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From Your Pastor

I seem to recall a song that said something like "Summertime and the living is easy." In my experience, most of the time, summer is anything but easy. We not only have our "normal" things to do (earning a living, nurturing relationships, caring for dependents, getting some exercise, cleaning the house, etc.), but we have outside maintenance, picnics, graduation parties, festivals, weddings, and all those other outdoor activities that we can't do any other time of the year. It's exhausting just thinking about it. So much activity, while good is not healthy if we don't take time to actually rest. We need times of rest and relaxation to balance our times of activity. That's in part why God commanded, "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work..." Deut. 5:12-14

The historic practice of setting aside one day for rest and worship promises peace to those who embrace. Whether we are familiar with the term "Sabbath" or not, we busy people yearn for the reality of it. We need Sabbath, even if we don't think we have time for it. I encourage you to make a conscious decision to observe the Sabbath this summer. Build time for worship and actual down time into your schedule. Make it a priority and you will find renewed joy and energy for all the other things you want to and have to do.

One Sunday you won't want to miss this summer is July 15. Celia Whitler will be leading us in worship. Celia is a singer-song writer who communicates with a powerful and unique voice as she tells stories and sings songs with an intimacy that will speak powerfully to us. Check her out at Celiamusic.net.

On another note, I hope you enjoyed reading "The Generosity Ladder" as much as I did and found it as encouraging and helpful. (If you haven't had time to read it yet, I encourage you to do so. It's well worth a couple hours of your time.) Have you taken the challenge to tithe (to give the first 10% of your income to the work of God through the church) for four months? I'd love to hear your stories. If you have questions or concerns, give me a call and we can find a time to talk about it. I have been blessed by tithing for many years. I know you, too, will find joy in doing so if you give it a try.

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 Chitie Edgett or the church office.

Hospitalized: Shirley Grierson – Rochester General, Len Mack, Wilma Jean Smith - Unity

Recovering at home: Pauline Ashley, Mavis Beers, Jimmie Condon, Robert Fisher, Roger Forbes, Greg Heizyk, Fred Hild, Shannon Marsh, Len Mack, Roxanna Muthersbaugh, Gordon Preston, Tom Simons, John Sobus, Evelyn Welker, Louie VanKouwenberg

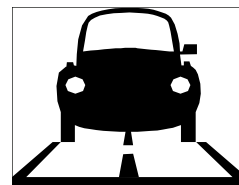
Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Hayden Armendinger (father of

Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Lura Carstens (mother of Ted Carstens), Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa Deutsch), Valerie Eckels, Chitie Edgett, Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Stella Gagliano, Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Shirley Grierson, Becky Hess, David Hogestyn (son of Dean & Jackie Hogestyn), Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Vince Jowett (friend of Hal Wagner family), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Mr. Kingsley (friend of Briana Kephart), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Kim Latragna, Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Tom Marsh, Charlotte

& Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Barbara Robinson, Bill Shirk (friend of Evelyn Welker), John Sobus, Jr., Wayne Smith (cousin of Candy Metzger), David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Allan Wiley, Debbie Wolfe

Our home-bound: John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Al Antczak – Episcopal Church Home; Jeanne Barr, Maurice & Evelyn Deuel – Hilton East; Mavis Beers, Ted Coburn – Villages; Malcolm Beers, Phoebe Brown - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong – Crimson Ridge Meadows; Maxine Pollock – Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; Len Mack, Martha Thomson – Woodlands; Evie Souve – LeRoy Village Green



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 Chitie Edgett. 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.

If you need to be put on the prayer chain, please call the church office at 663-3665.



ALL items for the September Hinge are due August 15.

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

Dear Aldersgate Family:

As we come to the “Good Old summertime” it is time for a bit of relaxation and a break from the regular routine.

I’ve found that humor is one of the best ways to relax and get through even difficult times! I agree with John Wesley in a letter that was quoted in the Joyful Noiseletter.

A letter from John Wesley

Rev. Dale Schoening of Slater & Sheldahl United Methodist Churches, IA, unearthed this excerpt from John Wesley’s *Letters, Vol. 1*:

“You seem to apprehend that I believe religion to be inconsistent with cheerfulness and with a sociable, friendly temper. So far from it that I am convinced, as true religion or holiness cannot be without cheerfulness, so steady cheerfulness, on the other hand, cannot be without holiness or true religion.

And I am equally convinced that true religion has nothing sour, austere, unsociable, unfriendly in it. Are you for having so much cheerfulness as you can? So am I.”

So, in the spirit of Wesley I share with you a little summer humor from the Joyful Noiseletter to brighten your day.

“During a service with our school children on Friday the 13th I was talking about superstitions. Discussing the Last Supper (in which Christ and the 12 Apostles had a betrayer in their midst), I asked, ‘Why do people consider 13 an unlucky number?’”

“A fourth-grade girl answered, ‘Because that’s the age when you become a teenager.’”

—Rev. Joseph M. Esper

In his children’s sermon, a pastor told the story of Jonah being swallowed by a big fish, and how after Jonah prayed to the Lord, the fish “vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.”

The pastor asked, “What does the fish vomiting Jonah out on the dry land indicate to us today?”

A small boy raised his hand and exclaimed, “It proves that even a fish can’t stomach a bad preacher!”

—Rev. Karl R. Kraft

A church surveyed its members, mailing a questionnaire which asked, among other things: “How far do you live from the church?” and “How long does it take you to get to church?”

One member replied: “I live about four blocks from the church, and it takes me about three months to get there.”

You know you’re in a country church when...

- The choir is known as the “OK Chorale”.
- The dogs on the floor howl when the organ hits high notes.
- The collection plates are hubcaps from a 1953 Ford.
- In response to a sermon on Jesus’ feeding the 5,000, people ask the pastor on the way out whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch them.

Have a happy, relaxing summer — and remember to be in church every Sunday — whether at home or on vacation!

God bless you,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor

Our new summer Sunday school is starting this June!

It will be a great introduction and follow-up to our SONRISE national Parks VBS theme this year. Welcome to **Summit Seekers**, an adventure for children ages 5-12.

We want our children to know that whatever their circumstances, they can depend on God to help them, teach them, guide them, forgive them, and love them!

Summit Seekers has fresh new songs, fun games, worship activities and great Bible stories that will give kids new ways to discover God's tremendous love and amazing promises. These cool adventures will be offered at both services throughout the summer.

GROW! PROCLAIM SERVE

Grow your faith by leaps and bounds!

RALLY DAY will be on **Sunday, September 9th**! We will start our new school year with a backpack blessing, exciting new curriculum, and attendance incentives! More information will be in next month's *Hinge* and sent home to parents in August!

There will be a very cool and important **SONRISE National Parks** Vacation Bible School Staff meeting on **Sunday, July 15, 2012 at 5:00 PM**. This will be a dinner meeting in the church office. Hot pizza, salad, dessert, and beverages will be served. All materials will be distributed this evening. Please try to attend. Thanks so much!



IT'S GOING TO BE A COOL, COOL SUMMER!

POINT YOUR KIDS TO JESUS! SIGN-UP FOR VBS TODAY!

2012 SONRISE National Park VBS here at Aldersgate UMC

On August 6-10 from 9 AM-12 PM Pre-K-6th grade

Registration forms are on-line, in the church office, on the Christian Education bulletin board and in Sunday school classes.

We still need many shepherds to help direct children to the classrooms

We had a beautiful day for our church picnic at Braddock's Bay Park last Sunday. Great food, great fun and fellowship were had by all. A special thank you to Gordon Spicer and Roger Forbes for their excellent culinary grilling skills and to Jan and Dan Rothfuss for assisting in setting up and keeping things running smoothly during the picnic.

THANK YOU

Have you seen or walked by or in the Christian Education Supply Closet lately? Well, things have changed a lot! We want to thank Nancy Bader for offering her time on many Saturdays to clean it out and organize our supplies and materials in such a nice and more accessible way. Thanks so much, Nancy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July & August

Emma Byrnes	July 1	Bill Teasdale	July 19	Kurt Lindeman	August 13
Eric DeCann	July 2	Doug Hess	July 20	Marilyn Sobus	August 14
Ivan Montgomery	July 2	Brenda Love	July 20	Gege Dunn	August 15
Shirley Grierson	July 3	Samantha Hanko	July 21	Rhonda Simonelli	August 15
Donn Rice	July 3	Floyd Hughes	July 23	Jim Haschmann	August 15
Colleen Tyler	July 4	Allison McHugh	July 24	J. J. Wehrle	August 17
Malcolm Beers	July 8	Emma Bock	July 25	Nathan Dunn	August 23
Ryan Lindeman	July 10	Seward Griffin	July 27	Ellie Cook	August 25
Marisue Caupp	July 11			Gary Hogestyn	August 25
Jared Jones	July 14	Chris Peeck	August 2	Molly Donovan	August 25
Debra Simm	July 14	Dustin Deutsch	August 3	Terry Young	August 26
Caleb Thompson	July 15	Cassandra Sobus	August 4	Dick Edgett	August 27
Michelle Maggio	July 15	Dennis Pankey	August 4	Morgan Wehrle	August 30
Angela Maggio	July 15	Ray Poling	August 6	Mike Accapezzato	August 30
June Griffin	July 16	Amanda Carpenter	August 7	Roxanna Muthersbaugh	
Tom VanKouwenberg		Luke Simonelli	August 7		August 31
	July 18	Ruth Loomis	August 8	Jane Shukitis	August 31
Michael Spicer	July 19	Evelyn Welker	August 13		



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
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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ALSO NEEDED FOR MISSION SHARE AND EMMANUEL UMC

In addition to the supplies collected for UMCOR, we try to collect as many items as we can for local students. Both Mission Share Outreach Center and Emmanuel United Methodist Church distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to local youngsters who need them. Both need these supplies by mid-August.

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 23, from 7:00-8:00 PM at Mission Share and distributed on Thursday, August 30, from 6:00-9:00 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, ball-point 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.** Bilingual New Testaments will be included in each backpack.

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.



GOLF TOURNAMENT HELPS FUND MISSION SHARE

A special day of golf at **Braemar Country Club on July 21** will support the work of Mission Share. The day's events start with a luncheon at noon, followed by tee off at 1:30 PM and an awards dinner at 6:00 PM. The entry fee is \$99 per player, reduced to \$85 for **early bird registration by June 30.** The Tournament is a Scramble with one score per team. For more information, registration, and opportunities for sponsorship, go to www.missionshareoutreach.org.

CROP WALK RESULTS: 56 walkers representing 7 Greece churches walked together on a bright and sunny afternoon, Sunday, May 6th and raised a total of over \$5,725 to combat hunger through Church World Service. 25% of the money raised will benefit Greece Food Shelf and the rest will be used throughout the world. Aldersgate again served as a rest stop along the route. Many thanks to all who participated by walking, sponsoring or helping at Aldersgate.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my father, Charles Peyser over the last 2-1/2 years and the thoughtfulness and prayers upon his death on 5/16/12. I am blessed with my church family.

Bobbi Mohrmann

RUMMAGE SALE SETS ANOTHER RECORD

Our total receipts from the Rummage Sale so far are \$5227.00, about one hundred dollars higher than last year. Of that amount \$2600 has been donated to the Building Fund. The remainder after some minor expenses will help the UMW complete its Pledge to Mission and fund our activities and outreach for the rest of the year.

What happens to the goods left over? We bagged the remaining clothing and took it to the St. Pauly's Shed at Greece UMC. The money that comes in from that shed goes to Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity. Mothers In Need Of Others took two van loads of furniture and other household items they could use. The books were given to Greece UMC for the sale they had the following weekend, and the rest is to be picked up by the Volunteers of America.

Well done and thank you, everyone!

COLLECTING FOR UMCOR KITS BEGINS

Start watching now for sale ads for school supplies. They traditionally start shortly after July 4. We will once again be putting together **School, Health, and Layette Kits** for the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** at the UMW meeting on September 27. We start the collection early in order to get the best prices and to reach our goals for each kind of kit. In the past we aimed for 150 each of the school and health kits and 50 layette kits. Unless we have an additional driver willing to make the trip to deliver kits, we'd like to have more health and layette kits and fewer school kits. The crayons and paper supplies in the school kits make them very heavy to transport. The trip last year was a concern until the supplies were delivered safely.

As we have in past summers, totes 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. All items must be new.

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 (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. We are also making pillowcase dresses to send to Mission Central for shipment overseas. 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. If you are not free at that time and would like to work at home, Joyce Farrokh has the patterns for the school bags, baby gowns, and pillowcase dresses.

Last year we delivered 163 School Kits, 166 Health Kits, and 45 Layette Kits to the Mission Central Hub at Cortland UMC. Through these kits we touch lives around the world by providing supplies for disaster relief and education programs.

READING CIRCLE MEETS YEAR ROUND

Reading Circle will continue its regular schedule of meeting on the first Thursday of each month. On **July 5** come prepared to share briefly a book you have enjoyed reading recently and to vote for the book selections to read for the 2012-2013 program year.

For the August 2 meeting members will read the runaway bestseller *Heaven Is for Real* by Todd Burpo.. Copies of the book will be available in the church library. If it is judged to be too warm to meet in the library, we will meet in the Gathering Space where it is air-conditioned.

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.

APPLEBEE'S NIGHTS CONTINUE

Participation in Applebee's Nights on the first Monday of each month continues to be strong. We will be there on both **July 2** and **August 6**.

Join your friends there anytime from 4:00-9:00 PM Receipts turned in that night to your Aldersgate representatives will bring a tithe of the amount you spent on food back to our Building Fund.

Applebee's has contributed over \$16,000 toward paying the mortgage on the church in the years we have been going there. When will that total reach the equivalent of one month's payment - \$17,461. Watch for that announcement in upcoming months.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY

With the first Sunday in July, the Adult Bible Class will begin a six-part discussion and video study by Jim Wallis, editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine, "**Justice for the Poor: Love God, Serve People, Change the World.**" Join us for this challenging look at the underlying systems and attitudes that keep people in poverty. How do Jesus' life and teachings call us to respond? What should be the expectations of the church? The government?

Here are the topics each week:

- July 1 – "Burger King Mom": Being Poor in America.
- July 8 – Is There Something Wrong with the "Prosperity Gospel"?
- July 15 – Standing at the Corner of Church and State
- July 22 – The Gospel According to New Orleans
- July 29 – "Outside the Gate": The Poor and the Global Economy
- August 5 – From Serial Charity to a Just Society

The Adult Bible Class meets at **9:30 AM in the church parlor** each Sunday.

POWERPOINT HELP NEEDED

We are in need of one or more people who are willing to help with the Powerpoint for the 11:00 AM service. If you are familiar with Powerpoint and are willing to help out, please contact Colleen Tyler. Thank You.

HOW CAN YOU MEET YOUR FUTURE NEEDS AND HELP THE CHURCH, TOO?

The Rev. Dr. Keith Muhleman, the President of the **United Methodist Frontier Foundation**, will be with us on Wednesday, July 11, to answer that question. The main topic will be charitable gift annuities, which you usually hear about near the end of the year.

Charitable gift annuities offer you a way to further a cause you believe in yet allow you to benefit from lifetime payments that may be partially tax-free or taxed at lower rates than other income; offer you income, gift, and estate tax savings; and may offer you favorable treatment of capital gains.

The consultants we have used over the last several years have advised us to explore various kinds of planned giving with members of our congregation. Indeed some members have asked for this information as well. In response the Stewardship Committee is offering this opportunity.

Those interested are invited to sign up to join us for a light summer dinner at **6:00 PM** in the **Idle Center** during which Dr. Muhleman will speak and answer your questions.

11:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please join the 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School class in the Parlor through the summer. (No class on July 15.) Bobbi Mohrmann will be leading on June 24 and July 1 and then Vicki Souve will be leading the rest of July and August.

GRIEF SHARE TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Our grief support group will begin another series of Grief-Share beginning September 8th at 11:00 AM. If you or someone you know, has suffered the death of a loved one, please join us. All are welcome. See Pastor Jerry or Paul Brown.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Aldersgate is planning to receive another group of people into membership on Sunday, October 21st. If you are not now a member and would like to be included, please contact Pastor Anne or Pastor Jerry. You may join by transfer from another church or by confession of faith. Pastor Anne will be leading membership classes from Sept. 23 — Oct. 14.

From our May 17 meeting.

Our first 2012 Church Goal – this initiative is in progress. The goal is “Continued emphasis on getting out into the community. Initiate method to track and monitor.”

Appointment of Rev. Hector Rivera, as a Licensed Local Pastor at Aldersgate is contingent upon Board of Ordained Ministry and Cabinet approval. A letter was sent to District Superintendent, Ted Anderson regarding this appointment.

The Nominations Committee is seeking individuals to serve on the Committee. Please contact Pastor Anne, if interested.

Also, the Lay Leader and Council chairperson positions are “open”. All positions require an individual being a Church member. Again, please contact Pastor Anne, if interested.

Richard Caupp was appointed to serve as Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference effective June 1, 2012.

The Church’s 2011 Annual Report is available from the Church office. Please contact Candy Metzger for a copy.

OUR CHURCH STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE

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Evelyn Welker, Housekeeper	
Robin Fox, Nursery Attendant	

**Aldersgate General Email: info@aumcgreece.org
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Dear Sally Stewardship,

The church is bringing in someone to talk about planned giving. Doesn't all that talk about saving up and planning inheritances go against what Jesus said about storing up our treasures in heaven rather than down here and trusting that God will take care of us like he does the ravens and the lilies?

Confused

Dear Confused,

I assume you are talking about Luke 12:22-34. In my Bible that section is headed, "Do not worry." More than once Jesus told those following him to "sell all they had and give to the poor." The concern expressed here & elsewhere is our very human tendency to become too attached to our possessions, too eager to acquire more, and too afraid we won't have "enough," whatever that is.

He is not suggesting that we shouldn't be working hard, planning ahead, and taking care of our families. In fact Jesus pointed out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees in Matthew 15:5. Where the scriptures say to "honor your father and mother," Jesus told them,

"But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition." In other words, to tell your parents, "I was going to help you out, but I decided to give that money to God," is pure nonsense. It's just an excuse to get out of a responsibility.

In II Corinthians the Apostle Paul had much to say about the importance of giving and giving freely and cheerfully. However, in 12:14 he clearly implies that people should be taking care of their own needs and preparing to help their children, "After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children."

Bottom line—everything we have is a gift from God. We should be wisely planning our giving and our living. Whether we are giving a tithe or more, with the rest of the gifts we have been given, we should be taking care of our families and planning for our own future. It is

essential to plan for our care should we become ill; to make wills and set up trusts if the resources are there; to decide how much we want to leave to our children, other family and friends; to determine what kind of legacy we can leave to our church. If we don't plan, the government and the executors of our estates will.

What we don't know can hurt us. As a church we should be helping to make information available to you so that you can make good and prayer-filled decisions. Now is not the time to get skittish about our futures and the future uses of those resources God has given us. There's more to the message than, "Don't worry; be happy." Good plans make it easier for God to free us up from worry so that we can concentrate on building His kingdom!

Responsibly yours,

Sally Stewardship

United Methodist Women (Cont.)

UMW MEMBERS: COMPLETE YOUR READING PLAN FOR 2012 and turn your report in to **Bobbie Eckert by the end of August**. For Plan I you just need to read one book each from each of the five categories—Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth—and *Response Magazine*. Selections can be from the 2008-2012 reading lists if they haven't been included in previous reports. There's a good supply of books on the UMW cart in the church library. Some of them are quite short! Copies of *Response Magazine* are on the bottom shelf of the cart. Could we regain our leadership this year as the unit with the most readers?

UPCOMING DATES:

July 9 & August 13 – Sew 'n Sew's at 1:00 PM in Room 1.

July 26-28 – School of Christian Mission at Camp Asbury. Pick up registration form on the Mission Counter.

September 22 – Genesee Valley District Annual Meeting

SCRIPTURE READERS

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/1	Ray Poling	Nancy Young
7/8	Dave Roza	Wilma Shaughnessy
7/15	Gloria Montgomery	Melissa Powell
7/22	Lisa Deutsch	Dick Caupp
7/29	Karen Rice	Shirley Grierson
8/5	Gloria Montgomery	Nancy Young
8/12	Susan DeVincentis	Gege Dunn
8/19	Ray Poling	Nancy Bader
8/26	Dick Edgett	Mary Sims

ACOLYTES

The ushers will fill in for the Acolytes through July and August.

USHER SCHEDULE

	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
7/1	Myrt & Al Holmes Evelyn Welker Linda Uebelacker	Nancy & Terry Young Nancy Bader Zuni Garcia-Simons
7/8	Al & Myrt Holmes Eric McHugh Evelyn Welker	Nancy Bader Walt Dunn John & Karen Best
7/15	Myrt & Al Holmes Hal & Scott Wagner	Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
7/22	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Linda Uebelacker	John Cochran Ray LaFlair Bill Teasdale Scott Wiley
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TEACHER APPRECIATION

Blessed are those who share the love of the Lord.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

We want to say thank you to our very loving children's Sunday school teachers for the 2011-2012 school year! What a great group of teachers we have here at Aldersgate.

PRE-K Class : Holly and Lisa Deutsch, Laura Acciaio, Candy Metzger

K-3rd Grade: Nancy and Cooper Brehm, Chitie Edgett, Zuni Simons

4th -6th Grade: Nan Keller

6th - 8th Grade: Jim and Lorraine Christie

9th-12th Grade: John Simm

To our fantastic substitute teachers: Jan Winter, Mary Sims, Becky Hansen, Rick Keller, Steve Tyler, Mike Smith, and Gretchen Hughes

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