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From Your Pastor

The summers around here are so short that we feel like we have to cram everything we can into them. There are sporting events--soccer, baseball, golf, biking, hiking, swimming and the like. There are graduation parties and weddings and other family gatherings. There are several festivals each weekend and outdoor concerts and list is endless. All these are good things. Yet as much as I enjoy the things I've planned for the summer, just looking at my calendar makes me tired. Whatever happened to the idea of using the summer for rest, relaxation, and renewal? Perhaps it's time we made a conscious effort to slow down.

Back in January we did a church-wide study called, "The Power of a Whisper." We talked about the importance of listening for and obeying the whispers of God. We were also reminded that we can't expect to hear whispers from God if we never stop and listen. Given the busyness of our schedules we may need to put time on our calendars each day and each week to take time out to be with God. I encourage you to set aside time each day to be quiet before God. Ask God to speak. And when you hear God's whisper be sure to act on it. Also, make sure that you take time to "remember the Sabbath" by worshipping each Sunday. If you are in town, join us at 9:30 or 11:00. If you are away, attend a church near where you are staying. These simple practices will help God refresh and revive your spirit and reenergize your life with Christ.

Have a restful and renewing summer.

In Christ's love,

Pastor 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: Carl Dunn – St. Mary's Living Center, Grace Mack – Hill Haven Nursing Home

Hospitalized: Ted Coburn – Rochester General; Ruth Loomis - Unity

In rehab: Milt Ashley – St Ann's, Ted Coburn—Hill Haven

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Rodger Burkhardt, Jane Coonan, Roger Forbes, John Hayashi, Greg Heizyk, Judy Hare, Tom Marsh, Joan Michlin, Bill Miller, Jose Nazario, George Preston, Dave Rogenmoser, Cecil Sayre, Evie Souve

Those with ongoing health concerns: : Vonnie Ackerman (sister of Gloria Montgomery), Joyce Anderson (sister of Wanda Strauss), Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Mavis Beers, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Sherry Bennett (neice of Sylvia Lynch), Mike Blair

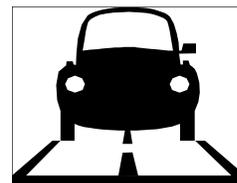
(son of Kathy Peck), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Sharon Burkhardt (wife of Rodger Burkhardt), Kelsey-Lynn Cheshak, Jessica Christie, Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Diane Czebatol (daughter of Janet Pelcher), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Bobbie Eckert, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Roger Forbes, Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Dave Haring, Joyce Heimburger (friend of Jerry Sisson), Diane Haschmann, Becky Hess, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Lynn Huene-mann (daughter of Charlotte and Roger Ridley), John Jelto, Earl Kelley (father of Cindy Groves), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Anna Kneisel (mother of Anne Palmer), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Larocca family (friend of Debbie Pankey), Kim Lagragna, Warren Lenau (father of Debbie Lenau), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Charlotte McCabe (daughter of Betty Baybutt), Eleanor McKee (sister of Bob Wiederhold), Lea McQuown, Richard Meinhold (father of Colleen Tyler), Craig Michaloski, Denise Montgomery (daughter of Gloria Montgomery), Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Mark Payton, Kathy Peck, Kamran

Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Norman Poisson (friend of Annette Thompson), Barbara Robinson, Marilyn Rogenmoser (mother of David Rogenmoser), Steven Savage, Michael Simons (grandson of Tom Simons), Melody Simons (friend of Karen Rice), Jean Smith (friend of Candy Metzger), John Sobus, Jr., Michele Stamp (friend of Susan DeVincentis), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Darlene Tschorke (daughter-in-law to Shirley and Bill Tschorke), Alene VanPutte, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Debbie Wolfe, Clair Yeamans (step-father of David Kaszubowski).

Our home-bound: Jean Frey, John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: : Jeanne Barr – Hilton East; Malcolm Beers – Canandaigua; Phoebe Brown, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Muriel McKenna. Muriel died on June 17, 2011.



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 and the lay visitation ministers 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.

~Barbara Robinson



ALL items for the September *Hinge* are due August 15.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Members and Friends:

It doesn't seem possible that "summer has arrived"! We've been waiting a long time for the change of pace that comes with this time of the year!

However, we all need to remember that we are still in ministry wherever we are ~ at whatever season. I enjoyed an article that appeared in *the Joyful Noiseletter* written by Rev. Fred Jessett. It is entitled:

He Felt the Many Hands of God

(Rev. Frederick Jessett of Sammamish, WA, writes a column titled "Grace Happens" for Episcopal Church newspapers. The following column is adapted with permission of the author.)

There's a sure way to get people to pray for you ~ collapse in church and have the medics come and cart you off on a stretcher. That's what I did in January. I can't blame it on the preaching because I was the preacher that Sunday at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Sammamish, WA. As the service went on, I started to feel weak and my back ached. By the time for the Lord's Prayer, I had to sit down because I was starting to feel light-headed.

I had to leave and lay down in the sacristy where my wife, Kris, found me. A retired EMT and three nurses in the congregation worked like a team and took care of me until the firefighters, and then the EMT's arrived.

Pastor Anne, our vicar, led the congregation in a prayer for me as the service ended. Then I made my grand exit on a stretcher through the congregation. Pastor Anne came by and joined Kris and me in the emergency room. She confirmed what we thought was true, that the people of Good Samaritan were

praying for us. Anne suggested we hold hands and pray. That's when I felt it.

It was a light pressure. It felt as if hands were resting lightly on my head, even before Anne's prayer mentioned God's hands. Were those God's hands? Well, yes. Teresa of Avila said long ago that in this world, "God has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet." I believe the hands I felt were those of all who were praying for me, even folks who didn't realize they were praying because they couldn't put words to their concern and love.

I believe God hears clearly the unspoken prayers that rise spontaneously from the love in our hearts for those in need.

Later, at moments when I was just lying quietly in the hospital bed, I would feel the gentle pressure of those hands again. Someone was praying for me. I left the hospital 24 hours later with no further sign of trouble.

I've never experienced anything quite like that before except that I do know when I have felt most vulnerable, or in danger, or faced life's changing events, I have been most open to unseen realities around me. Sometimes it takes a real jolt to open my eyes to what is always there, the stuff we call God's grace.

So whether vacationing or at home, in summer or in winter, may each of us be "God's hands" touching lives in Jesus' name!

Grace and Peace,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

THANK YOU!

I have been overwhelmed but not surprised by the outpouring of cards, concern and prayers from my friends at church. You all have eased a very difficult time in my life. After my surgery in August, my Jerry was amazed by the care that was extended to me.

Thank you Pastor Jerry and Pastor Anne and all of the wonderful people of Aldersgate Church.

Bobbie Eckert

Sunday School Curriculum for Summer

This summer the Sunday School curriculum will come from Heifer International. We will learn to see ourselves as part of a global family and gain a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer helps people, animals and plants live in harmony as God’s good creation. It will be the same lesson plan for each service.

Rally Day

Formal Sunday School will begin on September 11, 2011. More information on the fall curriculum and exciting events and activities for the next school year are to come!

**Life-Changing Fun in the SON!
SONSURF BEACH BASH VBS!**

“As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they’ll also discover the **big answers to their big questions about Jesus.**”

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church

When: August 8-12, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Ages: Pre-K – 6th

We’re in need of volunteers in all areas. Please check the bulletin board by the nursery for descriptions of various tasks and jobs. Sign up right on the card that interests you. If you cannot do a full week, indicate right on the card. Any questions, let Colleen or Rhonda know. Dude, it’s all about Jesus!

Rhonda and Colleen

Habitat for Humanity Donation

\$74.00 was donated to Habitat for Humanity from our Sunday school classes’ flower pots.

Thanks for helping us support this cause!

**Help the Sunday School children
Read to Feed.**

This summer the children will be reading to raise money for Heifer International. Heifer is an organization that supports impoverished people with animals and seedlings. We’re hoping to raise enough money to buy livestock that Heifer will give to those in need.

We’re asking the congregation to support the children in their endeavor. You can either support individual children, or give a one time donation during the summer. Thank you for your support!

Colleen and Rhonda

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July & August

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Emma Byrnes	July 1	Ryan Lindeman	July 10	Michael Spicer	July 19
Eric DeCann	July 2	Marisue Caupp	July 11	Bill Teasdale	July 19
Ivan Montgomery	July 2	Jared Jones	July 14	Doug Hess	July 20
Shirley Grierson	July 3	Debra Simm	July 14	Brenda Love	July 20
Donn Rice	July 3	Caleb Thompson	July 15	Samantha Hanko	July 21
Colleen Tyler	July 4	Michelle Maggio	July 15	Floyd Hughes	July 23
Malcolm Beers	July 8	Angela Maggio	July 15	Allison McHugh	July 24
		June Griffin	July 16	Emma Bock	July 25
		Tom VanKouwenberg	July 18	Seward Griffin	July 27

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Shirley Tschorke	July 2
Bob and Barb Jeffers	July 4
Walt & Gege Dunn	July 8
Gary & Denise Hogestyn	July 10
Bill & Nora Miller	July 12
Sam & Tracy Maggio	July 16
Edward & Natasha Carstens	July 18



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Helen Wolter	August 1
Fred & Betty Hild	August 3
Marshall & Grace Watts	August 4
Donn & Donna Rice	August 4
Ken & Jerry Sisson	August 6
Brian & Margaret Jones	August 13
Doug & Becky Hess	August 14
Dave & Maria Stanley	August 16
Jimmie & Barb Condon	August 18
Don & Carol Wright	August 19
Vince & Laura Acciaio	August 20
Mike & Sarah West	August 21
Glenn & Alene VanPutte	August 24
Roy & Pat Holmes	August 24
Dan & Jan Rothfuss	August 26
Roy & Fran Baird	August 26
Rich & Nan Keller	August 28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chris Peeck	August 2	Rhonda Simonelli	August 15
Dustin Deutsch	August 3	Jim Haschmann	August 15
Cassandra Sobus	August 4	J. J. Wehrle	August 17
Dennis Pankey	August 4	Nathan Dunn	August 23
Mike West	August 5	Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Amanda Carpenter	August 7	Molly Donovan	August 25
Luke Simonelli	August 7	Terry Young	August 26
Ruth Loomis	August 8	Dick Edgett	August 27
Evelyn Welker	August 13	Morgan Wehrle	August 30
Kurt Lindeman	August 13	Mike Accapezzato	August 30
Marilyn Sobus	August 14	Roxanna Muthersbaugh	August 31
Gege Dunn	August 15	Jane Shukitis	August 31

Faith Factor Youth News

Kingdom Bound '11

The youth group will be attending Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake on July 31-August 3. We are still looking for volunteers, preferably two people, to come for a day or two or three or four to help with supervision and food preparation. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday volunteers are needed. Please let Derek know, if you're willing to minister to our young people in this way.



Summer 2011

Though we won't be meeting for regular Youth Fellowship and Faith Factor Live meetings this summer, we do have an exciting summer planned and even more exciting Fall Kickoff is being planned to begin the new school year

Some of us are going on the mission trip to Cincinnati in July.

We're going to Kingdom Bound on July 31-August 3.

We'll also meet a couple times throughout the summer for fun and fellowship.

Faith Factor Youth Ministry

activities and events are open to all youth, grades 6-12, in the church and community.

Please contact Derek Hansen if you know of any students who would benefit from a ride to and from youth group or church.

Aldersgate United Methodist Women

RUMMAGE SALE SETS NEW RECORD

What a difference more space makes! Many times while preparing for the Rummage Sale this year, those who have worked on the sale for many years reflected how much easier it was to work in the Ide Center than in Fellowship Hall. Air conditioning was, of course, a factor on several days; but even more important was being able to get most of our goods on the tables or easily visible underneath with room to move around. Some of us remember the year when we couldn't even display all the clothes the first day of the sale because the piles were two feet high or more. We tucked bags of pre-sorted clothes in the storage closet to bring out the second day!

Repeatedly throughout the sale we were told that this was the best-organized rummage sale our customers had seen. We credit our new sales record of **\$5069.05** to having the space to organize and to the quality of the items donated. Baked goods were sold just on Thursday and Friday, and that sale provided \$292.30 of the total sale amount. Again we have regular customers who watch the paper for our bake sales. The largest amount we made in Fellowship Hall was just over \$3200. If you think, "That's just a \$1800 difference," remember that it's \$1800 of items priced mostly from ten cents to one dollar!

As we did last year, the remaining clothing was bagged and taken to the St. Pauly's Textiles Drop-Off Shed at Greece United Methodist Church to benefit our Greece Churches Habitat project. Bill Webster of the Blessing Barn came with a crew of workers to pick up the remaining items. We closed the sale at noon, we were packed up by 1:00 PM, and we were entirely cleared out by 3:30. (It took that long only because Bill had to make two trips.)

Well done and thank you, everyone!

UPCOMING DATES:

July 11 & August 8 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room 1.

July 21-23 – School of Christian Mission at SUNY Geneseo. Pick up registration form on the Mission Counter.

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER

Flyers have been sent out to past vendors for our upcoming Crafts & Collectibles Show on **Friday & Saturday, October 14 & 15**. Several vendors have called or stopped by at the Rummage Sale; so we know there's interest! If you know people who may want to participate, pick up vendor flyers for them from the Missions Counter or give their names and addresses to Candy Metzger or Gretchen Hughes. We are also interested in donations of craft items for the church booth.

ON TO THE NEXT PROJECT: RED BIRD MISSION CRAFT SALE

On **Saturday, July 30**, we will welcome two of our missionaries from Red Bird Mission in Eastern Kentucky with the Appalachian Craft Sale. **Terri Moyer and Linda Yetzer** work with Craig Dial (who we met three years ago) in the economic development program at Red Bird. Their purpose is to encourage local craftspeople to support themselves by helping them to learn to produce and market their crafts on a national scale.

The sale will be held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday and sales will be open after each service on Sunday. The last time we brought the show to Aldersgate, they sold over \$3600 of crafts from simple notecards to intricate hand-carved wood wall hangings. We plan to run the video on Red Bird Mission during the morning for people who are interested in the full range of ministry offered there.

Because we need to help cover the cost of their travel, we will also hold a bake sale and may again offer a light lunch during the sale like we do for our own craft sale. The UMW has also budgeted money from the Rummage Sale for this purpose. The trip mileage is estimated to be around 1400 miles and the van cost is \$.92 a mile. All they are asking for is a love offering, but we are hoping, through these additional efforts on our part, to cover most of that cost so that the craft sale income can go back into ministry.

We will need help unloading the van and setting up when they arrive on Friday evening and help again when the sale closes on Sunday to pack up and reload the van. We need a home in which to host our two guests on Friday and Saturday night and help with the bake sale and lunch on Saturday. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Board. If you have questions, please contact Gretchen Hughes (865-2822 or fg Hughes76@frontiernet.net).

AND THE NEXT ONE: UMCOR KITS

Sale ads for school supplies traditionally start shortly after July 4. Watch for the ads and share the information on the best buys with friends. We will once again be putting together **School, Health, and Layette Kits** for the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** at the UMW meeting in September. Totes for supplies for each type of kit will be placed under the coat racks in the entry for you to deposit your contributions. UMW members will be counting and storing the items on a regular basis as the totes become full.

Each **School Kit** includes the following: **1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 3 pads (or 150 sheets of 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**

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Mission News

HANDS4NY: NEW EFFORT TO FEED 1 MILLION PEOPLE IN 1 YEAR

The Upper New York Conference is responding to the rise of hunger in Upstate New York with an initiative to meet the needs of the 15% of people living in Upper New York who do not have enough food. Last year food banks served more children and senior citizens than ever before. In the period of June 2011 to June 2012, individual churches are encouraged to evaluate their efforts by tracking the number of people fed in current programs and to take part in a statewide hunger impact event on October 15.

Brown Bag Sunday on July 24 is a regular event we hold each summer to remind you that there continues to be a strong need in our community for the services of the **Greece Food Shelf**. On Sunday, July 17, we will distribute brown paper bags. 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.”**

Although we hold this event to provide special emphasis on the needs in our local community, supporting the Food Shelf is an ongoing responsibility. Food donations may be placed at any time throughout the year in the blue box marked for the Greece Food Shelf and volunteers will deliver them. If you are willing to help the Food Shelf with delivery to their clients, please contact the Food Shelf directly.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ALSO NEEDED FOR MISSION SHARE AND EMMANUEL UMC



Both Mission Share Outreach Center and Emmanuel United Methodist church distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to local youngsters who need them. These are the supplies needed by **Mission Share: 24-count boxes of crayons, white glue, wide-ruled notebook paper, two-pocket folders, 1-subject spiral-bound notebooks, rulers, and pencil-tip erasers.** The backpacks will be filled on Thursday,

August 18, from 7:00-8:30 PM at Mission Share and distributed on Thursday, August 25, from 5:45-9:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Opportunities Board if you wish to help either time.

Emmanuel UMC 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 sharp-**



eners, calculators, rulers, thumb drives (1 GB or higher) **highlighters, pencil cases, glue sticks, drawing paper, construction paper, and index cards.** Bilingual New Testaments will be included in each backpack. The backpacks themselves have been ordered through Mission Share at their discount rate and will be paid for with the money raised by the Fiesta Latina BBQ.

Totes labeled for Mission Share and Emmanuel will be under the coat rack with the UMCOR supply boxes. Your generosity will help support students both here in Greece and in the City of Rochester.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR POTENTIAL LATINO/HISPANIC MINISTRY

Our partnership with Emmanuel UMC has led to discussions of the possibility of starting a ministry here at Aldersgate since the number of people of Latino/Hispanic heritage in our immediate area is growing. The Church Council has invited **Hector Rivera** from Emmanuel, who is preparing to become a local pastor in the United Methodist Church, and his wife **Maria**, a teacher in the City School District, to meet with us at our next meeting on August 18. The Council meeting, as always, is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Since it is very important that we seek the will of the Lord in this venture, we would like to begin with prayer. **Please contact Pastor Anne** if you are interested in being part of a group that will meet on a regular basis to pray about whether or not we should proceed and, if we should, how to reach those who may want this ministry.

At the same time we are working on a couple of events jointly with Emmanuel that may lead us forward—a concert with an Hispanic artist on October 29 that will be part of their anniversary celebration and a presentation of their puppet ministry for children on December 10. Again, if you would like to be part of the planning for those two events, please let Pastor Anne know.

Let's see where the Lord leads us!

Church Events and Opportunities

BELL CHOIR is taking a break for the summer. We will resume in September.

DINE WITH US AT APPLEBEE'S

YES, APPLEBEE'S ON JULY 4

We know that the first Monday in July falls on Independence Day. We will be there. If you are picnicked out for the weekend, what better way to celebrate than to join your friends at Applebee's anytime from 4:00-9:00 PM on July 4! Receipts turned in that night to your Aldersgate representatives will bring a tithe of the amount you spend on food back to our Building Fund.

Planning ahead, mark your calendar for Applebee's night on August 1 and on Labor Day, September 5. The regulars know how much fun it is to go table-hopping and to see all the others from Aldersgate. If you haven't come before, please do join us and share in the good times.

Mission Trip: We are headed to Cincinnati on July 17 and returning on July 22. We will be working in various mission opportunities in the city there for the week. At present there are 16 people of all ages going from Aldersgate. **We have room for one more.** (If you'd like to go, let Pastor Anne know immediately!) Please keep us in prayer as we are in ministry with the people of Cincinnati.

GAME NIGHT is taking a break for the summer. They will resume in September.

Annual Conference 2011

Reflections from your Lay Representative

Rochester was the scene of the 2nd session of the Upper New York Annual Conference which took place June 7-11. This was my first exposure attending such a function so the proceedings and culture of the event was quite a new experience. My intent is not to provide a full recap or articulate the conference purpose, just share five items which I found of interest and reflect my perception. Should you really want more conference detail, feel free to contact me or one of our Pastors.

How many of you know there was a significant reorganization a couple years ago. We used to be part of the Western New York Conference, but that melded with three other conferences to form the organization which we have today. That brings me to reflection #1 – This conference felt like when you first get to high school. All of a sudden the quantity of class mates has increased quite a bit because all the feeder schools have sent their children to one location. If memory serves me correct, there are over 930 churches in the Conference. While we share a common belief and discipline, we really don't know each other yet but it's not for a lack of trying. You can only become acquainted with so many new people at a time, it will take some time. This poses challenges when it comes time to vote for delegates because quite often you have no personal knowledge of them.

Reflection #2 – I felt like I was attending a political convention at times and in a court house at others. There are very strict proceedings (Robert's Rules) which are followed. If you are not familiar with them, the protocol can be confusing. However, I can see why it's necessary with such a large contingent. I was informed teaching of these rules is part of Pastor training. Good thing.

Reflection #3 – Not all UME districts are the same. I mean this in a philosophical way and how traditionally they want to represent Biblical teachings in their voting. I suppose you could also call it conservative vs. liberal. There were, and will be, a number of controversial topics and petitions introduced which could modify some traditional doctrines of the Church. The most sensitive and divided area of discussion during the conference was that around homosexuality. There is growing support to eliminate any language in our resolutions which is perceived to single out this group of individuals.

Reflection #4 – There are changes going on with the United Methodist Church and it's not by coincidence. A marketing and advertising campaign by the UMC Conference called *Rethink Church* is underway. One of the tenets of this campaign is the recognition that people don't want to be seen as a "number" within the system. If you don't think there is any conscious marketing going on, just refer to the June 4 D&C newspaper where a full-page article was taken out by the conference.

Reflection #5 – I expected people to enjoy fellowship, to be friendly....and they were. Every meal except one, I sat with a whole table of total strangers and was able to have pleasant conversation. The attendees were also very giving as demonstrated by contributions to the designated offerings.

In Him,
Rich Keller

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(15"x25" to 17"x27"); washcloths; large, sturdy combs at least 8" long (rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable); nail files or fingernail clippers; bath-sized (3 oz. or more) bars of soap; adult-sized toothbrushes in original wrappers; and adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.

Layette Kits include cloth diapers pre-folded or plain, shirts or onsies, baby washcloths, baby gowns or sleepers, diaper pins, sweaters or hooded sweatshirts open in the front, and receiving blankets 30"x 30" or 30" x 32".

Members of Sew 'n Sew's are busy making School Bags, baby gowns, and sweaters. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join the group, which will continue to meet at 1:00 PM in Room 1 on the second Monday of each month throughout the summer. Joyce Farrokh has the patterns for the school bags and baby gowns.

Last year we delivered 150 School Kits, 151 Health Kits, and 40 Layette Kits to the Mission Central Hub at Cortland UMC. Tens of thousands of kits from around the country have gone to disaster sites this last year including many still needed in Haiti. Putting these kits together is a prime example of how we can make a real difference in the lives of real people around the world by connecting our efforts with those of other United Methodists.

READING CIRCLE CONTINUES TO MEET THROUGHOUT SUMMER

Reading Circle will meet on its regular schedule this summer. The **July 7** meeting is Show and Tell. Come prepared to share briefly a book you have enjoyed reading recently and to make recommendations for books to read for the 2011-2012 program year. Then, based on the availability of the recommended books, the group will make their selections at the **August 4** meeting.

Also, for August the group will be reading *This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President*. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Monrovia, Liberia, and has been a featured speaker at General Conference and other UM events. In January 2006 she took office as president of Liberia at the end of fourteen years of brutal civil war there. Readers will be inspired by her perseverance through abuse, imprisonment, and exile to achieve her goals and by her vision for her country. 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.

Church Council News

Many people have asked how the procedures and operations of the church function. Like any other organization, a church must have an infrastructure of leadership – both people and committee’s - to ensure the day to day operations run smoothly and in accordance with our mission. At Aldersgate, in keeping with the United Methodist tradition, we have several standard oversight committee’s, and a number of specialized groups that oversee the various workings and ministries of our church. In an effort to help our church family better understand the inner workings of Aldersgate, we will be featuring a Hinge article each month that highlights each of the leadership committees, and what they do.

The committee at Aldersgate that serves as the main oversight body, similar to a Board of Directors in a not-for-profit corporation, is called the Church Council. This group meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM, and is made up of the Chairs of all the committees of the church. The charge of the Church Council is to further the mission and vision of our church by providing direction and guidance on new or existing programs; overseeing the allocation of resources – ensuring they align with our mission; offering support and assistance to the leaders and members of the congregation; and ultimately ensuring the continued health and growth of the church in our service to God. The Council is responsible to make final decisions on issues that impact the life of the church, such as adopting a new program, and/or changing a

policy, ministry, or “tradition” of the church. For situations that require a decision, a discussion takes place to ensure everyone has a voice, followed by a democratic voting system using traditional Roberts Rules of Order.

The current Church Council members are: The Reverend Anne, O’Connor, Senior Pastor; Jane Shukitis, Chair of the Church Council; Jerry Wolter, Pastor of Visitation & Membership Care; Jan Winter, Finance Secretary; Dick Caupp, Benevolence Treasurer; Nancy Bader, Church Council Secretary; David Roza, Chair of Worship Committee; Sue Spice and Lisa Deutch, Co-Chairs of Staff-Parish Relations Committee; Jan Rothfuss, Chair of Evangelism and Membership Care; Richard Keller, Lay Member to Annual Conference; Cori Loudon, Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference; Gretchen Hughes, Liaison for United Methodist Woman Group; Derek Hanson, Youth Director; Colleen Tyler and Rhonda Simonelli, Christian Education Directors; Gordon Spicer, Chair of Trustees; Joyce Farrohk, Chair of Missions and Prayer; Ted Coburn, Terry & Nancy Young, and Harry & Roxanna Mothersbough, Members at Large

The meetings are open for anyone to come and observe and/or participate in the discussions. Only those who are members of the Church Council have voting rights, however. The Church Council is here to serve you, and welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to talk with any of us with your concerns or ideas.

YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND STILL NEEDED

In recent years we have seen three members of Aldersgate become pastors: Rick LaDue, Matt French, and Doug Hess. We are happy that Aldersgate was able to provide some financial support to each of them while they were attending school. We set up a special fund for Rick through Asbury College, Matt was helped by the SOLO Scholarship Fund, and Doug received support from the Ministry Education Support Fund.

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. This is a fine tradition and one that we must continue. We are particularly fortunate to have both Cori Loudon and Derek Hansen in our congregation who are called to full-time Christian service.

This is a good time to make a special gift to this fund so that there are some funds to start with in the fall. Your check should be made payable to *Aldersgate UMC* and marked “*Ministry Education Support.*” Helping this fund grow will pay dividends in the future for God’s kingdom.

Sally Stewardship

Dear Sally Stewardship,

I understand that money gets tight during the summer in many churches. How do our finances hold up in the summer?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

How nice of you to ask! Summer can be a problem. People do tend to take their vacations away from home during the summer. (Although why anyone would want to leave Rochester during the summer boggles my mind.) Anyway, attendance often drops and so does the amount of money in the plate. Unfortunately, many people only give when they are present. If they “catch up,” it isn’t until they return. That, of course, is better than not catching up.

The “summer slump” has not been as much a problem at Aldersgate in recent years as it had been sometimes in the past. That’s why the subject has not come up recently. Enough of our members realize that salaries and utility bills have to be paid regardless of the fine weather outside. They know that items like music and Sunday School curricula are ordered in the summer for fall use. As a result, they send their offerings in advance when they are planning to be away for a time. They are also smart enough to realize that, with

the money already out of their bank accounts, they won’t be as tempted to spend it wildly and foolishly while on vacation! They don’t have to come back to face catching up on their church pledges at the same time they are paying their vacation credit card bills. They avoid a massive guilt attack.

Yes, I know I’m laying it on a little thick; but you know that there’s truth in what I’m saying. Because of our schedules or our children’s schedules, summer is often the best or only time to take trips or to visit grandparents. Vacations are important to our mental and emotional health. Church attendance is naturally likely to be down. Just remember that our church doors don’t close when you are gone.

Another thought--while you are away, make it a point to attend churches in the area you are visiting. You will be able to continue your practice of regular worship and may find it enlightening to share worship with people in other parts of the country. Oh, and don’t forget to put something in the offering there!

Thanks again for asking and enjoy God’s gift of summer!

Joyfully yours,
Sally Stewardship

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW SET FOR OCTOBER

Flyers have been sent out to past vendors for our upcoming Crafts & Collectibles Show on **Friday & Saturday, October 14 & 15**. Several vendors have called or stopped by at the Rummage Sale; so we know there’s interest! If you know people who may want to participate, pick up vendor flyers for them from the Missions Counter or give their names and addresses to Candy Metzger or Gretchen Hughes. We are also interested in donations of craft items for the church booth.



Serving in Our Worship Services in July & August

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/3	Gretchen Hughes	Dick Stacy
7/10	Gloria Montgomery	Shirley Grierson
7/17	Naomi Moss	Nancy Bader
7/24	Ray Poling	Melissa Powell
7/31	Al Holmes	Wilma Shaughnessy
8/7	Rodger Burkhart	Nancy Young
8/14	Marisa Peck	Tom Simons
8/21	Cori Louden	Nicholas Spicer
8/28	Gloria Montgomery	Nancy Brehm

USHER SCHEDULE

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7/3	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Tom & Zuni Simons Nancy Bader Scott Wiley
7/10	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	John & Karen Best Walt Dunn Candy Metzger
7/17	Eric McHugh Hal & Scott Wagner Evelyn Welker	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
7/24	Eric McHugh Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Vince & Laura Acciaio Nancy Bader
7/31	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Eric Bock John Cochran Ray LaFlair Bill Teasdale
8/7	Al & Myrt Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Terry & Nancy Young Nancy Bader Scott Wiley
8/14	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker	John & Karen Best Walt Dunn Nancy Bader
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8/28	Al & Myrt Holmes Naomi Moss Linda Uebelacker	Scott Wiley John Cochran Ray LaFlair Bill Teasdale

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