

Aldersgate Hinge

Live a Life of Faith — September 2024



From the Pastor



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Serving This Month

As we transition into another new season, I'm reminded of the rhythms of life that mark our journeys. In American culture, the period following the summer season — especially after Labor Day weekend and the start of a new school year — often feels like a fresh beginning. It's a time when routines are reestablished, and new opportunities arise.

With this sense of renewal, I am excited to share that we will celebrate Home-Coming Sunday on September 8th. This special day marks not just the start of a new season, but also a time for us to reach out to our friends—particularly those who once worshipped with us but, for various reasons, have not been able to attend. This is an opportunity to invite them back into our community, to worship together once again, and to support them in restoring their relationship with God.

Our Home-Coming Sunday will be a wonderful celebration for all of us. We will also be welcoming new members during the second service, making this day even more special. Following the service, we will gather for a potluck luncheon, sharing in fellowship and the joy of being united in Christ.

In preparation for this special celebration, I invite each of you to pray for the friends and loved ones you wish to invite. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to move their hearts and open them to our loving invitation. Through this precious time and process, I believe we will experience the deep joy that the Psalmist speaks of in Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

May this Home-Coming Sunday be a time of renewed connections, joyful worship, and strengthened community. I look forward to celebrating with you all and witnessing the beautiful work God will do among us.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Yohang Chun

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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, 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 Ross, Christine Salonen (Kathy Bernardi); Son Ed (Natasha Carstens); Daughter (Rose Cavicchioli); My sister, my boss (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 & Marieanne Galligan, Reed & Lois Galligan (Sue Galligan & Karen Sladden); sister Helen Fantauzzo, Noel, Bev Palandro (Nancy Jones); Lee Hartman, Rich Hartman (Nan & Rich Keller); Lori (Brandon Kelley); Rick (Debbie Lenau); Barbie Anzalone (Kim & Eric Lindenau); Sister Susan Kiesel (Sabrina McLeod); Bonnie Bush, 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); Roger's sister Pearl, daughter Lynn (Roger & Charlotte Ridley); Diane Nary, Glen Campbell, Sandi (David Rogenmoser); Telma Pinto (Juan Ruiz); Ali Musleh, Hilde DiNatale (Anna Simm); Bev, Tom, Bruce (Debbie Simm); Debbie Glinski, Fred (Mary Sims); Patsy Sladden (Karen Sladden); Aubrie Robinson (Sara Smarcz); Nancy Miller (Michael Smith); 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 & 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 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.

When Sharing Your Prayer Requests...

Prayer changes everything, and our church has a vibrant prayer ministry. When contacting the church office or our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Chitie Edgett, please let them know if you want your prayer request to be shared with only the Prayer Chain and Pastor, or if you want your prayer request shared with the Prayer Chain and our church congregation at Sunday worship.

As we move forward with Live Streaming and email communication, we want to respect those who wish their prayer request to remain confidential.

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of Edith Coburn, who died on July 4, and Carla Starr, who died on August 18.

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

September Preaching Schedule

- Sept. 1st – **A Timeless Lesson Aging** (David Jones)
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- Sept. 8th – **Homecoming Sunday — Walk Together!**
Psalm 133:1-3, Ecclesiastes 4:11-12
- Sept. 15th – **God was in Babylon**
Ezekiel 1:1-3/15-21
- Sept. 22nd – **Let's Go Back to Jerusalem**
Ezra 1:1-5/3:8-12
- Sept. 29th – **It was Not Easy to Rebuild God's Temple**
Ezra 4:1-6
- Oct. 6th – **Ezra and Nehemiah's Revival**
Nehemiah 8:1-12, Psalm 119:102-105



Homecoming Sunday, September 8

Sunday, September 8th will be a special celebration of Aldersgate. This includes current members and attendees, reconnection with friends and former members. We encourage our congregation to reach out and invite anyone who used to attend our church and any local friends and neighbors. We are also receiving new members that day, so this is a time to celebrate and meet and greet our new family members.

There is a contemporary service at 9:30, a traditional service at 11:00, and a Pot Luck luncheon in the Ide Center at 12:00 Noon. Look for the sign-up list to tell us your name, number of people attending, and what "dish": (main dish, side dish, dessert) you will bring. Beverages and place settings will be provided.

Hope to see you all there!

October 2024 Hinge Deadline

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

Please send to: karensadden@hotmail.com



Important Rummage Sale Announcement!

While Candy Metzger waits for hip surgery in December to relieve her painful bone-on-bone situation, she has decided she cannot head up this year's Rummage & Bake Sale, which is scheduled for Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

Candy needs to know ASAP if someone is willing to take her place to make sure everything runs smoothly onsite. She can help as far as letting you know what needs to be done and printing out sign-up sheets, signs, etc. Please pray about it and let her know if you would be willing to do this. (Our sign guy needs to know soon about the dates for our signs.) If no one comes forward by September 7, she will cancel this year's Rummage & Bake Sale.

If the sale goes forward as planned, items can be dropped off starting on Sunday, September 29th, after the 11:00 service in the Ide Family Life Center.

Help is needed before, during, and after the sale. We will also need people to bake their delicious treats to sell. Sign up sheet will be posted around September 15.

Items NOT ACCEPTED include: Appliances, Bowling Balls, Electronics, Encyclopedias or school/college textbooks, Knives, Luggage, Large Exercise Equipment, Skis (downhill or cross country), and Larger furniture.

We WILL ACCEPT Shoes/Boots (new or in very good condition) and Stuffed Animals (new or in very good condition).

Reading Circle Begins Again September 12

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.

Christian Education



New Preschool Class at 11:00 am in Nursery Starting on September 15th!

Songs, Bible Stories, Crafts & Play

Teacher: Nan Keller with an assistant

September 15: Matthew 19: 13-14, Jesus Loves Children

September 22: Luke 6: 31, Jesus Teaches the Golden Rule

September 29: Genesis 1: 1-3, Creation: Adam & Eve



New Curriculum this Fall! For Children in K-6th Grade

Through timeless Bible stories, hands-on activities, and child-friendly themes, Cokesbury Kids Big Faith offers faith-formation experiences that are tangible, applicable, and meaningful to children's everyday lives.

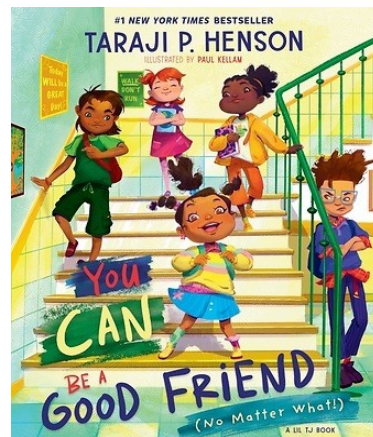
UNIT 1: Masterpiece: God is Creative

September 8: Genesis 1: God Creates the Earth: Nature Painting

September 15: Genesis 1: God Creates People: Self-Portrait

September 22: Psalm 139: God Creates Us to Be Unique: Write your own Psalm, *Recite Psalm 23 during the Children's Moment

September 29: Genesis 2: God Creates Helpers: Friendship Bracelets and Cards



Read with Miss Rhonda for September

#1 New York Times Bestseller! From award-winning actress and mental-health advocate Taraji P. Henson, ***You Can Be a Good Friend (No Matter What!)*** shows kids the great things that can happen when we approach others and ourselves with empathy, patience, and love.

In this debut picture book from Taraji P. Henson, quirky, stylish and a bit off-the-cuff Lil TJ is ready for her first day of school. But when she gets there, TJ finds that everything she does is a little different than everyone else and she's standing out in all the wrong ways. Once TJ's classmate Beau notices, he relentlessly teases her. TJ is filled with anxiety and doubt until she recalls some important words of wisdom from her Grandma Patsy. When she looks inside to her own creativity and personality, she figures out how to help herself make new friends! -- and helps someone else too! (COKESBURY)

We Can Count on Jesus to Light our Way!

Please Join us on Sunday, September 8 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! 3rd Graders will receive a student Deep Blue Bible during Worship Service. Pot-Luck Luncheon at 12:15p.m.



Save the Date!
October 26th in the church parking lot.

Youth activities



This summer has been an absolute blast! On Monday, May 29, about thirty of us traveled to Darien Lake for a day filled with fun and fellowship. We had an amazing time together, making memories that will last.

Our youth were once again key players in ensuring this year's Summer Fun Day and Stellar VBS ran smoothly. We were excited to welcome Adriana as a new helper this year, and she did an outstanding job working with her group. Every one of our youth and college graduates who lent a hand did a truly "stellar" job, and it was such a joy to see the kids having a great time while learning about the light of Jesus.

One of the highlights of the summer was the youth musical performance, "I Know Whom I Have Believed in." Shaylee, Adriana, Cyril, Jolly, Steven, Josh, Kaori, and Brandon joined forces, dedicating their abilities and sacrificing hours of their time in practice to bless the congregation. It was both a blessing and a job well done!

This summer, our lunches have become the go-to hangout. We've regularly gathered for food and fellowship at Chipotle and Bill Gray's. As a special thank you to our youth and college helpers, we celebrated with a



"VBS job well done" ice cream/meal outing at DQ. Yes, that's Cyril hiding out in the back.

We are incredibly blessed to see the kids and youth getting involved in the ministries at Aldersgate—as musicians, singers, readers, and volunteers. God is faithful, and He will never forget the work we have done to build His Kingdom and minister to the saints. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). Our positive engagement in the ministries of Aldersgate will indeed bear fruit in due season.



Summer is flying by, and soon Erin and Jolly will be heading off to college, with Luke, Steven, and Josh returning as well. While it's always bittersweet to see everyone go, we look forward to reuniting soon. We are with them in spirit, and it will mean so much for them to know that they will always have a home at Aldersgate.

Youth Group (Grades 8-12)

We will be posting scheduling updates via WhatsApp to the group. For any questions, feel free to email me at bwinter@aumcgreece.org



Stellar VBS at Aldersgate UMC, August 12-15th

Shine Jesus' Light! We had a stellar week together! A very special thank you to the following people who volunteered their time and helped serve with heart in our children's ministry and outreach event: Candy Metzger, Rose Cavicchioli, Kaori Winter, Debbie Simm, Bobbi Mohrmann, Carol DeCann, Deepa Samuel, Joyce Chum, John Simm, Mike Simonelli, Rich Mohrmann, Michelle Mendola, Julia Troiano, Adriana Marrero, Molly Donovan, Ella Simonelli, Luke Simonelli, Cyril Samuel, Steven Samuel, Erin Galligan, Jasmyn Peglow, Jaiden Peglow, Joshua Chun and Landon Sloan.

We collected \$100 in change for our church's Good Samaritan Fund.

The Parable of the Waterfall

"But the angel of the lord found her (Hagar)... and further said: 'I will make of you a great nation, with descendants too numerous to count.'" (Genesis 16:7&10)

One of my favorite phenomena of nature is the waterfall and, while I, of course, stand in awe of the very large ones, like Niagara Falls, my favorite waterfall is here, in Northwest Rochester, in the Maplewood Park Gorge. It was there that God gave me this message years ago, and started my writing of devotional articles.

As I stood in what I often called my favorite "God Spot," one day, over 20 years ago, He asked me: "How was this waterfall formed?" Now I'm not one for giving scientific answers anyway, and I had come to know that God didn't usually ask that kind of question with the desire for a scientific answer, so I simply repeated His question back to Him: "How, Lord?"

He replied: "The ground crumbled beneath it and it KEPT GOING!" And if you look above that great waterfall at the Genesee River above, it does look rather 'lazy' and yet this waterfall, and the other two above it, gave the power for the flour mills that Rochester was known for, and nicknamed for, 150 years ago.

Now, I suppose that other natural phenomena don't have the "free will" that humans have, but what if it did? What choices did that water have and what would have happened if it had chosen one?

It could have just "stopped;" said: 'I can't handle this catastrophic event that's happened in my life. I'm not

going any further.' We, humans, sure do that at times. We stay "stuck," don't move forward after a major life event. But water, like people, is meant to move, to flow. It would have no longer been a river. It would have been more of a creek with an end. It would certainly not have become "my" beautiful waterfall. It would not have served its purpose.

Worse yet; I suppose it could have tried to turn back, yearned for a time before the world as it knew it crumbled and tried to find that again. But when water turns back it becomes a whirlpool that sucks things, and people, in and takes them down. It tends not to create, it tends to destroy. It certainly doesn't serve the God-given, creative purpose of a waterfall.

Many of us, recently, have seemed to have the ground crumble beneath us, due to serious illness, of our own or a family member, a major move or financial issues. And I am not saying that getting 'back on the horse and riding on' is going to be easy, or even feel natural. That's why we need to be reminded. But, if you lean on God and follow His leading, He will "find you" in your troubling times and bring you into better days. And, like those waterfalls, He may well give you the strength to empower others as well.

Blessings,
Sharon Bartter



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
Nan Keller	September 20
Louretta Teasdale	September 22
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

S.A.I.L Exercise Program Continuing

The United Women in Faith is again sponsoring the SAIL class (Stay Active and Independent for Life). It is a program centered around strength, balance, and aerobics (low impact) for Adults. Julie Battaglia from Lifespan will be teaching this class for us.

The class starts on October 16 and goes through December 6, 2024 on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 -2:00 PM in the Ide Center for only \$25. We have room for 20 people. Sign up on the bulletin board, if you are interested. Bring your check to the first class. If you have any questions, contact Candy Metzger 355-9542.

Join us for fun while you exercise !!



Fundraising

Join us for dine in or curbside pick-up on
Monday, September 30th, from 3pm 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

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Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

9:30 AM

9/8 — Susan DeVincentis

9/15 — Rich & Bobbi Mohrmann

9/22 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

9/29 — Sandi Norris & Debbie Lenau

10:00 AM Combined Service

9/1 — Nancy & Terry Young

11:00 AM

9/8 — Denise & Gary Hogestyn

9/15 — Nancy & Terry Young

9/22 — Maria Stanley & Eric Lindenau

9/28 — Nancy & Terry Young

Live Streaming

9/1 — **Combined @ 10:00 AM**
NO LIVE STREAMING

9/8 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**
Juan & Tammy Ruiz

9/15 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**
Mary Sims & Dave Roza

9/22 — **Traditional @ 11:00 AM**
Juan & Tammy Ruiz

9/29 — **Contemporary @ 9:30 AM**
Rich & Nan Keller



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!



Scripture Readers

9:30 AM

9/8 — Debbie Simm

9/15 — Jack Simm

9/22 — Bobbi Mohrmann

9/29 — Evelyn Troiano

10:00 AM Combined Service

9/1 — Nancy Young

11:00 AM

9/8 — Karen Sladden

9/15 — Nancy Young

9/22 — Karen Sladden

9/29 — Sue Zorn

Nursery Workers

9:30 AM

9/8 — Anna Simm

7/14 — Julia Troiano

7/21 — Debbie Simm

7/28 — open

10:00 AM Combined Service

9/1 — open

11:00 AM

9/8 — Joyce Chun

9/15 — Joyce Chun

9/22 — Joyce Chun

9/29 — Joyce Chun