

# Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — September 2023

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## From the Pastor

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Dear Congregation of Aldersgate United Methodist Church,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and joy. As the leaves begin to change and the scent of autumn fills the air, I hope you had a wonderful summer time with your family members. This season is always special, filled with time to rest, rejuvenate, and reconnect with our loved ones.

Personally, this summer marked a significant transition for my family and me. As we moved to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, your warm welcomes and unwavering support have truly touched our hearts. I am happy to report that we have settled down well and are eager to be part of this loving community.

The sense of unity and love I have experienced here only reaffirms my belief that God's grace is at work in this congregation. As we enter this new beginning and season, it's time for all of us to gather together again and work together to love God and serve the people.

The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Our season of gathering and growing is upon us, and we are called to be a beacon of hope, love, and service to those around us.

I encourage you to join us in our upcoming events, community outreach programs, and worship services. Let us renew our commitment to each other and to the mission that Christ has entrusted to us.

Your participation and prayers are vital as we embark on this journey. Let us work in unity, understanding that we are all part of a greater purpose, all working towards the common goal of loving God and loving our neighbors.

With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,  
Pastor Yohang

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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 new or ongoing health concerns:

Rick Baker, Nancy Brehm, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Jane Coonan, Mark DeVincentis, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Betty Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Rich Keegan, Ray LaFlair, Sylvia Lynch, Harry Muthersbough, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, Larry Scrivens, Anna Simm, Michael & Betty Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, Colleen Tyler, Hal Wagner, Laura 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); Sister Diana, Son Mark and friends, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Ruth, 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); Steven Galligan, 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); Diane Nary, 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); Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry & Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

PLEASE help us keep the weekly prayer concerns list updated. During office hours, send prayer chain requests to Diana Jason in the church office at [office@aumcgreece.org](mailto:office@aumcgreece.org). If your request should need posting after office hours, contact Chitie Edgett at [cge1935@gmail.com](mailto:cge1935@gmail.com).

Confidential prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Yohang Chun at [PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org](mailto:PastorYohang@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

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Rev. Gerald Wolter who died on July 30 at the age of 95.

Sympathy is also extended to Betty Baybutt whose son, Jim, passed away on August 14, as well as to his children and other relatives.

Christian sympathy also for the family of Alice Styles who died on August 16 at the age of 98.



## Monday, September 25

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

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## October 2023 Hinge Deadline

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

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

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# Church Events & Opportunities

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## September Sermon Schedule

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Intentional Discipleship 1: Why and How**  
Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:4-8
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – **Intentional Discipleship 2: Where I Am**  
Acts 4:36-5:6
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – **Intentional Discipleship 3: Small Groups**  
Acts 2:46-47, Hebrews 10:19-25
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – **Intentional Discipleship 4: From Following to Carrying the Cross**  
1 Timothy 4:7-16



## September 10<sup>th</sup>: Rally Day & Ministry Fair

**Rally Day** is observed to celebrate a new start of the Christian Education calendar and to make a commitment to the church life, including worship, fellowship with refreshments, faith growth and mission/ministry.

Join us for the *Cultivating Kindness: A Back-to-School Kick-off*. Bring your family and have fun while engaging in kindness, the Jesus way.

We will mark this day with several activities — third graders will receive their Bibles and backpacks will be blessed. We will have Sunday School classes at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship services for children.

A **Ministry Fair** will also be held after each service! Are you wondering how you can serve God? Have you considered joining a small group? Ministry and small groups from the church will be present with information about their programs and what they do. God is calling us to serve Him, join in fellowship with others, and grow our faith!

Please plan to join us in the Ide Center after each service for coffee, conversation and ice cream! Hope to see you ALL on Rally Day!

## MissionShare Donations

Our church was asked to provide toiletries and personal care items to MissionShare, and members have responded generously! Recently, a need for canned fruit was also identified. Any extra donations are greatly appreciated.

## 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. You may volunteer for either service. If interested, please contact Debbie Simm at 585-355-6661.

## Help Needed for Fellowship Hour

Do you like to have a snack after the worship services? 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.

## United Methodist World Communion Sunday - October 1

On October 1<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate United Methodist World Communion special offering. Mark your calendar as we celebrate Holy Communion together and honor Jesus' instructions to remember Him. During our worship time, we plan to receive an offering to support scholarships for ethnic students. Please participate in this special United Methodist offering and give a generous offering to the World Communion Sunday scholarship program.

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

Hopefully you can join us at our in-person worship service that day when special offering envelopes will be provided. Give online using our site: [give.aumcgreece.org](https://give.aumcgreece.org). Or as you consider sending in your remote donations to Aldersgate UMC, please include a donation for this special offering. Feel free to make your donation any time in October, being sure to include a notation for "World Communion Sunday."

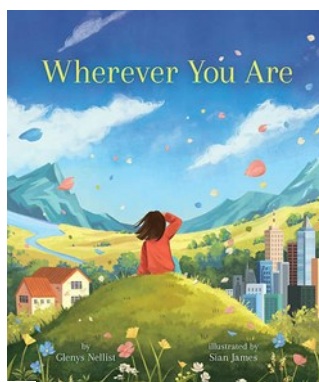
Thank you in advance for your generous support.  
Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



# Christian Education



## Miss Rhonda's September Book of the Month



### *Wherever You Are, God is There.*

God is in the gently falling snow, the river, and the honeybee. God is in the people you meet. God is in city streets and country lanes. God is in laughter and tears. No matter where you go, how you are feeling, or what you do, God is with you.

This gentle, reassuring picture book by bestselling author Glenys Nellist and illustrator Sian James encourages children to notice God all around them, in the ordinary people and places of everyday life. (Cokesbury)

*Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32 ESV*  
**Please Join us On Sunday, September 10 at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Services! Special Activities during Children's Sunday School Classes!**

Bring your backpack to church for a special blessing and receive a cool Glow-in-the-Dark backpack tag!

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be receiving a student Deep Blue Bible during Worship Service.

Ice Cream Social after each Worship Service!



### **Rocky Railway VBS 2023 at Aldersgate UMC, July 31-August 3<sup>rd</sup> — Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!**

We had an awesome week together! Thanks to all who volunteered their time and helped serve in our children's ministry and outreach event. We collected \$150 in change for the Good Samaritan Fund and Chad & Jami Bader's Commission to Every Nation Mission in Guatemala.

# Youth activities



## Kingdom Bound 2023!

It's been a busy summer. On July 24<sup>th</sup> about thirty of us traveled for a day of rides, fun, and fellowship at Darien Lake. We hit the rides, grabbed some ice cream, then hit the rides again. It was such a great time and such a blessing seeing such a great turnout for the event!



## Rocky Railway VBS

This year we were excited about restarting our Summer VBS. Everyone did a great job, and even when it was over the kids were hoping for more. On the last day, after everything wrapped up, we sat down together with our youth helpers (Molly, Anderson, Steven, Cyril, Luke, Ella, and Josh) for a time of fellowship and DQ.

## Christian Education, cont.

### Children's Sunday School Lessons

God saw how good it was. (Genesis 1:12c)

**September 3:** No Sunday School

**September 10:** Rally Day/Back-to-School Kick off Sunday  
Cultivating Kindness: God Creates the Earth – Genesis 1:1-19, Glow Paint and Glow in the Dark Stars

**September 17:** God Creates Living Things – Genesis 1:20-25, Nature Walk

**September 24:** God Creates People – Genesis 1:26-2:4,  
I see God & Self-Portraits



**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday,**  
**October 28**  
**from 1 - 2 pm**

## Youth Performances

In August we were blessed with Molly and Anderson performing "In the Garden." Thank you both for sharing your talents for the Lord!

## Thank You

*Thank you to all the youth who helped out during this month's VBS and also for sharing your talents. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to all the youth who sacrificed their time over the summer and came and practiced hard for all the specials.*



Aldersgate Greece  
Youth Group



## Thank You!

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



## The “Parable” of Prayer as “Child’s Play”

*“You will keep in Perfect Peace whose mind is stayed on You.” (Isaiah 26:3)*

*“Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. (Matthew 6:8)*

Don’t get me wrong – prayer is one of the most important things we can do to further God’s Kingdom on earth, but God reminded me of some “favorite” games I played as a kid (not that I was ever very good at them) to help explain how to, maybe, pray more “effectively” and certainly to have more Peace. And, since He does know what we need already anyway, prayer, in my humble opinion, is as much about gaining Peace for ourselves as it is about telling God anything anyway.

The first “game” God reminded me of was “Cat’s Cradle.” Oh, you had every intention of “handing over” the yarn but you had to handle it yourself first to do something with it. And if you were anything like me, the more you “did” with it before handing it over, the more of a mess it was in when you finally did! Our life situations are like that yarn. The less we do, or say, the better. Just hand them over to God and let Him tell you what to do.

The second game He showed me was Yo-Yo. Oh, for the longest time, I was SO good at playing Yo-Yo with God! I would hand over my problem to God, quickly, or most of it. I would hold on to a little piece of it. I would pray, and pray some more, but still worry about it. And if it didn’t seem like God was handling it “quick” enough, or in the way I wanted Him to, then I would pull it back in again and try to handle it myself. Then, of course, I would throw it back to Him because I can’t handle it better than He can.

I am beginning to learn (I am a work in progress) that the game God wants us to “play,” when it comes to prayer, is more of a game of “Hot Potato!” Troubles will undoubtedly come to us and those we care about, just as certainly as the beanbag, or whatever represented the Hot Potato, would come to us sitting in the circle. But we knew we didn’t want to keep it for long. We didn’t examine it, or try to figure it out, we just passed it on as quickly as it came. And, sure, if the game lasted long enough, we would get the Hot Potato in our laps again, but then we just got rid of it as quickly as the last time. Give those troubles to God, in plain and simple language, as soon as they come. And if they come to mind again, as they likely will, just give them right back again!

So, next time you have a prayer concern, hand it off to God like it’s a Hot Potato! He’s there to catch it and He handles it better than you do anyway! I can promise you that!

**Blessings,**

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

## Let’s Celebrate!!



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

*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

#### 9:30 AM

9/3 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

9/10 — Debbie Lenau & Sandi Norris

9/17 — Susan DeVincendis

9/24 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

#### 11:00 AM

9/3 — Nancy & Terry Young

9/10 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

9/17 — Nancy & Terry Young

9/24 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

### Scripture Readers

#### 9:30 AM

9/3 — Jack Simm

9/10 — Jan Rothfuss

9/17 — Evelyn Troiano

9/24 — Sharon Bartter

#### 11:00 AM

9/3 — Nancy Young

9/10 — Candy Metzger

9/17 — Sue Zorn

9/24 — Jim Cobia

### Live Streaming

Check your emails for the current schedules



On August 21, we helped Edith Coburn celebrate her 97th birthday with a cake and special fellowship. We will miss her lovely smile after she moves to Cleveland soon to be closer to family there.



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## United Women in Faith

### Reading Circle

Interested in reading? We will be starting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We will be discussing what books to read each month. Bring the title of the book that you would like us to read.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the church office (663-3665). If you forget to sign up, just come to the Library on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Rummage Sale on October 5, 6, & 7

We will start collecting items for the Rummage Sale on Sunday, September 24, after the 11:00 service in the Ide Family Life Center. **Help will be needed before and during the sale.** Sign-up sheets will be posted in September.

Items **NOT ACCEPTED** this year are:

- Appliances
- Bowling Balls
- Electronics
- Encyclopedias or school/college textbooks
- Knives
- Luggage
- Large Exercise Equipment
- Skis (downhill or cross country)
- Larger furniture

We **WILL** accept:

- Shoes/Boots (new or in very good condition) and
- Stuffed animals (new or in very good condition)