

Aldersgate Hinge

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From the Pastor



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Live a Life of Faith!

This is the slogan for 2022. Let us live by faith and let our God work in our lives so we can experience His power.

Actually, this slogan is the continuation of the 2021 slogan, "Grow and Thrive." When we chose "Grow and Thrive" for 2021, we did it with our faith in God. Not knowing how the year 2021 would evolve, not knowing much about how COVID-19 would go, we relied on our faith.

Thanks be to God! We can say God has blessed us in 2021. God has blessed Aldersgate Church throughout the year. Praise God! I talked about those blessings in my sermon on January 16. If you missed the service, you can still watch it on the church's Facebook page.

What can you say about Aldersgate Church in 2022? Can we continue to grow and thrive? I believe so. God desires for us to continue to grow and thrive. Jesus said, "I have come that they [we] might have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10

Don't just survive. Choose to thrive. People say, "Hunker down and just survive in times of trials and difficulties." But God says, "Grow and thrive."

What's the key to growing and thriving? Just do more and work harder? The key to growing and thriving is "FAITH." When we go with faith, God will work through our faith and His power will work in what we do.

What is the difference between belief and faith?

Belief is an acceptance of something as truth.

Faith is an experience of what you believe.

In faith, what you believe is real in your life.

Faith is the substance (realization) of things hoped for – Hebrews 11:1.

When we live a life of faith, we will experience the power of our God in our reality.

In 2022, let us live a life of faith. Let us put what we believe into action. That's faith! Then we will experience God working in our lives. God desires us to thrive. Let's live a life of faith!

Pastor Sung Ho

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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: Members testing positive for Covid-19, Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Barb Condon, Jane Coonan, Mark DeVincentis, Nathan Dunn, Bette Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Mas Okita, Cindy Purzycki, Paula Rolfe, Ron Rozinski, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Alice Styles, Michael Thompson, Hal Wagner, Scott Wiley, Jeanette Zeh and the Caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns.

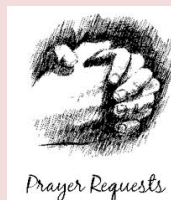
Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family; Rod McNeil (Nancy Bailey); Ellie & Jim, Rick & Denise (Gloria Baker); Casey, Evan, Tisha & 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 Lindenaus); Marlene Benson (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann, Susan Tuck Rooksby, Ricki Schaefer (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); daughter-in-law & her father Lou (Sandi Norris); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; Grandma (Shawna Poling); Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Mike McCord (brother of Cindy Roza); Christian & Laurie Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Abby & husband (Gretta Schaeffer); Paul (George Shukitis); Tom (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); 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); Edna Farley (Terry & Nancy Young); Dennis (Steven Zeh)

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.



Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Barb Condon – ; Jane Coonan – Wegman's Family Cottages; Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; 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

Christian Sympathy Extended to:

Family of Joyce DeBell, who died on January 6.

Suzanne Unell on the death of husband Doug Unell, who died on January 7, and to their daughters and their respective families. Karen Shah, Sarah Ha, and Catherine Ludwig grew up attending Aldersgate and were all confirmed here as members.

Robin Fox, whose brother, Steven Brandt, lost his battle with cancer.

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 by 5 PM on Saturday. Your prayer request will be shared with the congregation during worship unless you want Pastor Lee to keep it confidential.

Catch Up on Facebook Videos

Check out prior services, Bible study groups, Advent groups, the Christmas Cantata and more online at: https://www.facebook.com/aumcgreece/videos/?ref=page_internal. There is a lot to read and see!

Church Events & Opportunities



Sermons for February

February 6 – Following the Footsteps of the Faithful;
Hebrews 11:1-13

Sermon Series - Love: 1 Corinthians 13

February 13 - The Primacy of Love; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

February 20 - Loving the Jesus Way; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

February 27 - Love Never Fails: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Ash Wednesday Service – March 2

Lent 2022 begins with the **Ash Wednesday service** on March 2 at 7 PM. Lent begins 46 days before Easter Sunday, which falls on Sunday, April 17, 2022.



Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, February 21

4:00 - 8:00 PM

800 Greece Ridge Center Drive
Greece, NY 14626

Dine in, carry out or order delivery at the Greece Panera and help raise money for the church! We 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.

March Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Feb. 15**.

Please send to: karenladden@hotmail.com



Feel the Love!

Guess how many candy kisses are in the jar located in the gathering space? The winner will be revealed and rewarded in church on Sunday, February 13th. Please email your guesses to Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org.

What's New at Aldersgate?



Thanks to a generous donation, we have a new stove in our kitchen! This is a long-needed replacement for the original stove that was moved over from the old part of the church.

Cooks Needed!

Want to try out the new stove? Please consider joining the fun staff that coordinates and cooks the monthly Community Dinners we host. We are currently in need of cooks but always welcome other volunteers as well. If interested, contact the church office or Mary Sims at sims.mcs@gmail.com.

Advent Wreath Readers

A special thank you to those who helped us celebrate Advent by lighting our Advent Wreath candles and sharing our Advent readings. A big thank you to the Dennis Simm family, Rich & Nan Keller, Brenda & Molly Donovan, David Rogenmoser, Gary & Denise Hogestyn, the Sanjay Samuel family, the Adam Pfund family and Susan & Erin Galligan! You are a blessing! Thank you!

Youth activities

A New Beginning

Did you ever do something you felt sorry about, and wish you could go back and do it all over again?

Did you ever try to do something, but it didn't really work out right?

Did you ever pick food from a menu, but after you ate it you wish you had picked something else?

We all make wrong choices. We can't change that.

Every year we look forward to a new year because we see it as a new beginning—a fresh chance to do things right! We look at all the ways we messed up the year before, or fell short of some goal we had, and make new goals—a new year's resolution—for the year to come. But in spite of all that happened yesterday and today, we don't have to wait for a new year to have a new beginning.

When Jesus came, it was a new beginning.

When Jesus comes into our lives, it is a new beginning

When Jesus forgives us of wrongs we've done, mistakes we've made, it is a new beginning.

When we wake up in the morning, it's a new beginning.

His mercies are new every morning! (Lamentations 3:23)

Every second, every moment, is a new beginning. So this year, let us resolve to forget those things which are behind, and reach forth to those things that are before, and let us press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus! (Philippians 3:13, 14)

All Things Advent and Christmas

The youth did a wonderful job this year with all performances, Advent and Christmas! We were blessed this season by Erin and Ella's flute duo "Carol of the Bells;" Ella's flute performance of "Joy to the World;" Molly's "Mary Did You Know," "O Holy Night," singing in the play and cantata; Luke's masterful performance as King Herod; MacKenzie in the liturgical dance and as Mary; Stephen and Cyril's "Away in the Manger" (Steven even arranged the piano accompaniment, with Cyril on saxophone). Bravo!

We were also blessed this year by Luke's artwork and Ella's art/devotional in this year's Advent Devotional book.

Thank you to all who read and participated in the Hanging of the Greens (and we had a great time with everyone at Bill Gray's after the practice!), the Christmas Play and the Liturgical Dance, all those who helped out behind the scenes, and so much more!

Christian Education

Sunday School for Children

"Because you are Awesome and a wonder worker! You are God. Just YOU!" Psalm 86:10

"You are my Son, whom I dearly love, in you I find happiness." Luke 3:22

February 6: Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52) — Finding Jesus Treasure Hunt throughout the church

February 13: A Special Valentine's Day Art Project and Juice Box Party

February 20: Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3: 1-22) — Water Experiments

February 27: Temptation in the Desert (Luke 4: 1-13) — Make your own beeswax candle

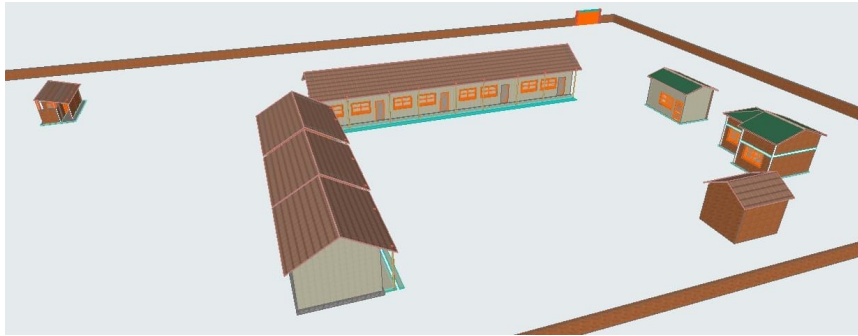


The Christmas Eve Play, "Christmas is Here" written by Sabrina McLeod



Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group

Ebenezer Hope Ministries



School Building Project

Ebenezer Hope Ministries [EHM] is now ready to formally start fundraising for building the school facilities that I briefly described last Fall. The land has been acquired and \$2,284 has already been donated for this project.

I have recently received detailed estimated costs from the Engineer for the six buildings. The six buildings as shown above are: 1) A four-classroom building; 2) A three-classroom building; 3) An office building; 4) a bathroom with four stalls; 5) a dining area building; 6) a Library.

Here is the project timeline we have received. It shows the quickest the project can proceed if the funding is available as soon as indicated in the timeline (below and next page).

Oct. 2021 — Purchase land (done)

May 2022 — \$10,000 USD needed to buy materials and start building foundations and walls

June-Aug. 2022 — \$5,000 USD needed to complete foundations and walls

Sept. 2022 — \$2,000 USD needed to buy and build roofs

Oct. 2022 — \$2,000 USD needed to buy and install windows and doors, plus start electrical

End 2022/Early 2023 — \$900 USD needed to complete electrical, paint walls, buy furnishings

March 2023 — Earliest completion if all goes as planned

As you can see we have already reached a bit over 20% of the funding for the first \$10,000 needed to start the buying of materials and building the structures. We all have been donating over \$12,000/year each year to fund the EHM students' scholarships. So we are asking that you now start donating to this project at the level you have been supporting the students' scholarships previously. A reminder: Once this school is operational its program will become self supporting, and there will be no further need to fund scholarships via EHM.

Blessings and Thank You for your support of this program,
Rich Mohrmann

Devotional

Let's Go All In!

I am a huge "Jeopardy!" fan! Lately, there have been a number of "Super-Champs," on long enough that we get to know their mannerisms and favorite expressions. One of those, from about 2½ years ago, was James Holzhauer. Instead of the usual: "Let's make it a True Daily Double," Holzhauer would push both palms forward on his podium (like palming his entire stack of chips on his favorite Vegas Poker table) and proclaim: "Let's Go All In!"

As I write this, it's the first week of the New Year. Many United Methodist Churches take this time to renew their commitment to God using the Wesley Covenant Service. In part of the Prayer, Wesley prays: "Let me have all things, or let me have nothing...I leave it all to Your pleasure and disposal." In other words, we are telling God: "Let's Go All In!"

While James Holzhauer never seemed to show it, going "all in" can be a bit scary! He was risking everything he'd earned so far that day. We could be risking everything we "have" (not that any of it is truly ours) period. Life as we know it could change dramatically! And yes, there could be some "losses." But, in the long run, we could watch it change dramatically in a good way, both for us and for those we can help by the miracles God performs through our hands!

All James Holzhauer had was his knowledge, great as it was. We have assurances Holzhauer may never have had. We know that **"God will supply all of our needs through His Glorious riches."** (Philippians 4:19) and that God has **"Great plans...to prosper, and not harm us."** (Jeremiah 29:11)

So, as the New Year progresses: Commit to "Go All In" for/with God. Is it "risky?" Sure! But with God, the risks are all worth it!

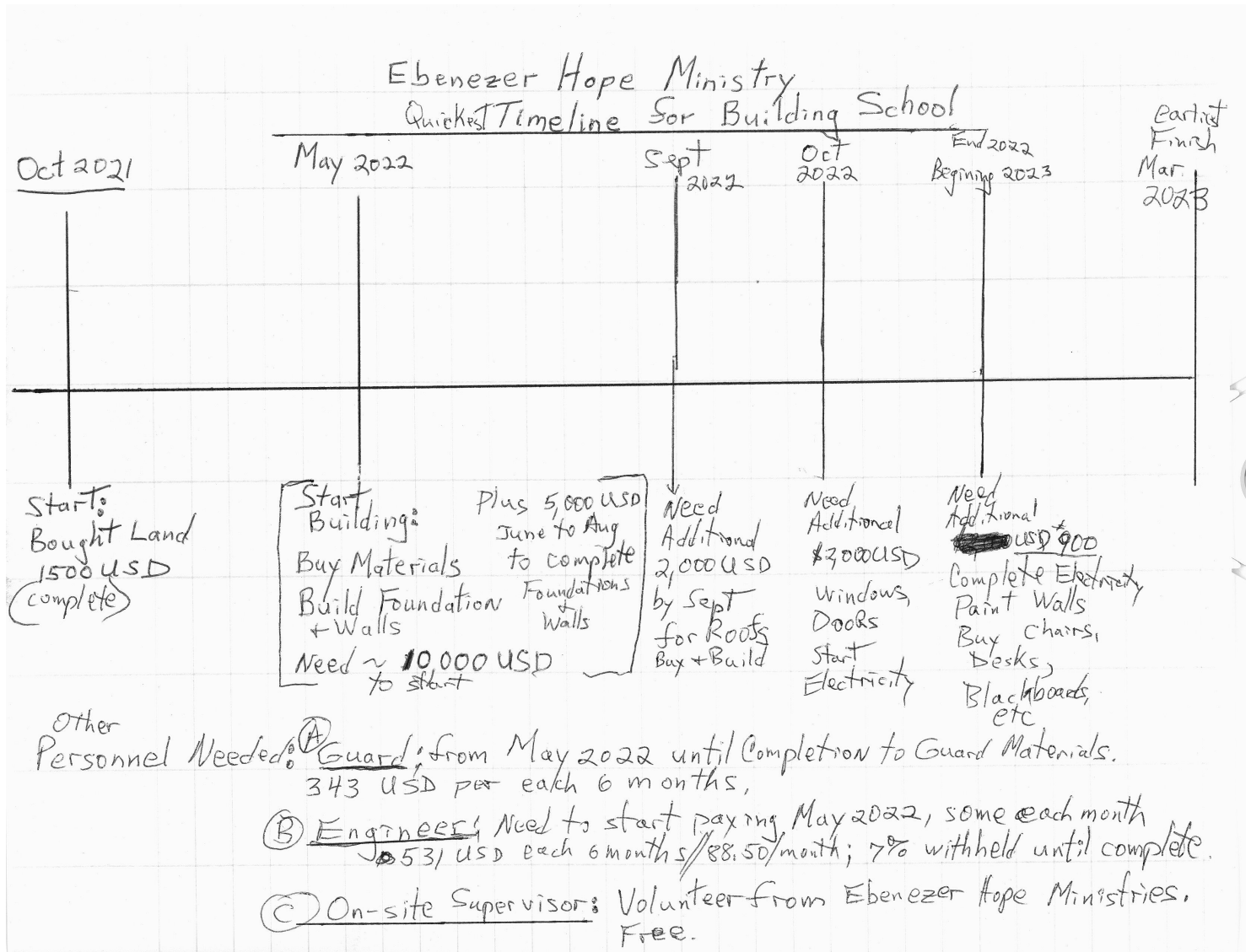
Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Sharon Bartter



Ebenezer Hope Ministries

School Building Project Timeline



Stewardship Update

Stewardship is about using the gifts God has entrusted to us individually and collectively to do God's work. While monetary giving is an important part of this, giving our time and talents is equally important.

Make New Friends in 2022!

Can you push buttons and/or click a mouse? Can you commit to one Sunday every 4 - 6 weeks? Consider serving on the AV/Live Stream team. Training is provided.

Do you like flowers? Do you have an eye for decorating? Consider serving on the Altar Committee to help make the Sanctuary look beautiful week after week.

Additional Giving Opportunities

Let's Build a School!

As part of our church's support of the Ebenezer Hope Ministries, we have been providing tuition for a number of children so they can attend school. The Nakivale community would like to build their own school so that all children can attend (not just those lucky few who get scholarships). So instead of scholarships, your gift will be used to help fund the building of this school. This is a two-year project so any support you provide will get them closer to making their school a reality

You can make a one-time gift to this fund, or you can donate regularly either using your offering envelopes, setting up an EFT or using our Online giving site (give.aumcgreece.org) and selecting the Donate button in the **Ebenezer Hope Ministries** section. Make sure that you clearly mark – whichever way you do it – that the funds go to the *Ebenezer Hope Ministries' school building fund*.

Capital Improvement Fund

Like all buildings, our church needs to be properly maintained to serve the needs of both our congregation as well as the community. Even though we are still paying a \$9,898 monthly mortgage, repairs, replacements and upgrades still need to be done. The Trustees have a long list! Thanks to generous gifts of members, the UMW, and the Jack and Dorothy Pearson Charitable Foundation some items on that list are getting done now (chimney and roof repairs, kitchen stove replacement as well as other kitchen upgrades) but much more needs to be done. **How can you help?** You can make a one-time gift to this fund, or you can donate regularly either using your offering envelopes, setting up an EFT or using our Online giving site (give.aumcgreece.org) and selecting the Donate button

for the **Capital Improvement Fund**. Make sure that you clearly mark – whichever way you do it – that the funds go to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Have you remembered Aldersgate in your Will?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Hogestyn	February 1
Sung Ho Lee	February 2
George Shukitis	February 2
Todd Farrell	February 5
Ed Geier	February 5
Anna Simm	February 6
Mark Houser	February 6
Ryan Kennedy	February 10
Ray LaFlair	February 11
Jeffrey Rust	February 11
Scott Wiley	February 11
Laura Piccarreto-Kimmel	February 12
Robin Fox	February 13
Doug Jones III	February 13
Brian Winter	February 14
Mike Dunn	February 15
Erin Bills	February 17
Dave Stanley	February 20
Helen Allen	February 21
Michael Smith	February 23
Harry Mutthersbaugh	February 24
Jessica Christie	February 26
Anton Gilson	February 26
Sue Zorn	February 26
Michael Thompson	February 26
Grace Watts	February 27
Elijah Tyler	February 27

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Martha Sholl & Mark Houser	February 14
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Serving in Worship These Months

February Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

2/6 — Sandi Norris

2/13 — Sam Pfund

2/20 — Carol DeCann

2/27 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

2/6 — Jim Cobia

2/13 — Jan Rothfuss

2/20 — Candy Metzger

2/27 — Mary Lou Jones



February AV

9:30 AM

2/6 — Erin Pfund

2/13 — Mark DeVincentis

2/20 — Ted Carstens

2/27 — Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

2/6 — Erin Pfund

2/13 — Roger Hotchkiss

2/20 — Roger Hotchkiss

2/27 — Erin Pfund



Thank You!

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

Greetings From Lorrie Durbin

Hi Everyone,

This year has been full of changes. My move to Florida went very well and I am very happy. I am living with my aunt and I spend a lot of time with my cousin. We were close as children. Since being home, I have reconnected with many of my friends that I have known for more than 30 years.

Mickey loves it here. He thinks he is the boss. He is addicted to watching TV and barks at any animal that comes on the screen. He has discovered lizards and enjoys chasing them.

I have started a new job as a Travel agent where I had experience before moving to Rochester. Being certified as an agent, I am specializing in travel for people with special Needs. I am working with Expedia Cruises, but moving toward opening my own office so I can market myself better in this specialty. I will be able to book travel for every area of the population.

I look forward to seeing what this new year has in store.

Lorrie

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Trustees' Corner

Happy New Year from the Trustees!

We could tell you about our need for more walk through checkers each night to ensure our Church is buttoned up or that we want people to share their talents with us to keep our facility running. **BUT** we have **exciting news** to share with you, if you haven't heard already!

The Church has developed a **Capital Repairs Fund**. The Trustees are very pleased about this. This will allow the opportunity to repair items like the roof and plan for large replacement items in the future like the windows in our classrooms. The new portion of the church is over 15 years old; things are beginning to break down. We want to be planful about repairs that we know will need to take place. This fund will ensure that the money is set aside to do that. Please consider making a donation specific to this fund, along with your regular giving!

We have had some large projects on our To Do List for quite some time. The Chapel chimney was in need of significant work to stabilize and preserve it. The roof has been leaking for many years. **Thank you to Mark D** for

taking the lead, the two projects were completed in November. Repairs like these are not seen by the congregation, they aren't pretty or flashy, but must be done to keep the integrity of our beautiful facility for years to come. The projects were not planned as part of the 2021 budget so **thank you to the Finance Team as well as Stewardship** for making a plan to cover these costs.

With much gratitude to the **Jack and Dorothy Pearson Charitable Foundation**, our Church will benefit in many ways. **Mary Sims** headed up the purchase and installation of a new stove for the IDE kitchen. We are also getting estimates for a new dishwasher and disposal. The Trustees have had these items repaired many, many times over the last few years so this is truly a Blessing from God.

Shout out and **Thank you to Jean Paul** for doing a great job as our custodian! Thank you to the rest of the congregation for doing your part in keeping our facilities beautiful, whether it is through puttering, tithing and prayer — it all makes the Aldersgate United Methodist Church stronger!

Respectfully, The Trustees