

# Aldersgate Hinge

April 2021

## From the Pastor

### Resurrection — New Life — New Beginning

Spring, April, tulips, daffodils, birds nesting... How do you feel when you hear these words? Me? My heart skips a beat with new energy welling up.

But what really makes me get much more excited than any of these words is "Easter."

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heaven and earth reply, Alleluia!



Christ is risen! When He is risen, we are also raised to a new life!

I believe this year's Easter has a very special meaning for us as we have been buried in the tomb of coronavirus for one year.

Christ is risen! And He raises us also from the tomb of coronavirus to give us a new life.

In this year's Lenten devotional booklet, "Walk Humbly," there is a story about a large blooming plant, which is called "resurrection lily." The owner of the plant said, "I found this 2 years ago when someone had thrown it out with the trash on the side of the road. It was all brown and dead but look at it now!" (*Walk Humbly*, Society of St. Andrew, 2021, p. 26)

The plant was green and white and huge! How did she do it? She said, "I removed all the dead parts, started feeding and watering the roots, and paid a little attention to it every day. Now look at it!"

We are resurrection lilies!

Now it's time to grow us to become resurrection lilies. How? Remove all the dead parts, start feeding and watering the roots, and paying a little attention to it every day.

Would you please join me in singing another great Easter hymn?

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!

Christ is risen. He raises us also to live a new life of "resurrection lily."

Easter Blessings!

*Pastor Sung Ho*



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# Our Ministry of Concern

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## 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:

Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Bobbie Eckert, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Carolyn Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Richard Keegan, Tim Kephart, Bob & Garnet Kovac, Ray LaFlair, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe & Michelle Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Roger & Charlotte Ridley, Paula Rolfe, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Alice Styles, Michael Thompson, Doug Unell, Hal Wagner, Scott Wiley, Bob Winter, Helen Wolter, Jeanette Zeh, and the Caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns.

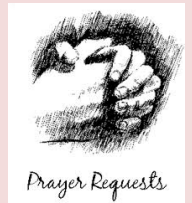
### Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

**Concerns:** Janice Hamilton, Gary & Lolly Beikirch, Heather Tidwell (Nancy Bailey); Dani, Rick, James, Reanna, Jim (Gloria Baker); Alan, Uncle Richard (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen, Mark (Kathy Bernardi); Neighbor (Bernice Bird); Jody's Grandfather (Jerbrel Bowens); daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); Delores Carter, my sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Mike Devlin (Lorraine Christie); Norma (Mark DeVincentis); Hans VanZundert, Quinn Aldridge, Carol Price-Barden, Eileen Harloff, (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Vic (Chitie Edgett); Mary; Zahra (Joyce Farokh); Aaron (Becky Fisher); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook, Roger & me (Patricia Forbes); Michelle's dad; Mike (Dan Hallowell); Friend (Doug & Becky Hess); Sam Ruzick (Rev. David Jones); Noel (Nancy Jones); Paul Haslip (Nan Keller); Barbie Anzalone, Schneider Family (The Lindenau's); Marlene Benson (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann, Susan Tuck Rooksby, Ricki Schaefer (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); Paul Brown (Sandi Norris); Dorothy Pearson (Kathy Pearson); Mom (Matt Pedelty); my family (Wendy Peeck); Lynda Pfund (Erin Pfund); Joe Piper (Michelle Piper); Grandma (Shawna Poling); Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Lynn; (Charlotte Ridley), Sandi; Matt Nary's Dad (David Rogenmoser); Madison Jesmer, Ron Rozinski (Sue Rozinski); Christian Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto, Tammy (Juan Ruiz); Paul (George Shukitis); Tom (Debbie Simm); Jeana's daughter, brother and mother (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Lynn Sabo Guzik

## 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.



(Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle VanAllen, Bill VanAllen (Larry VanAllen); David Whitt (Deborah Whitt); son & his wife, Barbara, Dennis (Steven & Jeanette Zeh)

**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; Dick Keegan – Cobbs Hill Manor; Donna Rice – Mill Landing; Elaine Sampson – Hilton East

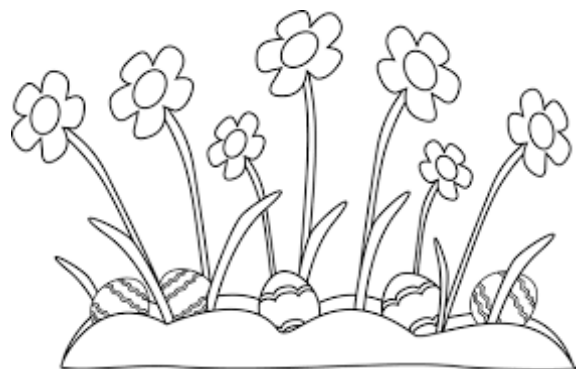
### Our Christian Sympathies go out to:

Sabrina McLeod — her sister, Bridget Sunday, passed away March 3rd

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## Prayer Request at In-person Worship

At this time, we will not pass mics around during Sunday worship. You can fill out a prayer request card in the gathering space before you enter the sanctuary. However, we strongly recommend you send your prayer requests to Pastor Lee at [pastorsungho@aumcgreece.org](mailto:pastorsungho@aumcgreece.org) no later than 5 PM on Saturday. Your prayer request will be shared with the congregation during worship unless you want Pastor Lee to keep it confidential.



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## Church Events & Opportunities

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### Easter Sermon Series – The Power Points of After-Pandemic Life

#### April 4 — Easter

The Power to Rise Again — Mark 16:1-8

#### April 11

The Power to Belong — Acts 4:32-35

#### April 18

Rev. Doug Hess preaching

#### April 25

The Power to Begin Again — Acts 3:1-10

#### May 1

The Power to Make a Difference — Acts 16:22-31

#### May 8

The Power to Do Good — Acts 10:34-38

### Services in the Holy Week (in-person and livestream)

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# Can you help?

### April is Ministry Shares Month!

#### See below for an exciting giving opportunity!

In order to provide our United Methodist Churches with the means to support all levels of mission, both in our area and around the world, each Methodist Church is assigned a portion of the support cost. **Ministry Shares** (formerly known as Apportionments) are to be paid monthly. During the past couple of years, we have been unable to completely fund our share.

This year, our Upper New York Conference office is offering each church an incentive to pay their Ministry Shares in April. If we pay our full amount (\$3,616 monthly amount due) by April 30<sup>th</sup> we will receive a 50% credit towards our May payment (\$1,808).

The Finance and Stewardship Teams want to invite you to participate in this special opportunity. We all have a chance to help! If you can add an extra mile giving to your usual offering and mark it “Ministry Shares,” you can help us reach our goal. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jan Rothfuss, Benevolence Treasurer at Jan\_Rothfuss@hotmail.com.

### 2021 CROP Walk Update:

This year’s walk has been rescheduled for September 2021. More details will follow later this spring. Thanks!



### May 2021 Hinge Deadline

All items for the **May Hinge** are due by **April 15**.

Please send to: [karensladen@hotmail.com](mailto:karensladen@hotmail.com)

# Youth activities

## Looking to the Year Ahead...

It is only a few days before Spring as I'm writing this—winter is ending and warm weather is on the way. Seasons always bring some sort of change, and I am reminded of the scripture in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (NKJV)*

In the same way, there seems to be a growing hope that the season of coronavirus is winding down. As the weather warms, we are also looking forward to getting to work updating the youth room, doing activities outside, etc. and Kingdom Bound will be returning this year on July 25-28. John Simm will be returning to continue his work with the High School Sunday School group on April 11, and we look forward to his return.

With the coming of Spring, we will have new opportunities, and it's been a joy watching the church start to fill up again and see things gradually returning to normal. I look forward to seeing what God will do in 2021!



## 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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Peeck  
Nancy Rex  
Natasha Burdick-Carsten  
Judy Hare  
Bud Kress  
Karin VanPutte  
Doug Unell  
Shawna Poling  
James Christie  
Sue Burdick

April 1  
April 3  
April 4  
April 6  
April 6  
April 6  
April 7  
April 7  
April 11  
April 18

Hal Wagner, Jr.  
Aaron Rothfuss  
Charlotte Ridley  
Kevin Roza  
Helen Wolter  
Kathy Peck  
Julia Kennedy  
Dennis Simm  
Bobbi Mohrmann

April 19  
April 20  
April 21  
April 23  
April 24  
April 24  
April 25  
April 28  
April 30

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

George & Jane Shukitis April 21







## Christian Education

### Easter Sunday — Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Youth

*"I am the Resurrection and the life" John 11:25*

11:00 am (After Worship Service) — We will meet on the side yard in back near parking lot.

Rain, Snow or Shine. Please dress accordingly. All participants must wear a mask and adhere to the safety guidelines. Easter bags will be provided.

### April Sunday School Events

#### April 4, Easter Sunday

We will be making a "He Lives" sticker scene while listening to Crowder, Johnnyswim, and Tori Kelly sing their version of the song, "Because He Lives" during Sunday School.



#### April 11

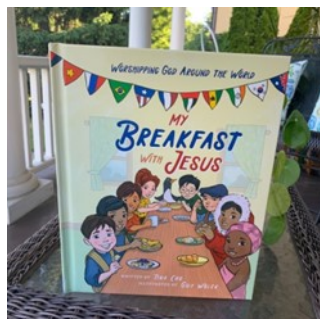
Emmaus — Luke 24:13-35

\*If weather permits, we will go on an outdoor spring walk around the church.



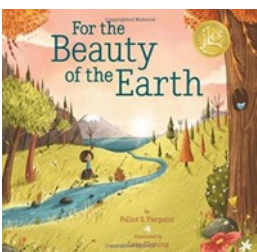
#### April 18

Breakfast at the Sea (Bagels and Bible Breakfast) — John 21:1-14, John 21:15-19



#### April 25

#### For the Beauty of the Earth Day Celebration



We will listen to this beautiful song, making a special heart mosaic garden stone, and creating an interesting "dirt and worms" snack to take home and enjoy. If the weather is nice that day, we will be having Sunday School outside.



### Shamrock Shake Sunday

We enjoyed drinking shamrock shakes from McDonald's, learning the Irish Blessing and St. Patrick prayer, watching a video on St. Patrick, and coloring in a special book about his life as a young boy.



### Upcoming Events in May

Special Mother's Day flowers and Pentecost "Kite" Activities





*The kids had fun making Easter Baskets for the Visitation Team to deliver*



### Jelly Bean Prayer

**Red** is for the blood he gave  
**Green** is for the grass he made  
**Yellow** is for the sun so bright  
**Orange** is for the edge of night  
**Black** is for the sins we've made  
**White** is for the grace he gave  
**Purple** is for his hour of sorrow  
**Pink** is for a new tomorrow

Handfuls of Jellybeans so colorful  
 and bright, a prayer, a promise of a  
 brand new life



### Easter Fun

#### Celebrate Easter today by

- drawing a picture of the empty tomb
- coloring Easter eggs
- sharing candy with a loved one
- writing the story of Easter in your own words and telling your story to someone
- making a sign that says "Jesus is Alive" and putting it in your window
- rolling up a piece of paper into a trumpet to announce the good news of Easter in your neighborhood
- picking flowers to share with family and friends

## *Ebenezer Hope Ministries*

Aldersgate continues to support projects that supply safe drinking water to refugees in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement via our Ebenezer Hope Ministries. Aldersgate's support of this life-giving program continues in partnership with the Ugandan Water Project, Inc. (UWP).

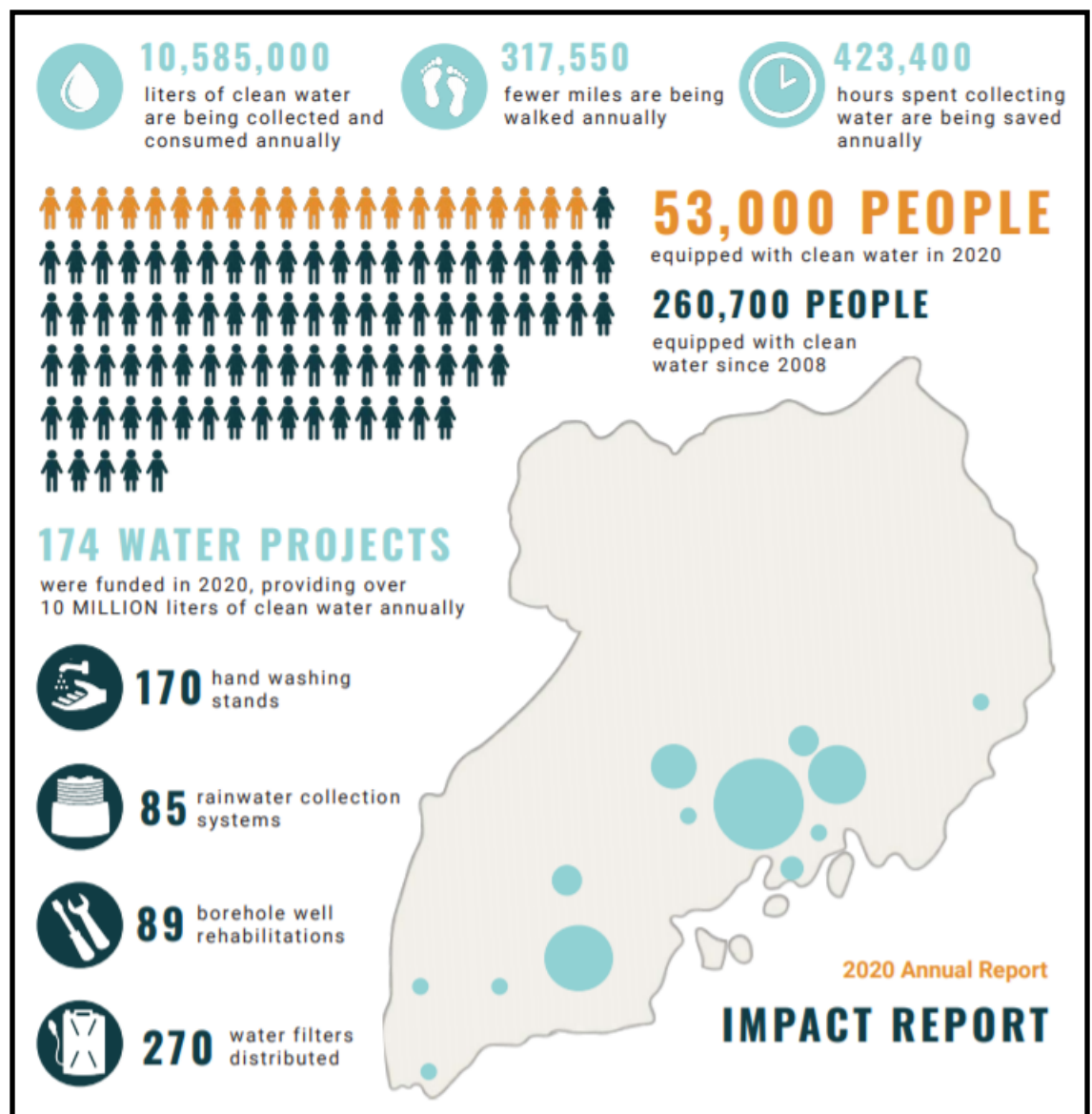
UWP is an international organization, headquartered in Lima, New York, that facilitates many projects to supply safe drinking water throughout Uganda. Through Aldersgate and Ebenezer Hope Ministries, UWP has been able to work in Nakivale specifically supporting the refugee population that we were introduced to via Pastor Renzha, pastor of Aldersgate's African Community. The information below from UWP's 2020 annual report shows the accomplishments of UWP's 2020 work.

Aldersgate supported installation of 28 Sawyer water filtration systems that were installed in January 2019. Fifteen systems were installed in various churches in Nakivale, 4 systems were installed in the Ebenezer Hope Ministries compound (which includes the

sewing and office buildings), and 9 systems were installed in the medical compound for use during the dry season. We are now working to collect the bountiful amount of rain water available during the rainy season. Redeemed Nakivale Church, the congregation founded by Pastor Renzha, has a roof large enough to hold two rain water collection systems. Each system costs \$3,600 fully installed. So far \$2,523 has been donated to this project.

If you are interested in contributing to this project please send your donation to Aldersgate so that it is recorded for your giving, and indicate that the donation is for the African Rainwater Project.

Blessings, Rich Mohrmann





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## Trustees' Corner

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### Welcome Spring!

Be on the lookout for the Spring Clean-Up date. We will need all capable hands to help make the Church grounds and facility look its best!

The Church locks have been changed successfully! If you feel you need a key to carry out your Church responsibilities, please fill out a request form and place it in the Trustee mailbox. We review them at our monthly meeting.

Erin Bills has the forms available in the office and you can also reach out to David Roza if you have other questions.

The major financial project of replacing the Thermostats in parts of the older section of the facility will be happening this month. Thank you to the diligence of knowledgeable Trustees (past & present) and the Stewardship Committee for the Grant we received, we will move forward. By giving us the ability to control the temperature better, this will decrease our heating costs!



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## Living Out Micah's Message

As Christians we are told to "live out" the Gospels, but there are passages in nearly every book of Scripture that we should strive to live out. As you'll be reading this, Lent is just about over and Easter upon us, but as I'm writing it, there are several weeks left. If there is a prevailing scripture in the Lenten Devotional we've been following, it would be Micah 6:8: "...Seek Justice...Love Mercy... Walk Humbly with God." It is said, when something in Scripture is repeated, pay attention to it! Well, when something *from* scripture is repeated, I would say pay attention to it as well. So, let's pick it apart!

**One:** Seek Justice: Martin Luther King said that: 'No one is free until we are all free!' (or something like that.) There are many oppressed people in our nation and right in our own community. Living out Micah's Message means **admitting** that there are people who still want what we take for granted, and "fighting," with our prayers for, presence with and service to them until they get it!

**Two:** Love Mercy! Let's face it, being hurt, well, HURTS! Forgiveness is HARD! Seeking forgiveness, even harder! I've never regretted forgiving anyone though, and I hope no one has ever regretted forgiving me!

**Three:** Walk Humbly! Now, both of the first two would take humility. So, I think this is a different kind of humility. Those were about how we treat people; this, I think, is about how we treat God. In Scripture God compares Himself to a parent or even a spouse, with one exception. Yes, He wants us to question, even argue with Him, if it gets our true feelings out, as long as we remember that He is God, He rules over all, and He's pretty much always right!

I once wrote a Lenten "list:" "Give up for Lent and/or Add on for Life!" Now, I don't remember how many I actually kept but my intentions were good. While Lent may be over, Easter is upon us. I hope that living out Micah 6:8 is something that we add on for Life!

*Easter Blessings,  
Sharon Bartter*





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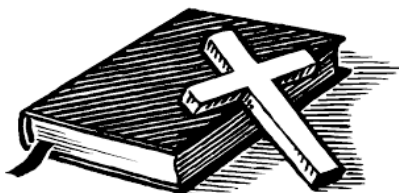
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## *Serving in Worship This Month*



### **Scripture Readers**

4/4 — Nancy Young

4/11 — Jan Rothfuss

4/18 — Carin Gantner

4/25 — Sue Zorn

### **AV Support**

4/1 — Rich Mohrmann

4/2 — Mark DeVincentis &  
Rich Mohrmann

4/4 — Mary Sims &  
Rich Mohrmann

4/11 — Mark DeVincentis

4/18 — Mary Sims &  
Roger Hotchkiss

4/25 — Ted & Ed Carstens

### **Live Stream Support**

4/1 — Juan Ruiz

4/2 — Juan Ruiz

4/4 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

4/11 — Sue Zorn &  
Mary Sims

4/18 — Rich Mohrmann &  
Rich Keller

4/25 — Juan Ruiz &  
Mary Sims



### **GROW and THRIVE**

The Aldersgate Church theme for 2021 is "Grow and Thrive." Even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, God wants us to grow and thrive and leads us throughout the year.

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