

Aldersgate Hinge

June 2021



From the Pastor

Let's talk about the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Trinity, coequal with the Father and the Son, Jesus Christ. I am sure you learned this in the confirmation class.

What does the Holy Spirit do?

The Holy Spirit:

- teaches the people of God, providing wise counsel and guiding them into all truth;
- helps in our weakness and intercedes with regard to the prayers;
- leads people, according to God's plan; and
- enables believers to bear good fruit such as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Now we know who the Holy Spirit is and what the Holy Spirit does. I think it is covered pretty well. Don't you think so? But something very important is missing. We haven't talked about the power of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrated Pentecost not long ago. Pentecost is the celebration of the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit that is found in Acts 2. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were praying. And all of a sudden, the Holy Spirit came down upon them and empowered them to speak in languages that they had never learned. As they spoke about the love of God and the resurrection of Jesus in the languages of the people who were there, they were all amazed and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

They found new hope, strength and joy. They continued to gather together, praising God, praying for one another, helping each other with love. And they experienced the power of the love of God. That was the beginning of the church and it grew day by day.

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Aldersgate United Methodist Church

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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, 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, Janis Wilson, Joann Dunn (Wendy & Mike Dunn); 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); Jeanette Zeh (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); Michael, Bill Weber, Mom (Annette

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.



Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle 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

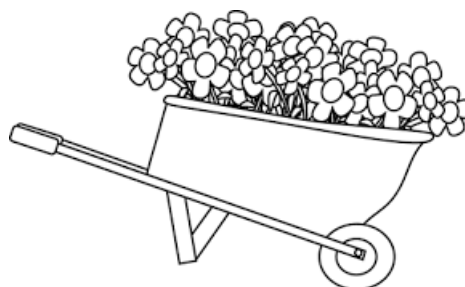
Our Christian Sympathies go out to:

Deepa Samuel for the several family members who passed away in India.

Wendy and Mike Dunn and family on the death of Wendy's brother, Mark Frey

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.



Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons in June

June 6

What Have We Learned from the Pandemic?
(Deuteronomy 8:1-5)

June 13

Post-Pandemic Church: Let's Move Forward
(Deuteronomy 8:6-9)

June 20

A Christian Father (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

June 27

Ready for Summer? Time to Grow Our Faith
(Matthew 6:28-30)

Native American Sunday — June 20

Native American Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sunday offerings of The United Methodist Church. This offering funds scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level. When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day, when special giving envelopes will be available. 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 June being sure to include a notation for "Native American Sunday."

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

Would you like to Join the A/V Team?

The A/V team is hoping to add new members! This important ministry manages the PowerPoint displays and sound on Sunday mornings.

If you would be interested in serving Aldersgate Church and Congregation in this way, please reach out to Erin Pfund, 585-278-6045 eeppfund1@gmail.com

Ebenezer Hope Ministries Nakivale Student Scholarship Update

The President of Uganda has recently given permission for the Nakivale Students' schools to reopen. Ebenezer Hope Ministries is now preparing for this school year's scholarships for the students you are supporting; however, we need only fund one term of school from this year's donations.

As you know the schools were closed last year after the first term. As a result the 2nd and 3rd term donations you made were held in the bank. These donations are being used to support the 1st and 2nd terms of the 2021 school year. Thus only the last term of 2021 needs to be funded during this year's donations. Please now send the scholarship to support your students — \$35 when your students are in Primary Grade and \$101 when your students are in Secondary Grade — by sending a check to Aldersgate and marking it for "African Students."

Thank you for your continued support,
Rich Mohrmann

July/August 2021 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

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What does this tell us about the church today? The power of the Holy Spirit is the DNA of the church. Why are churches dying and declining today? My answer is, they are in decline because they have lost their DNA or their DNA has mutated.

Where does the power of the Holy Spirit come from? I believe it comes to us when we are filled with the love of God who loves us with all He has.

We are the people of Aldersgate where John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed by the love of Jesus. That's our DNA. Aldersgate Church is the people of the power of the Holy Spirit. As long as we do not lose our DNA, God will grow Aldersgate Church.

Pastor Sung Ho

Youth activities

Pentecost

When the disciples were all waiting together for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it must have felt like a long time coming. I am certain that every moment before the rushing wind and cloven tongues of fire was filled with nervous anticipation. Jesus had promised them that the Holy Spirit—the Comforter—would come in His place and give them power to be witnesses throughout the world. Jesus had been crucified, dead, buried, resurrected, with them for forty more days, and had ascended into heaven. For most of them, it would be the last time in this life they would see His face. And still, they waited.

Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning “fiftieth” because it falls on the fiftieth day after the second day of Passover—almost two months of waiting! God always keeps His promises, even though His timeframe may not be what we expect. And the joy that comes after a long anticipation of a blessing is often indescribable. The gift of the Holy Spirit once we believe empowers us to live a life of holiness and is there to strengthen us in times of weakness, comfort us in times of trouble, nudge us in times of indecision and uncertainty, and so much more. All of us who believed and are saved are filled with the Spirit, and there is something good that the Spirit has put in our heart to be a part of the body of Christ. When we put that talent to use, and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, God will grow us in many wonderful and unexpected ways.

Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

We also want to thank Ella for her wonderful flute performance of “In the Garden”—it was truly a blessing! Thank you for using your talents for the Lord!



Aldersgate Greece Youth Group



Please contact Brian Winter
(bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more details.



Thank You!

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

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!



June Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School will be meeting in Rooms 3 & 4 starting June 6th. Children must still wear a mask and follow social distance protocols. Windows will be open and fans circulating for better ventilation. The Youth will be meeting downstairs in Fellowship Hall (Youth Room).

June 6

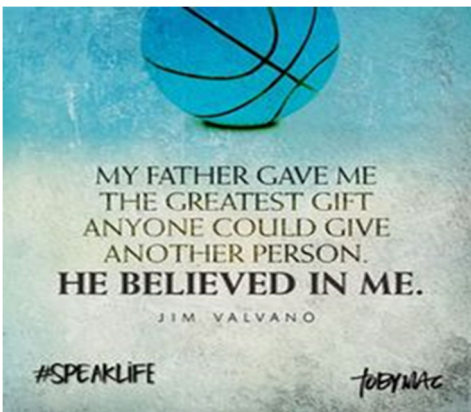
Church is One Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-21)

Impromptu talent Show

June 13

Believers Share (Acts 4:32-37)

Make a Bible Story Comic or Church Acrostic Poem



June 20: Happy Father's Day!

The Children will be making a special gift for their Dad, grandfather, or father figure today in class.

June 27

Celebrate Graduates Sunday & Summer Fun!

Choosing the Seven (Acts 6:1-7)



Congratulations to Denise Hogestyn, Cyril Samuel and Nolan Troiano for winning the Jelly Bean guessing contest! There were 256 Jelly-beans in the jar! We appreciate all those who participated in this fun!

CROP WALK Update

This year's walk has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 26, starting at Aldersgate UMC. More details will follow after our next Zoom meeting.



Save the Date!

We are planning an outdoor SonSurf Beach Bash on **August 10th** from 10am-12pm for all Aldersgate children and Youth. Rain date is August 11th, same time.

Dude! It's all about Jesus! Your kids will have a time of their lives! More details heading your way soon!



Julia Troiano (Mom) with children Nolan and Evelyn



Stewardship Update

2021 Pledge Update

As of May 22, our pledges and giving are significantly down from last year.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Giving Report

	Jan 1 - May 22, 2021	Jan 1 - May 22, 2020
Income		
Building Fund Donations	48,000.23	53,235.35
Offering		
Plate	542.00	268.00
African Ministry	1,240.00	697.00
Crafting Workshop		1,602.00
Gifts	9,189.00	12,876.37
Hispanic		2,916.26
Pledges	105,595.89	111,542.71
Room Rental	300.00	3,155.90
Total Offering	\$ 116,866.89	\$ 133,058.24
Total Income	\$ 164,867.12	\$ 186,293.59

Giving is a part of our spiritual journey and our relationship with God. Stewardship is the prayerful work of managing our time, talent and treasure to bring about God's kingdom on earth. **What is a pledge?** A pledge is your commitment to make a financial gift that supports the mission of our church. It is a response to God's call and the abundance in our own lives; it is a statement of thanksgiving. We pray that the pledges made for this year will continue to come in.

Ministry Shares Fundraiser a HUGE Success!!

Thank you to everyone who made extra contributions recently so we could pay our full Conference Ministry Shares amount in April, which gave us a 50% credit from the Conference towards our May payment. Not only did we raise the \$3,616 due in April to pay our assigned cost, but there were enough funds to cover the \$1,808 due in May as well. This is truly a blessing as we have struggled to pay our Ministry Shares in full over the past couple years. Thank you, thank you!

JESUS AS LIFEGUARD

I recently took my 1-year-old Grandson to Charlotte Beach Park. Once I get him a life jacket, I hope to take him into the water this summer. I can remember many fun times, as a child, playing in the lake at Charlotte Beach! My Mom always made sure, though, that a lifeguard was on duty and would set herself down very close to the lifeguard stand before she let us go in. Now, as an adult, trying to navigate the sometimes choppy waters of life, I am as grateful for Jesus as Mom was for that lifeguard. And I see several similarities between the two.

Jesus, and His Word, like that lifeguard stand, are our Center. I would start out right in line with the stand when I got into the water, but the sand is not as easy to walk "straight" on as pavement, and the water's current can take you off course without warning. I would look back every now and then and head back if I'd gotten off course. Jesus is that Center for us as well and if we stay in tune with Him, through daily Scripture reading, weekly worship attendance and Small Groups we will stay on the right track to living a Godly, successful life.

Growing up, they didn't have the "line" that I've seen in recent years in the shallows of the lake. In my day, the guard would whistle warnings if you were getting too far from his/her line of sight. When we develop a strong relationship with God, He will send us, through His Word or just a "bad feeling" those same kinds of warnings to protect us.

In spite of those warnings, some people still get into trouble, even in guarded areas. That's when the lifeguard becomes life saver. They don't usually have to, but lifeguards are trained and willing to put their own safety at risk to save others from trouble they'd often carelessly gotten themselves into. And our Almighty Lifeguard, Jesus, is always there, and sacrificed His own life, to rescue and redeem us even from trouble we've gotten ourselves into.

It's been a long "cold season," but soon Charlotte Beach will be saying: "Come on in, the water's fine!" Just make sure there's a Lifeguard in the stand and that you listen to his/her warnings. And, for a life where you're "swimming" in success and Godly prosperity, keep God as your Lifeguard, your Center, your Warning System and your Rescuer!

Happy Summer!
Blessings,
Sharon Bartter

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Trustees' Corner

Thank you to all of the folks that turned out for the Spring Clean Up! Many hands make light work! If you didn't get a chance to help – you can always visit the church and do some raking or weeding when it is more convenient for you. Any assistance is always appreciated!

Another shout out to **Shawna Bigler**! She had been volunteering to keep the courtyard looking nice for the past few years – she has made the decision not to do this going forward. Thank you for your service to AUMC, Shawna! **We are now looking for 1 or 2 people who would be willing to take this on as a task for the year.** The church would provide any needed supplies. Please consider this project. It is self-contained and there is nothing to do in the winter months. Please see a TRUSTEE or Erin, if you are interested.

Thank you to Juan Ruiz and the AA group. We now have internet connectivity in the fellowship hall which is



a benefit to the AA group as well as Rhonda and Brian, when working with the church's children there. Thank you for your time, treasures and talents!

The Trustees continue to need **Security Checkers** – this is walking through the church to ensure things are buttoned up properly! There is a brief training and can be done early in the evening, if there are no activities that day. Please see Colleen Tyler for more details.

We are all caregivers of our Church - thank you for doing your part!

Respectfully, The Trustees