

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — May 2022



## From the Pastor

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We celebrated Easter a couple of weeks ago. But Easter is not over. The Easter season has just begun. Jesus is calling us to live Resurrection Faith. You remember that the risen Christ appeared to his disciples and commissioned them to live Resurrection Faith and to witness to the risen Christ. The Aldersgate slogan for 2022 is “Live a Life of Faith.” Let me remind you of what Paul said about faith – Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

Nothing will be impossible with God (Luke 1:37). Let us live a life of faith – the faith in God with whom nothing is impossible. A couple of weeks ago we witnessed to it – the power of God who raised Jesus from the grave. Let us live Resurrection Faith.

In May, Aldersgate Church will run a pledge campaign for debt reduction. As we look back on what God has done for Aldersgate, we are convinced that nothing is impossible with God. When the vision for a new building emerged, it seemed impossible. But they went with their faith – with the assurance and conviction of things not seen but hoped for. There were times of fear and doubt, but we held onto our faith in God with whom nothing is impossible.

Thanks be to God! God has led us this far. God, who took the Israelites out of Egypt to bring them to the Promised Land, has led to free us from the bondage of the mortgage, our Egypt. Now we are about to reach our Jordan River. The Promised Land is within our reach. Let us join and participate together in this campaign that will lead us to cross the Jordan River.

As we are about to cross the Jordan River, it's time to think about our Promised Land. It is time to explore God's vision for Aldersgate Church. Jesus said, “Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life?” – Matthew 16:26

God said to Joel, “Afterward I will pour out my Spirit on EVERYONE. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message. Your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions.” (Joel 2:28)

It is the time for our younger people and older people to come together to dream God's dreams and see God's visions for Aldersgate Church – fill the sanctuary and fill the Ide Center with children and youth!

Live Resurrection Faith!

*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:

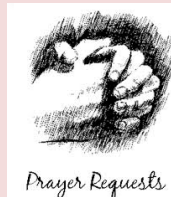
Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Barb Condon, Jane Coonan, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Mas Okita, Cindy Purzycki, Ron Rozinski, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Alice Styles, Hal Wagner, 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; Lana, Ellie & Jim, Rick & Denise (Gloria Baker); Selena, Casey, Evan, Tisha & Damian (Sharon Bartter); Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Bill Burdick (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Daughter Amy (Mark & Susan DeVincentis); Ted Way, 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); my family (Wendy Peeck); Jim Allocco (Erin Pfund); Ester Peprah; Grandma (Shawna Poling); Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Glen Campbell, Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Mike McCord (brother of Cindy Roza); Christian & Laurie Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Mary, Abby & husband (Gretta Schaeffer); Tom (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller, Mary Truleson (Michael Smith); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Mom (Bob Thayer); 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 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 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

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## Prayer Request at In-person Worship

Send your prayer requests to Pastor Lee at [pastor-sungcho@aumcgreece.org](mailto:pastor-sungcho@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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## 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.

## June Hinge Deadline

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

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

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# Church Events & Opportunities

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## Sermons for May

**May 1** – Ask Me How I Know; John 21:1-19

**May 8** – A Mother's Love; Mark 7:24-30

**May 15** – Here I Am, Lord; Joshua 1:1-6

**May 22** – We Are the Church; Joel 2:28-32

**May 29** – Because He Lives; John 14:15-31

## Native American Ministries Sunday, May 1

Aldersgate is celebrating the **Native American Ministries Special Sunday** on May 1. Through your support we can develop and strengthen Native American ministries in our Upper New York Annual Conference, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully.

As you consider your donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation any week in May, being sure to include a notation for "Native American Ministries Sunday" on your check. You can also complete an online donation by visiting <https://www.aumcgreece.org/> and selecting the Giving option.

## Annual Conference

Annual Conference has been postponed to Oct. 6-8, and it will be a virtual gathering.

## One Worship Service on Pentecost Sunday With Picnic Afterward

**June 5 at 10:00 AM**

We will all join together in one service to celebrate Pentecost this year. Our brothers and sisters of the African Ministry will join in this service. Following the service, you are invited to stay for a picnic. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be provided.

## Crafting Weekend Returns on May 6 & 7

It's not too late if you want to join fellow crafters 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. Contact hosts Karen Sladden (585-455-2920) or Susan Galligan (585-317-3138) to sign up.



## Join or Donate to the Aldersgate Team!

This year's 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>. Paper packets are available as well if you choose to sign up and register that way. Registration begins at 1:00 pm, group picture at 1:20 and the walk begins at 1:30. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Our new walk route is now 2.5 miles. You can also walk in the Ide center if you choose. Kids and Youth are also welcome to join our team!



## Eat & Raise Money for Our Church

**Monday, May 23**

4:00 - 8:00 PM In Person (All day online!)

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.

Enter promo code "FUND4U" if ordering online ([panerabread.com](http://panerabread.com)), using the Panera App, or at the in-store kiosk, to have a portion of your proceeds donated to the church.



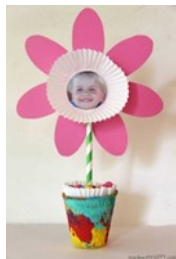
# Christian Education

## Children's Sunday School for May

**May 1: Wear your new CROP Hunger Walk T-shirt to church on Sunday!** Learn more about the CROP Hunger Walk held this year at our church (watch two videos about it), take pictures for following week's project.

### May 8: Happy Mother's Day!

Children and Youth can craft a special flower family on Mother's Day during Sunday School.



**May 15: The Five Friends, Luke 5: 17-26**  
Relay and Graham Cracker Snack

**May 22: Healing the Man with the Withered Hand, Luke 6: 6-11, What's Missing and What's a Mystery?**

**May 29: A Servant is Healed, Luke 7:1-10**  
Paper Airplane Messages

## Carnation Sale for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8

The Sunday school children will be selling colorful carnations for \$2.00 each before and after each Worship service. Proceeds will go towards our summer VBS event.



## Summer Camp! Open House on May 15

There are several camping opportunities for Children and Youth this summer at Casowasco Camp 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).



*The children recite The Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday.*

## Thank you EVERYBUNNY...

...For donating such wonderful treats for our Easter baskets this year that we made for the Visitation Team. The children enjoyed making cards and putting together Easter baskets for this special ministry. It has become a tradition and highlight of our year!



## Winners of the Jelly Bean Contest

Anna Simm (Adult), Cyril Samuel (Youth), and Anderson Donovan (Child)

There were 807 Jellybeans in the jar! Thank you all for participating! Until next year... hop, hop, hop...



*Easter Egg Hunt participants*

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# Youth activities

## The Passover

It was the Israelites' last night as slaves in Egypt. The Lord had instructed them to prepare a feast (Exodus 12:1-13)—to kill a lamb and place its blood on the door post and lintel. They were to eat it quickly with bitter herbs, having their staffs at hand and shoes on their feet. Anything left over by morning was to be burned with fire. For that night, God was going to pass judgment on Egypt, and only the houses that followed this instruction by faith would be spared. The angel of death would pass over those houses where the blood was found on the door post and lintel. The day that followed, they were going to get up with haste out of Egypt and begin their journey to the Promised Land.

The Israelites of that time didn't understand this was prophetic of things to come. The door post and the lintel were symbols of the cross where our Savior, Jesus—"the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)—shed his blood. It is by his sacrifice that we may be saved: he took the punishment we deserved for our sin—he died in our place.

This teaches us another lesson, to be ready to leave the old life behind—thus they had staffs in hand and shoes on their feet. What's more, after the Passover every year, God commanded that all the leaven (yeast) in the houses be purged out and that bread be baked without leaven for seven days. This feast was known as the "Feast of Unleavened Bread." This, too, was prophetic of things to come: leaven represents corruption and sin. Once we call upon the Lord for salvation, the next step is to follow him on a path to holiness on our way to the Promised Land. May we never forget the price Jesus paid for us on the cross!

## Thanks!

*Thanks go out to Molly for the special music, "He Is My All," which was a blessing to many; to Luke and Ella for helping hide the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt; and to Steven and Cyril for manning the coffee hour at church. We appreciate all of you!*



## Save the Date!

### Kingdom Bound 2022 – July 24-27

Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake is this year, from Sunday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 27. We will be attending for one day. *Please contact me (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more information.*



## 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

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# Stewardship Update

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## Beyond our Wildest Dreams...

Before Sung Ho Lee . . .

Before Anne O'Connor . . .

Before Bill Burdick . . .

A committee was established called the Building Committee. For many years, the Committee met, added and lost members, tried to help us to get going on the building project, but nothing happened. They tried hard, but we spent a lot of time on the "we can't afford it route."

As time passed, interest generally picked up a bit. Around 2000, a serious Building Fund was started and donations began to come in, but we were a long, long way from what we would need. Then, around 2004, discussions started getting serious and we were on our way.

As plans continued, expenses began and funds grew. We raised the first \$1 million before construction started. Before long it was obvious that God must have wanted us to do this – the signs were everywhere (*no, not the crowded office or sanctuary*):

- Bids came in lower than we anticipated
- The weather that winter was one of the warmest in Rochester history and construction stayed on track
- Despite being turned down by nearly every bank in town (we applied to so many places) – we found another way – selling bonds
- With some additions, etc., we were going to run about \$250,000 short. But Glen Ide — without knowing this — decided to donate \$300,00 to the Fund. That's how the Ide Center came to be named.

Fast forward to today – we are down to 5 years of mortgage left!! AND – what we have achieved is

## Beyond our Wildest Dreams!

We are asking everyone to help us to get closer to our 'Debt Free' day! This benefits all of us. Imagine a future without a mortgage payment (currently \$9,397.60 per month)! What wild dreams can we dream for the next generations of worshipers, and how do we get there? For those answers we need to tap into the ideas and dreams of the future leaders of Aldersgate Church to work with current leaders to make those dreams a reality. Five years

comes in a blink of an eye, so it's not too early to get plans in motion now. We can do anything with God — anything is possible beyond our wildest dreams.

We need your financial support for the next few years as we pay off this debt. All gifts matter and will help us get to our goal. **Commitment Sunday will be May 22.** If you are interested in dreaming and planning for the future of Aldersgate, contact Sue Zorn or Pastor Lee and we will work with you to get started! If we all work together to support this . . . the dream continues . . .



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Baker	May 1
Jerry Sisson	May 4
Tracy Maggio	May 8
Emily VanKouwenberg	May 8
Karen Best	May 9
Brandon Troiano	May 10
Suzanne Unell	May 10
Debbie Lenau	May 15
Brenda Ruell	May 18
Beverly Johnson	May 19
Nancy Bailey	May 24
Barb Condon	May 24
Chase Tyler	May 27
Evelyn Troiano	May 29
Donna Rice	May 31

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Debra & John Simm	May 2
Mark & Susan DeVincentis	May 12
Roger & Patricia Forbes	May 30



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## Serving in Worship This Month



### Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

5/1 — Debbie Simm

5/8 — Sharon Barrter

5/15 — Doug Hess

5/22 — Carol DeCann

5/29 — Rich Keller

#### 11:00 AM

5/1 — Nancy Young

5/8 — Gary Hogestyn

5/15 — MaryLou Jones

5/22 — Sue Zorn

5/29 — Brian Winter

### AV

#### 9:30 AM

5/1 — Erin Pfund

5/8 — Mark DeVincentis

5/15 — Ted Carstens

5/22 — Mary Sims

5/29 — Mark DeVincentis

#### 11:00 AM

5/1 — Erin Pfund

5/8 — Roger Hotchkiss

5/15 — Erin Pfund

5/22 — Erin Pfund

5/29 — Roger Hotchkiss

### Live Streaming

#### 9:30 AM

5/1 — Rich Keller & Mary Sims

5/15 — Rich Keller & Mary Sims

5/29 — Dave Roza &  
Brittany Muoio

#### 11:00 AM

5/8 — Dave Roza &  
Brittany Muoio

5/22 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz



### United Women in Faith (UMW)

United Methodist Women, a place for Christian women to put their faith into practice, will be known going forward as United Women in Faith. United Methodist Women will still be the corporate name and the structure remains the same. United Women in Faith is under United Methodist Women (more to come on this name change in the June *Hinge*.) The name change is a refreshing of the organization.

### Morning Circle

Join us on May 17 at 1:30 PM (time change for this one) in the Ide Family Life Center as Sara Otis from Lifespan presents our program — **Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention**. Dessert and coffee provided. Please **sign the sheet** on the bulletin board or call the office so we know how many will be coming to this meeting.

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## Trustees' Corner

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Spring is here!!! And it's time to share your talents in preparing the church lawns for the summer!!

Please join us on **Saturday, May 21st from 9 am- 1 pm** to do some light yard work — picking up twigs, raking, weeding, etc. Bring gloves, water bottle and your own tools if you have them!

If you can't make it that day, please consider helping out another time for an "on your own" service at the church!

There have been lots of little and big projects worked on over the past couple of months! Doors and leaks repaired. Cleaning of closets and plans to remove old broken appliances. Lots of estimates for windows, roofs, and carpeting replacement. The Trustees have appreciated the ongoing financial support of the Capital Improvement Fund — it provides a little bit more breathing room when repairs are needed! Each month there is more money added to the account! Thank you!

It has been great to see our church and facilities used for more events. Some of these activities provide great ser-

vice to our community and even small amounts of income for AUMC. Recently there have been basketball leagues, pick up ball games, pickleball, AA, Alanon, Gamblers Anonymous, recitals and I'm sure other groups that have used our spaces. It feels good to have the church spaces used again — all with health and safety in mind!

**Trustee email** — a friendly reminder that you can reach the trustees by emailing us at [trustees@aumcgreece.org](mailto:trustees@aumcgreece.org). This is an opportunity to let us know you notice the positive steps we are taking and maybe areas that need more of our attention! There is also a book in the gathering space where notes can be left — but an email will get our attention much faster!

**Welcome to our new Trustees!** Debbie Lenau and Terry Young! We appreciate these folks joining the Trustee Board. For your awareness, the officers are: Adam Pfund, President; Mark DeVencentis, Vice President; Colleen Tyler, Secretary; and Gretta Schaefer, Treasurer. The rest of the Board is completed by Bobbie Eckert, Cassandra Blanchette and David Roza.

Respectfully, The Trustees