

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — April 2023

From the Pastor



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I am working on the Pastor's Note for the April Hinge. It's still March, but I am already in April and I am trying to see things that will occur in the future. Isn't that what the prophets in the Bible did? Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Habakkuk...

So here is my prophetic reflection:

It is still cold. The ground is still frozen and covered with snow. Trees are gray with no leaves.

But something amazing will happen. I don't see it now when I look out the window. But I see spring budding in my heart. New life is coming forth, breaking the frozen ground. Leaves are appearing on trees. I feel joy, excitement, and new energy.

Faith is like that.

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for to be certain of the things we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1).

To have faith is not just to wish the things we hope for to happen. With faith we are sure of the things we hope for, to happen, even though we cannot see it now. To have faith is not just to believe. To have faith is to experience what you believe in your personal life.

We will soon celebrate Easter. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. As I think of Easter morning, I am so excited to meet the risen Christ. I am so thrilled just like my heart is filled with joy as I think of spring budding even though the ground is still frozen.

I can't wait to sing:

Up from the grave He arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever, with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Let us come and join together in singing and celebrating the risen Christ! The risen Christ is the sure hope for our eternal life. But don't forget that the resurrection power is in us right now as long as the risen Christ lives in us and continues to be in us, renewing, refreshing, and rebuilding our lives.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor Sung Ho

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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:

Nancy Bailey, Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Nancy Brehm, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Jane Coonan, Mark DeVincentis, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Joyce Farrok, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Sylvia Lynch, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Ron Rozinski, Larry Scrivens, Debbie Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, Alice Styles, Colleen Tyler, Hal Wagner, Jan Winter, Jeanette Zeh, and the caregivers of all those with ongoing health concerns

Friends & Relatives of AUMC People with Health

Concerns: Nancy Anderson & family; 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, Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Janice Wilson, Joann Dunn, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); 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); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Glen Campbell, Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Christian Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); 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 Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); 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 prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Sung Ho Lee at PastorSungHo@aumcgreece.org.



Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jane Coonan – Wegman's Family Cottages; Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Dick Keegan – Cobbs Hill Manor; Donna Rice – Wegman's Family Cottages; Alice Styles – Legacy at Grand Vie

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Beverly Johnson who died on February 2. A memorial service will be held at the church on March 23 at 1:00 PM.

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.

Let's Celebrate!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Peeck	April 1
Natasha Burdick-Carstens	April 4
Judy Hare	April 6
James Christie	April 11
Hal Wagner, Jr.	April 19
Charlotte Ridley	April 21
Kevin Roza	April 23
Kathy Peck	April 24
Dennis Simm	April 28
Jennifer Crandell	April 29
Bobbi Mohrmann	April 30



If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed above, we would love for you to share the date of your special day so we can include it in future editions. Call the office or send an email with your information.

Church Events & Opportunities

Sermons for April

April 2 (Palm/Passion) – Glory and Honor to Jesus;
Philippians 2:5-11

April 9 (Easter) – Looking among the Dead for the Risen
Christ? Luke 24:1-12

April 16 – Seeking Thomas; John 20:19-31

April 23 – Open Heart Surgery; Luke 24:13-17; 28-35

April 30 – Yes, I love you, Lord; John 21:15-19

Services During Holy Week

Thursday, April 6 @ 7pm — Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion

Friday, April 7 @ 7pm — Good Friday Service



The Greece CROP Hunger Walk begins and ends at Aldersgate UMC on **May 7** with registration at 1pm, a group picture at 1:30pm, and then the walk begins. There is a 0.5-mile route and a 2.5-mile route. Pizza and T-shirts for walkers. We are adding a fun new scavenger hunt this year to complete during the walk.

Please join us. Sign up today! Contact Rhonda Simonelli (Team Captain) for more information. Thanks! <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/rochesterny>

We believe in ending hunger!



United Women in Faith

Reading Circle: Interested in reading? (date to be determined). Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office

(663-3665).

Rummage Sale: Mark your calendars for October 5, 6, & 7

Start saving your items now for the Rummage Sale. We will be collecting them on Sunday, September 24, after the 11:00 service.

United Methodist Native American Sunday — April 23

On April 23rd we will celebrate United Methodist Native American Sunday special offering. Mark your calendar.

Your donation will help to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. Our Aldersgate support provides development, implementation, and assessment of a higher education recruitment/retention for Native American clergy. We are blessed to support Native American students through scholarships. Help more students answer God's call to higher education.

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 April, being sure to include a notation for "Native American Sunday."

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



Help Raise Money for Our Church

Monday, April 24

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

Sunday School for Children in April: The Parables

April 2: Palm Sunday, *Mark 11 1-11*, Palm Sunday
Parade during Worship service. Make Cards
and Easter Baskets for Visitation Team

April 9: Easter Sunday, *He isn't here, but has been raised*
Luke 24 1-12, Cross Tissue Paper Craft & Easter
Video (**Outdoor Egg Hunt between Worship**
services, 10:30-11:00am)

April 16: Luke 24 1-12, Easter
Continued, Resurrec-
tion and Butterflies

April 23: Luke 24 13-35, Emmaus
Journey to the Heart:
Centering prayer for
children video & book-
mark/Chalk Path to
Church

April 30: Psalm 59: 9-10, F.R.O.G
day! Both Services of
FROG FUN!



Miss Rhonda's Book of the Month for April

A lyrical, captivating retelling of the Palm Sunday and Easter story from the award-winning author of *Rickshaw Girl* that is sure to become a beloved tradition for families of faith.

"Real King is coming today! Little Wind whooshed through the grove. The trees danced and sang."

Little Wind and the trees of Jerusalem can't wait for Real King to visit. But Little Wind is puzzled when the king doesn't look how he expected. His wise friend Bare Tree helps him learn that sometimes strength is found in sacrifice and new life can spring up even when all hope seems lost. (Cokesbury)



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

Jelly Bean Guessing Contest!

Please email your guess to rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or write on slip of paper next to jar in main lobby. One guess per person. The children will do this during Sunday School. We will have three winners: children, youth, and adults. We will reveal the number on Easter Sunday and reward the winners with a small prize.



Easter Baskets

We are collecting small items, (i.e., individualized wrapped candy (bunnies, chocolate eggs, crosses), cookies, chips, snack crackers, small water bottles & juice boxes, hand soap, notepaper, etc.) to make Easter baskets for congregation members that 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 are making 20 baskets.



Easter Baskets will be ready on Sunday, April 2 at 12:30pm for pick up in church office.



SAVE THE DATE!

Rocky Railway VBS for children (Pre-K-6th grade)

Monday, July 31st - Thurs. Aug. 3 from 9:00-11:30am
Adult and youth volunteers will be needed.

Youth activities

Snowtubing at Greystone



On March 11, we 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! Afterward, we sat down to warm up and enjoy a time of food and fellowship at Stoney's Pub before making the trek back home. We look forward to doing it all again in 2024!

The Jesus Revolution



On March 12, together with John Simm and families we went to see the Christian movie, "Jesus Revolution." It was an excellent movie based on the life of Pastor and author Greg Laurie and the revival movement in the late 1960s that led to his conversion. We all had a good time. It was a very moving and thought-provoking film, and afterward we all had a great discussion about it in the theatre lobby. I've heard the conversation continued even in the homes, and some even saying they want to see it again.



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 24-26, 2023 | SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE. Contact Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more details.

Youth Lunch Fellowship – Sunday, April 2, starting about 12:45 to 1:00pm @ Bill Grey's depending on what time the service ends

Youth Group (Grades 8-12) – Friday, April 14th and 28th at 7pm.



Thank You!

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



Find us on:
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Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group



The Donovan Family helped us celebrate St. Patrick's Day at our March 19th service.



March 6, 2023

It is my joy to share with you today that Bishop Hector A. Burgos-Nunez has appointed The Reverend Yohang Chun as the new pastor of our congregation. Rev. Chun will begin his new responsibilities to Aldersgate on July 1 of this year. Pastor Chun is currently appointed at Oswego United Methodist Church.

As a United Methodist congregation, we are part of an itinerant appointment system. Our congregation's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has met with the district superintendent (Pastor Ted Anderson) to identify our congregation's needs and the skills needed in a pastor for our context. We also met with Rev. Chun to get to know him and ask questions.

Pastor Yohang Chun has experienced two different church cultures — the American United Methodist Church and the Korean Methodist Church. Born and raised as a "PK" (pastor's kid) in the latter, he was raised within the Korean tradition of deep spirituality, discipline, and intense passion for the body of Christ.

However, through his decades of ministry in the United Methodist Church, Pastor Chun has also had the opportunity to learn of the beautiful heritage and tradition of the United Methodist Church firsthand. Building upon his unique experiences, he has sought to fuse his ministry with the strengths, heritages, and well-developed traditions of both churches-pursuing the Third Way of ministry.

Joyce, Pastor Yohang's wife, also has a strong passion for ministry. Together, they have been married for 22 years and celebrate their special gifts from God — Melissa and Joshua, who are both students at Princeton. In his free time, Pastor Yohang enjoys reading, watching movies with his family, and playing tennis and golf.

We also want to thank our current pastor, Rev. Sung Ho Lee for his time of service with us and wish him and Jung well as he retires and begins a new chapter in his life's journey.

Pastor Yohang will work with us and the conference so that we continue to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Bishop Burgos-Nunez, our district superintendent, Ted Anderson and the Upper New York Conference leaders will work with Pastor Yohang and Aldersgate to continue growing as a congregation. I ask that you join our bishop, our new pastor, and me in helping to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bobbi Mohrmann

SPRC Chair

May 2023 Hinge Deadline

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

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

4/2 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

4/9 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

4/16 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

4/23 — Susan DeVincentis

4/30 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

4/2 — Nancy & Terry Young

4/9 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

4/16 — Nancy & Terry Young

4/23 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

4/30 — Nancy & Terry Young

AV

9:30 AM

4/2 — Mark DeVincentis

4/9 — Michael Bartter

4/16 — Michael Bartter

4/23 — Ted Carstens

4/30 — Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

4/2 — Steve Zeh

4/9 — Roger Hotchkiss

4/16 — Steve Zeh

4/23 — Roger Hotchkiss

4/30 — Roger Hotchkiss

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

4/2 — Sandi Norris

4/9 — Sharon Bartter

4/16 — Bobbi Mohrmann

4/23 — Carol DeCann

4/30 — Rich Keller

11:00 AM

4/2 — Nancy Young

4/9 — Karen Sladden

4/16 — Jim Cobia

4/23 — Karen Sladden

4/30 — Mary Lou Jones

Live Streaming

9:30 AM

4/9 (Easter) — Britta Muoio & Juan Ruiz

4/23 — Mary Sims & Dave Roza

11:00 AM

4/2 (Palm Sunday) — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

4/16 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

4/30 — Rich Keller & Britta Muoio

7:00 PM

4/6 (Maundy Thursday) — Rich Keller & Juan Ruiz

4/7 (Good Friday) — Mary Sims & Dave Roza



Our first post-Covid potluck supper included music, food and games on March 18. A fun time was held by all who attended!



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HEEL! STAY CLOSE, but MOVE!!

“Under His wings you will find refuge.” (Ps. 91:4) “Now GO and take possession.” (Deut.1:8)

Since I last wrote, my life has drastically, Joyously but still drastically, changed! We brought home a 4-month-old Australian Shepherd puppy! I’m teaching her commands, or trying to, especially to make the long walks I take her on be safer and more “peaceful.”

One of the most common, and important, commands to teach for walking is “Heel!” This essentially means: ‘Get as close to my side as possible, stop briefly, and then MOVE!’ This is used when the dog’s human companion sees a potentially difficult situation ahead, such as traffic or another dog. It’s important for the dog’s human to know exactly where they are and have total control.

The only problem with “Heel” is the “Stop” part. Dogs aim to please and you told him/her to stop, but you need to move the dog through the situation, once it’s safe again, quickly. The light, now changed in your favor, or the, hopefully responsible, other dog owner, holding their dog in “Heel,” will only be that way for a moment. You and your dog need to move quickly. That’s where the second part comes in, “Stay Close to me, but MOVE!” You are

keeping a tight grip on the leash, but the time for assessing is over. For you and your dog to safely reach your destination, you need to MOVE!

As you know, I love words and what God does with my words! The first time I used those phrases with my puppy, I heard God saying: “Some of my people need to hear that same thing!”

So, perhaps there’s a “potentially difficult” situation ahead of you. (That could define life on any given day.) Or perhaps your life has changed drastically too, recently, but not in a Joyous way; through the loss of a loved one, or a job, or a devastating illness or diagnosis. By all means, first, “Heel!” Get as close as you can to your Divine Master, through Scripture, fellowship and prayer, and stop briefly to assess the situation. But then MOVE! Stay close to God, follow His lead, take that next, albeit terrifying, step! I Promise you, He’s got a firm hold on you and will NEVER let go!

Blessings on your journey, Sharon Bartter