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From Your Pastor

Thank you to all who served on the *Follow the Vision* campaign and to all who have made commitments to this important campaign. The success of this campaign is vital to our future ministries. God bless you all!

When God plants a seed in someone's heart for a particular area of service, they often discover as they share that call that others are hearing a similar voice. That's what's happening now as God is calling some people to an organized visitation ministry. At Aldersgate many people are involved in visiting people who are in the hospital or homebound on their own. That's wonderful! Lots of people have been blessed by their ministries and I'm sure this will continue. What we are planning is a more formal system where people will be trained and commissioned as visitors and will visit on behalf of the church. It will bless those who are called to visit and those who receive their visits. Pastor Jerry and I will continue to do some visits, but it will provide more pastoral care for the sick and homebound than we can give (especially when Pastor Jerry is away for two months in the winter and one in the summer.)

If you think God might be calling you to this rewarding ministry, please let me or Pastor Jerry know. We have scheduled a training session for **2 PM, Tuesday, July 20**. You are invited to attend this session where you will be trained as a visitor. If you aren't sure this ministry is for you, come to the training and let that help you decide. You will be able to decide if you want to visit in the hospital and/or the homebound and how many visits you are willing/able to make in a month. If you are interested in exploring or being a part of this ministry but can't make the training session, let me know. We will be scheduling an evening training session in August and other trainings will be scheduled as needed.

In Christ's love,

Anne

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Our Ministry of Concern

People are added and deleted to our ongoing prayer list on request.

Please call the church office if you have other names that need to be added or re-instated to the list or removed from the list.

If you have a prayer request, please call Barbara Robinson at 227-7845.

In hospice care: Muriel McKenna – Hamilton Manor Nursing Home, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home

In rehab: Martha Thomson – Jewish Home, Marilyn Haring in Tennessee, Jean Smith – Latta Road Nursing Home

Recovering at home: Alma Harmer, Marita Jones, Bill Tschorke, Scott Wagner

Those with ongoing health concerns:

Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Al Antczak, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Sebastian Bayer (cousin of Candy & John Metzger), Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Kelsey-Lynn Cheshak, Paul Brandenburg (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-

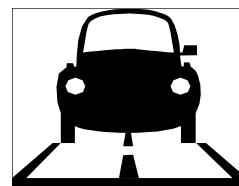
-law of Robin Fox), Phoebe Brown, Marisue Caupp, Jessica Christie, Ted Coburn, Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Brenda Donovan, Carl Dunn, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimbarger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Diane Haschmann, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huenemann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), Linda Johnson (daughter of Bev Johnson), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Kyle Laitenberger (nephew of Jerry & Ken Sisson), Juliana LaMonica, Kim Latragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Stephen Lyons, Charlotte McCabe (daughter of Betty Baybutt), Eleanor McKee (sister of Bob Wiederhold), Lea McQuown, Joan Michlin, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Marion Murray (friend of Joyce DeBell), Mark Nobb (friend of the Geiers), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Thomas Poling (father of Ray

Poling), Roger Ridley, Polly Roberts (friend of Bette Edgett), Steven Savage, Mary Sims, Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), Melody Simmons (friend of Karen Rice), Gail Snyder, John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Heather Tidwell (granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Louie VanKouwenberg, Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Chris Woessner (brother of Maria Satnley), Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

Our home-bound: Jean Frey, Myrtle Koch, John Sobus

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; John Haldane – Hamlet; Leota Matthews – Monroe Community Hospital; Myra Needler – Legacy in Henrietta; Irv Robinson, Rosetta Knapp – Crimson Ridge Gardens; Betty Shoemaker – Shore Winds; Jean Smith & Marion Vogle-song – Crimson Ridge, Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY

Christian sympathy is extended to Ruth Loomis on the death of Orville Loomis; to Nancy Wayne and family on the death of Ross Wayne, and to Ann Gilzow, Tammy Gilzow-Kephart, Jenean Wise and family on the death of Don Gilzow.



Please call the church office, if you need a ride for a doctor's appointment at 663-3665.

PARISH VISITATIONS

Please advise the church office when someone enters the hospital (or is discharged). This will help in providing better pastoral care and help avoid unnecessary trips. If you, or someone of whom you are aware, desire a pastoral call, please advise the church office. Arrangements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are encouraged. Both pastors visit regularly and would be happy to include others in the visitation schedule.



There are two prayer chains at Aldersgate. Each is coordinated by Barbara Robinson. One is for daytime calling. The other is for calling in the evening. Each member of the prayer chain has only one person to call and everyone will lift up the prayer requests in his or her own way. This can be a very rewarding experience, especially when concerns turn into joy. We invite you to be part of this care team. Call me at 227-7845.



Items for the September *Hinge* are due **August 15**

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Summer is coming—a time for relaxation and a change of pace. It's a time to pause and reflect on our lives and what is important. Having recently had cataract surgery, I'm aware of all the wrinkles I couldn't see before.

So I can relate to an article in the [Joyful Newsletter](#) entitled:

*A Funny Thing Happened On My Way to Old Age**

Waitresses have stopped asking if my wife, Marj, and I qualify for the senior discount; they simply give it to us. When I'm in public, young women step aside for me to enter doors ahead of them. "And then there are the 'opportunities' offered us. Wouldn't we like to go with this or that tour group on a bus? Just think, we could leave that miserable driving to someone else along with all the planning and arrangements. Evidently we would still have to dress ourselves..."

An unfriendly camera

"Call it the power of suggestion if you will, but eventually my body began to echo the opinions of society. Old age began to insist it was far more a stubborn fact than a state of mind. There was a time when I would jog circles around Marj. That's now a dimming memory. Sometimes I struggle to keep pace with her.

The camera has also become less and less friendly. Who is that graying old guy? I mean we all take bad pictures sometimes, but this is getting ridiculous. Meanwhile, suspenders are becoming my valued companion."

The death of denial

"Denial works only so long. A turning point for me came at a men's retreat where I was to speak. The men gathered in small groups to share personal concerns and to pray for one another. For the first time I openly faced what I had been running from for a long time. When it came my turn to ask for prayer. I said, 'I am grieving' - I paused—'over my lost youth.'

"It was something I hadn't realized until that mo-

ment. Something about that insight was liberating to me. I still didn't like the idea of getting old, but I did recognize it as a fact I had to face. The denial was over. A new recognition had begun."

Age has its perks

"Age has its perks. Did you know that seniors get a bigger personal exemption on their income taxes? And discounts at shows, restaurants, airlines and pharmacies? I also see other advantages, not the least of which is an increase of wisdom. I have simply lived long enough now to be immune to most scams (and many forms of the common cold).

He's future-oriented

"Older people are sometime dismissed as 'living in the past.' I am more future-oriented than I have ever been in my life. It's just that my future lies on the other side of the veil. So does yours. Whether you are 20 or 40 or 100, your future lies on the other side."

Treasuring memories

"Bittersweet memories of loved ones who have died, leaving an empty spot deep in our hearts, is a nearly inevitable prospect for those who live to an advanced age. That circumstance has sometimes made me feel like an orphan. However, we can celebrate our memories of those loved ones even as we grieve our loss. Even better, we can anticipate a glad reunion in heaven."

**(These quotes are excerpts from the book by Stanley C. Baldwin. Reprinted with permission from the author and InterVarsity Press, P. O. Box 1400, Downers Grove, IL 60515. www.ivpress.com)*

So whatever our age, I hope we all can have a few laughs along the way to old age!

God bless you,



Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Christian Education

Summer Schedule

With the end of our school year calendar comes some changes in our church calendar through the months of July and August. Please note that there will be no classes on July 4th.

Sunday School for children Grade 1-4 during the 9:30 AM service will continue, too. Over the summer we will be using a new curriculum for this group: Live B.I.G. (Belief In God). During June we've been learning about some Old Testament heroes. In July we'll learn some of Jesus' parables. In August we'll learn some stories of people in the early Church. Each week is an independent lesson.

During the 11 AM service we are taking a new direction with children in Grades 1-4. Since many of our children attend both education programs, we will be introducing a variety of sessions designed to connect our children with mission, service, our Methodist heritage, and scripture. During July the focus will be on the UMW School Kits: we will make posters, stencil bags and write a dedication prayer. In August we will learn about healing, and craft poems and cards for our shut-ins.

The 9:30 AM Adult class will continue as usual. Note that the PreK, Grades 4-6, Confirmation, High School and 11 AM Adult classes are taking a rest over the summer, and will restart on September 12th.

Summer devotional activities

Don't forget to pick up your summer devotion books! They are chock full of activities and stories for children and families. Also, don't forget to ask for a children's bulletin each week. They are on the Usher's table, ready for your child to use during the worship service.



Coupons wanted for Michael's, A C Moore, and Jo Ann Fabrics

If you have extras, it would be great to be able to use them for getting VBS supplies. Give them to Nancy or put them in the envelope on the bulletin board outside of the Nursery. Thank you!



Do you have a passion to share?

Be a part of our exciting, re-visioned 11 AM service Sunday school! If you're passionate about crafts or our UMW school kits, come share your talents by helping our children decorate (stencil with paint) the bags the women have sewn! If you're wild about greeting cards, and make your own, come help us learn how to make "get well" and "cheer up" cards during August. Speak with Nancy

Vacation Bible School

Well, it's almost time! We'll gather from 9 AM to Noon, August 2-6 to learn about the many dimensions of the Parable of the Sower. There are still some things that you may have around your house that would be great to have to use for our program (see the list - also posted on the bulletin board next to the nursery).

We still need some *Shepherds* to guide a small group of children through their rotations each day. The primary task is to build relationship among the group and encourage full participation in the activities. We also need some *Activity Site Leaders* to help kids dig deeper. Connect with their sense of wonder of the vastness of creation, and the awesome responsibility and opportunity Christians have for its care.

Speak with Nancy Woodworth-Hill, nwoodworth@aumcgreece.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July and August

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Eric DeCann	July 2
Ivan Montgomery	July 2
Shirley Grierson	July 3
Colleen Tyler	July 4
Malcolm Beers	July 8
Ryan Lindeman	July 10
Marisue Caupp	July 11
Jared Jones	July 14
Debra Simm	July 14
Caleb Thompson	July 15
Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18
Michael Spicer	July 19
Doug Hess	July 20
Brenda Love	July 20
Samantha Hanko	July 21
Floyd Hughes	July 23
Emma Bock	July 25

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dustin Deutsch	August 3
Cassandra Sobus	August 4
Amanda Carpenter	August 7
Ruth Loomis	August 8
Evelyn Welker	August 13
Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Gege Dunn	August 15
J. J. Wehrle	August 17
Nathan Dunn	August 23
Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Terry Young	August 26
Morgan Wehrle	August 30
Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31
Jane Shukitis	August 31



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Irv & Barbara Robinson	July 1
Bill & Shirley Tschorke	July 2
Walt & Gege Dunn	July 8
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Helen Wolter	August 1
Fred & Betty Hild	August 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Ken & Jerry Sisson	August 6
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
Jimmie & Barb Condon	August 18
Don & Carol Wright	August 19
Vince & Laura Acciaio	August 20
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Dan & Jan Rothfuss	August 26
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28



Thank You

Helen and Jerry Wolter express sincere thanks for your prayers, cards, food and many kindnesses during Helen's first knee surgery (and Jerry's cataract surgery).

She will appreciate your continued prayers as she has her surgery for her other knee on July 8th.

God bless you all.

The Wolters

First of all thank you to Pastor Anne, Pastor Jerry and Pastor Margaret for leading such a beautiful service.

Thank you one and all who sent cards and participated in Orville's memorial service. You made it very special by being there. What an awesome tribute to one of God's special creations! He told me the day before he went to be with God, "I am in Heaven." It was awesome! I was speechless.

So thank you dear family, you are my family, for being there when I needed you. I do miss him as I'm sure you do also., but knowing, where he is makes it easier to bear.

Also, thank you to my Emmaus friends for participating in the service.

Last but not least, thank you Lord God.

Ruth Loomis

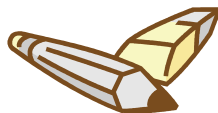
Aldersgate United Methodist Women

START GATHERING SUPPLIES NOW FOR UMCOR KITS

Watch for school supply sales and white goods sales in the next two months. We will once again be putting together **School and Health Kits** for use by the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Members of Sew 'n Sew's have been busy making school bags. They will be assisted in this work this summer by children in Junior Church who will be screen-painting logos on the school bags as one of their projects.

New this year is the addition of **Layette Kits**. We will use the items already gathered as part of the postponed collection for Annual Conference and supplement them. Again members of Sew 'n Sew's are making baby gowns and may be knitting or crocheting sweaters for those kits.

Each School Kit includes the following: 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper, 1 30-centimeter ruler, 1 hand-held pencil sharpener, 6 new pencils with erasers, 1 eraser (2 1/2"), and 1 box of 24 crayons.



For **Health Kits** we need these items: **hand towels (15"x25" to 17"x27"); washcloths; large, sturdy combs; nail files or fingernail clippers; bath-sized bars of soap; single toothbrushes in original wrappers; and adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.**

Layette Kits include **cloth diapers, shirts or onesies, baby washcloths, baby gowns, diaper pins, sweaters open in the front, and receiving blankets.** Last year we were able to send 161 School Kits, 156 Health Kits, and several boxes of additional supplies.

Tens of thousands of kits from around the country have gone to Haiti in the course of this last year in addition to the many other locations in our nation and the world that have been hit by natural disasters. Putting these kits together is a prime example of how we can make a real difference in the world by connecting our efforts with those of other United Methodists.

Look for the blue boxes marked for UMCOR supplies to appear under the coat racks in the entryway early this month. Periodically through the rest of the summer the supplies collected will be sorted, counted, and put in storage to make room for more supplies. Look for regular updates on the items needed in the bulletin.



RUMMAGE SALE NETS NEARLY \$4900 FOR CHURCH & MISSION PROJECTS

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Rummage Sale this year, we had our best sale to date, raising **\$4890**. The UMW will use half the funds to complete their annual Pledge to Mission and support their other mission projects and will designate the other half toward a project that will benefit our local church.

As always we were the recipients of many positive comments from those who came to the sale. They really appreciate being able to purchase items they need inexpensively and shopping at a sale that is well organized. In addition, because there was an unusually large number of children's clothes, we know that some of our shoppers were able to find shoes for Haiti, clothing for a city childcare center, and baby and toddler clothes for the Women's Care Center on Lake Avenue.

This year was notable for several reasons. We had a number of people come out to help that have not been previously involved and some who returned after several years' absence. Because the youth choir from Atlanta was expected three hours after the close of the sale, we were under strong pressure to clear out. A clean-up crew of twelve plus our always helpful chief custodian Lea McQuown had the job done in record time—about an hour and a half!

Where did all the "stuff" go? There was probably enough left to start another sale. (Perish the thought!) The clothes were bagged up and taken to the St. Pauly's Clothing Drop-off Shed at Greece United Methodist Church. Money from clothes collected at that shed will support the next Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity project. Bill Webster of The Blessing Barn collected the remainder of the items. He and his volunteers sort the donated furniture and other household items and give them free of charge to families referred to them and to local charities that need them.

The Rummage Sale takes a lot of time and effort but it always proves to be worthwhile. Aside from the money raised, it serves as a major recycling project and offers an opportunity to serve our neighbors. Look for it again next year!

READING CIRCLE CONTINUES TO MEET THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Reading Circle will meet on its regular schedule this summer. The **July 1** meeting is Show and Tell. Come prepared to share briefly a book you have enjoyed reading this summer and to make recommendations for

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Church Events, Ministries, and Opportunities

YES, APPLEBEE'S NIGHTS CONTINUE

Get it on your calendar. We'll be going to Applebee's on **July 5, August 2, and even on Labor Day, September 6.** (Labor Day is often one of our biggest.) Join us anytime from 4:00-9:00 PM, give your receipt to the Aldersgate representatives at the front table and Applebee's will donate 10% of the food receipts turned in to our Building Fund.

After the May 3 night at Applebee's, their donations totaled \$10,991.12. Since we had a good turnout on June 7, we know that the total will soon be on its way to \$12,000!

Don't stay home because you don't have someone to come with! You are always welcome at the front table where you can see everyone who comes in. We could even start an extra table if necessary! We are looking forward to seeing you.

INK JET AND LASER PRINTER CARTRIDGES



Bring in your empty ink jet and laser printer cartridges to church. This is ecologically good for the environment and will help to raise funds for special projects. A container for you to deposit your cartridges is in the Gathering Space behind the Welcome Table.

Please join us
on
JULY 10th
for
GAME NIGHT
at 6:00 PM in Ide Family Life
Center

THERE WILL BE NO GAME
NIGHT IN AUGUST.

YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND STILL NEEDED

As a church we have been especially thrilled this month to learn that **Rick LaDue** was ordained as a United Methodist pastor and that **Doug Hess** has completed his work at Colgate Rochester and was commissioned at services at Annual Conference. Aldersgate was able to provide some financial support to both men.

This is a fine tradition and one that we must continue. We are particularly fortunate to have others in our congregation who feel called to full-time Christian service. The Church Council added the **Ministry Education Support Fund** to our programs in February 2006 to give our congregation an ongoing opportunity to support those from our church studying for ordained ministry. The funds can be used toward tuition, books, and other required supplies.

Your gifts to help this fund grow will pay dividends for God's kingdom.

Contemporary Worship Team is looking for anyone interested in joining the group. If you love to sing or play an instrument, consider being part of this ministry. We welcome all voices, and/or if you play drums, guitar, sax, piano or any other instrument. We practice on Monday nights at 7:00 PM and lead the Contemporary Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Contact Dave Rogenmoser at 458-9132 for more information or questions that you may have.

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books to read for the 2010-2011 program year. Then, based on the availability of the recommended books, the group will make their selections at the **August 5** meeting.

Also, for August the group will be reading *Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent. This true story makes very uplifting reading, especially if you are discouraged by the ongoing news cycle. Copies of the book will be available in the church library.

The Reading Circle meets in the church library the first Thursday of each month throughout the year, starting at 1:00 PM. A hostess each month prepares light refreshments. Visitors and new members are always welcome. See or call Helen Wolter (621-1904) or Frances Crabtree (392-0772) for more information.

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER 15 & 16

Brochures about our upcoming Crafts & Collectibles Show will be sent soon to past vendors and others who have expressed an interest in being on our mailing list. If you are looking for an outlet for your handcrafts, or sell a line of fine quality gift items, antiques or collectibles, don't overlook the chance to be part of our Crafts & Collectibles Show & Sale set for Friday & Saturday, October 15 & 16 in the Ide Family Life Center. The area will be open for vendors to set up on Thursday evening and the sale will be open to the public from 9 AM-4 PM each day. If you are interested, pick up a flyer from the Missions Counter in the Gathering Space or talk to Joyce Farrokh (865-5135) or Candy Metzger (227-3138).

Even if you are not "crafty," be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come. This is a great opportunity to pick up unique early Christmas gifts and to support local vendors at the same time. The money raised by this event helps to fund projects of both the Missions Committee of the church and the United Methodist Women.

UPCOMING DATES:

July 12 & August 9 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room

July 29-31 – School of Christian Mission, Daemen College in Amherst. Pick up registration form on Mission Counter.

August 28 – Last Western New York Conference UMW Annual Meeting at Covenant UMC, 1124 Culver Rd., Rochester. The first Annual Meeting of the new Upper New York Conference UMW will be in October.

Mission News

JULY 18 IS SUMMER BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Brown paper bags will be distributed after services on Sunday, July 11, to remind you that there continues to be a strong need in our community for the services of the Greece Food Shelf. Please fill those bags (or substitutes—we are not fussy) with non-perishable grocery items and bring them to church with you the following week. Ramen noodles and boxes of macaroni and cheese are good, but also try to include some items with meat, vegetables and fruit for a balanced diet. We will organize assistance for you to get the bags from your car to the church. You may also make a monetary donation by designating your check written to *Aldersgate UMC* or your cash gift for the **"Greece Food Shelf."**

With children out of school, the needs of families whose children normally receive free or reduced-price lunches increases. Providing this kind of assistance through the Greece Food Shelf has been an important part of our ministry to our local community for many years.

ANGEL FOOD VOLUNTEERS FIND OTHER BENEFITS

A strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie have developed among the group that has been volunteering regularly since the Angel Food Ministry began at Aldersgate. Members commented at a recent Missions Committee meeting that the team members include a nice cross-section of ages and mix of first and second service worshippers. Working together has given them all a chance to get better acquainted than they might otherwise have done.

If you are interested in helping out, this is an easy group to join. There are a variety of tasks available and days on which you can work. Call Mary Sims (865-7668) if you are interested.

Angel Food dates for July are as follows: Orders may be placed on Saturday, July 17, from 12:00-2:00 PM, or on Sunday, July 18, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Pick up will be on Saturday, July 24, in the Ide Center. Payment must be by cash or money order at the time you place the order. You may also order on line. Directions and the menu for the month are available on the flyers in the envelope on the Opportunities Board. Spread the word to neighbors and friends.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES ALSO NEEDED FOR MISSION SHARE AND EMMANUEL UMC

In addition to the school supplies collected for UMCOR kits by the UMW, the Missions Committee would like to collect the following items to help Mission Share and Emmanuel. As we did last year, we will collect **pens, school glue or glue sticks, and two-pocket folders** to help fill Mission Share backpacks.

Emmanuel would like to fill their backpacks with the following items: **pencils, ballpoint pens, notebooks, dictionaries** (both Spanish/English-English/Spanish and English/English), **erasers, pencil sharpeners, calculators, rulers, thumb drives** (1 GB or higher) **highlighters, pencil cases, glue sticks, drawing paper, construction paper, and index cards.**

A blue box labeled for Mission Share and Emmanuel supplies will be under the coat rack with the UMCOR supply boxes. Your generosity will help support students both here in Greece and in the

CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVITIES NEED TO BE CALENDARED

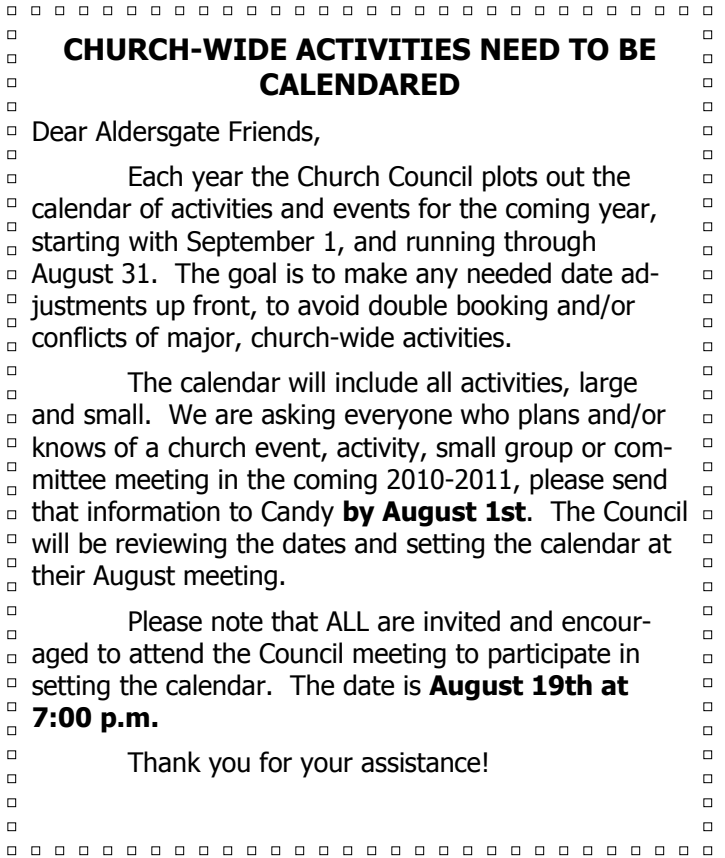
Dear Aldersgate Friends,

Each year the Church Council plots out the calendar of activities and events for the coming year, starting with September 1, and running through August 31. The goal is to make any needed date adjustments up front, to avoid double booking and/or conflicts of major, church-wide activities.

The calendar will include all activities, large and small. We are asking everyone who plans and/or knows of a church event, activity, small group or committee meeting in the coming 2010-2011, please send that information to Candy **by August 1st**. The Council will be reviewing the dates and setting the calendar at their August meeting.

Please note that ALL are invited and encouraged to attend the Council meeting to participate in setting the calendar. The date is **August 19th at 7:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your assistance!



During the month of May we were reminded of the spiritual gift of generosity and all the good that can be accomplished when we give the gifts of our time talent and treasure to the Church and in our community. Thank you to all our members who gave testimony, served on a phone committee, served food, sent letters and created brochures, organized the prayer vigil (and those who prayed) – your efforts helped us to *Follow the Vision* for the next three years. The committee also wants to thank everyone in the congregation who were able to make a commitment to the capital needs of the church. As of this writing, we have 68% participation from members, and have commitments for \$571,681. Praise God! This is only 76% of our goal for this 3-year campaign, so we will be challenged to be able to keep up with our mortgage and other loans, and to put away funds to re-roof the education wing of the church which are the highest priorities we have. But we believe that God will provide and with the help of us all we'll be able to do all those things and more. It's not too late to make a commitment pledge, cards are available behind the Welcome table, and even if you aren't able to make a written commitment, consider giving to the building fund in your weekly gifts to the church. Every gift is important and if we all generously participate however we can, we will make wonderful things happen. God Bless you all.

Sue Accapezzato
Chairperson, Follow the Vision Campaign

Dear Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship,

What do you think of this “Giving Pledge” that’s been in the news this last week? Anything in it for us?

Curious

Dear Curious,

For those of you who like to complain that there’s never anything “good” in the news, this is Exhibit A that you’re wrong. (How’s that for a negative opener?) Warren Buffet with Bill and Melinda Gates have made big news with their challenge to other billionaires to give more than 50% of their wealth to philanthropic causes either in their lifetime or after their death. For the last year they have been inviting billionaires to dinner and asking them to share their stories about their giving experiences.

Buffet, the third richest person in the world, has pledged to give 99%. Don’t worry—he and his kids will have enough to live on! And that’s the point. The richer you are the more you have to give. Bill Gates pointed out that they have more to give toward conquering diseases, improving education, and meeting other serious needs in our country and around the world than some small countries have in their entire budgets. Buffet has been talking for some time about the growing disparity between the rich and the poor in this world.

The Bible doesn’t tell us that money is evil or that rich people are bad. The issue is how attached we get to money and how we use it. It’s the “love of money” that trips people up. The rich young ruler that came to Jesus sincerely wanted to follow Him; but, when Jesus challenged him to give up his riches, he just couldn’t do it. The rich man in one of Jesus’ parables was not condemned because he was rich but because during his lifetime he couldn’t even lift a finger to help a beggar at his door.

Okay, it’s highly unlikely that any of us will be invited to dinner with Buffet or the Gateses or that any of their money will help us pay off our church mortgage. What can we learn from them? In an interview with Charlie Rose, they made several points that may apply to our giving. Buffet spoke about how his children were benefiting from the example he is setting. He pointed out how the giving example set by John D. Rockefeller,

Sr. in his later years led to greater contributions in service and resources from his descendants compared with the problems faced by families of some equally wealthy men who hung on to their money. He made the point that the giving example works equally well for families regardless of wealth.

Bill and Melinda Gates talked about how enriched their lives have been by the people of all degrees of wealth that they have met in the course of their giving. They learned from their work in education that there are often many approaches to solving a problem and many equally valid points of view. They talked about the importance of having a vision of what can be done and of recognizing that positive results don’t always come quickly. They also contrasted how much easier it is to do philanthropic work in the U. S. where private philanthropy is encouraged and supported by the government than it is in countries where the government takes a hands-off position or even sees it as a threat to government control.

Underlying all they had learned was the good feeling that came from doing something important and positive. They all felt that there are benefits to giving regardless of wealth, noting also that Americans are wealthy in comparison with most of the people in the world. The reality in the world of philanthropy is that the bulk of giving comes from non-billionaires giving from \$5 to \$50 at a time. We do make a difference in the world. It just takes more of us.

May God fill us with the spirit of generosity!

Sally Steward-
ship

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/4	Gloria Montgomery	Nancy Young
7/11	Rodger Burkhart	Karen Sladden
7/18	Nancy Bader	Shirley Grierson
7/25	Carol DeCann	Gege Dunn
8/1	Bobbi Mohrmann	Nancy Young
8/8	Mark DeVincentis	Ellie Cook
8/15	Gloria Montgomery	Melissa Powell
8/22	Carol DeCann	Wilma Shaughnessy
8/29	Al Holmes	Holly Deutsch

ACOLYTES

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/4	Sammy Hanko	Amanda Farrell Chase Tyler
7/11	Usher	Rebecca Lindeman Ryan Lindeman
7/18	Briana Kephart	Nick Spicer, Marie Sims
7/25	Allison McHugh	Renee Tibbles Caleb Thompson
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USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/4	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn Terry & Nancy Young
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7/25	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Vince & Laura Acciaio John Cochran, Scott Wiley
8/1	Al & Myrt Holmes Candy Metzger Bobbie Eckert	Tom & Zuni Simons Terry & Nancy Young
8/8	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader, Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
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July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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