

Aldersgate Hinge

October 2021



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From the Pastor

Active Life in The New Normal

Now we have two services on Sunday morning after having had online service only first and then only one service in-person in the pandemic. It is great to have the choir back. It is so nice to welcome back those who have been waiting for the traditional service or the contemporary service.

I feel the spirit and the power of life filling the sanctuary and my heart. Does this mean that we are back to normal? The answer is yes and no. We are back to normal in the sense that we are back with two services. However, we are not going back to the normal of the past – the life before the pandemic. Instead, we are moving into a new normal which is different from the past. And this new normal would continue to change as the situation of the COVID-19 changes.

I can't help but talk about the Rummage Sale. Yes, the Rummage Sale is back this year. I am excited. Yes, it is exciting to bring the Rummage Sale back. But don't forget to see the big picture. For me it is more than just rummage sale. Having Rummage Sale is a sign of moving forward to the active life in a new normal. It is the proclamation of the beginning of active life in a new normal.

We also see the breath of new life bubbling in the church here and there – Community Dinner, Trunk or Treat, Grief Share, Small groups...

God spoke to the Prophet Isaiah and the Israelites when they were in exile in Babylon (Isaiah 43:18-21, NIV):

- ¹⁸ "Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
- ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
- ²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness

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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, Barb Condon, Joyce DeBell, Nathan Dunn, Bette Edgett, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Ray LaFlair, 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

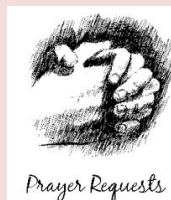
Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family, Rod McNeil (Nancy Bailey), Alivia, Tom & MaryBeth, Nina (Gloria Baker); Casey, Evan, Tisha and Damian (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Bill Burdick (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Hans 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, Sue Spicer); 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); Dorothy Pearson (Kathy Pearson); 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); 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 Cottages; Beverly Johnson – Maplewood Nursing Home;

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.



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:

Dick Caupp and family on the death of his wife, Marisue, who passed away September 22nd. Marisue was a charter member here at Aldersgate.

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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and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

God is ready to do new things in our lives and our church. Let us join together and move forward as God is leading us.

Pastor Sung Ho

Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons in October

October 3 — Jesus' Miracles Series

Healing a Paralyzed Man, Matthew 14:13-21

October 10 — Jesus' Miracles Series

Turning Water to Wine, John 2:1-11

October 17 — Laity Sunday

Celebration of Lay Ministry

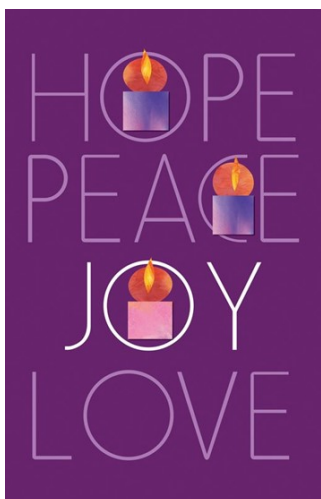
October 24 - First Sunday of Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship Is Heart Work, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

October 31 - All Saints Day

No More Tears, Revelation 21:1-7

Wanted – Advent Devotions!



For this holiday season, when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the advent of our Lord in the flesh and look ahead to His return, we would like to invite you—individuals, families, youth, small groups, etc.—to submit a short, Spirit-filled holiday Christmas devotion.

We are hoping for 28 devotions (one for each day of Advent) that are easy to

read and understand and appeal to a broad age span and people's Christian walk for our very own 2021 AUMC Advent Devotional book. Our goal is to provide a shared experience for our congregation—to encourage one another to take time between Sundays to remember the meaning of Christ's birth. Each devotional should start with a title and scripture verse and end with a quick 1-2 sentence prayer or blessing.

Submissions are due November 12 (sent electronically, if possible), preferably 300 words or less. For more information, please contact Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org). Submissions may be sent to (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) with "Advent Devotional" in the title.

Tuesday Small Group

Are you anxious or stressed? Explore the subject from Max Lucado's book, *Anxious for Nothing*. We meet from 10:30-11:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the parlor. ALL are welcome to join this small group.

Town of Greece Bicentennial Cookbook

March 2022 will mark the 200th Anniversary of the Town of Greece. As part of the celebration, the Town of Greece is creating a commemorative cookbook. Please submit your recipes – appetizer, entrée, dessert, etc. – through the Town's website at greeceny.gov by October 15th, 2021. You must own the rights to any photographs submitted and recipes need to be your own or a modification of a previously published recipe. Any questions can be addressed via email at kirsta.otto@libraryweb.org.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your recent gifts to Transformando Vidas ministry. Your partnership with us is an immense encouragement because of its longevity and the way it has impacted so many lives here for the Kingdom. We pray that you all have a wonderful fall, and praise God for your heart to have others know Him. It was wonderful being with you all.

Lots of love,
Chad & Jami Bader

November 2021 Hinge Deadline

All items for the **November Hinge** are due by **Oct. 15**.

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

Youth activities



End of Summer

On August 23 we went to Darien Lake with Erin, Steven, Cyril, Jolly, Luke and Ella. It was a great day of fun to end the summer—we hit the rides, ate ice cream, hung out, talked, made a successful mad dash for the Ride of Steel before the park closed, and stopped for a bite to eat at McDonald's on the way home. We are looking forward to the hopeful return of Kingdom Bound to Darien Lake in 2022. (Thanks also to Rhonda and her copilot, Iris, for helping out that day!)

It's hard to believe how fast the summer went. Thank you again to all the youth who have helped at events, Sunday School, VBS, music, etc.! It's been a blessing to so many of us.



Reverb Rochester 2021

Friday, November 5 at 6 pm until Saturday, November 6 at 6 am. Event begins at the Blue Cross Arena.

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!



Aldersgate Greece Youth Group

Stewardship is “Heart” Work!



2021 has been a year of continued challenges. In a world seemingly dominated by a global pandemic that just won't go away, extreme heat and wild fires, hurricanes and floods, turmoil and unrest in the Middle East, suffering in India and Africa . . . all we hear is bad news.

But church is where to go to hear the Good News, and **weekly Worship continues to be the heart of our church.** Uplifting music, scripture, meaningful messages, communion and prayer all serve to fill us each week with God's blessings.

Much has happened this year to move us forward. Greg Meisenzahl has joined us as our new Contemporary Worship Team Leader. The team worked on building their repertoire in order to be ready by Sept. 12th for our first full Contemporary service since March of 2020. The Chancel Choir under the leadership of Matt Pedelty with Kaori Winter dusted off their vocal cords so we could return to a full Traditional service.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21

Where else do we see the heart of our church?

Our children and youth through our Christian Education programs lead by Rhonda Simonelli and Brian Winter, learn about God and biblical principles during Sunday school, VBS and other fun and engaging programs. Our youth are encouraged to participate in service to the church through their gifts of music, technology, as acolytes, as well as other church events.

Our Trustees accomplished some major work at church via the Wilmott grant received last year to repair drainage around the church and update the thermostats in the old section of the building. The Community Dinner led by Mary Sims continues, while still as a drive-thru event, to serve about 200 meals a month. The church has reopened to the AA groups and they are so grateful to be

able to have in-person meetings again. Small groups are returning to in-person meetings where people are making connections and doing deeper studies of the Bible. Pastor Doug Hess is restarting our Grief Share program. And we continue to work with our African community to support education opportunities for the children of the Nakivale Refugee camp.

The vision for 2022 is no less ambitious. We want the heart of Aldersgate to GROW! ***None of the ministries of the church are viable without your financial support.***

We want to provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week, increasing the number of people attending in person as well as increasing those who attend our services online via Facebook or YouTube. (Thanks to the AV and Live Stream teams for making this happen!) We want to continue nurturing persons in their faith journey through Christian Education, Small Groups, Adult Bible study and Youth groups. We want to continue to witness our faith in service beyond ourselves by returning to in-person Community Dinner, partnering with our African community, and to be able to provide full support of our UM Ministry share.

November 14th will be this year's Commitment Sunday where every member will have the opportunity to offer a financial pledge to support the annual budget of the church. **Your financial gifts are the life blood of the church enabling our ministries to flourish.** You will be able to make your commitment in person, by email or by postal mail.

Your heartfelt commitment will help us to determine what the ministries of Aldersgate church will be able to do in 2022.



Christian Education



WHEN: **Saturday, October 30, 2021**

WHERE: Aldersgate UMC Parking Lot

FOR: Aldersgate UMC Children, Youth, Families & Friends

TIME: 1:00-2:00ish pm

RSVP: Rhonda Simonelli by Sunday, October 24 with # of children/youth attending to rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or for more information/ questions regarding the event. We are hoping for 20 cars to be decorated for this fun event...already have 12. Thank you!

Children & Youth can dress in costume. Free festive treat bags will be distributed to each child along with candy & treats at each car. **New this year:** Pizza and beverages will be served along with prizes for best cars and costumes!

Bibles Distributed to 3rd Graders

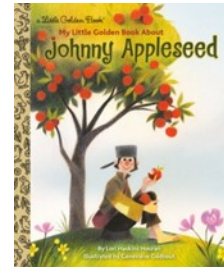
There are milestones in our children's lives that are pivotal and make a difference in their future. Receiving a Third Grade Bible is one of these milestones.

Terry Czlonka, Lilly Fisher, and Jack Simm received Bibles this year on Rally Day.



Thank You!

We collected \$ 58.00 at our Son Surf Beach Bash VBS for Chad Bader's ministries in Guatemala. Thank you for supporting this special mission.



Sunday School Lessons for October

Oct. 3 Stamp an original apple bag and learn about Johnny Appleseed.

The Johnny Appleseed Blessing

Oh, the Lord is good to me,

And so I thank the Lord

For giving me the things I need

The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.

The Lord is good to me.

Anonymous

Oct. 10: Lydia, May your faith flow like a river
Finish & Take home books today

New Unit: RECONCILIATION & FORGIVENESS

Oct. 17: Genesis 37, Joseph and his brothers
Make & decorate Joseph's coat of many colors.

Oct. 24: Genesis 39: 20-40:23, Joseph in Egypt
Rollercoaster Ride Activity with marbles & Finish Joseph's coat.



Oct. 31: We're having a faith-filled Halloween Party! Jesus lights the way! Come dressed in your Halloween costume (not scary or gory) to church. We will be crafting a decorative pumpkin centerpiece & playing an outdoor game on the lawn. Donuts and Cider will be served outside.

Ebenezer Hope Ministries

Permanent Solution to Yearly Tuition for Nakivale Settlement Students

Following is a proposal presented as an update to change the current method of scholarship support of Nakivale Students via Ebenezer Hope Ministries (EHM) to a method that will end the necessity of yearly donations to each student's scholarship, as well as support EHM students who are currently not receiving an education due to lack of funding.

Summarizing our current EHM scholarship program: EHM is currently supporting just over 70 students with a total donation of scholarship and banking fees of over \$12,000/year. The number of children associated with EHM that is NOT supported is considerably more than the number supported, and is slowly growing. Besides the generous support from members of Aldersgate UMC there are only a few other congregations and non-AUMC members who have responded to the Spirit's call to support this program. At this point it seems unlikely that many new supporters for the scholarship program will come forward, so considerations for other ways to support EHM schools were considered.

Proposal: Build a school to support 7 Primary Grades, with 7 class rooms and an office.

- 1) Ebenezer students will go to this school tuition free;
- 2) Other students in Nakivale will pay tuition, which will support the operation costs.

This program model will allow ALL students associated with EHM to attend school. Currently we only support 71 students with now well over that many waiting for an education.

Starting next year EHM donations will be used to pay for building a private school. Pastors Renzha and Jothan have been working with the Nakivale Camp Commandant who has been working hard to improve conditions in Nakivale, since it has grown into a functioning city with a basic economy. For example there are now rules like all refugee buildings must have iron roofs. Electricity trunk lines, although not 24/7 reliable, are being delivered to the entire camp over a time period. **The Commandant has told Pastor Renzha that he will grant land for the building of the school if it is funded.**



Teachers will be paid from item #2 above. The quality of the education will be good; quality teachers have been identified and are ready to teach.

Pastor James – Pastor of the Ugandan Church in Nakivale – has a son who will help with the certification and operation of the school. Since he is a Ugandan citizen he can operate in this position and officially facilitate this program.

We would like to run this funding program for the 2-year period of 2022 – 2023. To initiate this program, we would like to run a 2-year fundraising to cover the cost of the building, which would be a total cost of \$12,000. As noted above we are currently donating over \$12,000 each year to fund the scholarships. So if the sponsors would donate half of what they donate now for each of two years we should easily be able to fund this project. Then there will be no more yearly tuition funding program.

Richard Mohrmann
Lay Director of Ebenezer Hope Ministries



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Scripture Readers This Month



9:30 AM

10/3 — Bobbi Mohrmann

10/10 — TBA

10/17 — Rich Keller

10/24 — Doug Hess

10/31 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

10/3 — Nancy Young

10/10 — Marylou Jones

10/17 — Karen Sladden

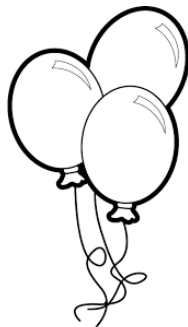
10/24 — Brian Winter

10/31 — Candy Metzger



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Angie Benton	October 1
Sharon Bartter	October 2
Daniel Fox	October 3
Laure (VanPutte) Williams	October 5
Annette Thompson	October 5
Susan DeVincentis	October 7
Dale DeCann	October 12
Margaret Jones	October 13
Martha Sholl	October 13
Robin Lindeman	October 15
Zachary Farrell	October 16
Joyce Farrokh	October 17
Briana Kephart	October 18
Ella Simonelli	October 19
Nancy Young	October 20
David Rogenmoser	October 23
Nicholas Spicer	October 23
Cindy Purzycki	October 24
Timothy Kephart	October 25
Bette Edgett	October 25
Kevin Ruell	October 27
Ted Carstens	October 30
Roy Baird	October 30



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy & Tamara Kephart	October 6
Sabrina McLeod & Gretta Schaefer	October 7
Julia & Brandon Troiano	October 16
John & Karen Best	October 20

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Aldersgate United Methodist Women's
Rummage & Bake Sale

October 7th (9:30 AM-6:00 PM), 8th (9:30 AM-6:00 PM) & 9th (9:30 AM-12:30 PM)

Drop off items by the end of the day 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
- Baskets
- Bowling Balls
- Electronics
- Encyclopedias
- Knives
- Luggage
- Shoes/Boots
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Skis (downhill or cross country)
- Stuffed Animals
- Larger furniture



We need help with the following to make this event a success. **Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at church for:**

- Sorting items and putting them on the tables.
- Pricing some items.
- Organizing books & DVDs.
- Donations of baked goods, such as cookies, cup-cakes, 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, 227-3138. Or call the office, 663-3665.

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