

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — March 2022



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## From the Pastor

I love crocuses — the first flowers to bloom each spring. Their cheery blossoms open when there's still snow on the ground. They are the harbingers of spring.

Crocus flowers are the symbol of new life, new beginnings and joy thanks to their early blooming flowers in spring. They give us the conviction that new life and

new beginnings come forth even when it seems that there is no hope.

That is what the journey of Lent is about. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2 this year. It is a journey from ashes, which are the symbol of death, to the new life of resurrection, which will be celebrated on Easter Sunday — a journey from despair to hope, from fear to courage, from uncertainty to assurance, and from death to life.

On this journey, let us shout joy to the storm — to the storm of despair, fear, uncertainty, death and COVID-19. I can't wait to shout joy on Easter morning when we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

The Lenten season is an exciting time with great anticipation of the joy of new life and new beginnings. During Lent, many people give something up that they love — perhaps chocolate, sweets or even using social media. But the purpose of the Lenten journey is not in simply sacrificing or giving up. The goal is to create space in your soul for the gifts of the Easter blessings of new life and new beginnings.

During Lent, Aldersgate Church offers many wonderful opportunities for you to empty and then fill your soul with the gift of the resurrection. Let us join in these events and programs:

Sunday Worship (sermon series - Shout Joy to the Storm) — in-person or online

Special Services — Ash Wednesday (March 2 @7pm), Maundy Thursday (April 14 @7pm), Good Friday (April 15 @7pm)

Daily Devotion — use daily devotionals such as The Upper Room or The Cup of Salvation (both are available in church) or daily email devotionals from me

Let us empty ourselves so that we can be filled with the gifts of new life and new beginnings. Let us shout joy to the storm.

*Pastor Sung Ho*

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# Our Ministry of Concern

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## 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, Jane Coonan, Mark DeVincentis, Nathan Dunn, 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, Hal Wagner, Scott Wiley, Jeanette Zeh, and the caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns

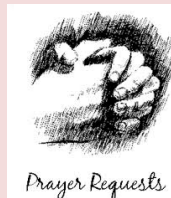
### Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

**Concerns:** Nancy Anderson & family; 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 Van-Zundert, 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); 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)

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

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly prayer concerns list updated. Send prayer requests to Chitie Egett at [cge1935@gmail.com](mailto:cge1935@gmail.com) or the church office at [office@aumcgreece.org](mailto:office@aumcgreece.org). Confidential prayers requests should be sent directly to Pastor Sung Ho Lee at [PastorSungHo@aumcgreece.org](mailto:PastorSungHo@aumcgreece.org).



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:

Nancy Brehm and family following the death of her mother, Ruth Burkhouse, on January 26.

Cindy Roza and family, whose mother (Freida McCord) passed away on February 3.



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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Catch Up with 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](https://www.facebook.com/aumcgreece/videos/?ref=page_internal). There is a lot to read and see!

# Church Events & Opportunities

## Sermons for Lent —

### “Shout Joy to the Storm”

**March 6** - Empty and Fill, Luke 4:1-13

**March 13** - Shout Joy to the Storm, Matthew 25:1-13

**March 20** - Difference between Happiness and Joy, Philippians 4:4

**March 27** - Singing in the Rain, Acts 16:22-31

**April 3** - Joy of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32

## Special Services in Lent

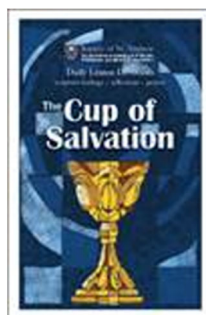
**Ash Wednesday Service** with imposition of ashes – March 2, 7PM

**Maundy Thursday Service** with Communion – April 14, 7PM

**Good Friday Service** – April 15, 7PM

## 2022 Daily Lenten Devotional Available

Lent is a season of self-examination, reflection and change! Be sure to pick up this year's free daily Lenten Devotional, *The Cup of Salvation* in the gathering space! Any donations will go to support the mission of the Society of St. Andrew, a faith-based organization founded by Methodist ministers and dedicated to help feed America's hungry.



This year, “Thought for the Day,” a one-point reflection from the devotional, “The Cup of Salvation,” will be emailed every morning as spiritual food for the day.

## It's Not Too Early — Aldersgate 2022 Advent Devotional Submissions

With Christmas not far behind us, it's a great time to start writing for this year's Aldersgate 2022 Advent Devotional! We will be accepting submissions this year all the way until Friday, November 2. All submissions and inquiries may be directed to Brian Winter, [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org) with the subject line “Advent Devotional.”

### April Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: [karensladen@hotmail.com](mailto:karensladen@hotmail.com)

## Easter Baskets

We are collecting small items (i.e., individualized wrapped candy (bunnies, chocolate eggs, crosses), cookies, chips, snack crackers, small water bottles & juice boxes, hand soap, note-paper, etc.) to make 20-25 Easter baskets for congregation members that are home-bound or in hospitals and nursing homes. There is a large tote in front of the nursery for donated items. Thanks so much for your continued support!



## SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, May 1**

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will start and end at Aldersgate UMC. More details are coming soon! Join our walk team! Rhonda Simonelli is the contact person for Aldersgate UMC.



## Help Raise Money for Our Church

**Monday, March 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.



# Youth activities

## Waiting for Spring

As of the time of writing there's snow as far as the eye can see, and we're looking forward to a fun day of snow tubing at Greystone with all the AUMC youth and children and their families. But beyond that, we're also looking forward to Spring and, Lord willing, the end of COVID this year.

We're looking forward to planning out events for the Spring and Summer. We've also really enjoyed being able to attend events in person again! On February 7th we went to watch Ella play basketball at Hilton High School. Ella was unexpectedly placed in a different position for the game, but she did a great job! And on February 11th we went to see Molly performing in the Athena High School musical, 42nd Street. She along with everyone else did a fantastic job—we really enjoyed it! We're also looking forward to attending other upcoming events.



## Save the Date! Kingdom Bound 2022 – July 24-27

Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake is once again scheduled for this year, from Sunday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 27. We will be attending for at least one day, which will most likely be Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me ([bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org)) for more information.



Aldersgate Greece  
Youth Group

## Christian Education



### Jelly Bean Guessing Contest!

Email your guess to [rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org). Children will do this during Sunday School. The amount will be revealed and three winners (children, youth, and adults) rewarded with small prizes on Easter Sunday.

### Children's March Sunday School Lessons

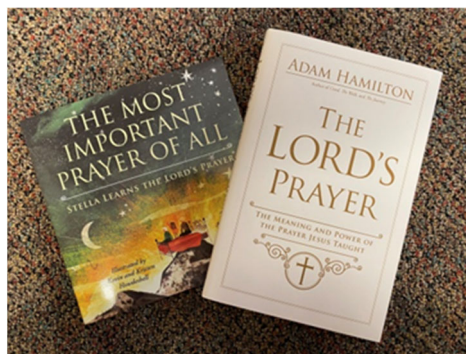


#### March 6: Pretzel Sunday!

Make pretzels while learning the pretzel prayer!

#### March 13: Shamrock Shakes

from McDonald's. Sing the Irish Rover's "Unicorn Song" in class. Make an Irish Blessing rainbow prayer.



March 20: Begin *The Most Important Prayer of All... Stella learns the Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton.

March 27: Continue *The Lord's Prayer* – Easter Sunday  
The Children will be leading the Congregation reciting the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday.



### Save the Date

Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt between Worship Services (10:35-10:55) on Easter Sunday for Children & Youth on Easter Sunday!



## Trustees' Corner

Thank you to all who share their time, talents and treasures with our Church. It takes our **WHOLE** Community to keep our facilities in great shape! Whether through your skills, tithes or prayer, it all helps to do HIS work.

The snow is here! We can use help with shoveling and salting when we have those bigger storms. All exits must be cleared. Many hands make light work!!

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!

With much gratitude to the **Jack and Dorothy Pearson Charitable Foundation**, our Church will benefit in many ways. **Mary Sims** is heading up the purchase and installation of a new dishwasher for the IDE kitchen. The Trustees have had this repaired many, many times over the past few years so this is truly a Blessing from God.

Shout out and **Thank you to Diana Jason** for helping the Trustees with the various vendors that come to the church for inspections and deliveries. We appreciate being able to count on you!

Respectfully, The Trustees



*Valentine's Day Handprint Art during the early service*



*I am God's Masterpiece... Snowman art from Sunday School Class (on display now in Gathering Space)*



*Sunday Funday Winter Event for Families — Tubing at Greystone on February 20*

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## Stewardship Update

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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!

The Community Dinner team is looking for people who love to cook! If you want to practice your best Top Chef skills, then contact Mary Sims to join this team.

### 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. **We have a good start...let's keep going.**

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](http://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

The Trustees are busy planning for upgrades and repairs to the church. A new dishwasher is being researched for replacement, replacement of the door to the entrance to the Chapel, replacing windows in the Education wing of the church, and further repairs to the roof are all being planned for. **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](http://give.aumcgreece.org)) and selecting the Donate button in the **Capital Improvement Fund** section. 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



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey Kimmel	March 1
Mary Sims	March 3
Roger Ridley	March 4
Ken Bartter	March 6
Shaylee Crandall	March 6
Nolan Troiano	March 6
Scott Wagner	March 7
Frank Pombert	March 7
Steve Tyler	March 9
Robert Winter	March 10
Chitie Edgett	March 10
Gerald Wolter	March 12
Sue Rozinski	March 13
Bri Schmitt	March 16
John Shukitis	March 17
Eric Lindenau	March 17
Alene VanPutte	March 18
Joyce Pombert	March 18
Sarah Roza	March 20
Sylvia Lynch	March 22
Andrea Rex	March 26
Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Bill Peeck	March 27
Connie Gomez	March 27
Patricia Forbes	March 28
Nathan VanKouwenberg	March 28
Michael McHugh	March 28
Derek Smith	March 28
Kwame Edusel	March 29
Tim Rolfe	March 29
Paul Brown	March 30
Gordon Spicer	March 30

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances VanKouwenberg	March 24



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## Serving in Worship These Months

### March Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

3/6 — Annette Thompson

3/13 — Debbie Simm

3/20 — Sharon Bartter

3/27 — Doug Hess

#### 11:00 AM

3/6 — Nancy Young

3/13 — Denise Hogestyn

3/20 — Sue Zorn

3/27 — Brian Winter

### March AV

#### 9:30 AM

3/6 — Mary Sims

3/13 — Mark DeVincentis

3/20 — Ted Carstens

3/27 — Mark DeVincentis

#### 11:00 AM

3/6 — Roger Hotchkiss

3/13 — Erin Pfund

3/20 — Roger Hotchkiss

3/27 — Erin Pfund



### Summer Camp!

There are several camping opportunities for Children and Youth this summer at Casowasco on Owasco Lake. <https://casowasco.org/summer-2022/>

Some information is on the main bulletin board at church. You can also check out the website. For more information or any questions, please contact Rhonda Simonelli [rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org).

### Stay Connected to Aldersgate Online

Website: [www.aumcgreece.org](http://www.aumcgreece.org)

Contact Us: <https://www.aumcgreece.org/contact-us/>

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### Thank You!

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

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### **Altar EASTER LILY & TULIPS Order Form**

It's time to order the lily plants and tulip bouquets that will be used to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday.  
Plants can be taken home after the services that day.

The cost is **\$9 per Lily plant**. Purchase quantity = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ amount due.

The cost is **\$8 per Tulip bunch**. Purchase quantity = \_\_\_\_\_ yellow and/or \_\_\_\_\_ pink x \$8 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ amount due.

Total amount due = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate who you are honoring or remembering with each plant:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Orders are due on or before March 27 (No orders without pre-payment).***

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

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

Thank You! Altar Committee

