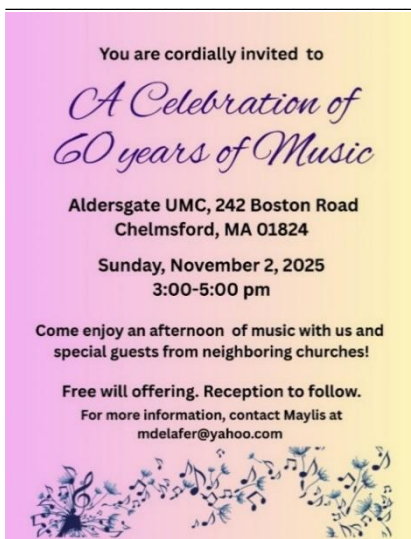


October 5, 2025

Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope, and joy... Everywhere!

The Altar Flowers today are given by Anna and Bob D’Auria in celebration of their 40th Anniversary on October 5th

**One Church Service at 9:30 on November 2nd
Turn Back your clocks on Sunday November 2nd**



Our 60th Anniversary Celebration culminates with a musical concert to commemorate 60 years in our beautiful sanctuary. Save the date and share the invitation!

If you are interested in joining the choir for this special occasion, please contact Maylis for more information and the rehearsal schedule.

"A Celebration of 60 Years of Music"
Location: Aldersgate UMC, 242 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824
Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025
Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm
Reception to follow - Free will offering

Time is Running Out to be in Our New Directory!

It’s still not too late to get your family’s photo and contact info into our new church directory! Please let us know if you are want to include a photo, either by submitting one of your own or by having someone take your photo, by contacting Betsy in the church office at 978-256-9400 or aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net. If you don’t want a photo included but want your contact info in the roster section, please let us know that too! Time is running out, so please decide soon!

Request for All Saints Names

There will be one service on November 2nd at 9:30

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Our Worship will include the reading of names of those who have died in the past year, who have gone on to join the “Saints Triumphant”. **Please have names in by October 27th**

If you would like the name of a loved one read on that day, please fill out a form on the welcome desk or email the church office or call (978-256-9400) and leave a message on the office phone, **by October 27th**. Please include as a subject “All Saints” on your email. And also include your name and the loved one’s name as well as spell it if by phone.

All Saints Sunday – November 2, 2025

My Name: _____

Name of Loved one: _____

Phonetic spelling if needed/special notes: _____

Date of Passing: _____

Please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Flower Chart

We still have two dates open on the Flower Chart – October 26th and December 7th. If you would like, please sign up to provide them for these dates. Thank you all who have given them over the year. Please also bring back any vases that you might have at home to be returned to the florist.

AUMC Habitat Workday

Please also note that we have a workday scheduled for 10-25 in Westford. We have 12 volunteers already and have room for 2 more. Ken will create a waiting list if anyone drops out. You can reach Ken at tealka@verizon.net.

Stewardship Campaign

“Grow, Serve, Share”

Commitment Sunday is October 26th!

Please watch your mailbox this week for a letter from Pastor John and the Finance Committee sharing thoughts around the 2026 Stewardship planning efforts. Last Sunday we heard from Suzanne Hevelone and how Aldersgate offers opportunities to grow, to serve, and to share resources, all of which keep our ministries strong and vibrant in this ever-changing environment.

October 26th is Commitment Sunday when we offer our pledges for the coming 2026 calendar year. We are offering numerous options for you to deliver your pledge cards to the church:

- (1) **Hand deliver** the card in the basket during the worship service on October 26th, ushers will provide guidance.
- (2) **Drop off** the card in the mail slot at the door to the ramp entrance of the church prior to Sunday, October 26th.
- (3) **Mail** the card to the church by October 26th.
- (4) **Email** our Financial Secretary, Kelly Mongiovi (kmongiovi@aol.com) and let her know your pledge for 2026.

Many of our ministries continue to share Christ’s living presence with our members and the community. We hope you persevere in faith with your eyes on Jesus as you reflect upon God’s goodness in your lives and prayerfully consider what your pledge and commitment will be for the coming year.

Jean Piper’s memorial Service

Jean's memorial service will be held at Christ Community Fellowship on 43 Maple St., Madison ME on Saturday October 18, 2025, 11:00am (live stream) followed by internment of both Chuck and Jean at Forest Hill Cemetery and a 1pm reception back at Christ Community Fellowship.

This is the very location Jean and Chuck were married 70 years ago October 15th, 1955. The livestream address is <https://www.youtube.com/@ccfmadison1749> Here's a link to the church website. <https://ccfmadison.org/#new-here>

The family respectfully asks that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Jean’s name to Aldersgate United Methodist Church Memorial Fund 242 Boston Rd., Chelmsford, MA 01824 or The Pleasant Pond Protective Association, P.O. Box 36, Caratunk, ME 04925. Finally, a very special thanks to Beacon Hospice Care, truly, angels among us!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Please join us in the back parking lot on Sunday, October 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m. for our Trunk-or-Treat event! We’ll have games, prizes, and, of course, candy to hand out! Everyone in the community is invited. Spread the word and bring a friend!



JUNIOR YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

This fellowship group is for youth in grades 5th – 7th grade. Friends are always welcome!
Adult Education Update

What, Me Worry?

Friday, October 17, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We’ll talk about things we worry about and how our faith can help us through. Please bring a snack to share. We will need a parent helper to assist with this meeting.



SENIOR YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS!

All youth in grades 8 – 12 are welcome to join us at any time.

What, Me Worry?

Sunday, October 19, noon – 1:30 p.m.

We’ll make mac & cheese for lunch and talk about things we worry about and how our faith can help us through.

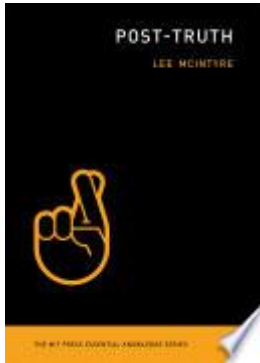


Trunk-or-Treat!

Sunday, October 26, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

We will help set up and run games at this church-wide Halloween event in the back parking lot.

Adult Education Update



There will be no Adult Ed class today because of the holiday weekend. Join us next week at 9:45 in the Concord Room to continue our discussion and discovery of *5 Marks of a Methodist*. Thursday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study Oct. 16. Pastor John will lead the group through the book *Truth In A Post-Truth World* by D. Stephen Long. Pastor John will provide a reading schedule. Order the book online and join us Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the Concord Room.

Early Bird Bible Study 10/14

Early Bird continues to explore the theme "The Christian Journey". Previous discussion was on the heart. It is the center of both our spiritual and physical well-being. When we invite Christ into our life, He changes our heart. From that changed heart flows love, forgiveness, service, gratitude and more. We will next look at how Christ in our heart changes how we love. This week's topic is 'Christians Love.' The Scripture is John 13:35. Plan to be a part of this discussion. Early Bird meets on Tuesday at ten o'clock via Zoom