

Aldersgate Hinge

September 2021

From the Pastor



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Greetings to Aldersgate Family!

I hope you had a great summer with fewer restrictions on traveling and gathering – having fun with family and friends and enjoying the beauty of nature. Summer is my favorite season. I like summer because of its power and energy. I feel the power of God creating and recreating in the power of summer. The only problem with summer is, it's getting shorter and shorter as I am getting older. It seems that summer started yesterday, but it is already September.

Anyway, I just wanted to share with you the highlights of this summer. First, Jung and I, with our son Joey, went to Buffalo to watch the Yankees playing the Toronto Blue Jays. It was a perfect summer night in the ballpark. What a deal! Just drive 50 miles to watch Yankee's game instead of going to the Bronx!



But the best of this summer was a family gathering in California to celebrate, our second granddaughter, Autumn's 100th day, which is a Korean tradition. Jung and I had a great time with our children and grandchildren.

Now summer is gone. Of course, it will come back next year. Anyway, we are welcoming another great season, fall. A new season for school and football.

A new beginning! It is also a great season for the church with a new beginning. Some people might say, "What new things can we do new in the pandemic?" I can understand why you say that.

But crisis, in Chinese, is 危機, which is a combination of two words, danger and opportunity. I believe the pandemic is an opportunity for growth and thriving. I think we have learned and still are learning about God, faith, church and life from the experiences in the pandemic. Now is the time to rebuild our lives and our church and our ministries. I believe that is what God wants us to do. I believe God is excited about this new journey and He will bless our journey. God is not in quarantine!

Beginning September 12, we will **go forward with**, NOT back to, **two services** – contemporary and traditional. We will also start rebuilding ministries for the

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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, Barb Condon, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Bette Edgett, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Tim Kephart, Ray LaFlair, Kimberly Lindenau, Mas Okita, Dorothy Pearson, 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, Jeanette Zeh and the Caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns.

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

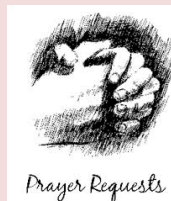
Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family, Rod McNeil (Nancy Bailey), Alivia, Tom & MaryBeth, Nina (Gloria Baker); Casey, Evan, Tisha and Damian (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Bill Burdick (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Norma, Allen (Mark DeVincentis); Hans VanZundert, Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Janice Wilson, Joann Dunn (Wendy & Mike Dunn), Robby, Aunt Marcia, Mom (Lorrie Durbin); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Pip Hall (Doug & Becky Hess); Diane D., Mike, Sam Ruzick (Rev. David Jones); Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone, Sarita Crandall, Shaylee Crandall, Larry Gilson (The Lindenau's); Marlene Benson (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann, Susan Tuck Rooksby, Ricki Schaefer (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); My family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah, Grandma (Shawna Poling); Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Sandi (David Rogenmoser), Christian & Laurie Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Paul (George Shukitis); Tom (Debbie Simm); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); John Cook (Sue Spicer); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Michael, Bill 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 – ; Jane Coonan – Wegman's Family Cottages; Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Pat Holmes – Wegman's Family

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.



Cottages; Beverly Johnson – Maplewood Nursing Home; Dick Keegan – Cobbs Hill Manor; Donna Rice – Wegman's Family Cottages; Elaine Sampson – Hilton East; Alice Styles – Legacy at Grand Vie; Scott Wylie – Baywinde Assisted Living

Our Christian Sympathies go out to:

Michelle Piper and family on the death of Joe Piper, who passed away June 24th.

Rev. Jerry Wolter and family on the death of his wife, Helen Wolter, who passed away July 1st.

Nancy Anderson and family on the death of her husband, Noel Anderson, who passed away July 6th.

Rev. Bill Burdick and family on the death of his wife, Sue Burdick, who passed away August 4th.

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.

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growth of our faith and strengthening and growing our ministries in the given situation and context. And we must continue to find new ways to grow as life continues to change.

I am excited. I also affirmed excitement and strong commitment from church leaders. We can do it together as God is with us. Let us join together in this exciting new journey.

Pastor Sung Ho

Church Events & Opportunities

Two Services Beginning September 12!

We are so pleased and excited to announce that Aldersgate Church will move forward with two services – contemporary worship at 9:30AM and traditional worship at 11:00AM. We are **NOT** going **BACK** to two services. We are moving **FORWARD**. It is a new beginning and a new journey into the future that God has prepared for Aldersgate Church.

Upcoming Sermons

September 5

God never ceases to bless (Philippians 1:3-11)

September 12

Re-Launching and new beginning (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Series — Miracles of Jesus

September 19

Walking on water (John 6:16-21)

September 26

Feeding the five thousand (Matthew 14:13-21)

October 3

Healing a paralyzed man (Matthew 9:2-8)

October 10

Turning water to wine John 2:1-11

CROP WALK Seeks Walkers & Donors

The 2021 Greece CROP Hunger Walk is on **Sunday, September 26**, and starts with confirming your registration anytime between 1:30-2:30 PM at Aldersgate UMC. Walkers may start at anytime.

Registrations and donations are best done online.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/aldersgate-united-methodist-church-2>

A 2.5-mile and 0.5-mile routes are available. For more information or to register with assistance, please contact Rhonda Simonelli: rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Greece
CROP Hunger Walk

September 26, 2021

Rochester, NY



We Need Financial & Physical Help to Move Forward — Can you help us? Financial Pledges & Donations

There's no easy way to say it...giving is down this year and

in addition to moving forward with two services, we hope to continue with additional ministries but don't know how we will pay for them. Although this has been a challenging year for everyone, we did really well during 2020 when the challenges for most were greater. If you made a pledge for 2021 and have not paid it, we prayerfully ask that you honor the commitment that you made to Aldersgate.

Opportunities for Serving

As you know, we need many servant leaders for various parts of the worship experience – altar committee members, Scripture readers, singers, musicians, ushers, greeters, A/V, live streaming, coffee hour, welcome table, prayer time. We need everyone to make our worship a time of inspiration, empowerment, fellowship and joy. Please contact the church office, pastor or Mark/Susan DeVincentis (Co-Lay Leaders), to let us know where you are interested in serving or if you have any questions.

Giving Report

	2021 Jan 1 - Aug 17	2020 Jan 1 - Aug 17
Income		
Building Fund Donations	66,270.23	90,384.02
Offering		
4010 Plate	928.00	323.00
African Ministry	1,990.00	838.00
Crafting Workshop		1,602.00
Gifts	28,632.69	17,943.82
Hispanic		4,066.26
Pledges	144,009.53	157,454.69
Room Rental	1,515.00	3,555.90
Total Offering	\$ 177,075.22	\$ 185,783.67
Total Income	\$ 243,345.45	\$ 276,167.69

Events & Opportunities Continued

World Communion Sunday — October 3

World Communion Sunday is one of six church-wide Special Sunday offerings of The United Methodist Church. This offering supports a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training.

As you consider your donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation in September or October, being sure to include a notation for “World Communion Sunday.”

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

Ebenezer Hope Ministries

Through Ebenezer Hope Ministries we recently completed the funding project for the first Rain Water Collection System that will be installed on the roof of the Redeemed Nakivale Church. The note below is a thank you e-mail from Pastor Jothan Gatunzi of Redeemed Nakivale Church in the Ugandan refugee settlement. Safe drinking water is an extremely rare commodity for so many refugees. During the rainy season this system will allow the church to supply safe drinking water to many people in that community. I add my thank you to your support and donations. Rich Mohrmann

22 July 2021

Greetings Richard and Pastor Renzha,

We are so happy to understand the good news of the rainwater collection system for Redeemed Nakivale Church.

I'm one of the members of that Church. All members will be very very happy for that good news.

I thank the Aldersgate UMC to honor that activity and to work with strength at that campaign, God bless you so much.

Jothan Gatunzi

Pastor and member of Redeemed Church



SonSurf Beach Bash!

We had a great time this year for the one day “SonSurf Beach Bash” VBS. Thank you to all the AUMC youth who helped make the day a success—carrying and setting up tables and chairs, putting together and running the obstacle course, firing the first shots in the water balloon war, helping serve food, working at the tables helping kids, playing a part in the skit, etc.! We had great feedback, everyone did a fantastic job, and it was such a great day of fun for everyone!

Thank you also to everyone else who braved the heat and helped make the day such a great success!

Reverb Coming Nov. 5&6

With the summer over, we are starting to look to our fall activities. As of now, Word of Life Reverb is scheduled to come to Rochester and begin on Friday, November 5. It is from 6PM in the evening and runs until 6AM Saturday morning. Please contact me ASAP (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) if you are interested. Space is limited in the events after the Blue Cross Arena, so the sooner we reserve our spot the better chance we have at our first pick.





Sunday, September 12, brings the start of the 2021-2022 Christian Education calendar. We will mark this day with several activities: third graders will receive their Bibles, backpacks will be blessed, and a special project will be made during Sunday School class. We will have Sunday School classes at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship services for children.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons

This Month's Faith Word: COURAGE

Women of Courage

September 5

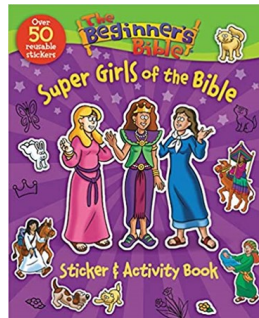
We will not be having Sunday School this day.

September 12: Rally Day/Backpack Blessing/3rd Graders receive Bibles

Rahab, Hope in the Lord!
(Joshua 2:1-24)

September 19: Ruth and Naomi
(Book of Ruth)
Kindness Counts!

September 26: Esther (Book of Esther)
T.H.I.N.K.



October 3: Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12: 1-8)
Scented Oils & Candles

October 10: Lydia (Acts 16: 11-15)
May your faith flow like a river

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sept. 12

Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, September 12 to receive a special blessing and backpack clip during the Children's Moment at each service. We mark the milestone of a new school year by sending our children off with a blessing on their studies!



Christian Education



Volunteer Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Sunday School Teachers for Children and Adults are needed starting this Fall 2021. Please see or contact Rhonda Simonelli Rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org and/or Brian Winter bwinter@aumcgreece.org if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity to serve in our church.

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS Thank You!

"We rise by lifting others." Robert Ingersoll

Thank you for such a fun beach day in the sun and about the Son! It truly was a wonderful morning. We want to thank our helpers for this year's successful outdoor VBS.

Adult Helpers: Adam Pfund, Candy Metzger, Deepa Samuel, John Simm, Debbie Simm, Michael Simonelli, Julia Troiano, Wendy Peeck, Kathy Peck, Jan Winter, Bob Winter, Kaori Winter, Sandi Norris, Deb Lenau, Fran VanKouwenberg

Youth Helpers: Steven Samuel, Cyril Samuel, Luke Simonelli, Ella Simonelli, Erin Galligan, and Arianna Sloan.



We are starting to plan this year's Trunk or Treat fun event for families & friends of Aldersgate Church. More detailed information (date and time) will be in next month's October Hinge. We would like to have 20 cars participate. Please let Rhonda Simonelli know if you think you would help/participate.

Get Ready for a New Journey

My son, his girlfriend and their baby just returned from a long journey. Truly, though, in our journey through life every day is a new journey and on any given day we could be hit with something that throws us off course. So, how do we get back on again? How do we prepare for a new journey?

My kids relied heavily on their GPS. That is an amazing invention. I love that it is already preset to take you around areas with construction and other slowdowns. David asked God, in **Psalm 19** to **"Acquit me of hidden flaws"** but we can also ask Him to show us what gets us angry, impatient etc. and help us either "go around it," avoid it or deal with it in a better way.

Before they left on their journey, they got the car's oil changed, fluids topped off and set aside enough money for fuel ups along the way. And we, too, need to set aside time each day to "fuel up" with encouragement from God's word and prayer. And the more we read, the more will stay in our hearts and come to our minds when we need a "refill."

By far, though, the smartest thing Evan and Tisha took on their journey was each other! Every 4 hours they switched places. And while one drove, the other slept or watched the signs or did other little things that helped the driver. And we need to help each other, too, on this journey called life, especially those who've hit a "rough patch of highway."

Summer is, sadly, almost over. I don't know how many more road trips anyone will be taking. But whether driving cross-country or navigating through your day-to-day life, remember always to rely on your GPS (God's Positioning System) to keep you on the best course, to fuel up on enough of God's encouraging Word that you never run dry, and to ask for help when needed and give help when you can. We're all on this journey together. That way we'll all arrive in "pleasant places!"

Blessings on your "journey,"
Sharon Bartter



Happy Celebrations!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Grizzanti	September 1
Paul Wagner	September 3
Kaori Winter	September 4
Jim Cobia	September 5
Rick Baker	September 6
Rich Mohrmann	September 7
Matthew Thompson	September 7
David Roza	September 8
Lorraine Christie	September 9
Al Holmes	September 11
Shirley Geier	September 11
Michael Streb	September 11
Wendy Dunn	September 14
Carey Hughes	September 18
Glenn VanPutte	September 19
Nan Keller	September 20
Louretta Teasdale	September 22
Jessica Fox	September 24
Becky Hess	September 27
Chris Loudon	September 27
Jenna VanKouwenburg	September 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel & Kathy Savage	September 6
Rick & Gloria Baker	September 9
Jim & Diane Haschmann	September 10
John & Candy Metzger	September 14
Mike & Wendy Dunn	September 15
Annette & Michael Thompson	September 19
Kwame Edusel & Millicent Essilfie-Edusel	September 25
Dale & Carol DeCann	September 26
Gordon & Sue Spicer	September 30

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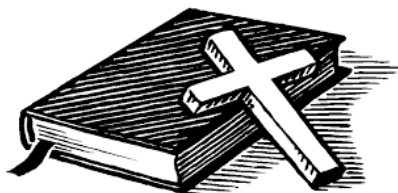
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Serving in Worship This Month



Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

9/5 — Nancy Young

9/12 — Jan Rothfuss

9/17 — Sharon Bartter

9/26 — Sandy Norris

11:00 AM

9/5 — Nancy Young

9/12 — Marylou Jones

9/17 — Jim Cobia

9/26 — Bobbie Eckert

SPRC Update

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is sad to announce the recent resignation of Erin Bills, Administrative Assistant at Aldersgate UMC. Erin is going to be traveling with her newly retired Husband and we wish the best for her and pray for adventure and safe travels! Meanwhile, we are in the process of finding her replacement.

Happily, we hired a new Contemporary Worship Team Leader! Greg started with our combined service in the summer and is looking forward to growing the contemporary worship with the return to two services. Greg has an extensive musical background and the CWT is happy to welcome him!

October 2021 Hinge Deadline

All items for the **October Hinge** are due by **Sept. 15**.

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com



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 United Methodist Women's Rummage and Bake Sale Returns! — October 7, 8 & 9

Collection of items will begin on Monday, September 27th and go through Tuesday, October 5th in the Ide Center, at the door near the kitchen. We will also need individually wrapped, home-baked goodies to sell on the sale days.

*Items **NOT ACCEPTED** this year are:*

- Appliances
- Electronics
- Knives
- Baskets
- Stuffed Animals
- Shoes/Boots
- Bowling Balls
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Skis (downhill or cross country)
- Encyclopedias
- Larger furniture



We will need help with the following to make this Rummage Sale a success:

- Sorting items and putting them on the tables.
- Pricing some items.
- Organizing books & DVDs.
- Donations of baked goods, such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, pies, cakes, coffee cakes, etc.
- Help the days of the sale - cashiers, bake sale, people to greet, people to walk around & put items in order.
- People to come in the last day and help pack up items.



Please pray about helping out & contact Candy Metzger.

Anyone can help. You do not need to be a member of UMW.