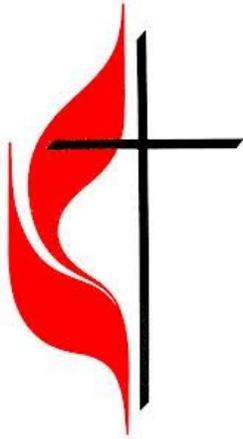


Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — March 2024



From the Pastor

As you read my pastoral letter, it will be the beginning of March. Many might think of March as the start of spring. However, those of us in Rochester understand that March is often too early to expect spring's arrival.

While writing this letter, I found myself wondering, "When will I see the beautiful flowers? Is it too early here? Could another snowstorm hit Greece again?" Indeed, as someone once mentioned to me, "Pastor Yohang, we sometimes see snow even in April." Observing the chilly weather, it's challenging for me to imagine the onset of spring, bursting with flowers. Yet, we are aware that soon we will witness a transformed world, adorned with beautiful flowers and the vibrant energy of spring.

The changing seasons remind us of Jesus' ministry and His life, especially His death on the cross and His resurrection, as told in the Bible.

Now, during the Lenten season, a 40-day journey for our spiritual growth, I encourage each of you to try something for your spiritual development. You might have already been doing many meaningful things towards this goal.

I suggest reading the Bible, focusing on the Gospels, and keeping up with your personal spiritual practices until Easter.

So, I'd like to end my letter with these words from Psalm 1:1-2:

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."

Blessings,
Pastor Yohang



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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 new or ongoing health concerns:

Rick Baker, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Brenda Donovan, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Betty Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Robin Fox, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Mary Lou Jones, Rich Keegan, Sylvia Lynch, Harry Muthersbough, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Roger Ridley, Jan Rothfuss, Ron Rozinski, John Simm, Mary Sims, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, Colleen Tyler, Hal & 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, Maddie, Selina (Gloria Baker); Selena, Casey, Evan, Tisha & Damian (Sharon Bartter); Sister Diana, Son Mark and friends, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Son Ed (Natasha Carstens); 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); Diane D., Mike (Rev. David Jones); sister Helen Fantauzzo, Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone, Shaylee Crandall (The Lindenaus); Bonnie Bush, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Pephrah; Ann Collins, Buddy Good, Anne Bratko (Cindy Purzycki); Greg Kelly, Ellie Wagner, Butch Riemer (Karen Rice); Roger's sister Pearl, daughter Lynn (Roger & Charlotte Ridley); Diane Nary, Glen Campbell, Sandi (David Rogemoser); Christian Ruell (Brenda Ruell); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Bev, Tom (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Patsy Sladden; Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (Michael Smith); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); 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. If your request should need posting after office hours, contact Chitie Edgett at cge1935@gmail.com.

Confidential prayer requests should be sent directly to Pastor Yohang Chun at PastorYohang@aumcgreece.org.



Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Al Holmes – Latta Road Nursing Home; Dick Keegan — Cobbs Hill Manor

February Craft Workshop a Success!

Our 2-day crafting workshop last month was a terrific success thanks to many people in the congregation who donated food and/or their time to help put on the event.

- We hosted 55 crafters over two days, with 51 people attending on Saturday, including four church members. It was our biggest crowd ever!
- We had 9 new attendees — all friends of people who had come to previous events.
- We raised \$2,895 from this event!
- We also received registration forms and payment of \$950 from 13 women for our next events in May and August.
- Before the weekend, we told participants about the church's plan to collect food donations on the 11th and we received about five grocery bags worth of food donations.

The next Craft Workshop is on May 11 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. There will be another 2-day event on August 9 & 10 that follows the same schedule as the February event. We will, again, be looking for volunteers to make some of the food we serve for meals and snacks, as well as help with setup and dismantle and serving meals each day. Contact Karen Sladden or Susan Galligan if you want to help out or if you want to attend the craft workshop yourself.

Church Events & Opportunities

March Sermon Schedule

- Mar. 3rd – **To Hate is a Sin**
1 Samuel 18:5-11
- Mar. 10th – **Six Ways to Cross the Desert**
Genesis 12:4-6, Hebrews 11:8-10, Psalms 23:4
- Mar. 17th – **Offer Your Bodies as Living Sacrifices**
Leviticus 1:1-7, Romans 12:1
- Mar. 24th – Palm Sunday: **Be Like Water**
Luke 19:28-40
- Mar. 31st – Easter: **Without the Resurrection, Our Faith is Nothing**
1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-14, 16-20

PowerPoint Volunteers Needed!

Our church is looking for someone to do the PowerPoint slides for the Sunday Services and other special services. If you are familiar with PowerPoint, we can train you to easily put together the slides each week. There is a lot of copy/paste involved from the worship bulletins to the PowerPoint slides. They then need to be formatted into larger print. Slides for the hymns are already done and just need to be added to the slides. If you are interested, please let Pastor Chun know. We would like to find a couple of you who could do this, so that you can share the job.

Easter Basket Donations

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 who are unwillingly absent from church. There is a large tote in front of the nursery for donated items. Thanks so much for your continued support! We are hoping to make 20 baskets. Please see Rhonda Simonelli for more information.

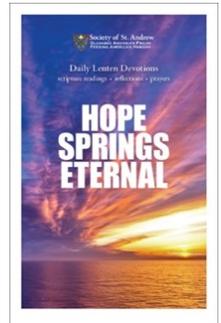


April 2024 Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Mar. 15**
Please send to: karenladden@hotmail.com

Pick Up Your Lenten Devotional

Pick up your copy of this year's Lenten Devotional on Sunday, February 11th! Located on the information table. Donations will go to The Society of St. Andrew, a United Methodist Non-Profit.



United Methodist UMCOR Sunday — March 10, 2024

On March 10, we will celebrate United Methodist UMCOR Sunday special offering. Mark your calendar.



UMCOR Sunday (Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) is a denomination-wide Special Sunday. On this day, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific advance projects throughout the year, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response.

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 March, being sure to include a notation for UMCOR Sunday.

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



Monday, March 25

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.

Christian Education

March Sunday School Calendar:

March 3: **Zaccheus**, Luke 19: 1-10, Zaccheus craft

March 10: **The Last Supper**, Luke 22: 14-20, Writing an Easter prayer/grace.

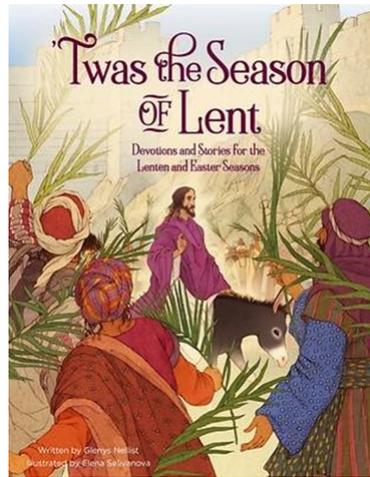
March 17: **Praying in the Garden**, Luke 22: 39-46, Sing a special song in church & Shamrock plants.

March 24: **Jesus enters Jerusalem**, Matthew 21 1-11, Palm Sunday Parade and sing "Praise Ye the Lord" during Worship Service. Make Easter Cards and Assemble Easter Baskets.

March 31: **Resurrection Day!** Mathew 28 1-10, Happy Easter! Easter Egg Hunt between Worship Services. Make a special Easter craft to take home.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children and youth between Worship Services on Easter Sunday morning, 10:30-11:00 Outdoor



Miss Rhonda's Book of the Month for March

'Twas the Season of Lent

- Is written by Glenys Nellist, author of the beloved *The Wonder That Is You*, and the *Snuggle Time and Love Letters from God* series
- Is told in the lyrical style of Clement Moore's iconic poem — "*Twas the Night before Christmas*"
- Explores what the season of Lent is all about and how we can draw closer to God during this time
- Brings to life the story of Jesus's ministry and the days leading up to his death and resurrection through Elena Selivanova's beautiful, rich illustrations
- Is the perfect way for adults to share the powerful meaning of the Lenten season with the little ones in their lives leading up to the Easter holiday. (Cokesbury)



February Cupid Café & Bake Sale

We raised \$303.05 at our Valentine's day/Super Bowl Bake Sale for Children's Ministry. Thank you to all who supported us by making delicious baked goods and to others who purchased or did both!

Youth activities



Preparations are underway for Flower City Work Camp, Spring Break 2024. For more information, please contact me by email (bwinter@aumcgreece.org)

A Little Thought About Lent...

Every year beginning on Ash Wednesday, we enter the season of Lent. The forty days of Lent are symbolic of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for His ministry, where he endured temptation from the devil.

Except, the forty days of Lent is actually forty-six days. This isn't a colossal blunder of math. Since at one time sorrow, penance, fasting, and kneeling were forbidden on Sundays, fasting only occurred for 34 days. Because some people were upset over the next two hundred years that there weren't really 40 days of fasting, the church had to make up the extra six days somewhere else—so they added Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the first Sunday of lent, and then Good Friday and Holy Saturday to make up a full 40 days.

So, that means we can eat and celebrate birthdays on Sundays during Lent.

But seriously, there's an important lesson in the season of Lent. The fasting Jesus accomplished was in preparation for His ministry. We often think of giving up certain types of food, or by taking on some service for God. And these are noble things. But the most important part is how we can prepare our hearts for the Coming of the King. The most important aspect is how we can make room for the King in our lives, and how we can better focus on God and His working in our lives. If we carry this out in the Lenten season, the changes we make can be beneficial, lasting, and permanent.



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



Let's Celebrate!!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey Kimmel	March 1
Mary Sims	March 3
Roger Ridley	March 4
Ken Bartter	March 6
Shaylee Crandall	March 6
Nolan Troiano	March 6
Scott Wagner	March 7
Steve Tyler	March 9
Robert Winter	March 10
Chitie Edgett	March 10
Eric Lindenau	March 17
Alene VanPutte	March 18
Sarah Roza	March 20
Sylvia Lynch	March 22
Cathy Carpenter	March 27
Bill Peeck	March 27
Patricia Forbes	March 28
Kwame Edusel	March 29
Tim Rolfe	March 29
Paul Brown	March 30
Gordon Spicer	March 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

James & Lorraine Christie	March 18
Tom & Frances	
VanKouwenberg	March 24



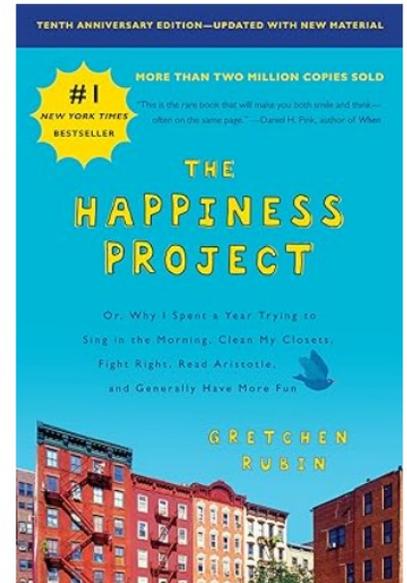
United Women in Faith

You are invited to join us for Reading Circle – Thursday, March 14 at 1:30 PM in the Library
The Happiness Project, by Gretchen Rubin, is the book that we will be discussing.

The book is about Gretchen Rubin’s year-long experiment to discover how to create true happiness. Drawing on cutting-edge science, classical philosophy, and real-world examples, Rubin delivers an engaging, eminently relatable chronicle of transformation.

Gretchen Rubin had an epiphany one rainy afternoon in the unlikeliest of places: a city bus. “The days are long, but the years are short,” she realized. “Time is passing, and I’m not focusing enough on the things that really matter.” In that moment, she decided to dedicate a year to her happiness project.

In this lively and compelling account Gretchen chronicles her adventures during the twelve months she spent testing the wisdom of the ages, current scientific research, and lessons from popular culture about how to be happier. Among other things, she found that novelty and challenge are powerful sources of happiness; that money can help buy happiness, when spent wisely; that outer order contributes to inner calm; and that the very smallest of changes can make the biggest difference.



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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

3/3 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

3/10 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

3/17 — Susan DeVincentis

3/24 — Susan DeVincentis

3/31 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

11:00 AM

3/3 — Nancy & Terry Young

3/10 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

3/17 — Nancy & Terry Young

3/24 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

3/31 — Nancy & Terry Young

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

3/3 — Jan Rothfuss

3/10 — Debbie Simm

3/17 — Sharon Bartter

3/24 — Rich Keller

3/31 — Annette Thompson

11:00 AM

3/3 — Nancy Young

3/10 — Gary Hogestyn

3/17 — Brian Winter

3/24 — Jim Cobia

3/31 — Sue Zorn

March Live Streaming

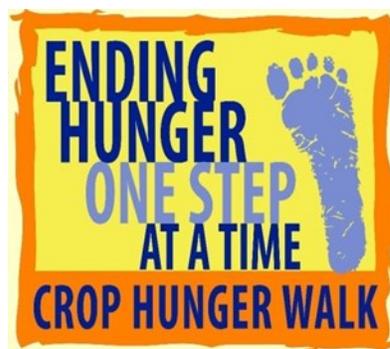
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3/10 — Contemporary @ 9:30 AM — io

3/17 — Traditional @ 11:00 AM —

3/25 — Contemporary @ 9:30 AM —

3/31 — Traditional @ 11:00 AM —



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 5

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will once again be starting and ending at Aldersgate UMC. More details are coming soon! Join our walk team! Rhonda Simonelli is the contact person for Aldersgate UMC.

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Altar EASTER LILY & TULIPS Order Form

It's time to order the lily plants and tulip bouquets that will be used to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday. Plants can be taken home after the services that day.

The cost for all plants is **\$10 each**.

Purchase quantity = Lilies: _____ Pink Tulips: _____ Red Tulips: _____ Yellow Tulips: _____ x \$10 = _____

Indicate who you are honoring or remembering with each plant:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Orders with payment are due in the office on or before March 10

Send form & check to church, or leave in offering plate. Clearly mark check: EASTER FLOWERS

OR: Fill out and turn in the form and make a credit card payment by calling Jan Winter at (585) 943-7353.



Thank You! ~ Altar Committee