

November 2, 2025

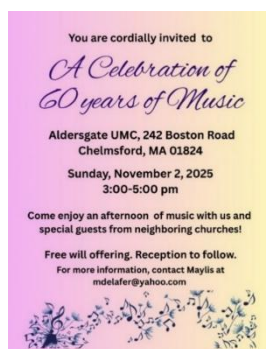
Our Vision—A beacon of God’s love radiating faith, hope, and joy... Everywhere!

Turn Back your clocks TODAY for the end of Daylight Savings.

**One Church Service TODAY at 9:30 on November 2nd
No Church School or Adult Ed TODAY**

**The Altar Flowers today given by Elaine Brown in celebration of
Garth Brown’s birthday on November 4th**

**The Altar Flowers are given by Ben Cole on the passing of his Dad,
George Cole on October 15th. George is the former father-in-law of Cate
Lehan and Charlotte, George and Belle’s Grandfather.**



Our 60th Anniversary Celebration culminates with a musical concert to commemorate 60 years in our beautiful sanctuary.

"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

Thanksgiving baskets donations

Aldersgate will help 50 families with Thanksgiving baskets this year. Donation box and frozen turkey sign-up sheet is in entryway. Thank you!

Chelmsford High Class of 1975 Memorial Bench Dedication for Nancy Goodick

Chelmsford High Class of 1975 Memorial Bench Dedication for Nancy Goodick - Nov 7th @ CHS @ 3 PM. You are welcome to attend this dedication honoring Nancy for her years of dedication to CHS Class and the community.

From the Aldersgate Altar Guild.

We have a busy November coming up for decorating our church for Advent/Christmas period. Thankfully the Aldersgate family has always joined in after our Thanksgiving Service on November 23rd. Many members are busy filling the Thanksgiving baskets right after service but that is when we need strong boys, men, and women to bring up the Christmas decorations and Christmas trees and help put up the garlands, lights, wreaths, candles, etc,etc. to prepare for "The Coming of the Christ Child".

Please come help if you can. Will have cider and donuts in the kitchen for energy! Again thank you for all your help in the past many years. Jane

Stewardship Campaign 2026 It is not too late to submit your pledge card!

“Grow, Serve, Share”

Thank you to all those who prayerfully considered their family’s generosity plan for supporting our 2026 ministries and submitted their pledge cards. Because of your faithful giving, the Finance Committee and Ministry Leaders will be working together to reconcile our 2026 Budget as we prepare for our year ahead. Thank you again for your prayers surrounding this process and for **joining us in “Grow, Serve, Share”**

It is still not too late to send in your pledge for next year by mailing it to the church office, dropping it in the mail slot at the ramp entrance to the church or emailing Financial Secretary Kelly Mongiovi at kmongiovi@aol.com advising her of your pledge for 2025. Please return your pledge card or email the information to Kelly by November 17th since our budget reconciliation meeting is the following week.

Many thanks to Suzanne Hevelone, Mike Kane and Jill Angel for their Stewardship Moments over the last three weeks.

Surviving the Holidays

With the holiday season coming up, there is an increased focus on family, traditions, social events and cheer--all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface. Surviving the Holidays guides you through this holiday season. You'll find support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way. We will meet in the Concord Room on **Wed, Nov. 5th from 6:30 - 8:30. Register at Griefshare.org by October 29th**. There is a \$5 per book charge that will be collected at the event.

JUNIOR YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Banana Night!

Friday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we go bananas playing banana games and making banana crafts! Please bring a banana and wear banana colors – yellow, green, or brown (overripe).

SENIOR YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS!

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

College Care Packages

Sunday, November 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will putting together care packages for our college students. Please bring in 11 of an item you think a college student would like. Some examples are: mac & cheese, ramen, small pack of tissues, gum, popcorn, protein bars, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate, etc. We do have one student who is allergic to tree nuts. We will also talk about when we graduate from high school and what's next.

Food Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

Bring in items by November 16

The church school will once again help our Outreach committee by supplying items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please bring in the following items and place in the brown box located downstairs in the church school area:

PreK - 2nd Grade Class: Cranberry Sauce or Canned Green Beans

3rd - 5th Grade Class: Large Can of Fruit Cocktail

6th - 8th Grade Class: Apple Juice (plastic container)

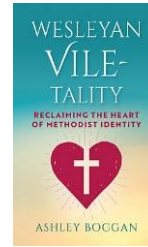
9th - 12th Grade Class: Regular Rice (no instant rice)



Sunday Morning Class

There will be no class today, November 2.

Coming in November: Wesleyan Vile-tality! Curious? Pick up the book by Ashley Boggan at any online retailer and join us in the Concord Room November 9, 16, and 23rd at 9:45 AM (or on Zoom) for a short video by the author and discuss what this concept might mean for us as Methodists and the larger church.



Thursday Morning Class

What is Truth?



Thursday Morning Bible Study is in a new series with Pastor John. Together, you'll delve into the relationships between truth, freedom, power, and justice, and examine how faith can help resist falsehood using historical examples, as well as philosophical and theological perspectives. The group will read *Truth in A Post-Truth World* by D. Stephen Long. We are continuing to discuss the first chapter. Make sure to order your book online and join us every Thursday at 10:00 am in the Concord Room or on Zoom.

Early Bird Bible Study 11/4

Early Bird continues the examination and exploration of the The Christian Life. This week's focus will be on the 'Calling and Responsibility of the Believer.' See 2 Corinthians 3:3; 5:20 and John 13:16. Other Scripture passages will also guide us in this discussion.

Early Bird now meets at nine o'clock on Tuesday mornings. See the email for the link.

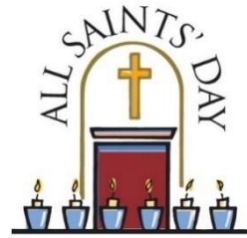
Christnas Faire and Festival is December 5 and 6

Our annual Christmas Faire and Festival is on Friday, Dec 5, 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Saturday, Dec 6, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Faire is an important fellowship and financial event, and we need everyone's help to make it a success! Please share your plans for donations of itemsto sell or volunteer to staff a table on the sign-up sheets located in the Welcome Area. Contact Bonnie Marden at BonMarden@gmail.com or 978-846-1260, if you have questions.

Bring your silent auction items or basket, centerpiece containers, jingling jewelry and Gracious Regifting donations as soon as possible to help our Elves preparations. Join the Team as we enter onto this Holy Season.

If you are working on craft items, please bring them to church before December 1st, The Knitting and crocheting folks will be pricing on Monday the 1st.

Names of members and friends of our congregation who have died since last All Saints will be read. As each name is read, our acolytes light a candle. Following the reading of these names, the congregation is invited to name the saints in your life (living or those who have died); naming those who have been a beacon of light for you



2025

Today We Remember

Robert Anderson

Peter L. Appleby.

Kathy Nichols Carson

Gail Ciesluk

George Cole

Yatesy Claire Davis Harvey

Martha Ann Holeman

Frederick J. Hryniewicz

Gail F. Kaufmann

Richard K MacWilliams

Jean Piper

Stuart Sargent

Sharon Runnels

Donna Schroeder

Grace Sullivan

Mary Margaret Sexauer

Patricia Smyton

James William Tyson Jr.