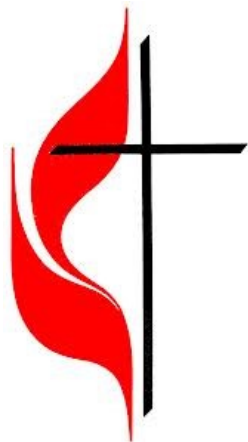


Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — June 2024



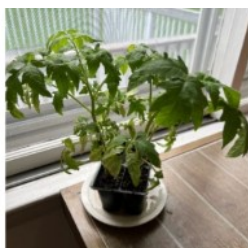
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From the Pastor

After Easter, my wife Joyce and I had the opportunity to visit New Jersey to spend some quality time with our children, Melissa and Joshua. We cherished every moment with them, making memories that we will hold dear for years to come. Of course, we took many pictures on their beautiful campus.

On our way back, we stopped by a Korean market where we were delighted to find various Korean items. Among the items, I noticed small tomato plants for sale. I asked Joyce, "Look at these small plants. I like organic home-grown tomatoes. Can they grow well in Rochester, which is colder than New Jersey?" With confidence, she replied, "No problem, trust me. As you know, I have taken care of tomato plants for the last several years." I nodded in agreement, trusting her experience (shown right).



Since bringing the plants home, Joyce has diligently cared for them. She ensured they received plenty of sunlight and provided them with special nutrients. To my amazement, these plants have grown significantly. I couldn't help but exclaim, "Joyce, look at them! I can't believe their growth. Wow, this is amazing!" (shown left)

Through this experience, I gained an insight: just like these tomato plants, we, as Christians, need to grow well and healthy. This situation reminded me of Apostle Paul's prayers for the Philippians. In Philippians 1:9-11, Paul prays with all his heart:

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

It is a beautiful reminder that it is time for all of us to grow healthy and strong in our relationship with God. Just as Joyce cares for her plants, we too need to nurture our faith with love, knowledge, and insight for growth. Let us strive to grow in Christ, bearing the fruit of righteousness to the glory and praise of God.

May this season be a time of growth and flourishing in our spiritual journey.

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, Kathy Bernardi, Paul Brown, Dick Caupp, Shaylee Crandall, Mike Dunn, Nathan Dunn, Wendy Dunn, Betty Edgett, Joyce Farrokh, Patti & Shannon Forbes, Anton Gilson, Judy Hare, Doug & Becky Hess, Betty Hild, Betty Judd, Rich Keegan, Sylvia Lynch, Harry Muthersbough, Kathy Peck, Cindy Purzycki, Roger Ridley, Ron Rozinski, John Simm, Mary Sims, Michael Smith, David Stanley, Carla Starr, 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: Kristie (Jim & Nancy Bailey); Nancy Anderson & family; Denise, James, Maddie, Selina, sister Nikki, Mike Sullivan, Kirk Kimberly, Bob Coyne (Gloria Baker); Carol, Selena, Casey, Evan, Tisha & Damian (Sharon Bartter); Sister Diana, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Son Ed (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss, Shay (Jennifer Crandall); Ruth, Rick Briggs (Lisa Deutsch); Quinn Aldridge, Eileen Harloff, Joann Dunn, Sally & John Miller (Wendy & Mike Dunn); Cathy (Roger Forbes); Johnny Cook (Patricia Forbes); Steven & Marianne Galligan, Reed & Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); Diane D., Mike (Rev. David Jones); sister Helen Fantauzzo, Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Lee Hartman, Rich Hartman (Nan & Rich Keller); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (Kim & Eric Lindenau); Bonnie Bush, Nicole Mohrmann (Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann); Norm & Laurie Moulton (Pastor Jerry Wolter's daughter and family) and their son, Stephen; my family (Wendy Peeck); Ester Peprah; 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 Rogenmoser); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Bev, Tom, Bruce (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Patsy Sladden (Karen Sladden); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (Michael Smith); Son-in-law (Carla Starr); Abby (Louretta Teasdale); Michael, Bill Weber, Mom, Matthew (Annette Thompson); Dennis Pankey; Kaylle VanAllen, Cindy Andrews, Michael Appleton, Bobbi Jo (Laurie VanAllen); David Whitt (Deborah Whitt);

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 needs 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.



Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry & Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

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

Condolences to Karen Rice and family following the death of her mom, Jess Smith, on May 23.



Altar Flower Sign-up

There are several Sundays available during the rest of 2024 to purchase flowers for the church altar. Sign up on the calendar posted in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$35, and you may take home or donate the flowers after the service.

Church Events & Opportunities

June Preaching Schedule

June 2nd – **Do You Have the Power of “Bounce Back”?**

Acts 27:9-26

June 9th – **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**

Romans 7:16-25 / 8:35-39

June 16th – **We are different...but.**

Jonah 4:1-10 / Ruth 1:15-16, 4:13, 17

June 23rd – **We Need a Bicycle, Not a Unicycle**

Matthew 5:17 / Mark 1:35

June 30th – **Mission Sunday (one service at 10 AM)**

The Harvest is Plentiful

Matthew 9:37-38 / Acts 1:8

Peace with Justice Sunday, June 2

On June 2, we will celebrate United Methodist Peace with Justice Sunday, a denomination-wide celebration to raise awareness that even in a world plagued by war and terror, violence and destruction, people of faith have a clear call to build peace with justice. As United Methodists, our yearning for peace must move us to act.

The United Methodist Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership to this social transformation. The General Board of Church and Society Church holds a non-governmental, consultative status with the United Nations. This status allows us to participate in UN meetings, consultations and conferences. We recognize and renew our call for social transformation, for the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, and to provide better care for persons in need.

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 June, being sure to include a notation for “Peace with Justice Sunday.”

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Jan Rothfuss, AUMC Benevolence Treasurer



Attention All Graduates

Graduation Sunday 2024 will be on Sunday, June 23.

We would like to share a short video clip or a couple photo slides of each graduate telling their name, what school they are graduating from, what degree if applicable, and what their plans are next (college, work, etc.).

Please 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. All submissions must be received by **Tuesday, June 18** at the latest to be included. Thank you!

NEW! Mission Sunday is June 30

A Mission Sunday Worship is being planned by Pastor Yohang and the Mission Committee Team. There will be one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 30. There will be special music from our Contemporary Worship Team, Chancel Choir, and African Choir.

Acts 20:35 — “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’.” This worship time will be focused on highlighting what Aldersgate UMC is doing in the mission field through projects supported by Aldersgate. It will include short — 2 to 5 minute — reports, videos, or pictures from supporters of mission programs or personal testimonies from persons who receive mission support from Aldersgate’s programs.

You will hear about programs like those supported by Aldersgate’s Sunday School Children, Guests from the Community Dinner, a report about the Crop Walk, Ebenezer Hope Ministry’s current project status, White Gifts Family, Greece Food Shelf, and local African Ministries.

Please plan on joining us for this celebration of our mission work on June 30.

More Events & Opportunities



NEW! Texas Roadhouse Dine & Donate Fundraiser, Monday, June 3

Everyone needs to eat, and if you would like a night out that also benefits our church, why not have a meal at the Greece Texas Roadhouse (Ridgemont Plaza, 3065 West Ridge Rd.) on June 3rd between 4:00 - 10:00 PM. This includes either dine-in or takeout meals (call 585-441-0100 to place a takeout order). **You must present a "fundraiser invitation" to your server at the time you place your order in the restaurant OR at the "To Go" window if picking up a to-go order.** Pick up a paper copy at the church or see page 9 for a digital version you can show your server.

Depending on the total amount of sales that evening, we will earn 10-20% of the total sales. Bon appetite!



Monday, June 24

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

800 Greece Ridge Center Drive, Greece, NY 14626

We **now** earn **25%** of net 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.

May CROP Walk a Success!

Thank you to Crop Hunger Walkers and those who donated to the cause! We had 39 people from Aldersgate UMC participate in this year's Crop Hunger Walk on May 5. Our amazing **Grand Total: \$11,679**. Thank you all for your monetary support! 25% goes to the Greece Food Shelf. Thank you to Mark's Pizzeria for donating all the pizza and to Wegman's grocery store for providing us with healthy snacks. We all had such a great time walking to end hunger



Aldersgate Family Red Wings Game!

Sunday, June 30

1:05 PM Marvel Super Hero Day (Gates open 12:00 PM)

It's Marvel Super Hero Day at Innovative Field!

Game Highlight: Spikes & Mittsy Birthday Party (Gates -12:00 pm). Join us to celebrate Spikes and Mittsy's birthday with all their friends!



Game Highlight: Kids Run the Bases

After the game run the bases with your favorite birds! Presented By Wegmans

Game Highlight: Diamond Pro Autograph Booth
Before every game a current Red Wings player will be signing autographs. Presented By Diamond Pro Baseball

TICKETS are \$10.00 each for adults*

Children & Youth are Free

***Need at least 20 people for group pricing.**

Please let Rhonda Simonelli know how many tickets you would like with payment **no later than Sunday, June 16th**. There are also seats for people with mobility challenges. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You can also email Rhonda Simonelli rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org
Cash or Check to AUMC, memo: Red Wings Baseball Game.

July/August 2024 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com



United Women in Faith



We continue with...

TAI CHI for Arthritis and Balance

Wednesdays and Fridays in the Ide Center
1:30 – 2:15 PM, through June 28

Reading Circle Luncheon — June 13

1:30 PM

Shamrock Jack's Irish Pub, 4554 Culver Rd.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Meet at the church at 1:00 if you want to carpool to the restaurant.

Yarn and Darn Group Meets on First Tuesday of Every Month

June 4, 1:00-3:00 PM

If you like to knit or crochet, bring your needles and yarn and join us. If you like to do counted-cross stitch, embroidery, or needlepoint come and join us. You can work on your own project or join us in making prayer shawls.

If you have any questions, contact Betty Judd

We are looking for YARN donations!

If anyone has extra yarn that they are not going to use, please bring it in and put it in the tote marked YARN.

This is located near the nursery. THANK YOU!

Save the Dates for this Year's Rummage Sale

October 9, 10, 11 & 12

We will need lots of items to sell and lots of help to host the event. Please mark your calendar and start setting aside your donations. Thank you!



Let's Celebrate!!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gretta Schaefer	June 1
Michael Bartter	June 3
Carol DeCann	June 7
Michael Simonelli	June 10
Betty Baybutt	June 12
Mark DeVincintis	June 12
Rick Donovan	June 12
Robert Farrell	June 12
Julia Troiano	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
Steve & Colleen Tyler	June 28
David & Cindy Roza	June 29
Roger & Charlotte Ridley	June 29

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School Lessons for June

Love Each Other like the Members of your own Family!
(Roman 12:10a)

June 2: The Church Grows! Acts 9: 26-31, Fig Tree

June 9: Love in Action, Roman 12:9, LOVE Banner

June 16: Happy Father's Day! Children will be setting up a soda shop to make Root beer Floats after each Worship Service.

June 23: Graduation Sunday & Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Sunday

June 30: Missions Sunday, one service at 10:00 am. Children will briefly share their missions' experiences during the Children's moment.



The Children and Youth will be serving Root Beer Floats on **Father's Day, June 16th** after each Worship Service. Thanks for always "Rooting" for us Dad!

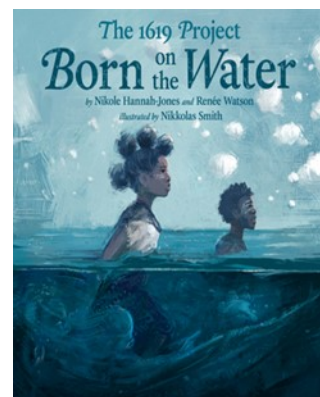
Thank You Sunday School Teachers!

Rhonda Simonelli & Brian Winter — 9:30 & 11:00 K-7th grade.

Nan Keller — 9:30am Pre-K

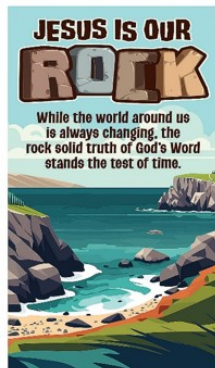
John Simm — 10:45 am High School

Pastor Doug Hess — 11:00am Adult Sunday School



Miss Rhonda's Book of the Month for June

THE 1619 PROJECT: BORN ON THE WATER (FOR CHILDREN) by NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES KOKILA (2021) Hannah-Jones collaborated with children's book author Renée Watson to produce this companion piece. A children's picture book written in verse, it serves to help young people understand the important concepts addressed in the original—notably, the impact of slavery on American's foundational principles. In the children's version, the book explores a perspective from a young Black girl tasked in school to draw a flag that represents her ancestral land. At first she doesn't understand her family's past, but soon the girl talks with her grandmother and learns the truth about her lineage. *United Women of Faith Reading Program*



Rocky Beach Summer Fun Day! Tuesday, July 9

For all Aldersgate Families

Meet in the side yard at Aldersgate UMC, 10:00am-12:00 (ish)pm

Skit, Beach-themed crafts, Sea animal building blocks, Water balloons, Octopus tag, Pizza, and Kona Ice Truck!

Please sign up today on the bulletin board, connection card, or email rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org



Stellar VBS is Coming to Aldersgate UMC this Summer!

August 12-15 (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00am-11:30am

Registration begins this month! Check the church web site for the registration form.

If you would like to join our stellar space team, please contact Rhonda Simonelli at rsimonelli@aumcgreece.org or Brian Winter at bwinter@aumcgreece.org. We need you!



Youth activities



**Let's Go! Contact Brian Winter for more details
(bwinter@aumcgreece.org).**



Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the youth group's bottle and can drive! Donations can be placed in the marked barrels in the Gathering Space. Please keep them coming!



Aldersgate Greece
Youth Group

The Parable of the Eclipse

"In the world you will have trouble, but behold, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

"You will do greater things." (John 14:12)

In the 'history' of Rochester, NY for 2024, April 8th will certainly go down as an historic day!

Let's break down what really happened, though, at least from our perspective here in Rochester. It had been a fairly normal day for April in Rochester; in other words, cloudy, but with some "light" behind the clouds. Then, suddenly, it got very dark, as dark as night. The daytime birds even got quiet and the nighttime birds woke up and started singing. I'll bet, in the southern states that were in the 'path of totality' that the crickets even started chirping. But then, 5 minutes or so later, the light came back and all God's creatures acted like it was normal mid-day again — well, except for us humans who stood in awe for a while pondering what we had just experienced.

Yes, after it was done, we sat a moment. But, did any of us act like the daytime birds? Did we get into our 'jammies' and lay down in our beds? NO! We had heard that this was coming, that it would soon pass and that the sun (or the light behind the clouds) would come out again. There were writings of what had happened before. We could study those writings or listen to people we trusted who had studied them. We were prepared.

A couple of months before April 2024 my family had what felt like our own eclipse. It had been a normal February Sunday evening that was shattered by a phone call from my middle sister-in-law (who only calls when there's trouble) saying that my eldest sister-in-law, Carol, had

fallen and suffered a significant brain bleed. It felt, for a moment, like my whole world went black. But, once I got my bearings, I remembered that I'd been 'forewarned' and prepared for this. In the 'writings' I'd read and listened to, Jesus said: "In this world, you will have trouble." But He also said: "...but I have overcome the world" and, in so many words; 'stick with Me and you will overcome it too.'

So, I've stuck close to Him, even closer than usual. I've prayed, and prayed, and prayed some more! I've asked you all to pray and you have, for which I am SO grateful. And, while for our situation it won't be as quick as the end of the eclipse, I can see light beginning to break through. And I know that, even where there are still dark spots, the light of the sun (and the love of God's Son, Jesus) is behind them, shining through.

And I can say with certainty, unfortunately and fortunately, that we are all the same. Just as certainly as for everyone in Rochester on April 8th around 3pm the sky went dark, we all will go through some sort of "personal eclipse" moments in our lives. But, just as sure as by around 3:15 it was "light" again, as long as you stay close to God and keep praying — don't EVER stop praying — either He will change your circumstances or He will change YOU and bring you through them stronger than before. And that's a promise you can count on!

Blessings, Sharon Bartter

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

6/2 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

6/9 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

6/16 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

6/23 — Susan DeVincentis

11:00 AM

6/2 — Nancy & Terry Young

6/9 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

6/16 — Nancy & Terry Young

6/23 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

6/2 — Sandi Norris

6/9 — Debbie Simm

6/16 — Carol DeCann

6/23 — Sharon Bartter

11:00 AM

6/2 — Nancy Young

6/9 — Brian Winter

6/16 — Jim Cobia

6/23 — Karen Sladden

June 30 — Mission Sunday Combined Service

Ushers: Susan DeVincentis, Nancy & Terry Young

Scripture Reader: Jack Simm

June Live Streaming

6/2 — Traditional @ 11:00 — Ruch & Nan Keller

6/9 — Contemporary @ 9:30 AM — Dave Roza & Britta Muoio

6/16 — Traditional @ 11:00 AM — Juan & Tammy Ruiz

6/23 — Contemporary @ 9:30 AM — Mary Sims & Britta Muoio

6/30 — Combined, Mission Sunday @ 10:00 AM — Juan & Tammy Ruiz



The kids and youth performed "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.



Fundraising

Join us for dine in or curbside pick-up on
Monday, June 3rd from 4pm to 10pm
for a FUNDRAISING NIGHT to support
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Texas Roadhouse® Greece will donate a percentage of your
total food purchases, dine in or takeout, to the fundraiser!

10% back guaranteed

15% for sales \$1,500-\$1,999

20% for sales greater than \$2,000

Support Aldersgate United Methodist Church
by presenting this invitation to your server at
Texas Roadhouse® Greece.

*Invitations may be accepted via digital copy (email, Facebook, or text message on
phone) in lieu of paper copy but may not be distributed on Texas Roadhouse property*



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Upper Room Devotionals

Help yourself to the current devotionals, which are available in the Gathering Space in regular or large type formats. Monetary donations welcome to help cover their cost.

Want to Watch a Past Service?

Check out prior services, events and groups at any time online at: https://www.facebook.com/aumcgreece/videos/?ref=page_internal

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

We are blessed to have many people who share their time, talents and gifts to support Worship at Aldersgate. Call the office to offer help or for more details on any of the following opportunities:

Sunday Worship Helpers

The Worship Committee is seeking people to help with several positions — A/V Coordinator, Coffee Hour Coordinator (plus coffee hour set-up and clean-up volunteers), Altar Guild members, Nursery Volunteers.

Monthly Community Dinner

We are in need of people to help prepare and serve the monthly community dinners we provide on the last Saturday of each month. Contact Mary Sim to volunteer.

PowerPoint Slide Creator

We need one more person to help put together PowerPoint slides for our Sunday Services and other special services. If you are familiar with PowerPoint, we can train you to easily create the slides each week. If you are interested, please let Pastor Chun know.

August Craft Workshop

Our periodic fundraising Craft Workshops offer people the chance to “rent” table space so they can work on whatever projects they would like, in the company of fellow crafters. Our next event is a 2-day workshop on August 9 (12:30-9:00 PM) and August 10 (9:00 AM—9:00 PM).

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare or donate some food or help with setup and cleanup — getting the tables out, serving meals or cleaning up in the kitchen., etc. Contact Karen Sladden or Susan Galligan if you can help out. ([Register here](#) to craft along with us.)

Pentecost Sunday Combined Service, May 19



The scripture was read in multiple languages by church members.



District Superintendent Suzanne Block preached the day's sermon with service assists from Pastor Yohang and Pastor Enoch.



The sanctuary was filled with people from all three worship services.

All three music groups participated in the service. At left is the African team.

