

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — April 2022



From the Pastor

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Christ is Risen! Aldersgate Church, let us also rise with Him! Let us join together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, singing the Easter hymns with joy and meeting the risen Christ.

When was the last time you worshiped in the sanctuary? One year? Two years? I encourage you to pray about returning to the sanctuary. I understand that some of you have health concerns and others that keep you from coming back to church even though you want to return to the sanctuary. We will continue to live stream our worship services.

Christ is risen. Let us rise also. Come and join together in worship on Easter morning.

Let us come out of the tomb of fear.

Let us come out of the tomb of worry.

Let us come out of the tomb of anxiety.

Let us come out of the tomb of complacency.

Let us come out of the tomb of COVID-19.

Christ is risen. Let us rise also.

You are in my prayers as you walk through the journey of Lent.

Lent is a time to focus on our spiritual health and to strengthen our faith by walking with Jesus on his journey to the cross and the resurrection. On this journey, we experience the grace and love of God - For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16).

The principle of spiritual growth is: the more you take time and the more you participate, the more richly you will be blessed with God's grace and love.

So I encourage you to take time for daily devotions, using the Upper Room or the Cup of Salvation (daily Lenten Devotional) or any devotional of your choice. The Upper Room and the Cup of Salvation are available at the church.

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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, Jane Coonan, 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 Pephrah; 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 or the church office at office@aumcgreece.org. Confidential prayers requests should be sent directly to Pastor Sung Ho Lee at 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

Prayer Request at In-person Worship

Send your prayer requests to Pastor Lee at pastor-sungho@aumcgreece.org by 5 PM on Saturday. Or you may fill out a prayer request card in the Gathering Space before you enter the sanctuary. Your prayer request will be shared with the congregation during worship unless you want Pastor Lee to keep it confidential.

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“Focus” version (short version with one key point) of the Cup of Salvation is emailed to you every day. It is also posted on the church Facebook page.

The Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 10. Let us come together to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

In the Holy Week, you are invited to join in the Maundy Thursday service to remember Jesus’ last supper with the disciples. Communion will be served. On Good Friday, we will gather to follow Jesus to Calvary to experience His love for us, His love of giving his life for us.

But that’s not the end. Jesus rose on Easter morning. I can’t wait to sing, “Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!” with you on the glorious Easter morning.

Pastor Sung Ho

Church Events & Opportunities

April Sermons

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

April 10 – Palm Sunday: The Joy of Palm Sunday;
Mark 11:1-10

April 17 – Easter Sunday: Shockwaves of Joy;
Matthew 28:1-10

April 24 – Pastor Doug Hess preaching

Special Services in Lent

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion – April 14,
7:00 PM

Good Friday Service – April 15, 7:00 PM

Easter Baskets

We are collecting small items (i.e., individually wrapped candy (bunnies, chocolate eggs, crosses), cookies, chips, snack crackers, small water bottles & juice boxes, hand soap, notepaper, etc.) to make 20-25 Easter baskets for congregation members who 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! We need all donations by April 3rd.



Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Aldersgate Church? Please talk to Pastor Sung Ho Lee.

Baptism for Both Children and Adults

If you are interested in the baptism of your child or yourself, please talk to Pastor Sung Ho Lee.

Crafting Weekend Returns to Aldersgate!

Join fellow crafters on May 6 and/or 7 and work on your favorite projects while raising funds for the church. On Friday, this popular event goes from 12:30 to 9:00 PM and on Saturday, it's from 9:00 AM—9:00 PM. The cost is \$55 for both days or \$35 for one. The fee includes your own table space, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, snacks, and Make and Take projects each day. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact hosts Karen Sladden (585-455-2920) or Susan Galligan (585-317-3138).



Join the Aldersgate Team!

The annual CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, May 1 starting and ending at Aldersgate UMC. Join our walk team! The first 40 people will receive a free t-shirt. Register and/or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/rhonda-simonelli> Registration begins at 1:00 PM, group picture at 1:20 and walk begins at 1:30. Snacks and drinks provided. Our new walk route is now 2.5 miles. You can also walk in the Ide Center if you choose.



Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, April 25

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.

Christian Education

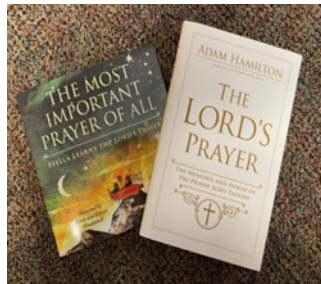


Jelly Bean Guessing Contest!

Check out the jar in the Gathering Space. Then email your guess to rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org. or write on a slip of paper in church. The children will do this during Sunday School. We will have three winners: children, youth, and adults. We will reveal the correct number on Easter Sunday and reward the winners with a small prize. All guesses need to be submitted by April 15th.

Children's April Sunday School Lessons

April 3: Continue with The Lord's Prayer, make Easter cards for Visitation Team

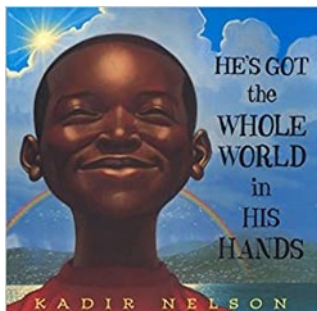


April 10: Palm Sunday Parade: Assemble Easter Baskets for the Visitation Team

April 17: Easter Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt between service times. The children will be leading the congregation reciting The Lord's Prayer during worship service, culminating take-home craft with the Lord's Prayer.



April 24: Book reading, singing and Earth Day coffee filter project



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



Celebrating Shaylee Crandall's 11th Birthday



Shamrock Shake Sunday: Children creating an Irish Blessing art project.

Youth activities

Catching Up!

During the month of February Kaori and I really enjoyed attending the events of several of the youth, we enjoyed not only seeing them participating in the things they love and showing our support, but we also enjoyed the time in fellowship with both them and their family members.

Winter Fun Day!

During winter break, on February 20 more than thirty of the children/youth and their families traveled out to Walworth for a day of fun snow tubing at Greystone. The slopes were huge, the tubes super fast, and the whole event was a blast! Even the ride up to the slopes was a relaxing event. We then sat down afterward to enjoy a time of food and fellowship before making the trek back home. It was such a success we're hoping to do it all over again in 2023!



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 26th or Wednesday the 27th. *Please contact me (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more information.*



Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group

Devotional

Faery Tree People

I'm a proud Irishman, but I admit my people are a superstitious lot. I heard a story on a visit to the land of my ancestors, two years ago, about the Faery tree. There is a strong belief among some people that it is very bad luck to remove, or even move, a Faery tree. They grow wild and dot the landscape especially in the Western part of Ireland. I was struck by the story of one person who stood before a Town Council and told the people that they couldn't build a road where they wanted to, simply because of a Faery tree. I'm sure they were laughed at, ridiculed, perhaps even persecuted by those who were being held up by this protest to their project. But you know what? The Council relented, spending more money on a different track for the new road.

Now; that's just a silly story of people believing a crazy, ancient, idea and the lengths they went to in order to defend it. Irish folklore is full of such stories. But do you know what else is full of such stories? The Bible, and the history of the United Methodists and other churches. They believed stories and followed practices many thought were crazy. And many still do today.

So, how about you? Are you bold enough (some will say crazy enough) to be the only one in your group who stops to pray, attends church and Bible Study? Or, perhaps harder, the only one NOT drinking to excess, gambling, or using foul or demeaning language? Are you bold enough to stand before a crowd and say they should or shouldn't allow something to happen?!

We definitely know Jesus would and did! We're about to "celebrate" the week that honors how far Jesus would go to defend His beliefs. Yes, He was persecuted for it, but God was there for Him and brought Him Victoriously through it!

Ask God for the strength, and the resolve, to be True followers of Jesus. Commit to being Holy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as Easter people. Commit to being Faery Tree People!

*Blessings,
Sharon Bartter*

Stewardship Update

Beyond our Wildest Dreams...

In Ephesians 3:20 (MESSAGE), the Bible says “God can do anything, you know – for more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams. He does it not by pushing us around, but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.”

That certainly says it all when it comes to the building project our church undertook back in 2005 to build the large Sanctuary, Gathering space, Ide Center and kitchen, office space and handicap accessible entrance and bathrooms.

The church raised \$1,000,000 for the down payment and then financed \$2,100,000 by selling bonds. 16 years later, with 2 refinances and substantial donations from the estate of John Haldane, and a donation from the Jack and Dorothy Pearson Charitable Foundation, on June 1, 2022 the principal balance will be \$519,117.33 with a payoff date no later than 9/1/2026.

Wow!!! We are almost there! The end is in sight. We are hoping for this to be our last debt reduction campaign. Coming in May we will be sharing lots of information about this final campaign, show a video made for the very 1st campaign in 2005 and detail how you can help get the church free from our debt.

Stay tuned . . .

Birthdays & Anniversaries



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Peeck	April 1
Nancy Rex	April 3
Natasha Burdick-Carsten	April 4
Judy Hare	April 6
Bud Kress	April 6
Karin VanPutte	April 6
Shawna Poling	April 7
James Christie	April 11
Hal Wagner, Jr.	April 19
Aaron Rothfuss	April 20
Charlotte Ridley	April 21
Kevin Roza	April 23
Kathy Peck	April 24
Dennis Simm	April 28
Jennifer Crandell	April 29
Bobbi Mohrmann	April 30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

George & Jane Shukitis	April 21
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United Methodists across the globe condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and stand in solidarity with those experiencing violence, displacement and suffering in the midst of war.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. You can support UMCOR’s international disaster response efforts by indicating either Advance #982450/ Ukraine or UMCOR/Ukraine written in the memo box. All donations will go directly to the fund indicated.

Aldersgate Church offers an easy way for you to offer donations online. Please go to the online giving website (give.aumcgreece.org) or Aldersgate church website (aumcgreece.org). Select the Support Ukraine image and complete the requested data.

You can also write a check and place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church. If you would like to make a credit card charge or arrange for EFT giving, please contact Jan Winter at 943-7353.

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Serving in Worship This Month

April Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

4/3 — Sandi Norris

4/10 — Annette Thompson

4/17 — Sam Pfund

4/24 — Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

4/3 — Nancy Young

4/10 — Jim Cobia

4/17 — Bobbie Eckert

4/24 — Candy Metzger

April AV

9:30 AM

4/3 — Mary Sims

4/10 — Mark DeVincentis

4/17 — Ted Carstens

4/24 — Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

4/3 — Roger Hotchkiss

4/10 — Erin Pfund

4/17 — Roger Hotchkiss

4/24 — 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.

May Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com



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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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday — Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion – Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 15 at 7:00 PM



Easter Offering

This year's Easter offering will go towards our monthly Ministry Shares payment to Conference.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Your Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail or bring your offering to the church. You can also call Jan Winter if you prefer to pay by credit card (943-7353). Or use our Online giving site (give.aumcgreece.org) and select the Donate button in the **Easter Offering** section. Make sure that you clearly mark – whichever way you do it – that the funds go to the Easter Offering.