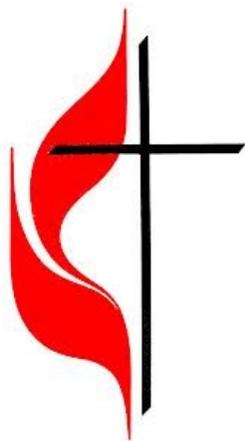


# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — June 2023

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## From the Pastor

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### Thanks Be to God!

It's been a good five years at Aldersgate Church. Jung and I are so thankful to God for Aldersgate Church — for the wonderful opportunities to be in ministry with you all. What a privilege and blessing to partner in mission for Christ with you all. Even though we leave Aldersgate Church, we will continue to keep you and Aldersgate Church in our prayers.

God loves Aldersgate Church. God has a special purpose for Aldersgate Church. God gathered His people for His mission at Aldersgate Church. God has blessed Aldersgate Church with people of deep faith, passionate heart, and strong commitment. God will continue to be with Aldersgate Church as you all serve Him together for His mission.

I would like to share a few words with you from my heart:

- Keep Jesus' love in your heart. In the love of Jesus, there is power that nothing in the world has. As you gather, worship, pray and serve with the love of Jesus, God will bless Aldersgate Church and its ministry and mission.
- Be kind and compassionate to one another. Where there is anger or hatred, there is no room for Jesus. Love one another with humility.
- Keep your hope in God's future for Aldersgate Church. Put your trust in God and follow Jesus boldly and courageously. God will fulfill His promise.

As I retire, I give thanks to God and all the people who I have served and who have been partners in ministry with me. Thank you and thank you.

I look forward to a new journey in retirement, but I am not retiring from serving God even though I officially retire. There is no retirement from serving God for the followers of Jesus. As many of you know, I will be serving Livonia United Methodist Church as a part-time pastor. I humbly ask you to keep Jung and me in your prayers. Jung and I will also hold you all with Pastor Yohang Chun and his wife, Joyce, and your new journey in our prayers.

May the grace and peace of the Lord be with 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:

Nancy Bailey, Rick Baker, Bernice Bird, Nancy Brehm, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Jane Coonan, Mark DeVincentis, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Sylvia Lynch, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Roger Ridley, 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); Son Mark and friends, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsh); Ted Way, Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Joann Dunn, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Fran Grillo, Reed & Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); 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, Shaylee Crandall (The Lindenaus); Bonnie Bush, Phillip Mead, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); my family (Wendy Peck); Ester Peprah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Daughter Lynn (Roger & Charlotte Ridley); 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](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:** 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

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## Bill Burdick Memorial Service on June 18

**William Elbert (“Bill”) Burdick**, died April 30, 2023, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after a prolonged illness.

Born November 18, 1937, Bill grew up in Western Pennsylvania. He attended Grove City College, the University of Virginia, and Florida State University, graduating with a degree in economics. He also attended Boston Theological Seminary at Boston University, where he met his wife of 60 years, Sue Moore Burdick. After ordination, Bill served seven United Methodist churches in the Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Conferences, including Aldersgate UMC.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Louise, and Elbert (“Ed”) Burdick, his sister Ruth Burdick Patten, brother-in-law George (“Blair”) Patten, his sisters-in-law, Jeanne Moore Lindahl and Marjorie Moore Forehand, and wife, Sue.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Natasha (Ted) Carstens, his son, Joseph (Laura) Burdick, his four loving grandchildren: Rachel (Ross) Phillips, Edward Carstens, Jakob Burdick and Andrew Burdick, his brothers-in-law Ken (Linda) Moore and Keith Forehand, many nieces and nephews, and his loving friend Carol Snodgrass.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2pm Sunday, June 18 at Asbury First UMC (Rochester, NY) where Bill had served as an Associate Pastor. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of choice. “May the Lord watch over us, while we are apart from one another.” Genesis 31:49.

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# Church Events & Opportunities

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## Sermons for June

**June 4 (Single Service at 10:00)** – Thank You Aldersgate!;  
Philippians 1:1-11

**June 11** – God Be With Aldersgate Church; Philippians  
4:1-9

**June 18, Father's Day** – Pastor Jones — Fathers Know  
about Stuff; Luke 7:36-8:3

**June 25** – Pastor Hess — The Cost of Discipleship;  
Matthew 10:32-39

## June 4 — Join the Retirement Celebration Service & Picnic Lunch

Everyone is invited to celebrate Sung Ho's Retirement and service to Aldersgate at a single worship service on June 4 at 10:00 AM! An all-church picnic lunch will follow. Bring a dish or dessert to pass and join the fun! Volunteers also needed to help set up and grill. Contact Sue Zorn if you can help (585-225-3370).

## United Women in Faith

**Reading Circle Re-boot:** Interested in reading? For more information, 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 this year's Rummage Sale. We will start collecting them on Sunday, Sept. 24, after the 11:00 service.

## Nursery Needs Volunteers

Do you have a heart for little children? Do you like to laugh, read and play? Our nursery is looking for volunteers to supervise children up to 5 years old during both worship services (9:30 and 11:00). If interested, please contact Debbie Simm at 585-355-6661.

## Thank you! CROP Hunger Walk a Success

We had close to 40 people (children, youth, and adults) participate in this year's CROP Hunger Walk on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There were some walkers who registered online as well and walked at home. We raised over \$10,000 this year — a record high! Thank you all for your monetary support! 25% goes to Greece Food Shelf. Thank you to Eric and Kimberly Lindenau for donating small jars of honey as prizes for the scavenger hunt. We all had such a great time walking to end hunger! (See team pictures on pg 4.)

## Why would I want to attend that??

On May 25, 2003 my wife and I were attending adult Sunday School at Aldersgate when she had a cerebral hemorrhage and keeled over. By the grace of God she survived but her life and my life were radically changed from that moment on. Over time I had opportunities to participate in support groups for caregivers to people who suffered the effects of strokes and other brain traumas (dementia). I almost always declined these opportunities thinking that I was living with the problem and managing on my own. What could they offer me that I hadn't already experienced? Now, 20 years later, I have started to not only attend support groups but I also lead them.

I found that support groups don't necessarily offer solutions to problems one might encounter. They primarily allow people to simply hear what others are dealing with. You might ask, "Why would I want to hear about other peoples' problems when I have enough of my own?" Because, you learn that you are not alone. There are others having the same problems and they are managing. Maybe you can too!

I feel sure that there are people in our congregation living with someone who has dementia who would benefit by participating in a support group. A few of us gather at 1:30 PM on the 2nd Saturday of each month and discuss various aspects of caring for a loved one with dementia. If Saturdays aren't good we can always change the day and time to accommodate as many as possible. If your loved one can't be left alone and you would rather meet remotely via ZOOM we can consider that option also.

Caregivers need to care for themselves in order to be able to care for their loved ones. If you are a caregiver to someone with dementia, attending a support group is something you can do to care for yourself both emotionally and spiritually!!

Pray about this. Consider attending a couple of times to see what you think. Contact Pastor Doug so he can order the resource we are using for our discussions. Also feel free to contact him with questions, suggestions, comments or concerns (402-0311 or dough96@aol.com).

## July/August 2023 Hinge Deadline

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

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



*Participants in this year's CROP Hunger Walk on May 7*



## African Ministry Thankful for Support of Fundraiser Dinner

Both congregations came together on Sunday, May 21st in the Ide Center to enjoy fellowship and a traditional African meal of Sambusa (spring rolls with spiced beef), Chapati (flat bread), Cassava (sweet, nutty tasting vegetable) and Mandazi (fried bread) and help support Pastor Muhindo Byankira's mission trip to Africa this July. He will use the funds raised to provide cooking supplies like soap, cooking oil, sugar and corn flour to the widows of Mbarara, Uganda. *(Photos to the right.)*

## Help Needed for Fellowship Hour

Food donations and help are needed on Sundays with the after-service refreshments. There is an information sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space along with a sign-up sheet for specific weeks. This will ensure that we have snacks to offer every week. Contact Cindy and/or Dave Roza for more information.

## Attention All Graduates

Graduate Sunday is June 11. We would like to share a short video clip or a couple photo slide of each graduate telling their name, what school they are graduating from, what degree if applicable, and what their plans are next. Submissions due by June 7. Direct all questions and submissions to Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) with "Graduation" in the subject line and include the full name of the graduate in the email.



## Annual Conference

On June 1-3, United Methodists of Upper New York will gather at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse for the first in-person gathering since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation for next week's gathering, Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez is sharing a special video message with United Methodists of Upper New York. In the message, Bishop Héctor is calling for a time of prayer. He asks you join him in praying that our time together can be mission-focused, spirit-led, and hope-given.

To watch Bishop Héctor's video message in its entirety, please visit <https://vimeo.com/828081006>.



## Upper New York Conference The United Methodist Church

Bishop Héctor is also asking United Methodists of Upper New York to engage in a day of fasting on May 30. This designated day allows individuals to surrender themselves fully to God, opening their hearts and minds to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Representing Aldersgate UMC at Annual Conference will be Pastor Sung Ho Lee, Pastor Enoch Renzha, Sharon Bartter (Lay Member), and Jan Rothfuss (Equalization Lay Member). Please pray for the Annual Conference, Bishop Hector Burgos, and all participants.

# Christian Education

## Children's Sunday School for June

**June 4:** One Service at 10:00 am. Children will take part in the Worship Service. No Sunday School. Retirement Celebration Picnic after service for Pastor Sung Ho.



**June 11:** Graduation Service. (There will be no Sunday School class at 11:00.) Special refreshments will be served after the Worship Service.

**June 18:**  
Father's Day  
Fun activities



**June 25:** Teacher Appreciation and Popsicles on the Playground End of the School Year Celebration

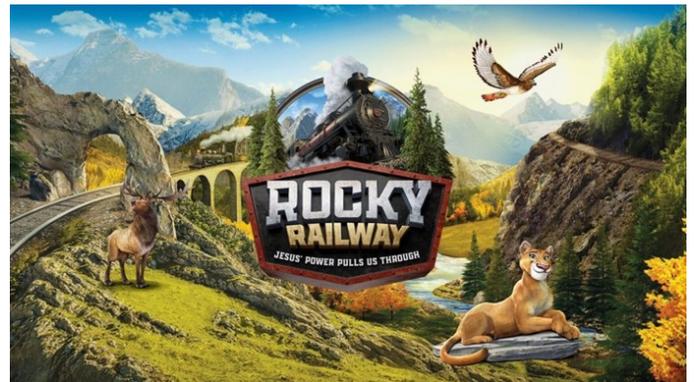


## Miss Rhonda's Book of the Month for June

You are a blessing. /  
You are beautiful just as  
you are. / You are loved, /  
and you love. / You make  
mistakes, / and it's okay  
to make mistakes, /  
because that's how you  
learn.



Lyrical and poignant,  
"Loving Kindness" encour-  
ages us to be tender with  
ourselves and others, and to open our hearts to the  
world. This vibrant picture book celebrates connection,  
compassion, and life. (Amazon)



## Rocky Railway VBS for Children (Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - Thurs. Aug. 3,** from 9:00-11:30am

Online Registration begins the first Sunday in June.  
Paper Registration forms will also be available in Sunday  
School.

Volunteers needed! Crew Team Information Meeting (30  
minutes) will be on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> between Worship  
Services and then again at noon. We would love to have  
Youth helpers!

Please contact Rhonda Simonelli [rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org](mailto:rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org) or Brian Winter [bwinter@aumcgreece.org](mailto:bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more information or questions  
that you may have.

# Youth activities

## Change

It's hard to believe how much time has flown by this year already. It feels like winter just ended and yet summer is almost here. Graduation is just around the corner and in a few months Steven and Luke will be heading off to college. We'll also be saying goodbye to Pastor Sung Ho and welcoming a new Pastor.

One journey ends and another begins. In the Bible, the Christian life is likened to many things. One illustration given by Paul is of a ship at sea journeying to its destination. It's a theme Paul would have been familiar with. He traveled extensively throughout the Roman Empire by land and by sea. Each new place he set foot in led him to new friends and new faces; and each place he set out from was no doubt full of tearful goodbyes and wondering about what is to come. The journey wasn't always easy. But the one thing he never lost sight of was his heavenly destination. He never lost sight of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

The Christian life isn't merely about the journey, but about the destination. At home I have a small sculpture of a sailboat, and at the base of it are the words "He Guides," and on the sail it reads, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:5-6). No matter where you go, and in every period of change in life, remember the Lord who gives us strength and the ability to prosper in the things we set out to do. Remember the One who guides our paths and gives us strength and courage for the journey, until the day we see Him face to face.

*Thank you Pastor Sung Ho for all your guidance, support and encouragement over the years, for your enthusiasm for both the children and youth. We wish you well where you are going, and will miss you here at Aldersgate!*

*Thank you to all the youth who shared their talents in May and participated in the Crop Walk. Thank you to Erin for helping the kids in Sunday School write and put together pages for the memory book, and to Steven and Cyril as always for helping with the coffee time.*



## **JULY 24-26, 2023 | SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE**

Contact Brian Winter (bwinter@aumcgreece.org) for more details.

**Youth Lunch Fellowship – Sunday, June 18 after church (tentative), around 12:45.**

**Youth Group (Grades 8-12) – Fridays, June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**



## **Monday, June 19**

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

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## **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*

## Dear Aldersgate UMC Members,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I write to you today as I prepare to join you as your new pastor. I am filled with excitement as I embark on this new chapter of ministry alongside you, and I wanted to take a moment to share a little bit about myself and my family.

My name is Yohang Chun and I have been called to serve as your pastor starting this July. While I may be new to Aldersgate UMC, I bring with me a wealth of experiences and a deep passion for Christ and the church. I was born and raised in South Korea as a pastor's kid, and my journey as a pastor led me to the United States in 2000 to pursue theological studies at Drew Theological Seminary. After graduating in 2003, I began my ministry, serving in pastoral roles in both a small church and a big congregation as an associate pastor. For the past 12 years, I have had the privilege of serving at First Oswego UMC (my third church), where I have grown alongside an incredible community of faith.

Joining me in this new chapter of ministry is my wife, Joyce, who shares her strong passion for Christ and the church. Together, we have been blessed with two wonderful children, Melissa and Joshua, who are currently pursuing their own paths in college. We are excited to become part of the Aldersgate UMC family and to journey alongside you, worshiping, serving, and growing together in our faith.

I am humbled and honored to serve as your pastor, and I am committed to walking with you, listening to your stories, sharing in your joys and sorrows, and proclaiming the transformative love of Christ together.

I strongly believe that God has called us together as a community of faith for a specific purpose. As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that we are not alone. Our God is faithful, and He will guide and empower us to fulfill His mission in this place.

May we be a church that radiates the love of Christ, extending compassion, grace, and hope to those around us. Together, let us grow in our relationship with God, deepen our understanding of His Word, and reach out to our neighbors, both near and far, with the love of Christ.

In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to you to introduce myself and to learn more about you and your hopes and dreams for our shared ministry. I ask for your prayers as I prepare to join you, and I promise to keep you in my prayers as well.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Yohang



## 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

*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.*

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## Serving in Worship This Month

### Ushers

#### 10:00 AM

6/4 — Sandi Norris, Debbie  
Lenau, Nancy & Terry  
Young

#### 9:30 AM

6/11 — Susan DeVincentis  
6/18 — Sandi Norris & Debbie  
Lenau

6/25 — Rich & BobbiMohrmann

#### 11:00 AM

6/11 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn  
6/18 — Maria Stanley & Eric  
Lindenau

6/25 — Nancy & Terry Young

### Scripture Readers

#### 10:00 AM

6/4 — Nancy Young

#### 9:30 AM

6/11 — Jack & Emma Simm,  
Evelyn & Nolan Troiano

6/18 — Annette Thompson

6/25 — Bobbi Mohrmann

#### 11:00 AM

6/11 — Gary Hogestyn

6/18 — Candy Metzger

6/25 — Brian Winter

### AV

#### 10:00 AM

6/4 — Mark DeVincentis

#### 9:30 AM

6/11 — Mary Sims

6/18 — Michael Bartter

6/25 — Ted Carstens

#### 11:00 AM

6/11 — Steve Zeh

6/18 — Roger Hotchkiss

6/25 — Roger Hotchkiss

### Live Streaming

#### 10:00 AM

6/4 — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

#### 9:30 AM

6/11 — Britta Muoio & Rich  
Keller

6/25 — Rich Keller & TBD

#### 11:00 AM

6/18 — Juan Ruiz & Dave Roza

### Spring Clean-up – A Success!

Although the rain prevented us from tackling some gardening and work outside the church, much work was done inside the church during the Spring Clean-up Day on May 20. Work included: window washing, lighting replacement, plumbing repairs, shredding of outdated, but sensitive documents, work in the kitchen, and decluttering & cleanout of our Education stockroom.



The Trustees wish to thank to Rich & Nan Keller, Pastor Doug & Becky Hess, Terry Young, Colleen Tyler, David & Cindy Roza, Jim Bailey, Mary Sims, Sue Zorn, Brian Winter, Mark & Susan DeVincentis and Jan Rothfuss! Many hands make light work!

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## **I Should Be Used to It!!**

*“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*  
*(Romans 5:8)*

Do you remember how you “felt” upon hearing about and then receiving the Covid Stimulus checks? Of course, like everyone, part of me was happy and excited, planning how to spend it. I don’t buy things on credit, so I replaced things that had needed replacing for a long time. But another part of me felt a bit “guilty,” like I didn’t deserve it. I hadn’t lost any hours at work. I am a mandated worker in a 24/7 field. The purpose of that money was to help those struggling from the shutdowns, but to make sure everyone who needed it got it, EVERYone got it!

I should be used to it, though, getting something I don’t deserve. As Christians, we all should! Now, there are some people, even some Christians who seem to have it “easier” than others. Being a Christian doesn’t mean we’re “promised a rose garden,” yet some people seem to encounter one thorn or weed after another. But no matter what your day-to-day life may be like, we are all equal recipients of God’s Grace, His undeserved, eternal forgiveness and a relationship with Him!

I have a new favorite line from a Contemporary Christian song that has been coming to mind a lot lately: ***“The devil says I don’t deserve what You (Jesus) did on the Cross, and he’s right, ‘cause I don’t but You did it ANYWAY!!”*** (from *“I see Grace”* by Zach Kale, Matthew West and Micah Tyler, sung by Micah Tyler.)

That’s it in a nutshell. While some needed and “deserved” those Stimulus checks more than others, none of us “deserve” what Jesus did for us on that Cross but, because of how desperately we needed His Grace, HE DID IT ANYWAY!! And all we have to do is what, hopefully, we did with those checks; accept it! Use it for His Glory! Don’t “hide” or squander it, and tell the world that it’s there for them too!

***Blessings,***  
***Sharon Bartter***

