-person, please continue to shelter in place and engage with the online service at this time.

- Please plan on arriving no earlier than 15 minutes before the services starts. Wait in your car until you see the doors to the church open. Maintain a distance of 6 feet from other families as you enter the church. If you cannot maintain that distance, then please put on your mask in the parking lot.

- Just before entering the church you will see a sign that poses the 3 COVID-19 questions. If you answer 'Yes' to any of these questions, we lovingly ask that you not enter the church and worship online from home.

In the past 14 days have you:

♦ **Tested Positive for COVID-19?**

♦ **Had COVID-19 symptoms?**

♦ **Had close contact with someone with COVID-19?**

- Wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth will be mandatory to enter the church and must continue to be worn the entire time you are in the building, as well as any other time you cannot maintain a distance of 6 feet from others.
- There will be hand sanitizer available as you enter the church, and we ask that you sanitize your hands as you enter, and again as you leave the church.
- We need to keep track of everyone who attends, for potential tracing purposes. Please give your name to the Greeter so they can check your attendance on the log.
- The Nursery will not be open, and there will be no in-person Sunday school for children or adults. Children over the age of 2 will need to wear a mask and must stay with their families at all times.
- If you have any God sightings, Joys or Prayer requests, you can email them to Pastor Lee prior to each week's service, or there will be someone at the Welcome table with a card you can fill out. These will be handed to Pastor Lee prior to the service.
- An usher will guide you and your family to an appropriate seat in the Sanctuary. Families will be seated together, and we will maintain a distance of 6 feet apart. This means that most likely you will not be able to sit in your regular spot. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility.
- Masks that cover your nose and mouth must be worn during the entire service.
- While there will be appropriate worshipful music, any soloists or readers will be wearing face shields and will be at least 6 feet from anyone else. We know that this is heartbreaking, but the risk of spreading COVID-19 from singing is very high. You may hum along to any songs or hymns, but we will not have any congregational singing at this time.

Church Re-Opening Plan — Page 2

- The Quiet room will be available with a chair and a changing table if it's needed. Sanitizing wipes will be available and will need to be used to wipe down what you use.
- The Family Bathroom that is next to the Nursery will be available for use during or after the service.
- There will be no bulletins printed at this time. The order of the service will be displayed on the projection screens so you can follow.
- We will not be passing the offering basket. There will be an Offering Basket located at the back of the Sanctuary by the entrance/exit to put your offering.

We encourage Online giving, either by credit card, automatic bank transfer, or EFT. Please contact Jan Winter at 943-7353 for help in setting up one of these options.

- There will be no food or beverages provided before or after service, and we are sorry, but no socializing after service will be allowed in the building.
- Ushers will release each row one at a time at the end of the service to allow for every family to exit the church and maintain a distance of 6 feet apart.

Significant measures have been taken to clean and sanitize the areas we will be using initially.

- We have purchased a mist sanitizing machine that will be used to clean all the surfaces in the Gathering Space, Sanctuary, Family bathroom, and Quiet Room. These areas, and the Office are currently the only areas open to anyone in the church.
- These areas will be cleaned and sanitized after each service.
- All other areas of the church will be closed for now.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and will be encouraged to be used.
- All hymnals, Bibles, pens, envelopes, etc. have been removed from the chair pockets.

Please know that we realize and have considered how difficult this is and how awkward it may feel. The good news is that this won't last forever, and that God is with us every step of the way, as we all work to ensure the health and safety of everyone who enters our doors.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't have a mask?

Let the Greeter know, and one will be provided to you.

What if I don't want to or can't wear a mask over my nose and mouth?

Then we lovingly ask you to continue to worship from home online.

What is coming in the next phase?

Provided the spread of the virus continues to be low or continues to reduce, we are planning on adding Children's time, Acolytes and Communion on Aug 16th. For Communion we are ordering single packets for the elements that will be passed out to each person.

When will we go back to two services?

Right now, we are planning for this to happen on September 13, along with the African community starting to use the Chapel, Children and Youth in-person Sunday school, and the Nursery open to children. Further communication will be coming as we are able to firm up these plans or need to push them out.

What about meetings in the church?

For the rest of 2020 and most likely into 2021, all church meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. The effort to clean and sanitize any area that has been used is huge, so we need to minimize that as much as we can. We have been very successful meeting via Zoom and can continue to do so.

What about the Community Dinner?

Current plans are to have the first Take-Out Community Dinner on the last Saturday in August. This event will need to continue to be Take Out until we have guidance that large indoor gatherings are safe.

I assume that is true also for Church events, dinners, and other activities.

Yes, we will not be planning anything at least until sometime in 2021.

I have another question.....

For other questions, please reach out to a member of the Re-opening Task Force: Pastor Lee, Sue Zorn, Bobbi Mohrmann, Mark DeVincentis, Susan DeVincentis, Dave Rogenmoser, Adam Pfund, Rhonda Simonelli, Jim Cobia, Jan Rothfuss or Kathy Peck

Church Events & Opportunities

An Opportunity to
Remember or Honor Someone Special
with a donation to our Microphone and Live Streaming Project

Even though we will be returning to church to worship in August, we realize that many will not be ready to return until later. We are in the process of purchasing and upgrading some equipment and microphones that will help us continue to live stream the service so that those at home or away can still see our services. The new microphones included in this purchase will be used for the in-church services also. They are a necessary upgrade. We are looking for donations in Honor or in Memory of a loved one or someone special to you. The list will be published in the next Hinge and via church mailings. Those named will also be honored on All Saints Day. This is a Golden Opportunity to expand our ministries beyond the church.

I want to donate to this project. Enclosed is my check – *payable to Aldersgate* – for this project.

In memory of _____

or

In honor of _____

Relationship to you: _____

Given by: _____

Amount enclosed - \$ _____
(amounts will not be published)

Phone _____

Mail to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4115 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14612. Thanks for your support for this project!

Volunteers Needed for In-Church Sunday Services

In order to hold services at the church, we are in need of several volunteers each Sunday morning. It is essential to have people to take care of all of these areas, in order to have a safe, healthy environment, and to cover all of the requirements of New York State, and the Church Conference:

- Someone to take prayer request at the Prayer Request table in the sanctuary
- Someone at the check-in desk to keep records of who has been in the building

- 2-4 Ushers
- 1 Greeter
- Someone in the Gathering Space to ensure things are going well, monitor hand sanitizers, and clean the bathroom if needed

If you would be willing to volunteer to help in any of these places, please send an email to davidrogenmoser@gmail.com. Please leave your name and contact information. There will be a short training before we re-open, so that everyone knows exactly what they have to do.

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, Dick Edgett, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Carolyn Gilson, Judy Hare, Becky Hess, Dick Keegan, Tim Kephart, Ray LaFlair, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Sue Rozinski, Larry Scrivens, Betty Smith, David Stanley, Michael Thompson, Doug Unell, Hal Wagner, Helen Wolter, Terry Young, Zeh family

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: John Adamski, Patti (Betty Judd), Quinn Aldridge, Carol Price Barden, Eileen Harloff, Stacey Miller, Ted Way (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Mother (Jackie Akins), Barb, Eleanor McNeil (Nancy Bailey), Marie Kellerson, Anthony Terry, Eleanor & Jim, Kathy (Gloria Baker), Brad (Sharon Bartter), Christine, Claudia, Mark (Kathy Bernardi), Denise, Maria, Son-in-law's father (Bernice Bird), Casey, Kris, Bob (Kathy Peck), Andrew (Lisa Deutsch), Doug (Sandi Norris), Logan, Norma (Mark DeVincentis), Mom (Carol DeCann), Ethan, Zorine, Michelle (Bobbie Eckert), Mercedes (Chitie Edgett), Emma Elias (Jim & Nancy Bailey), Norm, Joanne (Bette Edgett), Sam & Karen Freedman (Jan Winter), Cathy (Roger Forbes), Gretchen (Nancy Brehm), Tina Giancuriso (Lisa Deutsch), Richard Hartman (Nan Keller), Briody and Ryan families, Katie & Jake (Doug Hess), Nathan & family, Jordan, Declan (Deb Hamel-Russo), daughter & grandson (Nancy Jones), Helen & Bob (Nancy Jones), Kevin, Lily (Gloria & Rick Baker), Marita Jones & family (Nancy Jones), Brother-in-law & Eileen (Nan Keller), Kaelin (MaryAnn Lyons), Shirley MacMillan (Lorrie Durbin), Rich & Barb (Candy Metzger), Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann), David (Cindy Purzycki), Shannon Luce, Daughter, Ray Burgess (The Ridleys), Butch Riemer (Karen Rice), Carole, Maureen Weber (Dave Rogenmoser), Christian Ruell (Laurie Ruell), Paula & Tim Rolfe, Elora, Rick (Mike & Deb Russo), Brittany Sauers (Gloria Baker), Susan Tuck Rooksby, Ricki Schaefer (Bobbi Mohrmann), Chris Sherry (Eric & Kimberly Lindenau), Eleanor & Don, Lorie & Sarah (Marilyn Sobus), MaryLea (Maria Stanley), Abby (Louretta Teasdale), Shirley Webber (Annette Thompson),

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.



Uncle (Kaori Winter), Jeannette, Daughter, Harmonni, Barbara (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 Home; Beverly Johnson - Maplewood Nursing Home; Donna Rice – Mill Landing; Elaine Sampson – Hilton East; Martha Thomson – Hamilton Manor

Dick Keegan's – new address:

Cobbs Hill Manor, Rm 258, 1175 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14620

Beverly Johnson moved to Maplewood Nursing Home: 100 Daniel Dr, Webster, NY 14580

Christian Sympathies to:

Lorrie Durbin — her step-brother passed away on Memorial Day and her Aunt Shirley MacMillan passed away in June.

Family of **Ruth Loomis** — Ruth passed away May 26.

Kaori & Brian Winter — Kaori's Dad passed away May 29th.

Sanjay & Deepa Samuel — his Aunt Hemalata Yesudas died June 21st in India

Zuni Garcia Simons — her cousin Elvira passed away July 7th.

Pastoral Care

Erin Bills at the church office and I are reaching out to church members by phone or email to check in on them and find out if there is anything that we can help with. Our Visitation Team members also continue to keep in touch remotely. I would like to encourage you to call me. I would be glad to hear from you. Aldersgate friends, I also encourage you to call each other and greet one another with the love of Jesus. Be safe and well.

– Pastor Sung Ho



An Outdoor "Fun in the Sun" event for Children & Youth from Aldersgate UMC

Date: Tues., August 18*

Time: 10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Place: Aldersgate UMC

Backyard Bible Stories, Tie-Dying, Water Balloons, Splatter's Pottery, Scavenger Hunt, Pizza, Freeze Pops and so much more! And it's Free!

For more information: Please contact Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter. More information will follow in an email to parents.

*Rain Date is Wednesday, August 19

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all our graduates! We at Aldersgate wish you the best success in your next big step in life!

High School Graduates

Zachary Farrell graduated from Greece Arcadia High School. He is planning on moving to NC, to his mother's, to start a machinist job.

Mark Luskiewicz graduated from Greece Arcadia High School and will be working at Wegmans on Mount Read. He is taking a gap year and hopes to do a 2 + 2 program with MCC and RIT for computer science in the fall of 2021

Matthew Thompson graduated from Greece Arcadia High School and is going to RIT in the fall.

Elijah Tyler graduated from Greece Arcadia High School. He is heading to MCC in the Fall.



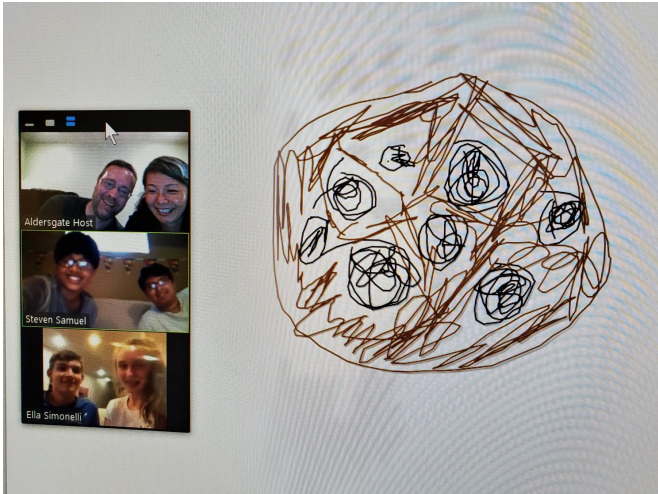
College Graduates

Stephen Carl Edgett graduated from St. John Fisher College with a B.A. Degree in Legal Studies. He was also recognized as the Departmental Scholar. Stephen will be attending the University of Buffalo School of Law beginning in September.

Amanda Farrell graduated from NCCC making Dean's List every quarter with her AAS Degree in Culinary Arts and will attend Buffalo State to earn her bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management.

Jessica Hogestyn received her PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Rochester. She is employed at Sanofi in Framingham, MA. Jessica is the daughter of Jeanne and David Hogestyn and the granddaughter of Jackie Hogestyn.

Youth activities



For the time being, Youth Group is being held every Saturday on Zoom at 7pm.

4th – 7th Grade
Youth
CONNECTIONS

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

Online

A meteor? A wheel of cheese? A meatball? No. It was a *cookie*. Unfortunately this month's round of Zoom Pictionary ended in defeat for me, and victory went to team Ella and Kaori.

It is hard to believe that summer is already here! It's hard to believe so many months have gone by since we've seen everyone, but with the warmer weather and the anticipation of church reopening we are all hopeful of being reunited with everyone again soon.

Earlier this month I watched a music video for Rend Collective's song "Rescuer," and the recording at the beginning of the song has really stuck in my head: "There is so much bad news in the world right now. But no matter what, we have good news. And that good news has a name, and that name is Jesus Christ!" Amen! So when we look at everything going on around us, let's remember the transformative aspect of God's love, and pray to be contagious with *that*.



Thank You!

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



Aldersgate Greece Youth Group

The Trustees' Corner

The Trustees have had a quiet month with our beautiful building being closed. As you may have heard, there is a committee developing a plan for when we relaunch and how we do it. Keep your eyes on Erin's emails and Pastor's announcements.

The parsonage will be getting an upgrade soon – central air conditioning!! Thank you to our donors who felt this was an important project. (Pastor thanks you, too!)

Removing tree stumps on the property and planning for an Eagle project continue to occur! Trustees are always working and planning!

Here are the next four Trustees for you to meet! Thank you for your service to our Church and our Community:

Trustee – Merle Casandra Blanchette

Merle Casandra Blanchette was born on the Island of Antigua, in the Caribbean, and has lived in Rochester for the past 30 years. Besides being a business owner, her formal training has been in banking and many aspects of customer service. She is currently a Real Estate Agent with Howard Hanna, and is also involved in Alternative Health and Wellness. She has enjoyed serving in different capacities over the years, especially her current roles on the community dinner committee and as a Trustee. Cassandra says her role as a trustee "is important to me, as it gives me a voice, and an opportunity to serve and do God's work. From our first visit to Aldersgate, in June 2000, I was impressed by how welcoming and friendly everyone was to my pre-teen son Seth and me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Church for all the programs offered to our school-aged children, and also thank all the members who helped me raise my son into a responsible citizen. Thanks for being our 'Village'."

Trustee – Mark DeVincentis

Mark DeVincentis and Susan, his wife of 40 years, have 4 grown children (Angela, Adam, Betsy and Amy) and 8 grandchildren. Mark worked at Kodak Park for 34 years, Colgate Divinity School for 13 years, and retired during the fall of 2019. Willow, their 5-year old Golden Retriever waits for them at home while they normally attend the AUMC first service. Mark has been attending Aldersgate since 1979 and a member since 1989. When not busy in his new retirement with his grandchildren, golfing, gardening, exercising, and reading, Mark took on the trustee role for the next year to support the church. He thinks the trustee role is important to him for many of the same



reasons his work as a property manager was important to him during his time at Kodak and Colgate. It is said that the church is not the building – it is the people – but proper management of the built environment can help support the mission of God's church.

Trustee – Yvonne Nyinawumwami

Yvonne Nyinawumwami lives with her husband, Moise Byishimo. They have no kids yet, but they will have one soon. Yvonne works as a nurse assistant at Unity hospital but just graduated from Nursing school and was offered an RN job at Unity hospital, so she will start that job pretty soon. Yvonne has been a church member for almost 3 years and attends the African service and other morning services sometimes whenever she gets the chance. Yvonne says, "What makes the trustee role important to me is that I get to represent my service as a member of the church and get to know what is happening around the church and how I can help to solve the problems together."

Trustee – Jeffrey Rust

Jeffrey Rust has been attending and been a member of AUMC for about 2 years! He typically attends the 11 am service. Jeffrey lives with his wife, Evenly, and son, Noah, and works as a Mortgage Counselor at a Not-for-Profit called NACA when not helping the church. In his free time, Jeffrey likes to do some light veggie and flower gardening. He would be interested in learning some tips from more experienced gardeners. Jeffrey feels the trustee role is important to him, "Being a part of a community that gives back and have the ability to make recommendations that can gain traction."

September Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

Serving in Worship in August

Scripture Readers

8/2 - Nancy Young
8/9 - Brian Winter
8/16 - Bobbie Eckert
8/23 - Carin Gantner
8/30 - Jim Jonas



Thank You

The Lord called my father, Takashi, home on May 29th. Thank you for the prayers, scriptures and sweet messages by cards, phone calls, emails and texts after my dad's passing. Please continue to pray for us as we are waiting for God's timing to leave for Japan for his burial and other things left to do.

Sincerely,
Kaori Winter

Anniversaries & Birthdays

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
Doug Hess	July 20
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
Michael & Rhonda Simonelli	July 20

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
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
Diane Kress	August 24
Ellie Cook	August 25
Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Molly Donovan	August 25
Jung Lee	August 26
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
Brian & Kaori Winter	August 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Quinton & Laure (VanPutte) Williams	August 5
Ken & Sharon Bartter	August 7
Eric & Kimberly Lindeau	August 7
Dan & Robin Fox	August 9
Brian & Margaret Jones	August 13
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
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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United Methodist Women

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

It is with regret that we have decided to cancel the Arts and Craft Show originally scheduled for September 18 & 19, 2020.

Thank you to those of you who sent in your applications and checks. They will be returned to you.

Continuing praying for this pandemic to end and stay safe.

United Methodist Women Leadership

GENERAL MEETING: At our UMW General Meeting on **September 24**, we will be putting together the School & Health kits. Start looking for items now and keep them at your house until we can bring them to church.

School Kit Items

- Blunt scissors (Round tips only. No plastic scissors.)
- Box of 24 crayons (Only 24-count boxes are accepted.)
- One-subject notebooks (No marble composition books. No 3 or 5-subject notebooks.)
- Pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 page packets are acceptable. Wide or college rule accepted.)
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners (1-inch or longer)
- Rulers (12 inches long)
- Unsharpened pencils
- Eraser - Two inches or larger
- Two-gallon re-sealable plastic bags

Hygiene Kit Items

- Hand towels (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) (No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels)
- Washcloths
- Combs (Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth. No pocket combs or picks or Rattail.)
- Toenail or fingernail clippers (No emery boards or metal nail files.)
- Bath-size soaps (3 oz. bar or larger) (No Ivory or Jergen's)
- Adult toothbrushes (Do not remove from packaging. Personal advertising not acceptable.)
- Adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)
- One-gallon size re-sealable bags

RUMMAGE SALE: We will be having our Rummage Sale on October 8-10 (3 days this year and longer open hours). It will run from 10 AM – 7 PM on Oct. 8 & 9 and 10 AM – 4 PM on Oct. 10, with a bag sale from 1 – 4 PM.

We will collect items from September 18 – October 6 in the Ide Center.

We can't wait until we can all be together again. But in the meantime, please collect for our School & Hygiene Kits and Rummage Sale items.

KEEP THE FAITH!!

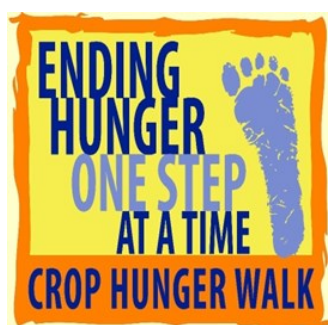
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The 2020 CROP Hunger Walk has been **rescheduled for Sunday, September 27, here at Aldersgate UMC**. The start times will be staggered and follow recommendations of social distancing. Each church will have their own tent spaced at least 6 feet apart outside in the church parking lot. Bring your own water bottle. The walk distance has been shortened due to no restroom stops along the way. You can register online now: **Greece CROP Hunger Walk**. Find our Aldersgate UMC Team. Please email Rhonda Simonelli for questions or more information. If you plan on walking and do not have a t-shirt from last year, please let me know by e-mail or text. If you don't feel comfortable walking outside at that time, you can still sign up and take a "virtual" walk around your house or neighborhood.

Stewardship

Expenses continue every day at the church, whether we are there or not. A huge "Thank You" to everyone who has made pledge payments and other donations during the past four months.

Several options will continue for anyone wishing to send money to the church at this time:

- Write a check to Aldersgate UMC and mail it to the church.
- Direct your bank to send a check to the church using a feature like Bill Pay.
- Request an ongoing or temporary EFT from your bank account to the church.
- Pay by credit card. Call Jan Winter at 943-7353 with your credit card number (do not send the number via email).

We look forward to a time when we can all be together again. In the meantime, this will help us stay current with our bills.