

Aldersgate Hinge

November 2021



From the Pastor

What word comes to you when you think of the month of November? Mine are "Thank you, Lord."

At the dawn of the year 2021, I hoped coronavirus would be gone. I thought the day would truly be coming when I threw my face shield away at the worship service on June 13th. But it didn't take too long to wear it again. Now? I don't know when it will end. I don't even know if the coronavirus will be gone. Probably, we should live with it just like we live with flu.

This year has been a challenging year. I have not been taught how to do ministry in the pandemic. For every situation I faced, I had to find answers by myself. Thanks be to God for our re-opening/re-launching task force. We have worked together and God has led us this far. And faithfulness and support from all the members of Aldersgate Church has kept our church alive. Thank you all! We've been blessed.

So I look forward to the celebration of Thanksgiving. I hope you do too. God has been good to us. I want to share with you the words from Paul to the people of faith in Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, The Message):

"Be cheerful no matter what;
pray all the time;
thank God no matter what happens.

This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live."

November is a busy month for Aldersgate Church. Let me briefly talk about three events.

Stewardship/Pledge Campaign – October 24th, November 7th and 14th

The theme is "Stewardship Is Heart Work." Moses said to the Israelites, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5, GNT)

The heart matters to God. Listen to the heartbeat of your faith. Do you feel the heartbeat of God in your heartbeat? His love in your heartbeat? It's time to make a commitment to God and God's church for 2022. Let us respond to the blessings from God and make the heart of Aldersgate Church stronger so that we can touch the heart of other people with the heartbeat of God. For details, please read the article about Stewardship Campaign.

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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, 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

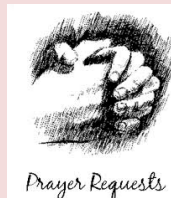
Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family, Rod McNeil (Nancy Bailey), Alivia, Tom & MaryBeth, Nina (Gloria Baker); Casey, Evan, Tisha and Damian (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Bill Burdick (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Hans 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); 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; Dick Keegan – Cobbs Hill Manor; Donna Rice –

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.



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:

Kathy Pearson and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Pearson, on October 15.



Prayer Request at In-person Worship

At this time, we are not passing 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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Thanksgiving Sunday Service – November 21st

Let us gather together and give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received from Him: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come..."

Hanging of the Greens Service – November 28, combined service at 10:00 AM (one service only)

Advent 2021 begins on November 28th with a service of the Hanging of the Greens.

Blessings,

Pastor Sung Ho

Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons in November

November 7 — Stewardship week #2:

Heartbeat Sunday

Give wholeheartedly — Deuteronomy 6:4-5

November 14 — Stewardship week #3:

Commitment Sunday

Commitment to God should not come out of duty but from willingness as a response to God's love.

Romans 12:1-2

November 21 — Thanksgiving Sunday

Be thankful in all circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November 28 — 1st Advent Sunday

(One service at 10:00 AM)

Hanging of the Greens

Charge Conference — Nov. 6 Online

A Charge-Church Conference will be held on Saturday, November 6 at 9:00 AM via Zoom. All church members are voting members for this conference. The Zoom link will be sent out via email before that day.



Eat Out & Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, November 15

4:00pm - 8:00pm

800 Greece Ridge Center Drive
Greece, NY 14626

Gather your friends and family for dinner out and help raise money for the church! We will earn 20% of sales during the specified times if you mention Aldersgate when you place your order.

If ordering online for Rapid Pick-up or Delivery, enter "PRFUND" as your promo code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to the church.



A Special Advent Worship Service to Begin this Holy Season!

**On Sunday, November 28, 2021
10:00 am Worship Service**

*One service with both Contemporary and
Traditional Carols, Special readings, and
adorning our special Christmas tree
with ornaments*

Needed – Your "Comfort & Joy" Advent Devotions!

We still need some devotions for our very own 2021 AUMC Advent Devotional booklet. This year's theme is "Comfort & Joy." We hope to encourage one another to take time between Sundays to remember the meaning of Christ's birth. Each devotional should be 300 words or less, start with a title and scripture verse, and end with a 1-2 sentence prayer or blessing.

Submissions are **due by November 12** to Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org).

This year's devotional will be available the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. Don't forget to grab a copy! Thank you all who have contributed to this effort.

Dec./Jan. Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter, combined months of December & January, are due by **Nov. 15**.

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

Church Events & Opportunities

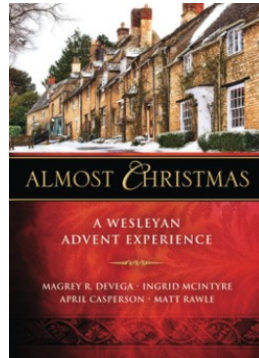
Advent Study Led by Pastor Doug Hess

Open to all, this 4-week study will follow: "Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience" by Magrey deVega et al.

In-person sessions will be held Sundays starting November 28 after the Hanging of the Greens service (around 11:30-12:30). The following three Sundays will be held at 11:00-12:00.

Zoom sessions will be held from 7:00-8:00 PM on four consecutive Tuesdays, starting on November 30.

Please contact Pastor Doug at dough96@aol.com or 402-0311 to **RSVP by November 14** so that we can plan the live session space required as well as the number of books to order. Thank you.



Stewardship is "Heart" Work!

We are in the midst of our annual Stewardship Campaign, the time of year we ask for your donation pledge so we can set the church budget for next year. Details of our budget needs were mailed to everyone.

Our vision for 2022 is ambitious. We want to provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week, increasing the number of people attending our services. We want to continue nurturing persons in their faith journey through group study and educational opportunities. We also want to continue to witness our faith in service beyond ourselves with our continued mission efforts.

November 14th is Commitment Sunday. **Your financial gifts are the life blood of the church, enabling our ministries to flourish.** You can make your commitment in person, by email or by postal mail. Your heartfelt commitment will help us to determine what ministries we can offer and support in 2022. Thank you in advance for your help to make everything possible.

ALTAR POINSETTIA SALE

It's time to purchase the holiday poinsettia plants that will be used to decorate our altar this Christmas season. Plants can be taken home after the final Christmas Eve service or after any Sunday services following Christmas.

The cost is \$8 each. Please write in the total quantity of each color you would like to purchase:

____ Pink ____ White ____ Red

Indicate who you are honoring with each plant:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Orders are due on or before November 21st.

Send form & check to church, or leave in offering plate. Clearly mark check: POINSETTIAS

OR: Fill out and turn in form and make payment through Jan Winter at (585) 943-7353.

Thank You!
Altar Committee





2021 CROP Walk a Success!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

We had 18 people from Aldergate join our annual CROP Hunger Walk this year! We raised \$1,415.50. 25% of that money raised goes to our local Greece food shelf. Thank you to our devoted walkers and many sponsors who contributed financially to end hunger.

A special thank you to Kathy Pearson for donating apples from her West Wind Fruit Farm for our CROP Hunger Walk. Next year's walk will be held in May.

Thank You So Much

Rummage Sale was a success.

We raised \$5,520.09!

A Special Thank You to everyone who helped out at our Rummage Sale.

The people setting up the tables; the women who helped price, fold, organize and set the items out; the people who worked the sale, baked our delicious baked goods, and those who came in later to pack up what was left and put our tables away (Thank you Cindy P. for calling these people), we appreciate all that you have done for us. UMW could not have done it without you.

Some items remain because St. Paul Believers would not take everything. I am working on getting someone else to come in and pick up what is left.

Candy Metzger and the UMW Leadership Team

Introducing Our New Administrative Assistant, Diana Jason

SPRC is delighted to welcome Diana Jason as Aldersgate's new Administrative Assistant. Diana has an extensive background that will serve her well in this position. Diana started work on Monday, October 11 and her usual working hours will be Monday through Friday 9 AM to 1:30 PM.

We are grateful to and want to thank Mary Lou Jones, Candy Metzger, Bobbi Mohrmann, and Jan Winter for all their hard work covering the office while we were in the Administrative Assistant Search Process.

In her own words, here's Diana:

Hi everyone! I am so excited to be a part of the Aldersgate family. I am slowly getting to know each one of you and I look forward to meeting more of you. I come to AUMC with a diverse background in both the profit and non-profit world. I worked many years in marketing communication and fundraising. Prior to coming here, I had my own freelance virtual administrative assistant business. Skills from all my previous positions blend perfectly with the requirements for your Administrative Assistant. On a personal note, I am the lucky mother of two children, Hannah – who is senior at Duquesne University, and Matthew – who is in 9th grade at Greece Olympia. I am also the lucky wife of an amazing husband, Scott, who puts up with my antics. I love to kayak and nature is my spiritual place. Let me know if you enjoy kayaking too as we are part of kayaking club and love new members. I understand from multiple people that a sense of humor is a must here. Rest assured that I can joke along with the best of them and look forward to laughing with all of you. Feel free to email me at office@aumcgreece.org. God Bless!



"Jesus, the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

These days I'm finding myself watching outside, noticing the changing of the season. The sun sets a little earlier every day. The morning cold becomes a warm day, only to return to cold in the evening; one day is sunny, the next day is rain. The leaves are already falling, my favorite trees are starting to become bare. The squirrels in the yard are making a mad dash to prepare for the winter-time, and so am I.

I am reminded by all this that while the seasons change, God remains the same. Like the changes we see outside, our lives go through seasons of trial and seasons of laughter, seasons of joy and seasons of sadness. The ups and downs and twists and turns of life can be extreme.

We are too caught up looking back at things we can't change or looking ahead at things we can't control. The marvel of God's presence is in the moment. Today is a new day, today God is there to guide and direct us. He's planted the seed of faith in our hearts, and it needs sun and shade, blue skies and rain. God will use the various seasons of our life to help us learn and grow. Remember today He is the Rock, He is with us through thick and thin, and His faithfulness and lovingkindness endure forever.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one"—the Lord Jesus—"who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15 NIV)

Music, Rummage Sale, Fellowship, etc.

Thank you, Luke and Ella, for helping setup the tables for the rummage sale, and Steven and Cyril for helping us tear them down and clean up. We also had a great time of fellowship at DQ after the cleanup.

An overdue thanks to Ella for your flute performance of "Be Thou My Vision" and thank you Molly for singing "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling." They were a blessing to so many of us!

"God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6:10 NKJV)




We are planning a special worship service **"HANGING OF THE GREENS"** on Sunday, November 28 at 10:00am. This is also the first Sunday of Advent. Scripts will be given out on

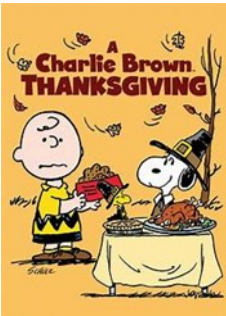
Sunday, November 14 and then rehearsed/practiced in Sunday school classes on Sunday, November 21. We are looking for children and youth to lead the service who are interested in reading scripture, reading about the symbols of Advent, singing/playing an instrument and hanging Chrismon ornaments on our beautiful Christmas tree. Please see/contact Rhonda Simonelli rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or Brian Winter bwinter@aumcgreece.org if your child is interested being a part of this wonderful tradition here at Aldersgate.



Advent Activity for Children & Families Count to Christmas Activity - His Name Is Jesus

Easy-to-build tree provides a way to celebrate in the days before Christmas. Place a sticker ornament on the front of the tree and answer the question or complete the activity. Children will be receiving this after the Hanging of the Greens Worship service on November 28.

November 7 is  Heart Beat Sunday. We hope to sing a song in church and chalk the walk!



Get into the Spirit of Thanksgiving! We will watch the movie, "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" on **November 14** during Sunday School classes. We will also be making a magnet take-home craft.

The kids stamped apple bags in Sunday School while learning about Johnny Appleseed.

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



The Trustees want to Thank ALL the people that provide service to our church facility! It's the little things that people may not notice but are so important to our beautiful building! Debbie Lenau and Sandi Norris take care of the plants on the altar and tend to the courtyard. The faithful security checkers — Gordon Osborne, Larry Scrivens, Rich Mohrmann, Colleen and Steve Tyler, Cindy and Dave Roza. We appreciate you all - and many others!!!

Did you know that we set the thermostats in each specific room depending on what's on the event calendar? There are people that take turns doing the setting. We hope to move to a more electronic version that can be done right from the Administrative Assistant's computer. What a time and money saver that will be. Your tithes help to make these improvements happen!

The summer is over and the leaves are turning...and dropping! We did not set up a fall clean-up date this year but we appreciate anyone who has time to provide our church property with some tender loving care — leaf raking, picking up trash and trimming are a few of the tasks that can be done independently.

Did you know that there is a Trustee notebook near the Welcome area?-This book is for anyone to write in suggestions or non-urgent repairs needed to the church. We look at it during our monthly Trustee meeting. Please consider making some comments for us.** COMING SOON ** We are working on an email address that will be used to send us comments, questions, and repair requests. Watch for more information in the weekly update email!

Thank you for your dedication to maintaining and keeping our Church facility beautiful! We come together to make this happen through prayer, service and donations.

Respectfully, The Trustees

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GET WISDOM

I am writing this on my birthday. As we get "older," especially as Christians, we don't just want an increase in years, but in Wisdom. Wisdom doesn't automatically come with age, so how do we "get," or increase, Wisdom?

The Bible says, in **Proverbs 1:7: "The fear (or reverence) of God is the beginning of Wisdom."** But how do we show Reverence to God?

I'm waxing nostalgic (after you reach a certain age, you do that on your birthday) so I'll compare it to the way I recall, as a teenager, giving homage (Reverence is only for God) to a favorite Pop Singer. (For me, it was Carole King, among others. You can fill in that blank for yourself.)

First, you spent your money, and from a teenager's perspective LOTS of it! Either you went to a concert or, like most of us, to the record store and bought their latest album.

Second, once you got it home, you played that album so much that every song had a skip in it! (Sorry, young people, now I really am showing my age!) You memorized and sang along with every word!

And, lastly, you read magazine articles and watched interviews, hoping for some insight into the more "obscure" lyrics. (It was '70s music. It was full of obscure lyrics!)

That's it in a nutshell. If you want to gain Wisdom, attend church and give your money to your church! (Much as I loved them in my youth, supporting and continuing the work of God is SO much more important than it was to support Carole King, Neil Diamond or "David Gates and Bread!") Read or listen to the Word of God, constantly! Wear out your Bible from overuse! Memorize and recite His words constantly. And lastly, attend Small Group Bible Studies to gain understanding. God's Word can be obscure sometimes too! (The fault of the translator, not God!)

It may be my birthday, but every day is the first day of the rest of your life! Celebrate each new day by gaining Wisdom!

Blessings,
Sharon Bartter

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Serving in Worship This Month

A/V

9:30 AM

11/7 — Ted Carstens

11/14 — Mark DeVincentis

11/21 — Mary Sims

11/28 — Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

11/7 — Roger Hotchkiss

11/14 — Erin Pfund

11/21 — Roger Hotchkiss

11/28 — Erin Pfund

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

11/7 — Debbie Simms

11/14 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11/21 — Annette Thompson

11/28 — Rich Keller

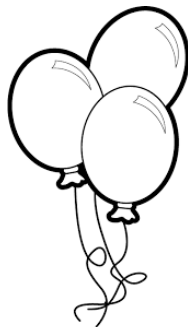
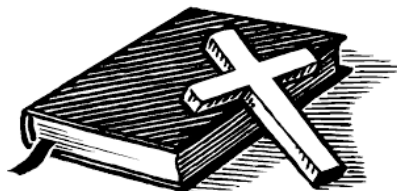
11:00 AM

11/7 — Nancy Young

11/14 — Gary Hogestyn

11/21 — Sue Zorn

11/28 — Brian Winter



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Farrell	November 4
John Simm	November 7
Sandi Norris	November 8
Joclynn Fox	November 9
Tommy Maggio	November 9
John Best	November 16
Natalie Bock	November 16
Bill Burdick	November 18
Betty Hild	November 18
Suzanne Spicer	November 18
John Cook	November 18
Richard Caupp	November 19
Ann Christie	November 20
Andrea Peeck	November 20
Jan Winter	November 21
Tamara Gilzow-Kephart	November 24
Rachel Carstens	November 25
Eric Rex	November 25
Laura Wagner	November 30
Diane Haschmann	November 30

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Kurt & Robin Lindeman	November 21
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WHITE GIFTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Helping Needy Families for 57 Years!

The Aldersgate tradition of providing Christmas dinner and gifts for needy families in Rochester continues this year. We intend to assist at least 12 families, and more if we are able. Here are some ways you can help make this a special Christmas for those families:

- **MONETARY DONATIONS** — Any dollar amount is welcome! The sooner we receive the money, the better we can plan our shopping and how many people we can help.
- **ADOPT-A-FAMILY** — Money will be provided from the White Gifts general funds. You have the rewarding assignment of personally shopping and delivering to your “family.”
- **SPONSOR-A-FAMILY** (Full responsibility for a needy family)
Just like the “Adopt-A-Family” option except that you fully sponsor the cost of the food and gifts. Expect to spend between \$300-\$400 for

food and gifts for an average size recipient family. *You may want to share this project with other Aldersgate families, co-workers, neighbors, or friends and split the expense.*

- **Assist with purchasing requested items.**
- **Help wrap everything up once purchased.**
- **Help deliver everything.**

Will You Help?

Speak to Jan or Tracy Winter at church or contact them by calling Jan at 943-7353 for more information and to volunteer in this very rewarding venture as soon as possible. You may also e-mail Jan at winterjanets@gmail.com.

