

Aldersgate Hinge

July/August 2021



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From the Pastor

The stories of exodus from the slavery in Egypt and of return from exile in Babylon have never been so real and powerful than now as we are moving out of the realm of COVID-19 and entering into our Promised Land.

It is very exciting. I believe now is the time to move forward. God has been good to us and our church through the pandemic. Therefore, putting our trust in God, let us cross the Jordan River with faith and enter into the Promised Land, a land “flowing with milk and honey.”

As we enter the Promised Land, we must remember another Biblical narrative of returning from exile in Babylon because that is also our story. When the Israelites returned from exile for 70 years in Babylon, they found that Jerusalem lay in ruins. But they rebuilt the city of Jerusalem with their faith in God.

Did I tell you God is leading us into the Promised Land? But for the last 500 days during the pandemic, the church has been ruined. Of course, I am not talking about the physical ruins. What I mean is that the church has not been in full operation for more than a year. Many parts of the church have completely been shut down. Many programs have not been done at all. We have been in the spiritual quarantine during the pandemic. We need to rebuild Aldersgate Church so that we can fill our spiritual hunger with God’s milk and honey and grow and thrive.

Now is the time to rebuild our church. Let us rebuild our worship service to be lively, uplifting, inspiring, relational and welcoming.

Let us rebuild our relationship with one another. During the pandemic, we all have experienced the importance of relationship. My vision is that everyone in Aldersgate Church is connected with one another in the network of love and care, not missing any single person. In this network, we provide and receive what each of us needs from one another.

Let us rebuild our mission and outreach ministry. What we have learned from the pandemic is that there are people out there who are seeking relationship with God, who are spiritually hungry. The harvest is plentiful. What a great opportunity to share the love of God and spread the Gospel of Jesus!

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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, Paul Brown, 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, Kimberly Lindenau, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, Joe & Michelle Piper, Cindy Purzycki, Charlotte Ridley, Paula Rolfe, Ron Rozinski, Laurie Ruell, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Alice Styles, Michael Thompson, Doug Unell, Hal Wagner, Scott Wiley, Helen Wolter, and the Caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns.

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Noel Anderson (Nancy Anderson); Rod McNeil (Nancy Bailey); Alivia, Tom & MaryBeth (Gloria Baker); Casey, Maxine, 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); Norma, Allen (Mark DeVincen-tis); Hans VanZundert, Quinn Aldridge, Carol Price-Barden, Eileen Harloff, Janice Wilson, Joann Dunn (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Robby, Aunt Marcia, Mom (Lorrie Durbin); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes), Michelle's dad; Granddaughter of Lucille (Doug & Becky Hess); Diane D., Mike, Sam Ruzick (Rev. David Jones); Noel (Nancy Jones); Tom (Betty Judd); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (The Lindenaus); Marlene Benson (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann, Susan Tuck Rooksby, Ricki Schaefer (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); Dorothy Pearson (Kathy Pearson); Family of Chris Wood (Matt Pedelty); my family (Wendy Peeck); Joe Piper (Michelle Piper); Grand-ma (Shawna Poling); Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Debbie Glinski (Mary Sims); Aunt Molly (Deepa Samuel); Paul (George Shukitis); Patzwald/Fitzgerald families, Tom (Debbie Simm); Jeana's daughter, brother and mother (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Michael, Bill

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.



Weber, Mom (Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle VanAllen, Cindy Andrews, Michael Appleton, Bobbi Jo (Laurie VanAllen); David Whitt (Deborah Whitt); 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:

Cheryl and the family of Gregory K. Heizyk —died Saturday, May 26.

Matt Nary and Family — his father Ray passed away May 31.

The family and friends of Larry VanAllen, who passed away June 20th.

Deepa Samuel, whose Godparent Uncle Dr. Anil — passed away from Covid. His wife, Dr. Molly, remains in the ICU.

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 July

July 4

Independent in Connection (John 15:5-8; John 8:32)

July 11

Diversity in Unity (1 Corinthians 12:12-20)

July 18

Mission and Outreach (Matthew 9:35-38)

Chad Bader, missionary to Guatemala, shares his story

July 25

Share the Love of God (Matthew 28:16-20)

Guest Preacher in July

Chad Bader, missionary to Guatemala, will be with us on July 18th and share the story of his ministry of mission and outreach.

Let's Make Our Worship Welcoming, Friendly, Lively, Inspiring & Uplifting

We need more ushers, greeters, Scripture readers, A/V and live streaming volunteers. Would you be one of them?

Are you busy? Would you be willing to serve once a month? Do you think you are not equipped to serve? We will offer training opportunities.

Now is the time to rebuild our church. Would you be a part of this exciting journey? Please contact Erin Bills at the church office.

CROP WALK Update

This year's walk has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 26, starting at Aldersgate UMC. More details will follow after our Zoom meeting in July. Keep checking the Midweek Bulletin for more information or you can email Rhonda Simonelli (rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org).

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Rummage Sale

SAVE THE DATE...And Your Stuff to Donate!

October 7, 8 & 9, 2021

Watch for more details in the Midweek Bulletins!

September 2021 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karenladden@hotmail.com



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So here is a very important question. Who is going to do the work of rebuilding the church? Pastor, lay leaders, committee chairs, youth director, children's ministry director? My answer is everyone who belongs in Aldersgate Church! There is something everyone can do to rebuild our church. Someone brings bricks. Another person builds the wall... God is calling us, everyone! Let us say yes to God, "Here I am, Lord!" Let us rebuild our church together. Do you feel God is calling you to do something for Aldersgate Church but you don't know what to do? Please contact me. I will pray with and for you. God wants us to grow and thrive!

Pastor Sung Ho

Youth activities



Kingdom Bound Canceled – Darien Lake Instead

Unfortunately because NYS regulations upped the bar for requirements, Kingdoms Bound was cancelled this year. It came again as a disappointment to all of us. However, our plan is to still travel to Darien Lake for some fun on July 28 (tentative). I promised I could sing to fill up the lack of musical entertainment . . . not sure why no one seemed to take me seriously...

Summer Time

Spring has ended and Summer has come . . . it's hard to believe the year is already half over!

Everything seems like it's finally starting, little by little, to go back to normal. With the warm weather here, Kaori and I sat down with some of the youth at DQ to map out some ideas for Summer and Fall, and enjoy a good time of food, fun, fellowship, and ice cream (and, baked a little in the sun). We are all looking forward to the Summer.

We are grateful to Molly for sharing her wonderful musical talents with us on June 12, and to praise the Lord and be a blessing to others. It is such a joy to Kaori and I to watch all of the youth using their talents in service to God.

"...God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name..." (Hebrews 6:10)



Thank You!

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



A special thank you to John Simm for teaching this past year our Junior High/High School Sunday School class! The kids love you as their teacher. You make a difference in their lives.



Aldersgate Greece Youth Group

Summer Sunday School

July Theme: PEACE

Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. (Matthew 5:9)

July 4

We will not be having Sunday School this day.

July 11

Abraham & Lot (Genesis 13)

Make a God's Eye



July 18

David & Abigail (1 Samuel 25 1-42)

Peace Paper Plate Project



July 25

Be Peaceful (Psalm 23)

Handprint Lamb of God craft



August Theme: BELONGING

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4)

Aug. 1: Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9)

Outdoor Jenga and Building blocks

Aug. 8: Woman at the Well (John 4:4-30, 39-42)

Outdoor Water Fun!

Aug. 15: Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:1-13)

Setting the Table

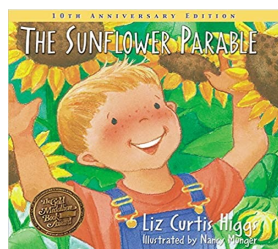
Aug. 22: Peter's Dream (Acts 10:1-48)

Collaborative Art Mural

Aug. 29: "Follow the Son"

Day Celebration!

More details to follow in the Midweek Bulletin.



Join in the Summer Fun!

We are planning an outdoor Son Surf 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!

Some activities will include: Create a Beach-themed Terrarium, Yarn Octopus, Message in a bottle, Water balloons, Duck Pond, Obstacle Course, PIZZA & tropical visit from the KONA ICE TRUCK!

You can sign-up via email rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or bwinter@aumcgreece.org, call the church office 663-3665 or text Rhonda! If you would like to help out on this fun day, please let us know.



Anna Simm, with children Jack and Emma and their special Mother's Day project

Annual Conference Report

This was my first time representing Aldersgate UMC at Annual Conference, but I have attended before. While it was convenient attending from my living room, I missed the fellowship and “awe” of looking out at 1,000 people in the room who are all United Methodists led by the same Bishop. (Pray for our Bishop!)

We had several proposals (or “resolutions”) brought forth. Most were Social Justice issues. One had to do with atrocities happening abroad but most dealt with issues close to home, literally, our home. Yes; Rochester, and her Social Justice “ills” of the last year made it to the “floor” of Annual Conference. And, while there was passionate debate, it was mostly about “semantics.” All who spoke, and I’m sure all who heard, were equally disgusted by what had occurred and/or continues to occur. While they were hard things to talk about or hear about, it is the work of the church to give the oppressed a voice.

There was also discussion, and encouragement to have further conversations, on the hard topic of the changes to The United Methodist Church that will likely come out of General Conference next Spring. With all that’s happened, we’ve put it on the back burner, but a year goes quickly and we need to be ready.

The Memorial, Ordination and especially the Juneteenth Services were moving, beautiful experiences. And, lastly, I will touch on the two things that happen at Annual Conference that most affect the local church. First: the Conference Budget passed with, thanks to the commitment and generosity of all of the Conference’s local churches, a reduction in Ministry Shares due! And, most important, to most of us at least, Pastoral Appointments were “set!” OK; we would have known before now if it were changing, but now it’s official! **Rev. Sung Ho Lee** is re-appointed to Aldersgate UMC until at least June 30,2022!

Sincerely,

Sharon Bartter

Representative to Annual Conference

Happy Celebrations!

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
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18
Michael & Rhonda Simonelli	July 20

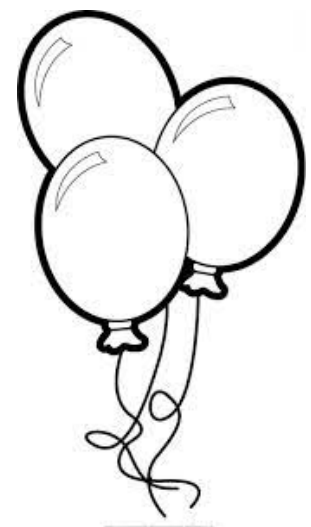
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chris Peeck	Aug 2
Jane Salminen	Aug 2
Emma Simm	Aug 2
Dustin Deutsch	Aug 3
Dennis Pankey	Aug 4
Ray Poling	Aug 6
Luke Simonelli	Aug 7
Evelyn Welker	Aug 13
Kurt Lindeman	Aug 13
Denise Hogestyn	Aug 14
Marilyn Sobus	Aug 14
Rhonda Simonelli	Aug 15
Jim Haschmann	Aug 15
Edith Coburn	Aug 18
Nathan Dunn	Aug 23
Diane Kress	Aug 24
Gary Hogestyn	Aug 25
Molly Donovan	Aug 25
Jung Lee	Aug 26
Terry Young	Aug 26

Dick Edgett	Aug 27
Mike Accapezzato	Aug 30
Roxanna	
Muthersbaugh	Aug 31
Jane Shukitis	Aug 31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Helen Wolter	Aug 1
Brian & Kaori Winter	Aug 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	Aug 4
Quinton & Laure (VanPutte) Williams	Aug 5
Ken & Sharon Bartter	Aug 7
Eric & Kimberly Lindeau	Aug 7
Dan & Robin Fox	Aug 9
Brian & Margaret Jones	Aug 13
Doug & Becky Hess	Aug 14
Jeffrey and Laura Kimmel	Aug 15
Dave & Maria Stanley	Aug 16
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	Aug 24
Dennis & Anna Simm	Aug 26
Jim & Carol Cobia	Aug 27
Rich & Nan Keller	Aug 28



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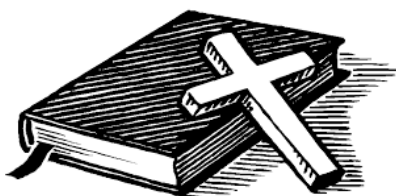
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Serving in Worship These Months



Scripture Readers

7/4 — Nancy Young

7/11 — Candy Metzger

7/18 — Brian Winter

7/25 — Jan Rothfuss

8/1 — Jan Rothfuss

8/8 — Brian Winter

8/15 — Sue Zorn

8/22 — Sharon Bartter

8/29 — Jan Rothfuss

AV Support

7/4 — Mary Sims

7/11 — Mark DeVincentis &
Roger Hotchkiss

7/18 — Roger Hotchkiss &
Erin Pfund

7/25 — Mark DeVincentis &
Ted Carstens

Live Stream Support

7/4 — Rich Keller & Sue Zorn

7/11 — Mary Sims & Sue Zorn

7/18 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

7/25 — Juan Ruiz & Mary Sims

8/1 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

8/8 — Sue Zorn & Rich Keller

8/15 — Juan Ruiz & Mary Sims

8/22 — Rich Keller & Juan Ruiz

8/29 — Sue Zorn & Mary Sims



Shaylee Crandall flying the kite she made in Sunday School on Pentecost.



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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Covid Update

Our Task Force team met Wednesday, June 16th, and the following changes were made for our Covid protocols for Sunday services:

- Attendance Check: We will no longer check the attendance.
- Children under 12 will still need to wear masks, and adults who are not fully vaccinated are expected to wear a mask at all time in the church building and cannot sing in church.
- Those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask in the church.
- Seating: We will continue to keep the social distancing, and ushers will continue to guide people to sit in the right place.
- Congregational Singing: We are going to allow it for those vaccinated.
- Children's Time: Children will be invited to come to the chancel. Children under 12 will need to wear their masks, and we will maintain social distancing.
- Restrooms are fully open.
- Elevator can be used if needed.
- Committee and Groups: Can continue on zoom or meet in person if they want. If your group wants to meet in the church, please contact Erin to schedule so it's on the Church calendar so the heating/AC setters know which room(s) need to be programmed.
- Coffee Hour/Other food in building: This will still be on hold for now – and will consider having this starting back in September
- Nursery Care: Wait until September; we will open childcare back up after Labor Day.
- Choir: Will start back in September after Labor Day.