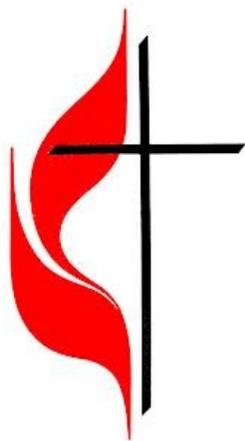


Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — September 2022

From the Pastor



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We're on God's Team. That's for Sure!

September has arrived! Liturgically the new church-year calendar begins with Advent Sundays. At Aldersgate, the first Sunday after Labor Day is our Rally Day to mark the beginning of the new church year calendar. So this year, it is September 11. Let us join together in worship on Rally Day. Bring your family! Invite your friends and neighbors! Let us come together to launch our ministries for a new year. Let us join for the Aldersgate ministries.

We have special events for children on Rally Day:

- Blessing of the backpacks
- Presentation of the Bible to the third graders.

Bring your children and grandchildren.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve God? Please join in the Ministry Fair after the worship services. All ministry groups will be present with information about their ministries. God would be so thrilled to see you serve Him using your gifts and passion for Him. Come and find ministries that you would enjoy and share your talents and gifts.

It will be the first Rally Day since the onset of the COVID pandemic. Let's come together to rally for Jesus, to strengthen our faith and fellowship in Jesus and grow our church and our ministry.

Dribble
Shoot
Rebound
Score
We're on God's team
That's for sure

That was the cheer for VBS Basketball Camp. Here is the cheer for our Rally Day:

Pray
Worship
Love
Serve
We're on GOD's team
That's for sure

Aldersgaters! We're on GOD's team. That's for sure. See you all on Rally Day!

Blessings,

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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, 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, Colleen Tyler, 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); 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 (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); Anna Sullivan, Penny Baart (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 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 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

Christian Sympathy is extended to Tim Kilmer, whose mother, Jane Kilmer, passed away on August 12.

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.

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.



Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons for September

- Sept. 4** – The Cost of Discipleship; Luke 14:25-33, Pastor Doug Hess
- Sept. 11** – Win the Whole Banana; Ephesians 4:1-6
- Sept. 18** – Growing God’s Ministries (I): The Power of a Helping Hand; Matthew 25:35-40
- Sept. 25** – Growing God’s Ministries (II): The Power of a Personal Commitment; Romans 12:1-8



September 11: Come! Come! It is Rally Day!

Rally Day is observed to celebrate a new start of the Christian Education calendar and to make a commitment to the church life, including worship, fellowship with refreshments, faith growth and mission/ministry. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family! Invite your friends and neighbors!

We will mark this day with several activities: third graders will receive their Bibles, backpacks will be blessed, and a special “Tree of Life” (Fruit of the Spirit) project and song will be made and sung during Sunday School class. We will have Sunday School classes at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship services for children.

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve God? Please join in the Ministry Fair after the worship service. All ministry groups will be present with the information of their ministries. God is calling you to serve Him. Let’s come together to rally for Jesus, to grow our faith and our church!

As part of Rally Day, there will also be a Ministry Fair happening in the Ide Center. Please join us for Coffee, Conversation and Kuchens (from Jackson’s Bakery). ☺

See you ALL on Rally Day!

October Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Sept. 15**.
Please send to: karenslassen@hotmail.com

World Communion Offering — October 2

On October 2nd we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Mark your calendar as we celebrate Holy Communion together and honor Jesus’ instructions to remember him. During our worship time, we plan to receive an offering to support scholarships for ethnic students. Please participate in this special United Methodist offering and give a generous offering to World Communion Sunday scholarship program.

Ministries funded by the **World Communion Special Sunday** offering support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

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. 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 October being sure to include a notation for “World Communion Sunday.”

Thank you in advance for your generous support.
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, September 26

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), using the Panera App, or at the in-store kiosk, to have a portion of your proceeds donated.

Christian Education



Children's Sunday School Lessons for September, 9:30 & 11:00 Worship Services

September 4: No Sunday School

September 11: Rally Day/Tree of Life (Fruit of the Spirit) lesson, project and song

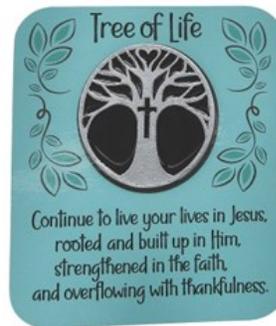
September 18: Continue and finish project/practice song for Worship Service

September 25: Sing "Fruit of Spirit" song in church, display project, make a "fruit of the spirit" snack to eat!



Volunteer Teachers Needed

Sunday School Teachers are needed for the 9:30 Worship Service: Middle school grades (6,7,8) and Adult Sunday School class. Also, we are looking for Substitute Teachers. Please see or contact Rhonda Simonelli Rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org and/or Brian Winter bwinter@aumcgreece.org if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity to serve in our church.



Blessing of the Backpacks for Children

Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, September 11 to receive a special blessing and backpack pin during the Children's Moment at each service. We mark the milestone of a new school year by sending our children off with a blessing on their studies!



Rally Day

Sunday, September 11, brings the start of the 2022-2023 Christian Education calendar. We will mark this day with several activities: third graders will receive their Bibles, backpacks will be blessed, and a special "Tree of Life" (Fruit of the Spirit) project and song will be made and sung during Sunday School class. We will have Sunday School classes at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship services for children.

Youth activities

Kingdom Bound, etc.!



On July 24 we traveled to Kingdom Bound with Luke, Ella, Steven, Cyril, Jolly, Shaylee, Iris, Deepa, Sanjay, Mike, and Rhonda. It has been the first time since 2020 that Kingdom Bound was held.

This year we opened the event to all the families, and it was a joy to get together with everyone. At the beginning of the day, they were forecasting rain and storms. So we prayed and had faith, and the rain held off. Praise God!

The Boomerang got the best of me, but everyone else held out to the end and enjoyed the rides. We were also able to stop and learn about the various Christian colleges, and head over for ice cream and pizza.

We were very pleased with how well the VBS camp turned out this year. We'd done VBS, and we'd done basketball camp, but together it was a new type of experiment. We had fun skits, great crafts, Bible lessons, etc. Luke (aka Simonelli Skywalker), Ella, Steven and Cyril did such a great job helping the kids learn the sport. The kids really looked up to all of them. Without them we couldn't have made it such a fun week for everyone. The same goes for all our volunteers! May the Lord reward you all for your hard work in His name!

Thanks!

Thanks go out to Ella for the special music, "In the Garden," which was a blessing to many; to Luke, Ella and Cyril for helping out at the VBS camp; and to Steven and Cyril for manning the coffee hour at church and helping at the community dinner. We appreciate all of you!

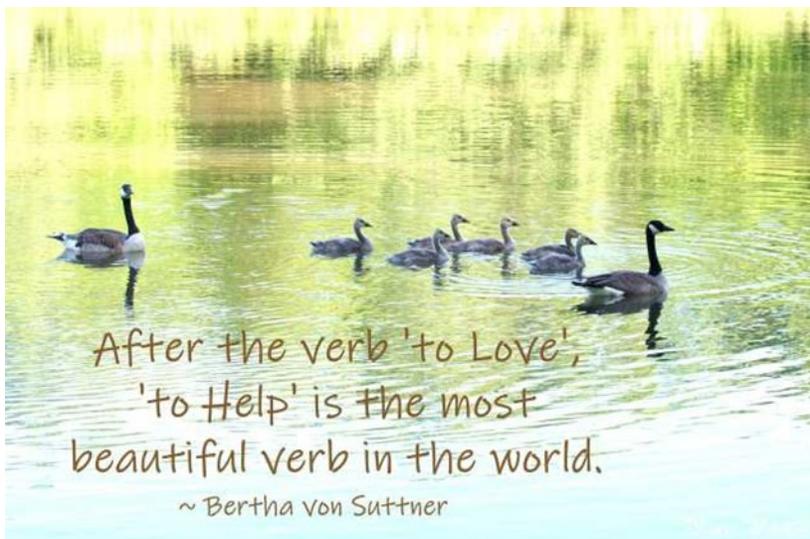


Thank You!

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



Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group



Stewardship Update

Aldersgate Auction Returns with a New Focus

Save the date for a **FOOD-FRIEND-Z Auction** sponsored by the Stewardship committee on **Friday, November 4, 2022**. The event will start at 6:00 PM in the IDE Center.

Cookies, cakes, pies, gift certificates and other yummy confections! Come for dinner, fellowship and then bid on homemade treats and certificates to area businesses or personal services.

We need help to make this event a success. Stop by the Stewardship table on Rally day, September 11th and sign up to help, and/or pick up Donation forms. Then put the date on your Calendar — you don't want to miss this fun event. Proceeds from this evening will be split between our support of Ministry Shares and our Mortgage.

Upcoming GriefShare Schedule for 2022/2023

9/3/22	Loss of a Spouse Seminar
9/10-12/3	GriefShare 13-session series
12/10	Blue Christmas worship service
1/7/23	Loss of a Spouse Seminar
1/14-4/8/23	GriefShare 13-session series

If interested, register online at [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org).
Direct questions to Pastor Doug Hess.

The Parable of Uncle and Nephew

“My sheep hear my voice and they follow Me.”
(John 10:27)

On a recent Sunday afternoon after church, I took my 2-year-old grandson and my son, his uncle, to Maplewood Park, my favorite park in the city.

Maplewood Park is a beautiful, wide-open space for my grandson to run but, like anywhere, especially in a city park, there are areas that aren't safe for a 2-year-old. Knowing he was faster and had more endurance, I gave my son a set of “boundaries” for my grandson and said: “Be your nephew's fence!” I followed until my legs gave out and then sat and watched. They ran all over that park for nearly an hour!

As my grandson neared a boundary, his uncle would get ahead of him, call his name, and hold out his arms. My grandson ran into his uncle's embrace! He would protest when realized that the ‘hug’ was a redirect, but still, he ran into his uncle's arms every time. He knows his uncle's voice and, while he might not like being turned around, he'd go with his uncle anywhere. He has that loving, trusting bond with his uncle.

We need that kind of bond with God/Jesus. There's a Gospel song that asks: “Jesus, be a fence all around me every day!” While we may not always like the boundaries, we know we need His protection!

That Guidance and Protection are available to us, but it takes time to nurture. My eldest son and his nephew, my grandson, have been together frequently for the past 2 years. Their bond has been nurtured. We need to nurture that kind of bond with God/Jesus through prayer, talking to God and reading His Word and taking time to listen to His reply.

There's another aspect to this, though. My grandson and his uncle have that bond because I “introduced” them. And we're called to do that with God/Jesus. Once you have nurtured that bond for yourself, introduce others to God/Jesus. Bring them to church and Bible study. Share your experiences of God/Jesus with them.

That's the moral to this parable. (Every parable has one.) As we enter a new season of reconnecting and making new connections, commit to reconnecting, or connecting for the first time with God/Jesus and then to introducing Him to someone else. He's waiting to be your Fence, your Shepherd, your Guide on Life's Journey!

Blessings,
Sharon Bartter

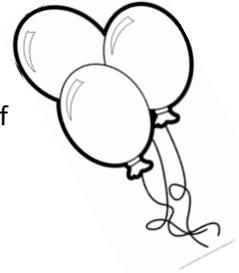
Let's Celebrate!!

Baptisms

Joshua Fox, son of Daniel and Jessica Fox, was baptized on July 10, 2022

Damian Bartter, son of Evan Bartter and Artisha Robinson, was baptized on August 14, 2022.

With great joy, we welcome our newest members, Joshua Fox and Damian Bartter in the name of the Lord.

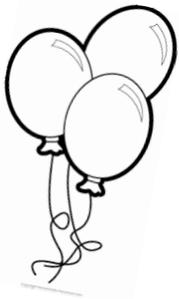


Pastor of Caring Ministry

Pastor Doug Hess had led the visitation ministry. Beginning July 1, Pastor Hess joined the staff as the Pastor of Caring Ministry to extend his ministry to offer caring ministry for the congregation. We appreciate your ministry, Pastor Doug. We will keep you and Becky in our prayers.

New Contemporary Worship Team Leader – Erin Pfund!

Welcome Erin to this volunteer position. We truly appreciate you, Erin, sharing your passion and gifts to lead the Contemporary Worship Team. Let us keep Erin and the CWT members in our prayers.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kaori Winter	September 4
Jim Cobia	September 5
Rick Baker	September 6
Rich Mohrmann	September 7
Matthew Thompson	September 7
David Roza	September 8
Lorraine Christie	September 9
Shirley Geier	September 11
Al Holmes	September 11
Wendy Dunn	September 14
Glenn VanPutte	September 19
Nan Keller	September 20
Louretta Teasdale	September 22
Jessica Fox	September 24
Becky Hess	September 27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Gloria Baker	September 9
John & Candy Metzger	September 14
Mike & Wendy Dunn	September 15
Annette & Michael Thompson	September 19
Dale & Carol DeCann	September 26



New Directories Are Here!

If you have not yet received your new church directory, pick it up after a church service or stop at the office during open hours.

Phone Number Corrections: Farrokh should be 585-865 5153 (Joyce's cell number is 585-415-8672)

Tim Rolfe should be 585-865-9287

United Women in Faith (UMW)



Women of the church are invited to visit us at the United Women of Faith's table on September 11 in the Ide Center to see what is going on, and give us suggestions on what you would like to see happen with United Women of Faith.



October 6 (9:30 AM—6:00 PM)
October 7 (9:30 AM—6:00 PM) &
October 8 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Collection of donated items will begin

Monday, September 25

through

Tuesday, October 4th

in the Ide Center
at the north door, near the kitchen

*Items **NOT ACCEPTED** this year:*

- Appliances
- Bowling Balls
- Baskets
- Electronics
- Encyclopedias
- Knives
- Luggage
- Shoes/Boots (Will accept new or like new shoes.)
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Skis (downhill or cross country)
- Stuffed animals
- Larger furniture



Put your baking hats on!

We will need baked goods to sell,
too!

We will need help with the following to make this Rummage Sale a success:

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

- Setting up tables on Sunday, September 24 (after the 11:00 service)
- Sorting items and putting them on the tables
- Pricing items
- Organizing books & DVDs
- Help the days of the sale — cashiers, bake sale, greeters, people to walk around & put items in order
- People to come in the last day and help pack up items



Please pray about helping out & sign up.

Contact Candy Metzger, 227-3138, or call the church office—663-3665.

Anyone can help!

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Serving in Worship This Month



Ushers

9:30 AM

9/4 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

9/11 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

9/18 — Bobbi & Rich Mohrmann

9/25 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

9/4 — Nancy & Terry Young

9/11 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

9/18 — Nancy & Terry Young

9/25 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

AV

9:30 AM

9/4 — Mary Sims

9/11 — Mark DeVincentis

9/18 — Michael Bartter

9/25 — Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

9/4 — Erin Pfund

9/11 — Roger Hotchkiss

9/18 — Roger Hotchkiss

9/25 — Erin Pfund

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

9/4 — Sandi Norris

9/11 — Sam Pfund

9/18 — Annette Thompson

9/25 — Jan Rothfuss

11:00 AM

9/4 — Nancy Young

9/11 — Sue Zorn

9/18 — Jan Rothfuss

9/25 — Bobbie Eckert

Live Streaming

9:30 AM

9/11 — Rich Keller & Dave Roza

9/25 — Dave Roza & Brittany Muoio

11:00 AM

9/4 — Rick Keller & Mary Sims

9/18 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

Next Crafting Workshop Set for Black Friday

Join fellow crafters and work on your favorite projects while raising funds for the church. On Friday, November 25, this popular event goes from 9:00 AM—9:00 PM. The cost is \$35 before November 5 (\$40 after that day). You will get an 8' table to yourself for the entire time. There will be two make & take projects. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Contact hosts Karen Sladden (585-455-2920) or Susan Galligan (585-317-3138) to sign up or if you have any questions.

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**God's Team
VBS Camp
August 2022**

A heartfelt
"Thank You" to
our God's Team
Crew! It was a fun
week all together
this summer.