

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — July & August 2024

From the Pastor



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One Monday in June, Joyce and I, along with around sixteen other Korean pastors from the Upper New York Conference, had the privilege of being invited by the Korean United Methodist Church in Rochester to celebrate the dedication of their new building. It was a special occasion, and we gathered in the new church building to worship together in Korean. As you can imagine, it felt like home.

The worship service was deeply moving, and the sense of community was palpable. After the worship, the United Women in Faith (UMF) prepared a plentiful and delicious lunch with a variety of Korean foods for all of us. It was a fantastic and joyful experience, filled with the flavors and aromas of our homeland. Following the lunch, we enjoyed a time of fellowship with delicious American desserts like cheesecakes and cookies.

Joyce and I were so impressed by the loving hearts of the congregation, especially their hospitality in Christ. This experience reminded me of the importance of hospitality as Christians. It is a powerful expression of God's love and an essential aspect of our faith community. The warmth and generosity we experienced were profound examples of the love and care that Christ calls us to extend to one another.

Reflecting on this experience, I realized once again the significance of those who work behind the scenes to serve others. Their dedication and selflessness often go unnoticed, but they play a crucial role in creating a welcoming and nurturing environment for everyone.

In fact, we often overlook the dedication and work of those who serve behind the scenes in our church. Let us make an intentional effort to recognize and celebrate their love, dedication, and care. Moreover, let us express our heartfelt appreciation to them with the love of Christ.

By showing our love and appreciation to each other, we can make a church full of love, care, appreciation, and hospitality.

May we all continue to serve with loving hearts, especially this summer season. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful faith community.

Blessings in Christ,
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, 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); 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 Glin-ski, 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); Sullivan, Penny Baart (Terry &

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.



Nancy Young); Bercehe (Steve & Jeanette Zeh); Dennis (Steve Zeh)

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



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

July Preaching Schedule

July 7th – **How would you deal with one of the dangerous weapons?**

Proverbs 12:1, 13:3, 15:28

July 14th – **The Christian Atheist?**

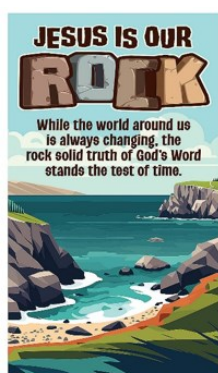
John 3:1-17

July 21st – **Go, Face, and Surf**

Matthew 13:24-30

July 28th – **What do you see from a small cloud?**

1 Kings 18:41-46



Rocky Beach Summer Fun Day! Tuesday, July 9

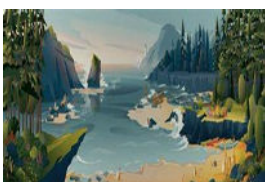
For all Aldersgate Families!

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



ROCKY BEACH SUMMER FUN CREW:

We will have a quick meeting on Sunday, July 7th from 11:00-11:30 in the church lobby.

HELP! Teachers Needed

We are looking for 1-2 Sunday School teachers for this coming fall. Please contact Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter if you are interested or have any questions about this important ministry.



September 2024 Hinge Deadline

All items for the next newsletter are due by **Aug. 20.**

Please send to: karensladen@hotmail.com

Reading Circle Begins Again in September

If you enjoy reading good books, join us in the Reading Circle for a lively discussion of a variety of fiction and non-fiction. We meet the second Thursday of each month. Our meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 1:30 PM will be devoted to selecting books for the upcoming year. Please attend with your suggestions as we share our reading interests and fellowship. For more information contact Maureen Whalen at whalenmt.7976@gmail.com or call her at 581-9164.

August Craft Workshop Needs Volunteers

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.)



The next Safe Sanctuaries training is on Saturday, Aug. 3 via Zoom. It begins at 9:00am. All people who work with children and vulnerable adults are expected to participate in this training. Registration begins July 1st. Please contact Rhonda Simonelli or Jan Rothfuss for more information. Thank you!



Save the Dates for this year's Rummage Sale, October 9-12, and start saving your items to donate to the cause.

Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!



**Erin Galligan**

Our Lady of Mercy

Future Plans:
She will be attending SUNY Cortland with a major in Psychology and a minor in Exercise Science. She also plans to pursue D3 Swimming



**Jolly Renzha**

School of the Arts
(High School graduation)

Future Plans:
She plans pursue a college education in Psychology



**Melissa Chun**

Graduated from Princeton University

Future Plans:
She plans to pursue an MBA after working in economics research for a few years.



**Lt. (JG) Stephen Edgett, US Navy**

University of Buffalo
School of Law
NY State Bar Exam
U.S. Navy Officer Development School



**Pastor Enoch Renzha**

Doctorate of Philosophy
in Biblical Studies from
Newburgh Theological
Seminary and College of
the Bible in Indiana



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
Doug Hess	July 20
Diana Jason	July 29

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chris Peeck	August 2
Jane Salminen	August 2
Emma Simm	August 2
Dennis Pankey	August 4
Luke Simonelli	August 7
Denise Hogestyn	August 14
Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Rhonda Simonelli	August 15
Edith Coburn	August 18
Nathan Dunn	August 23
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
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
Jeffrey & Laura Kimmel	August 15
Dave & Maria Stanley	August 16
Dennis & Anna Simm	August 26
Jim & Carol Cobia	August 27
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28



For every lesson you have prepared, the love of God has been shared. Thank you for helping our children grow in faith!

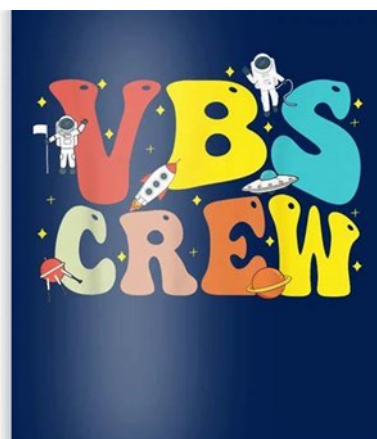
Preschool: Nan Keller
Elementary & Middle School: Rhonda Simonelli & Brian Winter
High School: John Simm
Adult: Pastor Doug Hess



Monday, August 12 to Thursday, August 15
9:00am to 11:30am

Blast off with the Starship Aldersgate on a cosmic, faith-filled adventure at this year's 'Stellar' VBS! Join us for four days of fun, friendship, and faith as we explore the cosmos together on a quest to shine Jesus' light to the world! Our stellar crew of young astronauts will discover God's love through exciting games, songs, videos, captivating stories, and out-of-this-world crafts. Buckle up and prepare for an unforgettable journey beyond the stars!

[Registration is now open](#) on the church web site. Volunteers are also needed to make this ministry a success. Please let Rhonda Simonelli or Brian Winter know if you can help in any way.



STELLAR VBS CREW:

We will be decorating the Sanctuary and handing out schedules on Saturday, August 10. Time TBD.

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School Lessons

July 7: Popsicles in the Playground & Summer Bucket List: One service at 10:00 a.m.

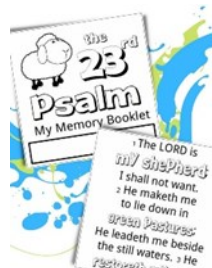
*Meeting after church for Summer Fun Day crew team from 11:00-11:30



July 14: Christmas in July! Happy Birthday Jesus!

July 21: Psalm 23 * Read the book, "The Lord is my Shepherd" and make a memory booklet or scripture flip book

July 28: Continue Psalm 23 and art project. * Talk and prepare for Kingdom Bound



Aug. 4: One Service at 10:00 a.m.: Watch the movie, "Sunday School Musical"

Aug. 11: Get Ready for Stellar VBS!

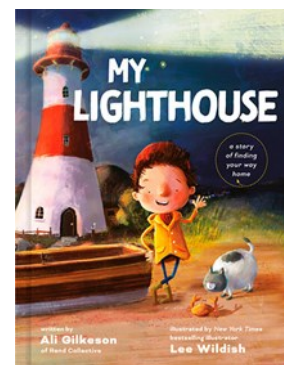
Aug. 18: Read My Lighthouse book, sing the song by Rend Collective, and color a wooden lighthouse to bring home. Be the Light!



Aug. 25: Recite Psalm 23 during Children's Moment *Tie-Dye Outside and make a S'more to eat!



Watch the movie starting on June 30 and continued August 4 and Sept. 1 during our Summer Sunday School class.



Miss Rhonda's Book of the Month for July

Inspired by Rend Collective's hit song (This book will be shared at our Summer Fun day on July 9th)

My Lighthouse: By Lee Wildish, Ali Gilkeson

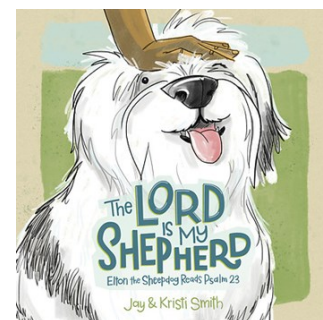
Join a reluctant young lighthouse keeper, his extremely round cat, and his trusty rowboat, *Rockshore*, in a whimsical and tender tale of finding adventure, losing your way, and learning to appreciate what you already have. (Cokesbury)

Read with Miss Rhonda for August

We will be learning and memorizing this Psalm during the summer months.

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Elton the Sheepdog Looks at Psalm 23, By Jay Smith, Kristi Smith

Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known passages of Scripture and a perfect choice for giving courage and comfort to readers of all ages. This delightful board book lets children discover the psalm as they watch Elton the sheepdog rest in green pastures, walk through a dark valley, and enjoy the goodness and love of the Shepherd. A delightful choice for dog lovers and Scripture lovers alike, the book helps young readers not only recognize and learn a beloved Bible passage but also to visualize the role and love of our Good Shepherd (Cokesbury)



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

Youth activities

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our graduates, Erin Galligan and Jolly Renzha! May God guide you on all the journey still ahead. Wishing you both a future bright and promising, and dreams fulfilled!

Chipotle



Well, Mexican food has never been a “thing” for me. I think the questionable Mexican pizza in high school probably ruined it for me.

But on one adventurous Sunday in June, I took my chances. Looking at the menu was a daunting challenge. However, at the top of the menu the words were emblazoned:



I recognized two of the words, regardless of meaning, and that was the one. If it turned out bad, I had my support group alongside me: John Simm, Luke, Steven, Cyril, Josh, and Kaori. What could possibly go wrong!

Well, in fact, it was quite good! But what was even better was the time Kaori and I spent reconnecting with Steven and Luke, fellowshiping with John, and getting to know Josh a little more. I hope to have many more times like these.



We're going on July 29! Contact Brian Winter for more details(bwinter@aumcgreece.org).

Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

We are beginning summer events and will be posting updates via WhatsApp to the group.



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!



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Youth Group

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Serving in Worship This Summer

Ushers

9:30 AM

7/14 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

7/21 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

7/28 — Susan & Mark DeVincentis

8/11 — Rich & Bobbi Morhmann

8/18 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

8/25 — Susan & Mark DeVincentis

10:00 AM Combined Service

7/7 — Nancy & Terry Young

8/4 — Susan & Mark DeVincentis

11:00 AM

7/14 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

7/21 — Nancy & Terry Young

7/28 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

8/11 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

8/18 — Nancy & Terry Young

8/25 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

Live Streaming

7/7 — Combined @ 10:00 —

7/14 —

7/21 —

7/28 —

8/4 — Combined @ 10:00 —

8/11 —

8/18 —

8/25 —

Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

7/14 — Jan Rothfuss

7/21 — Evelyn Troiano

7/28 — Sharon Bartter

8/11 — Carol DeCann

8/18 — Jack Simm

8/25 — Bobbi Mohrmann

10:00 AM Combined Service

7/7 — Nancy Young

8/4 — Jan Rothfuss

11:00 AM

7/14 — Candy Metzger

7/21 — Sue Zorn

7/28 — Brian Winter

8/11 — Jim Cobia

8/18 — Nancy Young

8/25 — Sue Zorn

Nursery Workers

9:30 AM

7/14 — none

7/21 — Julia Troiano

7/28 — Anna Simm

8/11 — none

8/18 — Anna Simm

8/25 — Debbie Simm

10:00 AM Combined Service

7/7 — Joyce Chun

8/4 — Joyce Chun

11:00 AM

7/14 — Joyce Chun

7/21 — Joyce Chun

7/28 — none

8/11 — Joyce Chun

8/18 — Joyce Chun

8/25 —

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 Sims 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.

Upper Room Devotionals Available

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