

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — June 2022



## From the Pastor

*You're Invited!*

Join us for the Church's Birthday Party  
At Aldersgate Church  
On Sunday, June 5  
10:00 AM Worship Service followed  
by a Picnic at the church (see page 3)

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I hope to see everyone at the Church's birthday celebration. I hope we can fill the sanctuary. I know some of you can't join in person even though you really wish to be there. We will miss you, but we will be together in spirit as you join online. I believe God is ready to send us the Holy Spirit to set our hearts on fire! You know that on the day of Pentecost three thousand people accepted Jesus.

O Spirit of the Living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.  
[And grow Aldersgate Church.]  
— Hymnal #539

Father's Day is coming up! On June 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Father's Day. All fathers, please do not miss "Donuts for Dad" Sunday.

Thank you for your commitment to the Debt Reduction Campaign. If you have not made your decision yet, I encourage you to continue to pray about it for wisdom and guidance from God. June 12 will be a First Fruit Sunday, when you bring to God the first of what you have committed to the Lord.

May God richly bless you all!

*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:

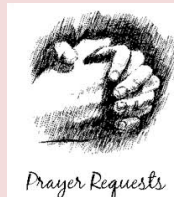
Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Dick Caupp, Barb Condon, Jane Coonan, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Mas Okita, Cindy Purzycki, Ron Rozinski, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Alice 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; Gerald Shipman (Nancy Bailey); Denise, James (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); Ted Way, Hans VanZundert, Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Janice Wilson, Joann Dunn (Wendy & Mike Dunn); 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); Dad-in-law Kevin, Jim Allocco (Erin Pfund); Ester Peprah; 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 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 Wiley – Highlands of Brighton

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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.

## July/August Hinge Deadline

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

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

# Church Events & Opportunities

## Sermons for June

June 5 – Pastor Renzha — Pentecost

June 12 – Faith of the First Church; Acts 2:38-42

June 19 — Rev. Fred Farrokh - I Have Other Sheep;  
John 10:14-18

June 26 – Because He Lives; John 14:15-31

## No Nursery Care at Church in June

Due to a staffing absence, there will be no nursery care during the month of June. The crying room will still be available. Children may continue to use the nursery room during services with parental supervision and the room must be picked up before leaving. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Peace with Justice Offering — June 26



Our giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. Half of the funds collected provide grants to local churches, districts, conferences and other affiliated organizations that advocate for peace with justice. The other

fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local peace with justice ministries and support a peace with justice coordinator. Aldersgate’s African Ministries received a Peace with Justice grant this year to support their Youth Conference held in April.

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day when special offering envelopes will be provided. Give online using our site: [give.aumcgreece.org](https://give.aumcgreece.org) Or as you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation any time in June being sure to include a notation for “Peace with Justice Sunday.”

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



## Special Pentecost Service and Picnic: June 5, 2022 @ 10am (One Service)

Following the service, you are invited to an all-church picnic. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be provided. (This is NOT a pot-luck picnic). We ask that you bring a lawn blanket and/or chairs to eat outside. We will also have some tables set up in the Ide Center.

### LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can email Rhonda ([rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org)) with # of people you are bringing as you are welcome to invite friends, family and neighbors!



## Eat & Raise Money for Our Church

**Monday, June 20**

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](https://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 June

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — Galatians 5:22*

**June 5: Pentecost – Acts 2:1-41**, Pentecost Picnic after service

**June 12: Philip and the Ethiopian – Acts 8:26-40** Make an Ethiopian Cross

**June 19: Happy Father's Day!** Picture frame craft/Donuts for Dads

**June 26: Celebrate Graduates!** Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 **Unity Wreath**

**July 3:** Children's Sunday School Classes will not meet this day



## Celebrate with Donuts on Father's Day!

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: We will serve delicious donuts from Donuts Delite to celebrate Father's Day after each Worship service. Children/Youth can make a special picture frame craft during Sunday School for their Dad or special someone in their life. There will be an area set up in the lobby to take a special picture together!



*This year's CROP Hunger Walk participants from Aldersgate. Go Team!!*



## Thank You!

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



## Pentecost

Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning “fiftieth” because it falls on the fiftieth day after the second day of Passover. While we know it as the day in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, it is easy to miss a very important lesson about waiting on God.

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus had promised his disciples that the Holy Spirit—the Comforter—would come in his place and give them power to be witnesses throughout the world. But he told them that they had to wait. It didn’t happen right away.

As the disciples all waited together for the gift of the Holy Spirit, it must have felt like ages. I am certain that every moment before the rushing wind and cloven tongues of fire was filled with nervous anticipation. During the long wait, some may have even felt a brief flicker of doubt—a fear that God would not come through. And yet he did. As surely as Jesus had promised, the gift of the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

We tend to like to receive the blessing right away, or at a particular time. But God knows best, and a blessing is worth waiting for. There are things to learn and experi-

ence along the way. And the joy that comes from a blessing after a long anticipation is often indescribable.

All of us who believe and are saved are filled with the Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us to live a life of holiness and is there to strengthen us in times of weakness, comfort us in times of trouble, nudge us in times of indecision and uncertainty, and so much more. There are also gifts that the Spirit has given us. When we put those gifts to use, and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, God will grow us in many wonderful and unexpected ways.

Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

## Thank You!

Thank you to Cyril and Steven for manning the coffee hour, and to Luke and Ella who saved the day helping hide eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. Thank you also to Cyril for giving Sam advice in preparation for his music special on May 29. We truly appreciate you all!

## 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.*

## Are You My Mother/Father/Child?

***(Treat) older men as your father, younger men as brothers...older women as mothers...younger women as sisters, in purity. (1 Timothy 5:1)***

As I write this, the world is preparing for the first holiday where we honor one parent, and as you read it, we’ll be preparing for the other. They’re both harder for me now that my parents have passed away. I am blessed in a way, though. As a geriatric caregiver, I will always have someone to “treat” as my mother or father. I also, recently, spent a couple of years as a Preschool Teacher’s Aide, so it’s natural to treat every little one as my own child or grandchild.

No matter what your profession, though, according to Paul’s advice to Timothy, it is a command by God for all of us to do. Not all families live within a few miles of each other, able to help care for their own. Young adults leave for college or jobs, then settle and raise children without their parents’ guidance. Meanwhile, those parents grow

older and frail without their adult children nearby. It’s up to us, who live nearby or share a pew at church, to lend a hand when it’s needed.

Often this is easy, and we just need a reminder. There are times, though, when the elderly (perhaps “crotchety”) neighbor yells at your kids for letting their ball go into their yard or when the small child at church gets away from their parent and bumps into you. That’s when all of the patience, kindness and not-keeping-record-of-wrongs that God fills us with come in handy! Thankfully, with God living inside of us, and the Ultimate Parent/Child relationship as our Guide, we are equipped for the task. God never gives us a task He doesn’t equip us for.

So, the answer to the question: “Are you my Mother/Father/Child” is a simple one: Yes! Everyone is! And the command is an equally simple one: Treat them as such!

***Happy Mother’s Day/Father’s Day!***

***Blessings, Sharon Bartter***



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# Stewardship Update

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## Beyond our Wildest Dreams...

What is the meaning of First Fruits in the Bible? In the Bible, First Fruits was a religious offering of the first agricultural produce of the harvest to God as a way to acknowledge His blessings. In 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul mentions Christ as the “first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Jesus was God’s first fruits — his one and only son, and the best that humanity had to offer. God gave Jesus, in the same way that we sacrifice the best we have for Him.

We have set aside June 12th as First Fruits Sunday as the start of the next 2-year cycle for the effort to retire the debt incurred when we built the newer part of the church back in 2006. We will be celebrating the initial offering to



God of the amount you have pledged (so it’s your first week/month or portion of your yearly pledge).

Haven’t made a pledge? It’s never too late...and even if you haven’t made a formal pledge, you can still participate in First Fruits Sunday.

Gifts can be made by cash or check, using a church envelope marked Bldg Fund, by EFT (contact Jan Winter ([winterjanets@gmail.com](mailto:winterjanets@gmail.com)), or online at [give.aumcgreece.org](http://give.aumcgreece.org) and choosing the option for **Aldersgate Building Fund**.

We can work together to free ourselves from debt...allowing us the flexibility to move forward to even bigger and wilder dreams for our church.

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## United Women in Faith (UMW)

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**Craig Shirley – Bestselling Author – is coming to Aldersgate!**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM**

**His newest book is: April 1945, the Hinge of History**

### The details:

Acclaimed historian and *New York Times* bestselling author Craig Shirley is coming to Aldersgate to deliver a compelling account of 1945, particularly the watershed events in the month of April, that details how America emerged from World War II as a leading superpower.

In the follow-up to his book “*December 1941*” which appeared numerous times on the New York Times best-seller list, his new book paints a vivid portrait of America—her people, faith, economy, government, and culture. The year of 1945 brought a series of watershed events that transformed the country into an arsenal of democracy, one that no longer armed the world by necessity but henceforth protected the world by need.

### A little bit more:

Craig Shirley is the author of four critically praised best-sellers about Ronald Reagan, *Reagan’s Revolution*, *Rendezvous with Destiny*, *Last Act*, and *Reagan Rising*. Shirley is chairman of Shirley & Banister Public Affairs and is a widely sought-after speaker and commentator. His

writings have appeared in numerous newspapers and websites. Craig Shirley also wrote *Mary Ball Washington: The Untold Story of George Washington’s Mother*, which won the “People’s Choice Award” from the Library of Virginia.

### EXCITING NEWS

**And what else?** Craig Shirley’s mother is Bobbie Eckert.

## Rummage Sale will be held October 6, 7 & 8

Start saving your rummage sale items now.

We will start gathering items on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Ide Center.

A lot of help will be needed with this sale to make it a success. Mark your calendar now! Thank you.



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## Serving in Worship This Month



### Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

6/12 — Sam Pfund

6/19 — Sandi Norris

6/26 — Debbie Simm

#### 10:00 AM

6/5 — Nancy Young

#### 11:00 AM

6/12 — Jan Rothfuss

6/19 — Mary Lou Jones

6/26 — Sue Zorn

### AV

#### 9:30 AM

6/12 —

6/19 —

6/26 —

#### 10:00 AM

6/5 —

#### 11:00 AM

6/12 —

6/19 —

6/26 —

### Live Streaming

#### 9:30 AM

6/19 — Dave Roza & Mary Sims

#### 10:00 AM

6/5 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

#### 11:00 AM

6/12 — Brittany Muoio &  
Rich Keller

6/26 — Juan Ruiz &  
Brittany Muoio

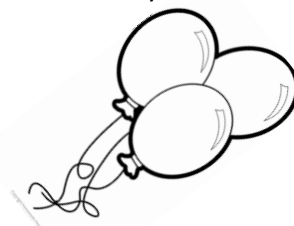
## Let's Celebrate!!

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gretta Schaefer	June 1
Carol DeCann	June 7
Michael Simonelli	June 10
Betty Baybutt	June 12
Mark DeVincentis	June 12
Rick Donovan	June 12
Julia Trioano	June 16
Betty Judd	June 17
Jan Rothfuss	June 19
Candy Metzger	June 24
Marie Sims	June 25
Edward Carstens	June 29

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann	June 6
Chitie & Dick Edgett	June 7
John & Sue Zorn	June 11
Bob & Jan Winter	June 15
Sung Ho & Jung Lee	June 28
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29
Roger & Charlotte Ridley	June 29



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## **Ebenezer Hope Ministries**

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Following is an update on the status of the project to build the school for Ebenezer Hope Ministries in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement.

Since the funding collection started we have received \$13,991.69 in donations as of May 8, 2022. Of note: \$2,000 was donated from other UMC congregations, \$1,303 is from non-Aldersgate persons, and \$5,918 from Aldersgate members above their scholarship commitment made when individual students were sponsored in previous years.

\$1,500 was previously sent to Pastor Jothan in Nakivale for the purchase of the land that the school will be built on. As I shared in January 2022, we received the drawings and detailed cost estimates from the Engineer for this project. In mid-May, we sent the first money transfer to support the beginning of the construction project.

As a reminder, we asked everyone who has supported student scholarships in past years to make that same donation this year for school construction support. This



support alone would create a fund of over \$12,000, and with the extra donations we've received this would fund the entire school project. If you have not yet donated the equivalent of the previous year's scholarship, please consider donating that much now to move us to the complete funding of the school project.

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