

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — July & August 2023



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## From the Pastor

As we enter the summer months of July and August, I pray that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. It is my heartfelt desire to share with you some reflections on the theme of sanctification and becoming like Christ, as we journey together in our faith.

Drawing inspiration from the teachings of John Wesley, we are reminded of the call to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Philippians 2:12, the apostle Paul encourages us to “continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.” This implies an ongoing process of sanctification, where we are transformed to be more like Christ in our thoughts, actions, and character.

Allow me to share a personal experience that has deepened my understanding of growth and maturity. This past April, I had the privilege of witnessing a bird’s nest attached to my front door, with several eggs nestled inside. Over the course of a few weeks, I observed the diligent care of the mother bird as she nurtured her eggs. And eventually, the joyful sight of baby birds growing healthier with each passing day.

This observation provided me with a powerful insight. Just like those baby birds, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to grow healthy and vibrant. We are invited to shed the burdens of issues, worries, and problems that often hinder our spiritual growth. In the process of sanctification, we must rely on the transformative work of the Holy Spirit within us.



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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 Farrok, 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, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, Alice Styles, Colleen Tyler, Hal Wagner, Jan Winter, Jerry Wolter, 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 Peeck); 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; Kayle 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; Pastor Jerry Wolter – Legacy at Clover Blossom

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## From the Pastor, Continued from Page 1

As we enter this summer season, it is essential that we prioritize not only our physical and emotional well-being but also the care of our spirit and our deep relationship with God. Let us commit ourselves to daily practices that cultivate spiritual growth and intimacy with God. Set aside time for prayer, meditation, and studying God's Word. Seek His guidance and wisdom in all aspects of life.

Additionally, I encourage you to immerse yourselves in the beauty of nature, which God has created for our enjoyment and spiritual nourishment. Take leisurely walks in parks, sit by the seaside, or venture into the mountains. Use this time to marvel at the wonders of creation, to find solace and inspiration in the vastness of the natural world.

Furthermore, make it a priority to spend meaningful and precious moments with your loved ones. Engage in activities that promote love, joy, and unity within your family. Create memories that will last a lifetime and strengthen the bonds of fellowship.

May this summer be a season of renewal and deepening of our relationship with God. May His grace and peace be upon you and your families, guiding you in all that you do.

With love and blessings,  
Yohang

# Church Events & Opportunities



## July/August Sermon Schedules

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - My journey and life: God was already there!

Acts 16:6-10, Proverbs 3:5-6

July 9<sup>th</sup> - A Temptation keeps us from moving forward.

Luke 22:45-46, 1 Peter 5:8

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Do you have this key for your journey?

Acts 16:16-26

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - See God's works, not your circumstances.

1 Kings 19:1-4, 13-18

July 30<sup>th</sup> - Stay away from lukewarmth.

Revelation 3:14-20

August 6<sup>th</sup> - Walk away from Toxic people.

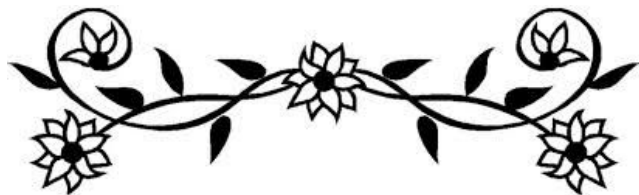
Nehemiah 6:1-9, Matthew 12:9-15

August 13<sup>th</sup> - TBD

August 20<sup>th</sup> - Spiritual diabetes?

Luke 10:25-32, Acts 17:11-14

August 27<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Doug Hess



## Welcome to the Prayer Garden

The courtyard garden is open and in bloom. Please visit during fellowship hour or any time for reflection.



## Monday, July 31 & Monday, August 21

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

800 Greece Ridge Center Drive, Greece, NY 14626

We earn 20% of sales if you mention Aldersgate when you place your order. Enter promo code "FUND4U" if ordering online, using the Panera App, or at the in-store kiosk, to have a portion of your proceeds donated.

## United Women in Faith

Aldersgate's *United Women in Faith* is sponsoring:

### TAI CHI for ARTHRITIS and BALANCE

Wednesdays and Fridays in Ide

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Starting July 12 – September 1

Call Sarah at Lifespan – 585 287-6439 or

Sign up on the bulletin board

\$25.00 for 16 sessions

Tai Chi combines slow moving with deep breathing. The benefits of Tai Chi are: increased strength, balance and posture, and help prevent falls. This is really a fun class. If you have any questions call Candy Metzger (355-9542).

## Reading Circle

We will be starting up Reading Circle on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. More information to come.

## Save the Dates for Our Rummage Sale:

### 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.

## 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.



## September 2023 Hinge Deadline

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

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



# Christian Education

## Children's Sunday School Lessons for July...

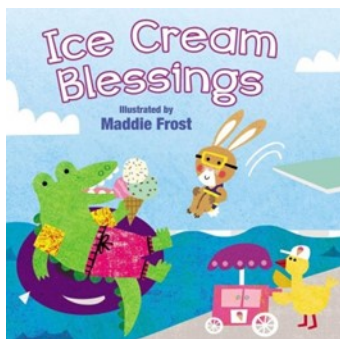
**July 2:** Parable of the Sower

**July 9:** Let's Scoop up some Blessings! Ice Cream Social after each Worship Service.

**July 16:** Read selections from the book *The Sower*, Parable of the Sower Activities

**July 23:** Read selections from the book *The Sower*, Parable of the Sower Activities (Dirt & Worms)

**July 30:** VBS Decorating and setting up for our start state on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>!



## ...and August

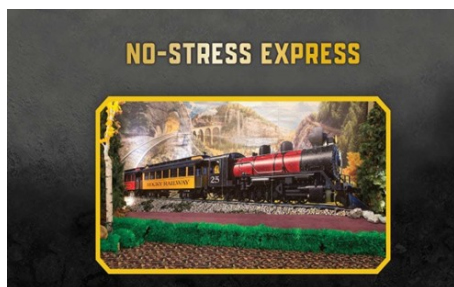
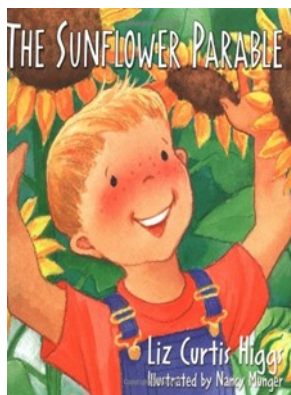
*This is nothing other than the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus: to testify about the good news of God's grace. (Acts 20:24b)*

**August 6:** Who is Peter?  
Matthew 16:13-20,  
Outdoor Rock Art

**August 13:** Peter and Tabitha,  
Acts 9:36-43, A Heart for  
Serving

**August 20:** Peter in Prison, Acts  
12:1-17, The Power of Prayer

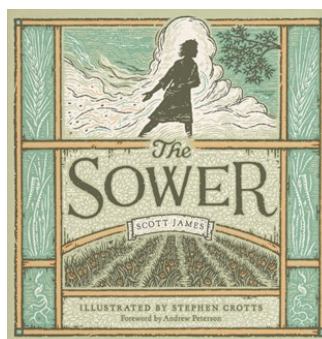
**August 27:** Parable of the Sunflower and flower craft



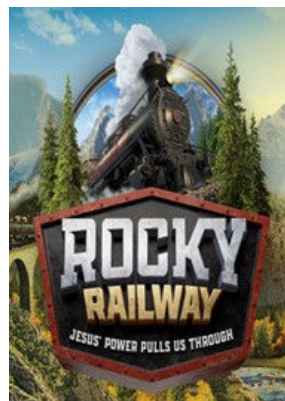
## Rocky Railway Crew Team Meeting

We will have a one-hour meeting for VBS on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-1:15pm in Rooms 3&4. Pizza lunch will be served. Please try to attend this meeting. Thank you! Rhonda and Brian

## Miss Rhonda's July/August Book of the Month



By Scott James (Author),  
Stephen Crofts (Illustrator)  
**Beautifully Illustrated Children's Book Celebrates God's Creative Cultivation**  
From creation to final restoration, Scripture paints a vivid picture of God as a gardener—sowing seeds, planting gardens, and bringing life through the power of his word. *The Sower* introduces this biblical imagery to young readers to help them understand the story of redemptive history and look forward to future reconciliation. (Cokesbury)



## This Summer's 2023 VBS Rocky Railway: Jesus Power Pulls Us Through Register Online Today!

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. It will be a fun-filled week full of songs, crafts, skits, Bible lessons and games!

This year's VBS is scheduled from Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> until Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes for children begin each day at 9:00AM and end at 11:30AM for kids in PreK-6th grade. Plan now to join us for a great time at Rocky Railway VBS!

Volunteers are always needed to make this ministry a success. Please let us know if you can help.

To register, please visit:

<https://aumcgreece.org/vbs2023/>

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# Youth activities

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to our High School graduates, Steven Samuel and Luke Simonelli, who will soon be heading off to college. We are very proud of you both and pray for your success! Remember that the Lord is with you wherever you go, and to seek him first in everything you do. Time passes fast, use the moments that God gives you. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

## Youth Performances

From late May to June we were blessed with several music specials by the youth—joining the adult Orchestra in performing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (Steven on Trumpet, Cyril on Saxophone, Erin and Ella on flute, Luke on the congas) and most notably our Youth Orchestra performance of "Seek Ye First" on Graduation Sunday (Ella, Erin, Cyril, Jolly, Luke, Steven). In addition, on Father's Day, Molly and Anderson sang "Through the Eyes of My Father." It is both a blessing to listen to and an encouragement to see how much all of you have grown in your talents over the years. Thank you for using your talents for the Lord!

## Thank You

*Thank you to Erin for helping the kids in Sunday School write and put together pages for the memory book for Pastor Sung Ho and for stepping up on short notice to help Kaori turn the music pages for her Amazing Grace solo, and to Steven and Cyril as always for helping with the coffee time. Thank you also to all the youth who sacrificed their time and came and practiced hard for all the specials.*



**MONDAY, JULY 24**  
**SIX FLAGS DARIEN LAKE**

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

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**Youth Lunch Fellowship – Sunday, July 9 after church (tentative), around 12:45.**

**Youth Group (Grades 8-12) – Fridays, July 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**



## 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

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## Outdoor Fun Day for Children & Youth in August!

More details will be in the  
Mid-Week and Sunday  
Bulletins in July.



**Need an Ark? I Noah Guy!**

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# Let's Celebrate!!



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Colleen Tyler	July 4
Debbie Simm	July 14
Caleb Thompson	July 15
June Griffin	July 16
Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18
Michael Spicer	July 19
Doug Hess	July 20

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Denise Hogestyn	July 10
Ted & Natasha Carstens	July 18
Michael & Rhonda Simonelli	July 20

*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.*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chris Peeck	August 2
Jane Salminen	August 2
Emma Simm	August 2
Dennis Pankey	August 4
Luke Simonelli	August 7
Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Denise Hogestyn	August 14
Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Rhonda Simonelli	August 15
Edith Coburn	August 18
Nathan Dunn	August 23
Diane Kress	August 24
Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Molly Donovan	August 25
Terry Young	August 26
Dick Edgett	August 27
Mike Accapezzato	August 30
Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Kaori Winter	August 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Ken & Sharon Bartter	August 7
Eric & Kimberly Lindenau	August 7
Dan & Robin Fox	August 9
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
Jeffrey & Laura Kimmel	August 15
Dave & Maria Stanley	August 16
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Dennis & Anna Simm	August 26
Jim & Carol Cobia	August 27
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28

Thank You, Aldersgaters!

It has been a great blessing and joy to share the journey of faith and to be in ministry with you all. Jung and I truly appreciate your love for us. We thank you all for your cards, gifts, hugs and the words from your heart. We will take them all deep in our hearts wherever we go. We will pray for you. Please pray for us. God be with you always. We love you.

In Christ's Love,  
Jung and Sung Ho

## Summer Crafting Set for August 18 & 19

Join fellow crafters and work on your favorite projects while raising funds for the church. On Friday, August 18, this popular event goes from 12:30 to 9:00 PM and on Saturday, it's from 9:00 AM—9:00 PM. Sign up for one or both days. The cost is \$40 for one day or \$60 for two. You will get an 8' table to yourself for the entire time. Dinner is included on Friday, and breakfast and lunch are served on Saturday. Contact hosts Karen Sladden (585-455-2920) or Susan Galligan (585-317-3138) to sign up, volunteer to provide some food or help with set-up, or if you have any questions.



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## **Serving in Worship This Summer**

### **Ushers**

#### **9:30 AM**

7/2 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

7/9 — Susan DeVincentis

7/16 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

7/23 — Susan DeVincentis

7/30 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

8/6 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

8/13 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

8/20 — Susan DeVincentis

8/27 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

#### **11:00 AM**

7/2 — Nancy & Terry Young

7/9 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

7/16 — Nancy & Terry Young

7/23 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

7/30 — Nancy & Terry Young

8/6 — Nancy & Terry Young

8/13 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

8/20 — Nancy & Terry Young

8/27 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

### **AV**

#### **9:30 AM**

7/2 — Ted Carstens

7/9 — Mark DeVincentis

7/16 — Mary Sims

7/23 — Michael Bartter

7/30 — Mark DeVincentis

8/6 — Ted Carstens

8/13 — Mark DeVincentis

8/20 — Mary Sims

8/27 — Michael Bartter

#### **11:00 AM**

7/2 — Steve Zeh

7/9 — Steve Zeh

7/16 — Roger Hotchkiss

7/23 — Steve Zeh

7/30 — Roger Hotchkiss

8/6 — Steve Zeh

8/13 — Steve Zeh

8/20 — Roger Hotchkiss

8/27 — Steve Zeh

### **Scripture Readers**

#### **9:30 AM**

7/2 — Sharon Bartter

7/9 — Debbie Simm

7/16 — Sharon Bartter

7/23 — Jan Rothfuss

7/30 — Rich Keller

8/6 — Sharon Bartter

8/13 — Annette Thompson

8/20 — Jack Simm

8/27 — Emma Simm

#### **11:00 AM**

7/2 — Nancy Young

7/9 — Sue Zorn

7/16 — Candy Metzger

7/23 — Jim Cobia

7/30 — Mary Lou Jones

8/6 — Nancy Young

8/13 — Sue Zorn

8/20 — Brian Winter

8/27 — Mary Lou Jones



### **Live Streaming**

Check your emails for the summer schedules

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## Annual Conference Report

It was SO good to gather in person again!! While, I admit, I missed my recliner sometimes, it was such a JOY to enjoy the company of both new faces and some familiar ones I hadn't seen in a while. We celebrated the "retirement" and appointment to Livonia UMC of **Pastor Sung Ho Lee**, among others, and the appointment to Aldersgate UMC of **Pastor Yohang Chun** (with whom I had a wonderful conversation). And, during the Ordination Service, we saw **Cori Loudon** commissioned, which is one step closer to full ordination!

Along with the joy and the coming together, we have to honor the sadness and "mourn with those who mourn," and we have to expect some times of "division." We had a beautiful Memorial Service, where both our former D.S. **Vonda Fossitt** and our own former pastor, **Rev. Bill Burdick** were among those remembered. And we honored several churches that had closed. We also had some churches disaffiliating and some concerns about where money for future expenses should come from.

Yes, of course, we have differences of opinion on important issues. And, sadly, the current issues are showing

us that we have different ways of expressing our faith in God, but we still serve the same God! As we were told by **Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi** of the Pennsylvania Conference, we need that diversity, both of genders and races and of differences of opinion on various issues. If we handle them right, she said, we can use our handling of them to bring others to Christ by showing the Greatness of our God. "God's Greatness is not shown," she continued, "by like-minded people getting along." (Didn't Jesus say: "even the pagans do that.") "God's Greatness is shown," she said, "when we come together as one in spite of our differences."

As I was praying, which I was doing a lot of throughout our time of conferencing, God reminded me of how I used to expand on "deliver us from evil" while praying the Lord's Prayer: "Let US do no harm to others and let others do no harm to us." If we vow to live that out, God will honor it and, no matter what "divisiveness" may come, we'll be OK.

**Blessings,**  
**Sharon Bartter, Lay-Member to Annual Conference**





***Congratulations,  
Graduates!***



**Steven Samuel**

Graduating from  
Spencerport High  
School



Future Plans:  
Hofstra University to pursue Aerospace  
Engineering and Science.



**Luke Simonelli**

Graduating from Hilton  
High School with a Regents  
diploma of Advanced  
Designation.

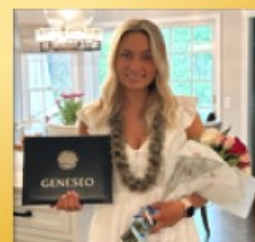


Future Plans:  
St. Bonaventure University Majoring in  
Physical Education on the path to becoming  
a teacher and coach.



**Dayna Claire Edgett**

Graduated from SUNY  
at Geneseo with a  
Bachelor of Arts  
Degree in Elementary  
Education.



Future Plans:  
Graduate School at SUNY Geneseo.



**Nicole Danielle Mohrmann**



Graduated from Wake Tech  
Community College with an  
Associate degree in  
Business Administration.  
She is applying for a job in  
her field



**Music (Marie) Sims**



Graduated from SUNY  
Oswego with a Bachelor's  
Degree from the College  
of Liberal Arts and  
Sciences

Future Plans:  
Pursuing a career in Publishing and Writing



**Chase Richard Tyler**

Graduated from  
Rochester Institute of  
Technology with a  
B.s. in Mechanical  
Engineering



Future Plans:  
Started a new job at Eastman Kodak Company  
as a Mechanical Engineer.



**Stephen Carl Edgett**



Graduated with a B.A.  
from St. John Fisher  
College and a Juris  
Doctor Degree from the  
SUNY University at  
Buffalo School of Law

Future Plans:  
U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps