

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — November 2022



From the Pastor



Giving by Faith...the Great Adventure

November is the month of harvest and thanksgiving. As leaves change color, the beauty of the colorful nature fills our hearts with the feelings of thanks and praise for God's abundant blessing that we have received throughout the year.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness. (Psalm 65:11)

Thanksgiving/Harvest Sunday Service on November 20st

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come..." Let us gather together and join for a service of Thanksgiving to celebrate and give thanks to God for wonderful blessings God has granted for us. I also invite you to present your Thank Offering to show your gratitude for God's constant providence.

In the season of Thanksgiving, as I think of you, I am so grateful to God for you – your love for God and for Aldersgate Church, your faithfulness and commitment, your sacrifice and financial gifts with tithes and offerings. Through the work of your faith, God has blessed Aldersgate Church. Thanks be to God!

Now is the time to look ahead and make a commitment to God's blessings to Aldersgate Church for 2023. I invite you to join for the services of **Budget/Pledge Campaign – November 6th, 13th and 20th**, to celebrate our ministry, see God's vision for Aldersgate Church and make a commitment to God's vision for our church. This year's theme is "**Giving by Faith...the Great Adventure.**"

Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given to you (Luke 6:38)." Let us give by faith in God who will give back to us abundantly. How much will God bless us and Aldersgate Church? I don't know. What I can say is, "My God shall supply all you need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)." How exciting it is! It is a **Great Adventure**. Nothing is impossible for God. God is inviting us to this **Great Adventure**. Say **YES** to God's invitation!

You are invited to several Special Events in November

FOOD-FRIEND-Z AUCTION – November 4 at 6PM

Spaghetti dinner, fellowship, games, bid on food and gift cards.

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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, Jane Coonan, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Sylvia Lynch, Mas Okita, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Ron Rozinski, Larry Scrivens, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, Alice Styles, Colleen Tyler, Hal Wagner, Jeanette Zeh, and the care-givers of all those with ongoing health concerns

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family; Gerald Shipman (Nancy Bailey); Denise, James, Paul, Maddie, Selina (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); Larry (Katie Furioso); Pip Hall, Sue Homsy (Doug & Becky Hess); Diana Jason; 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); Friend's husband Mark, Marlene Benson (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); Tatiana (Matt Pedelty); 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); Floyd, Mary, Abby & husband (Gretta Schaeffer); Bev, Tom (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (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); Daughter Lori (Jerry Wolter); Anna Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry & Nancy

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.



Young); Dennis (Steven Zeh); Madison (Sue Zorn)

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: 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

Sunday Worship Prayer Requests

Send your prayer requests to Pastor Lee at pastor-sungho@aumcgreece.org by 5 PM on Saturday or 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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Stewardship Workshop – November 12 9-11AM

Rev. Dr. Ann Kemper (Covenant UMC) will lead us in deepening our understanding of generosity and the blessings of giving to God.

The Advent season begins on November 27th with a service of the Hanging of the Greens.

Lastly, I would like to let you know that Jung and I have prayerfully decided to retire as of June 30, 2023. I will continue to keep Aldersgate Church in my prayers for God's guidance and lead in times of transition.

Blessings,

Pastor Sung Ho

Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons for November

November 6 – Giving by Faith; Hebrews 11:1-12

November 13 – The Great Adventure; Luke 6:38;
Philippians 4:19 Ephesians 2:19

November 20 – Thanks Be to God and Celebrate; Psalm
107:8-9

November 27 – Hanging of the Greens Sunday; Incarna-
tion – Presidents and Kings; Luke 1:26-38

Dementia Support Group Discussion, Nov. 5

A 1-hour meeting will be held in the Parlor on Nov. 5th at 1:30 to discuss establishing a Dementia Support Group for members living with a loved one who has dementia. If you are caring for a family member with dementia and you wonder what anyone can do to help you spiritually, emotionally or physically, this meeting is a MUST.

If those who attend this meeting agree we should establish such a support group, it will be facilitated by Pastor Doug. The present plan would be to meet on a monthly basis and to follow a program created by an organization called, "Clergy Against Alzheimer's."

If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Doug at 585-402-0311 or dough96@aol.com.

Change Your Clock!

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6. Turn the clock back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

Mission Share Thanksgiving Baskets

As a partner church, along with 14 other churches, we are collecting food for baskets that will be delivered to families in need on November 19th. We are asked to collect cans of cranberry sauce. There will be a container in the Gathering Space for donations until November 9th. There is also an opportunity to help deliver baskets on November 19th. If interested, please call Marilyn at Mission Share at 474-8627.

Church-wide Bible Study During Advent

A special Bible Study will be offered to all during Advent – **Incarnation** by Adam Hamilton. This study will be used by all small groups including the Adult Sunday school group. This Advent study will also be used for the sermons during Advent. Through this study, we will learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas.



We are having a

Food-Friend-Z!!

Come to the Auction on **November 4th** at **6:00 pm.**

Enjoy a spaghetti supper with your friends and family, and then get ready to outbid each other for tasty home-made cakes, pies, cookies (or other yummy treats) or gift certificates to area restaurants.

Sign up on the Opportunity Board to let us know you are coming and to volunteer to help. Use the Donation Forms (available on the table next to the Opportunity Board – or ask Sue Zorn or Jan Winter and we can send you the form electronically) to let us know what you can bake and bring, or ask your favorite local restaurant for a gift certificate that we can auction off.

It is sure to be great fun and you can go home with wonderful treats – Just in time for the Holidays!

Date: Friday, November 4th

Time: 6:00 Dinner; 6:30 Auction starts

Cost: \$5.00 pp for the dinner (\$15 max per family)

Proceeds from the event will be used to pay our Ministry Shares to the greater UMC, and to pay down principal of our mortgage.

Directory Corrections

Please note the following phone number directory corrections:

Carla Starr: 989-854-0709

Douglas and Nancy Jones: 585-455-5924.

Contact the office if you did not receive your copy of the directory or if you would like to purchase one (\$10).



December/January Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karenladden@hotmail.com

Wanted – Advent Devotion Writers!

For this holiday season, when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the advent of our Lord in the flesh and look ahead to His return, we would like to invite you—individuals, families, youth, small groups, etc.—to submit a short, Spirit-filled holiday Christmas devotion.

Our title this year will be, “All is Calm, All is Bright.” We are hoping for 29 devotions (one for each day of Advent) that are easy to read and understand and appeal to a broad age span and people’s Christian walk. Our goal is to once again create our very own AUMC Advent Devotional book to provide a shared experience for our congregation—to encourage one another to take time between Sundays to remember the meaning of Christ’s birth.

Submissions are due by **Sunday, November 6** (sent electronically, if possible, with “Advent Devotion” in the subject line), preferably 300 words or less. For more information, please contact Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) or Rhonda Simonelli (rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org). We look forward to reading your Christmas story!

United Methodist Student Day Offering - November 27

On November 27th we will celebrate United Methodist Student Day. Mark your calendar. During our worship time, we plan to receive an offering to support scholarships. Please participate in this special United Methodist offering and give a generous offering to Student Day’s scholarship program. Together we educate students so they can make a difference in the world.

This offering helps provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

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 November being sure to include a notation for “Student Day offering.”

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

Attend or Volunteer for Black Friday Crafting Workshop, November 25

Join fellow crafters and work on your favorite projects while raising funds for the church. OR volunteer to help set up the room, provide some food for a meal, or help serve and clean up. On Friday, November 25, this popular event goes from 9:00 AM—9:00 PM.

The cost to attend 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. Register online or contact hosts Karen Sladden (585-455-2920) or Susan Galligan (585-317-3138) to sign up or if you have any questions.

Let’s Celebrate!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Amanda Farrell	November 4
John Simm	November 7
Sandi Norris	November 8
Joclynn Fox	November 9
John Best	November 16
Betty Hild	November 18
Suzanne Spicer	November 18
Richard Caupp	November 19
Jan Winter	November 21
Tamara Gilzow-Kephart	November 24
Laura Wagner	November 30



Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, November 28

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.



Aldersgate United Methodist Church — Regarding General Conference Vote 2024

(September 2022)

Let's eliminate the negative...

There is so much negative news about the Methodist Church right now and too many articles about churches disaffiliating (splitting) from the United Methodist Church.

Where does Aldersgate stand?

At a Special Council Meeting on January 28, 2020, we voted to continue as a United Methodist Church and take no action at this time. After the vote, Pastor Sung Ho Lee pointed out that above all, we need to love one another.

We are stronger together. We want to:

- Be more like Jesus tomorrow than we are today.
- Focus on what we want to do in the future.

What are we really talking about?

- In 2024 the General Conference will decide whether to extend the right to marry and become clergy in the UMC to those members of the church who are LGBTQ.
- There are some churches choosing to disaffiliate (leave the UMC) before that vote. We are not one of them.
- We need to talk about unity and acceptance of all. We accept all people. Staying United Methodist means that we lovingly accept all people into our church, regardless of how the General Conference votes in 2024.

From UMC website:

- The Church affirms that all people are of sacred worth and are equally valuable in the sight of God. It is committed to be in ministry with all people.
- We seek to live together in Christian community, accepting one another as Christ has accepted us.

From our Bishop – March 4, 2022:

“Whatever the future holds within our beloved denomination, I have great hope for the Church of Jesus Christ. That hope is found in the power of who Jesus is and what Jesus does to transform lives. Our world stands in desperate need of a change that only Jesus can bring. Keep sharing Jesus Keep going deeper in your journey as a follower of Jesus. Keep saying yes to being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus everywhere you go. That’s our call – that’s our

purpose. If we do that, we will be found faithful, and God will bless all that we do in God’s name.

I am praying for you, your congregation(s), your communities, and all that will come in the days ahead.”

Blessings,
Mark J. Webb
Resident Bishop, Upper New York Area

Instead of putting out the fires, we need to ignite new passion.

Together – we can have a hope-filled future.

We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future...

Donations Wanted for Thanksgiving Altar

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits of all your crops.” (Proverbs 3:9)

Harvest Sunday is fast approaching! On November 20, we will honor the Thanksgiving holiday with an altar display of donated, seasonal, fresh fruits and vegetables.

I am looking for donations of easily preparable, easily edible real fruits/vegetables such as apples, beets, cabbages, eggplant, squash, etc. Please bring them to church between November 13 - 19 and leave them on the table in front of the altar room.

Cash donations on November 6 or 13 are also welcome, so I can purchase additional items from a local farmer’s market. Please note “Thanksgiving Altar” on the giving envelope.

After the second service on November 20, your donations will go to the **Open Door Mission** to serve Rochester’s homeless population, truly honoring God by serving God’s hungry people!

THANK YOU in advance for your help to both beautify our altar and to serve God’s hungry people.

Blessings,
Sharon Bartter
Altar Committee Chair

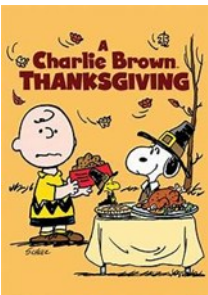
Christian Education

November Children's Sunday School Theme:

All is Calm, All is Bright

November 6: Draw and color pictures for our Aldersgate Advent Devotional (i.e., Manger scene, Christmas trees, winter scenes) & Practice song for next Sunday.

November 13: Sing "My Lighthouse" during Worship Service & Thankful Craft to take home.



November 20: Watch Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (including our own friendly feast) & Practice for Hanging of the Greens at 10:30-11:00.



Fruit of the Spirit artwork from our young students



Thank You!

A special thank you to Steven Samuel and Family for donating the pizza and fruit juice for our Trunk or Treat event. Also, to Wegmans for their gift card donation.



November 27: Hanging of the Greens at 9:30 Service. Holiday Refreshments afterwards with make-your-own Advent Wreath craft in Rooms 3 & 4.

We are planning a special worship service "Hanging of the Greens" on **Sunday, November 27** at the 9:30 am Worship Service. This is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are looking for children and youth to lead the service who are interested in reading scripture, reading about the symbols of Advent, singing/playing an instrument and hanging Chrismon ornaments on our beautiful Christmas tree. Please see/contact Rhonda Simonelli rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or Brian Winter bwinter@aumcgreece.org if your child is interested being a part of this wonderful tradition here at Aldersgate.

POINSETTIA SALE!!!

\$9.00 EACH for a 6" PLANT

Payment Due NO LATER THAN Wed. 11/16/22

****No orders made without advance payment!****

___ # of Red ___ # of White

___ # of Pink

Your Name: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Pay By: Cash or check in the Offering Plate (mark check: Poinsettias; include form),

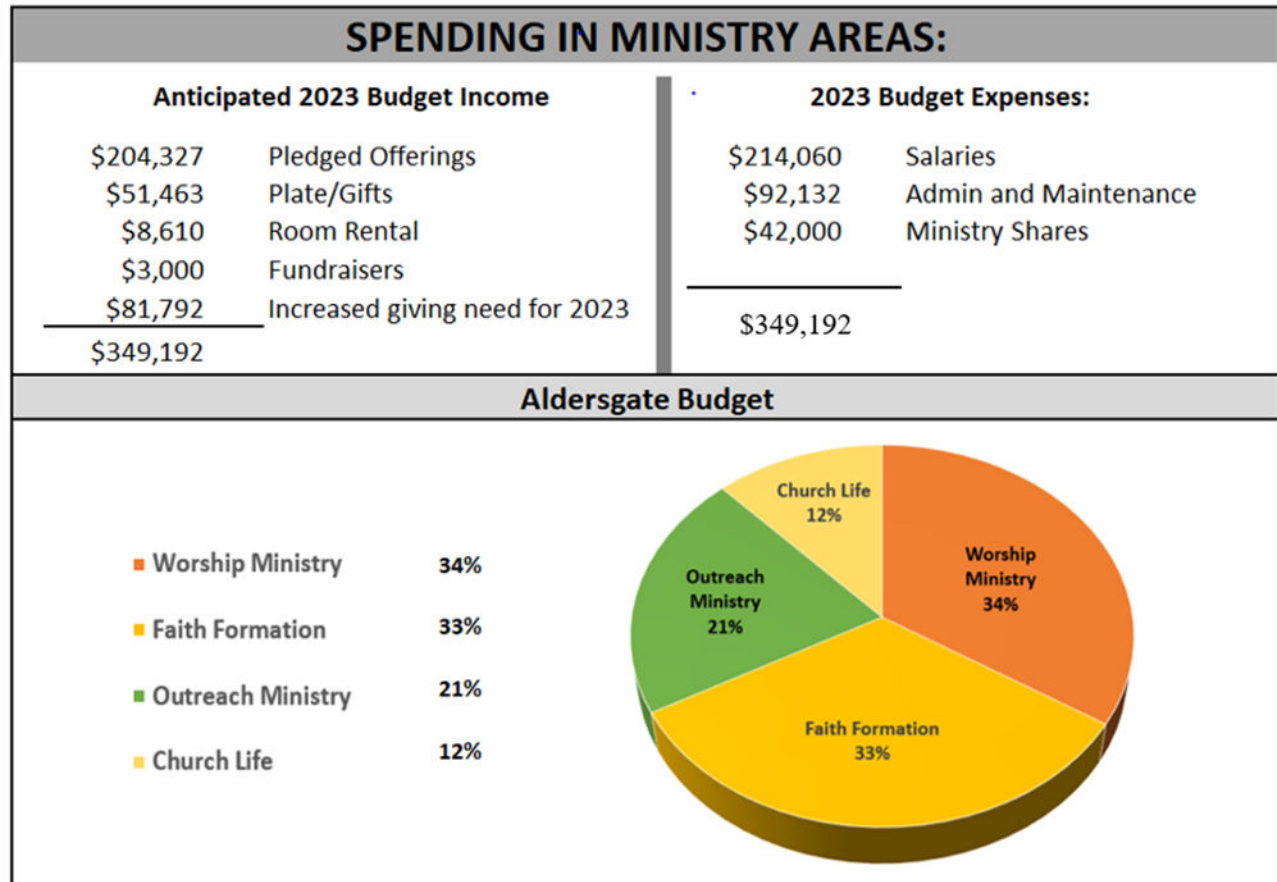
Check in the mail (mark memo line: Poinsettias; include form) or Credit card through Jan Winter (585-943-7353) and then send to, or drop form at, church.



Stewardship Update

Aldersgate Narrative Budget for 2023

On Sunday, November 20th we will ask everyone to make a financial pledge for 2023 for Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Pledge cards will be mailed in early November, and we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support our church. Below is our anticipated budget and how that money will be spent to support the four pillars of ministry.



Worship Ministry – LOVING GOD *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”* Matt 22:37

The worship experience continually shapes our lives through hearing God’s story and sharing our own stories. Our worship is enriched by the musical talents of our staff and members alike. We want to grow our membership in 2023 and bring more people to Christ.

34% - This includes a percentage of our pastors’ compensation, administrative and facilities budgets, and our Music Director’s, Organist’s, and Contemporary Worship Team Leader’s compensation.

- Weekly Worship services
- Choir direction and accompanist
- Organ and other music during worship services



- Contemporary worship leadership
- Online Worship experience via Facebook and YouTube

Outreach Ministry – SERVING OTHERS – *You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters...serve each other through love.* Galatians 5:13

Everyone can serve in some way within our outreach ministries. God has called us to take up the cross and address the great needs in Uganda. We support the ministry and mission of The United Methodist Church by giving the apportioned ministry share to The United Methodist Church. This is an area we have struggled in for the last 4 years as we have only been able to pay less than 50% of what we are asked to. This we do in addition to other thriving initiatives –

Community Dinner, Ebenezer Hope Nakivale support for school building and other needs, and White Gifts to name just a few.

21% – This includes a percentage of our pastors' compensation, administrative and facilities budgets, Ministry Shares (Apportionment) to UMC, and the African Ministry.

- African Ministry (Pastor Salary, Music Leader salary and various programs)
- Faith sharing and Evangelism
- Ministry Shares to UMC

Faith Formation – CHANGING LIVES – *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:1

Our ministry is blessed by opportunities for the formation and growth of faith for children, teens and adults.

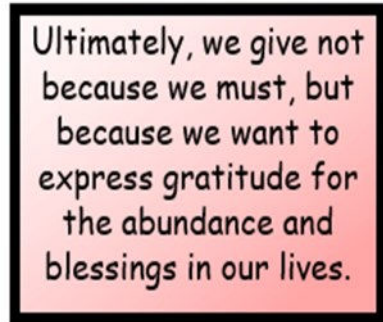
33% – This includes a percentage of our pastors' compensation, administrative and facilities budgets, Youth Director and Christian Ed Directors salaries, and Youth and Christian Ed budgets.

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Group Ministry
- Confirmation
- Vacation Bible School
- Adult Sunday School
- New Membership classes
- Baptism

Church Community Life Ministry – FOSTERING CONNECTIONS – *members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*" (Romans 12:4-5)

We intentionally work to learn and share the stories of our members, deepening the community and relationships we cherish. Our church family includes people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, understandings, attitudes and geography. Everyone is welcome to this church home.

12% – This includes a percentage of our pastors' compensation, administrative and facilities budgets, Stewardship budget, Communications budgets including:



Ultimately, we give not because we must, but because we want to express gratitude for the abundance and blessings in our lives.

- Small Groups
- Stewardship
- Church Council
- Church Website & Facebook page
- Video in main gathering space
- Weddings and Funerals
- Rummage Sale
- Visitation and Caring Ministry

"I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way...God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." From 2 Corinthians 9, *The Message*

A budget is a faith statement – it reflects our beliefs, values, and priorities. We share these numbers to understand what kind of commitment it takes to realize our hopes and dreams for ministry.

Each one of us can give at different levels and in a variety of ways. Giving is an act of adventure and faith – striking a balance between your personal needs and sharing your gifts with the world. You might ask yourself – ***does my giving reflect my values?*** Look at the total you give to the church and other organizations and compare it to other expenditures in your life.

(Note: Our Building Fund is separate from our Annual Budget. All gifts to the Building Fund are used to cover the current monthly mortgage. This is a commitment for approximately another 5 years.)

When we recognize and acknowledge both our abundance and our blessings, we are freed from the narrative of scarcity that our culture perpetuates. Consider your giving a reflection of your Blessed Life!

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

11/6 — Sandi Norris & Debbie
Lenau

11/13 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

11/20 — Sandi Norris & Debbie
Lenau

11/27 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

11/6 — Nancy & Terry Young

11/13 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

11/20 — Nancy & Terry Young

11/27 — Maria Stanley & Eric
Lindenau

AV

11/6 — Mary Simms

11/13 — Cyril Samuel

11/20 — Ted Carsten

11/27 — Erin Galligan



Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

11/6 — Sandi Norris

11/13 — Libbi Pfund

11/20 — Jan Rothfuss

11/27 — Jack Simm

11:00 AM

11/6 — NancyYoung

11/13 — Candy Metzger

11/20 — Bobbie Eckert

11/27 — MaryLou Jones

Live Streaming

9:30 AM

11/6 — Brittany Muoio & Juan
Ruiz

11/20 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

11:00 AM

11/13 — Mary Sims & Dave
Roza

11/27 — Dave Roza & Rich
Keller



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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Ruth's Only Request

"Human hands cannot serve (God's) needs, for He has no needs." Acts 17:25

As a teenager/young adult, I had a dear friend named Ruth. Ruth was there for me in more ways than I could ever quantify. I often said, and truly meant: "I wish there were some way I could repay you," but I couldn't imagine anything I had that she needed. Ruth's answer was always the same. It was her only request: "When you are able, and see someone else in need, give to them instead."

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is the time of year when Christians acknowledge that all of the blessings that we are so thankful for come from God alone. We all acknowledge it, but how do we thank Him for it? It's not like we could ever come close to having enough to "repay" Him, and even if we could, He doesn't need it! I believe that if we were to ask God: "How can I ever repay you" that His response would be similar to Ruth's: "Give to those in need instead."

I know this to be true and yet I wrestle with whom to give to and with the feeling that I can't do enough on my own. My answer to this is that most of my giving is to the church. That way, my giving is combined with many other people's giving and goes to cover the neediest people's most basic needs.

I, personally, don't need to question how much to give. It is my personal belief that God wants me to Tithe. I can tell you that, even in my financially "humble" state, that I've never gotten into trouble by giving 10%. I get into trouble when I make poor choices with spending the other 90%!

Before this turns from a devotional message into a Stewardship message, let me close by simply echoing Ruth's request and God's request. During this Thanksgiving season, give your "Thanks" to God for all He's blessed you with by "Giving" more to His church and His neediest people.

***Thanksgiving Holiday Blessings,
Sharon Bartter***