

April 5, 2026

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

“The flowers on the altar are given by Laura and Ray Brown in celebration of Emmy's 5th birthday”

“The flowers on the altar are given by the Kinnett Family in celebration of Kathrine Ann Dean's birthday on April 4th”

Opportunities On Easter

April 5 **EASTER SUNDAY** – 7:30 – 10:30 am. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall with worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am.

Habitat Workday April 11, 8-2:30

Aldersgate volunteers are needed for a workday for Habitat for Humanity at the same Concord location as last year. Please contact Ken Teal if you are interested. We need 2 more volunteers. Email tealka@verizon.net or call 978-807-7822 if you are interested. It is always a great experience.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper and Service Thank You!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Wednesday Lenten soup suppers and services this year! Whether you provided food, led a service, attended the supper and/or service, or watched the service, we appreciated your participation! A special thank you to Betsey Driscoll for organizing the suppers and providing her minestrone soup each week, Maylis for her music, and to those who led services: Pastor John, Dan Ward, Kim Ward, Laura Brown, and Christine Kelley. You each made our Lenten journey so very meaningful!

Good Friday prayer service together at West Chelmsford UMC including Aldersgate UMC April 3 at 7:30pm. See the All church email with the Friday prayer service bulletin and Hymns.

AUMC Mighty Men

AUMC men, our next Mighty Men’s meeting is slated for Saturday April 25th at 8:00am. Come join us in fellowship, a great breakfast and a continued AUMC Mighty Men Service Team discussion and a look at what makes culture. Dan Ward will lead us through some critical thinking and research, “What makes a culture?”

Music Notes for April Advocate

Spring Ring On Saturday April 11th

You are invited to join choirs from Massachusetts (including some of our ringers!) and surrounding states as they come together to ring at this year's 38th Massachusetts Spring Ring!
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Public Concert: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Location:

Tewksbury Memorial High School
320 Pleasant Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

The 2026 Flower Chart

Please sign up for your special dates May 3, May 31, June 14th and 28th are available. Please fill in the flower chart or let Betsy know if you would like her to order flowers for you. They are such a beautiful addition to our Altar. If you have vases from previous Sundays, please bring them into the office to be returned to our Florist.

The next Blood Drive on April 18th from 9am-2pm

Please sign up if you can help this important cause. There continues to be a national shortage! Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and search under April 18th to schedule an appointment. For more information call or email Cate Lehan or Robin Dye or the church office.

Interested in Learning How to Record Worship?

We are looking to add to our friendly team of volunteers who live-stream and record our worship services weekly. We take turns so everyone gets an opportunity to participate. We schedule the two-person crew each week based on everyone’s availability. Training is provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Peter Smyton (617-893-9669).

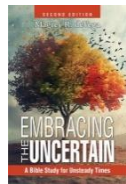
Sermon Notes

Take some time here to sketch your own picture of the resurrection. What needs to be represented to capture this scene's meaning and importance?

Adult Education at Aldersgate

Aldersgate offers several opportunities to discuss, discover and develop your understanding of and relationship with God.

Sunday mornings; 9:45 to 10:30 in the Concord Room and on Zoom. Begins April 12.



Join us as we begin six weeks of *Embracing the Uncertain* (Second Edition) by Magrey Devega. Devega invites us to wrestle with the uncertainties in our lives and the world, instead of ignoring them. This study will have us digging deep into our faith, pointing us to Jesus and showing us how to follow Him with hope, courage and obedience. Please order a book from your favorite book seller. There are also a few copies in the lobby for a suggested donation of \$17.

Thursday mornings 10 to 12 in the Concord Room and on Zoom. Begins April 9.

The group will be studying the New Testament book of Acts together. Please read Chapter 1 before the first class. If you need a Bible, there are several in the Concord Room to choose from. See Kim Ward (mikdraw@aol.com) or Debbie Smyton or Pastor John if you would like help choosing the right one for you.

Tuesday mornings, at 10 am, exclusively on Zoom. Begins April 14.

Early Bird will be exploring what it is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. For seven weeks there will be a question from Scripture which will challenge and inform us of what it means to be a disciple. The series title is *'Seven Questions - A Self-Assessment.'* Plan to join, explore the questions, and reflect on your faith journey. Direct your questions to Charles McCrea (chocprchr@verizon.net)

Early Bird

Early Bird will conclude 'Listen - Praying in a Noisy World.' The final practice is "Attentiveness and Expectancy" Please read the daily Scriptures for week six. Join in the discussion on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock via Zoom.

Chocolate Sale – Thank You!

Thank you all for supporting our senior youth as they sold their homemade chocolate! This was a fundraiser for their mission trip to Mission Central in Pennsylvania this summer.

VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, April 12, noon – 12:30 p.m.

There will be a planning meeting after the second service in the Concord Room for all who would like to help with this year's VBS program. Please see Lee Williams if you have questions.

Junior Youth Events

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

Roller Skating! Friday, April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We will go skating at Roller Kingdom in Tyngsboro. Please let Lee know if you are interested. We will need a parent to help drive and chaperone.



Senior Youth Events

All youth in grades 8 – 12 are welcome to join us. 7th graders will join us for some activities.



Easter Breakfast help Sunday, April 5, 6:30 - 11:00 a.m. (7th graders will join us) (fundraising points)

Please see Lee to sign up for a time to work a shift during the breakfast.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5

Full Course Breakfast: 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Easter Services: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

No Church School

Breakfast Menu



Oven Baked French Toast with fruit, Asparagus,
Egg Casserole, Home Fries, Bacon, Sausage,
Yogurt Parfait, baked goods, cold cereal
Juice – orange, cranberry, apple
Coffee/tea/hot chocolate

Vegan and Gluten Free options:

Vegan/gluten-free Breakfast Casserole, Vegan/gluten-free Pancakes,
Vegan Sausage, Dairy-free Yogurt Parfaits

**Donations will go toward the
youth mission trip this summer.**

You are cordially invited to a Fundraising Event for the Drew Farmhouse Barn in Westford, MA!

About the project:

Construction is officially underway at Drew Farmhouse Barn in Westford, a transformative two unit development created in partnership with The Drewhouse Project. Thanks to their support, work has begun, walls and ceilings have been plastered, and electrical work has begun. Real progress is happening every day, bringing us closer to welcoming families to Boston Road. Partner family selection is underway, and we look forward to welcoming the local families who will soon work alongside our team and volunteers to help build their future homes.

To bring these homes across the finish line, we're working toward a \$35k goal for the next stages of construction with the hope that this event will help us by raising \$10,000. This event is an important step in rallying community support for the families who will one day call these houses home.

About the fundraiser:

We're excited to announce that *Lori Trahan, U.S. Representative for Massachusetts's 3rd congressional district, will be our keynote speaker of the evening!*

She will be joined by other speakers from the community and project, to provide updates on its progress.

Site tours will be offered, as well as food & refreshments

**Registration is now open and the event is free to attend.
We hope to see you there!**

Drew Farmhouse Barn in Westford, MA

April 9th, 2026 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
70 Boston Road | Westford MA

Join us for a fundraiser & mixer to support the two new affordable homeownership opportunities being created on Boston Road in Westford. Speakers will provide an update on the project and community, including Congresswoman Lori Trahan who proudly represents Massachusetts' Third Congressional District, made up of 35 cities and towns including her hometown of Lowell.

Beer, wine, and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.



Keynote Speaker:
Lori Trahan
U.S. representative for Massachusetts's 3rd congressional district



