

Aldersgate Hinge

May 2021

From the Pastor



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Easter People

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Easter people, let us sing.*

I love this hymn (United Methodist Hymnal #304).

We celebrated Easter in April.

We are Easter people. To Easter people, Easter is not just one day celebration.
To Easter people, every day is Easter as verse 3 sings.

*Christ is risen! He is alive in your heart and in my heart today, tomorrow
and everyday.*

So verse 2 sings:

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Risen Lord empowers us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

When the cares of life o'erwhelm us, Easter people, sing this song:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Everlasting triumph song (verse 3).

You know the story of two of Jesus' disciples who, on their way to Emmaus,
met the risen Christ. Seeing the risen Christ, their faith was empowered to
overcome even the power of death.

The Risen Jesus stayed with the disciples for 40 days. Before He ascended to
heaven, He said He would send the Holy Spirit. As He promised the Holy Spirit
came down to them. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush
of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided
tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of
them. The power of God touched each person — the power of God who raised
Jesus from the dead.

Easter people are Pentecost people. Anyone who has faith in the Risen Jesus is
given the power of the resurrection in him/her.

Easter people sing "Alleluia! Alleluia!" because our Risen Lord empowers us to
triumph over every foe.

Do you drink coffee? When you brew coffee in the morning, the electric power
heats the water, and the heated water seeps through the ground coffee, ab-
sorbing its constituent chemical compounds, and then passes through a filter.

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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:

Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Bobbie Eckert, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Richard Keegan, Tim Kephart, Bob & Garnet Kovac, Ray LaFlair, Kimberly Lindenau, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe & Michelle Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Charlotte Ridley, Paula Rolfe, Ron Rozinski, 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); Cathy & Brian, Linda Griffie Dani, Rick, James, Reanna, Dick Beale (Gloria Baker); Richard (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen, Mark (Kathy Bernardi); Neighbor (Bernice Bird); Jody's Grandfather (Jerbrel Bowens); Bill & Sue Burdick (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); Delores Carter, my sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Mike Devlin (Lorraine Christie); Allen (Mark DeVincentis); Hans VanZundert, Quinn Aldridge, Carol Price-Barden, Eileen Harloff, Mark Frey, Janis Wilson (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Anita (Dick & Chitie Edgett); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Michelle's dad; Mike (Dan Hallowell); Lisa, Earl (Doug & Becky Hess); Diane D., Mike, Sam Ruzick (Rev. David Jones); Noel (Nancy Jones); Paul Haslip (Nan Keller); Sarah & baby (Jung & Pastor Sung Ho Lee); Barbie Anzalone, Schneider Family (The Lindenaus); 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); Sandi; Matt Nary's Dad (David Rogenmoser); Christian Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); James (Jeff Rust); Paul (George Shukitis); Tom (Debbie Simm); Jeana's daughter, brother & mother (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale);

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.



Michael, Bill Weber, Mom (Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kayle VanAllen (Larry VanAllen); Bobbi Jo (Laurie VanAllen); David Whitt (Deborah Whitt); Son and his wife; Barbara (Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steven 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:

Our sympathies go out to the Family of Tony Gilson and Kimberly Lindenau — Carolyn, wife and mother, passed away Saturday, March 27th.

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 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.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your texts, calls and cards during my recent illness! Each time I heard from someone, it felt like I was receiving a warm hug from you! Your offers of help have meant so much, and your prayers kept me going. I am feeling stronger each day and feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

With love and thanks,

Susan DeVincentis



Sermons in May

May 2

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

May 9

The Power to Do Good (Acts 10:34-38)

May 16

The Power to Be Saved (Acts 4:5-12)

May 23 (Pentecost)

The Power of God Works in Us (Acts 2:1-21)

May 23 (Pentecost)

The Life-Full Church — Caring, Growing, Serving, Transforming (Evangelism)

Grow and Thrive! (Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:19-20)

Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday — May 23

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, “fiftieth”). Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church’s mission to the world. On Sunday, May 23 we encourage everyone to wear red. The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. It could be a shirt, a tie, a blouse, a dress, a skirt, a scarf, a necklace. Let’s fill the Sanctuary with the color red.

Calling All Graduates

Graduation Sunday 2021 will be on June 27. We would like to share a short video clip or a couple photo slides of each graduate telling their name, what school they are graduating from, what degree if applicable, and what their plans are next (college, work, etc.).



Please direct all questions and submissions to Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) with “Graduation” in the subject line and include the full name of the graduate in the email. All submissions must be received by **Wednesday, June 23** at the latest to be included. Thank you!

Church Events & Opportunities

Peace With Justice Sunday — May 30

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sunday offerings of The United Methodist Church. Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. The special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in our own Annual Conference and throughout the world. Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day. Or 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 any time in May being sure to include a notation for “Peace With Justice Sunday.”

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

June 2021 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

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When you drink coffee, the power in the coffee is transformed into new power that boosts your body and spirit — the power of peace, comfort and newness.

As the electric power is transformed into another real power in you through coffee, the power of God in the Risen Christ is transformed in you through your faith into new power, which, of course, is much stronger than the power of coffee.

When the cares of life o’erwhelm us, Easter people, Pentecost people, let us sing this song:

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Everlasting triumph song.

Pastor Sung Ho

Youth activities

Christ is Risen!

Last month brought many blessings—lunch at Bill Gray's with the youth, watching them participate in this year's Easter activities—playing music for the Palm Parade, hiding eggs, helping their younger brothers and sisters during the Easter Egg hunt—and having John Simm return to continue his great work with the High School Sunday School group. I think one of my favorites of all was watching all the youth and younger kids proclaiming, "Jesus is alive, Christ is risen." But most of all, as Cyril said at the end of the videos, "He's always with us."

One of the greatest challenges of the Christian faith is the idea that Christ has already conquered. While life twists and turns in unexpected ways, the one constant is that Christ is Risen, He is on the throne, and that we are more than conquerors through him. Good, bad, and in between—victory and defeat—Christ has conquered sin. He has conquered the grave. We look forward to a hope in Him that He will walk beside us in this life and will never leave us, and this was His promise.

Christ is risen indeed!



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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Baker	May 1	Nancy Bailey	May 24
Jerry Sisson	May 4	Barb Condon	May 24
Tracy Maggio	May 8	Chase Tyler	May 27
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8	Naomi Moss	May 28
Karen Best	May 9	Evelyn Troiano	May 29
Carol Kress	May 10	Sam Maggio	May 30
Brandon Troiano	May 10	Donna Rice	May 31
Suzanne Unell	May 10		
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		

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



May Sunday School Events

May 2

The Great Commission (*Matthew 28: 16-20*)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



"i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky: and for everything which natural which is infinite which is yes"
e.e. cummings

We will finish up and take home our special garden Earth day project today.



May 9: Happy Mother's Day!

The Children & Youth will be able to make a special gift for their mother, grandmother, or special someone during Sunday School.



May 16



First Called Christians (*Acts 11:19-30*)
Stained-Glass Chalk Art

May 23

Celebrate Pentecost!

(*Acts 2:1-41*)

The Lord's power was with them, and a large number came to believe and turned to the Lord!

For Children & Youth:
We will decorate and make sled kites to fly outside high in the sky!



May 30

Celebrate Pentecost Day 2! (*Acts 2: 1-41*)

We will finish our kites and fly them in the sky at Aldersgate church!



The Pfund family enjoying "make and take bagels" and Breakfast by the Sea in Sunday School

Upcoming Events in June

Father's Day, Graduation and an announcement about our Summer's Spectacular Event!

Reopening Task Force Update

The Reopening Task Force continues to meet monthly to review how things are going in the church as well as plan for how we can follow our mission to 'Grow and Thrive'. Kudos to all our members for staying faithful while we have been paused, as well as being willing to adapt to all the directives for keeping us all safe from the virus. As far as we are aware, no one has contracted COVID from exposure at our church. What a blessing!

With the rate of positivity declining, and more and more people getting vaccinated, we are starting to plan ahead for the return of other activities within our church aside from worship and Sunday school.

We are actively working with the New Door AA group that had been meeting every morning in our church to return to their meetings Monday – Saturday, hopefully starting April 19th. The pandemic has hit these groups especially hard and they are anxious to return. This will be a pilot program (the other AA/Al Anon/Gambling Anon groups will not be part of this pilot) so we can evaluate how well it can work. They will be using a hybrid method (just like we do for church) with only about half of their members attending in person and the other half joining online.

Another community outreach program that we will start back will be Drive-Thru Community Dinner in May – date TBD.

Within the church, we are still recommending that church meetings continue to use Zoom, but we are reaching out to all Small Groups and inviting them to request a return to having meetings at church. There is a Facilities Use form that will be available either via email or in the church office with the guidelines for using the facility that will need to be signed and returned to someone on the Task Force. This is mainly so that we know who will be using the building, and communicate to our custodial staff the need for cleaning that area.

We are also talking with Candy from the UMW on their plans for the Rummage Sale this year. We have given an initial green light for this event and the group is now tasked with the best way to set up and run the event. Rhonda and Brian have also been given the green light for hosting a church-family-only VBS-like event this summer. More information on all of these events to come.

If there are other activities or events that you would like to hold please reach out to someone on the Task Force and we will be happy to talk to you about it. Our next meeting is May 5th.

Task Force

Sue Zorn

Pastor Lee

Bobbi Mohrmann

Rhonda Simonelli

Jan Rothfuss

Susan DeVincentis

Mark DeVincentis

Adam Pfund

Pastor Renzha

Trustees' Corner

Happy Spring from the Trustees!

A HUGE Thank You to the Wilmott Foundation, who provided AUMC with a grant to replace our thermostats in the older section of our facility. Thank you to Mark D for taking the lead, the work has been completed and the project can be marked DONE! This has been a culmination of many hands helping make this project come to fruition. We are now able to schedule rooms to have heat for specific meetings rather than heating them all of the time. The Trustees plan to see a reduction in our heat bills going forward due to this cost-savings accomplishment.

As the earth begins to wake, the flowers peeking from the ground and the trees budding – it reminds us that it's THAT TIME! Plan for the AUMC Spring Clean Up!

We will meet on May 15 from 9 am – 1 pm. Please join us in cleaning our church grounds! Bring work gloves, yard tools and your water bottle. Take the opportunity to see some friendly faces in a socially distant way!



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Serving in Worship This Month



Scripture Readers

5/2 — Nancy Young

5/9 — Bobbie Eckert

5/16 — Sharon Bartter

5/23 — Sue Zorn

5/30 — Brian Winter

AV Support

5/2 — Roger Hotchkiss &
Rich Mohrmann

5/9 — Mark DeVincentis &
Mary Sims

5/16 — Ted & Ed Carstens

5/23 — Rich Mohrmann &
Mary Sims

5/30 — Roger Hotchkiss &
Rich Mohrmann

Live Stream Support

5/2 — Mary Sims & Sue Zorn

5/9 — Rich Mohrmann &
Juan Ruiz

5/16 — Rich Keller &
Rich Mohrmann

5/23 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

5/30 — Mary Sims & Sue Zorn



Thank you to Sandi Norris and Deb Lenau for repotting all of us plants on the altar area — we are so grateful for the new soil and room to stretch. Your time and energy are very much appreciated.



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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Aldersgate Church is a Safe Place for Worship

- Wearing masks
- Social distancing
- Hand sanitizing
- Temperature check
- Disinfecting the facility

Thank You All Who Donated Flowers to the Easter Altar

NAME

Baker, Rick & Gloria

Bartter, Sharon

Brown, Paul, family of

Hess, Doug & Becky

Lee, Sung Ho & Jung

Lenau, Debbie

Rothfuss, Jan

Scrivens, Larry

Simons, Zuni Garcia

Young, Terry & Nancy

NAME

Bailey, Jim & Nancy

DeVincentis, Mark & Susan

Lee, Sung Ho & Jung

Lindenau, Eric & Kim

Rothfuss, Jan

in MEMORY of

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Livingston,

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Villa, Jennifer Welker

My Dad Paul Snell

Phoebe Brown & Cheryl Haines

Our friend Michael Sedlak

Our Parents

Emily & Warren Lenau

My husband, Daniel Rothfuss

Parents of Larry & Mary Scrivens

Tom Simons, Luis & Bertha Garcia, Paul & Ida Simons

Harvey & Ruth Breithaupt, Frank & Shirley Young



in HONOR of

Heather Tidwell

Norma DeVincentis

Our Children & our Grandchildren

Margaret Gilson, Ed Schneider, Maryanne Lindenau

Son Aaron Rothfuss and family