



ALDERSGATE ADVOCATE

October 2026

Pastor's Column

Beloved in Christ,

Welcome to October! I've learned in the last few years to think of October as the time when the trees tell us the truth. I took up woodworking several years back and, early on, I went through what I call my "woodworking nerdy phase"—I was reading books, watching YouTube videos, watching lots of Roy Underhill (a true woodworking purist! No power tools for Roy—Roy is an historian, a connoisseur, an aficionado of working wood purely by hand. He used to be the guy who ran the Woodsmith's shop in old historic Williamsburg). I even read a book or two about wood and trees and bought one of those finger-ring magnifying glasses that the wood-folk use to identify different wood species by looking closely at the grain. And one of my early learnings about trees and wood was that the leaves on a tree aren't actually green. The chlorophyll that they use to make sugar out of sunlight is green and when that chlorophyll drains out of the leaves (at this time of year), the tree leaves tell us the truth. They reveal their true, magnificent colors.

Now, don't mistake me for a chlorophyll basher, but I think there's something beautiful about when the chlorophyll drains away and, all together, the trees of our world stand together in full display revealing the truth of who they are. And the more mixed up they are the better, right? I love those electric yellows and those radiant oranges together. Sometimes they're so brilliant that they seem unreal. Sometimes it feels like a gift the way a sea of green gives way to delectable diversities. Perhaps it's God's way of reminding us to see one another that way, to see the beauty of what God is creating among us in a brand new way. But what do I know—I'm just a pastor with a love for the trees. May God reveal God's mysteries and graces to you this month in every mystery you encounter!

Deep Blessings!

Pastor John

Coming Up at Aldersgate October – December 2026

Red Cross Blood Drive: Aldersgate UMC, October 3, 9 am – 2 pm
GriefShare continues, each Wednesday, Oct 7 – Dec 16, 7 – 8:30 pm
World Communion: Sunday, October 4
Halloween Trunk or Treat: October 25, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
All Saints' Sunday: November 1
Laity Sunday: November 15
Christmas Fair: December 4, 1 – 8 pm; December 5, 10 am – 2 pm
Silent Night Service: December 8, 7 pm
Christmas Pageant: December 20, 10:45 am
Christmas Eve Services: December 24, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Red Cross Blood Drive: Aldersgate UMC, December 26, 9 am – 2 pm
December 27 - One Service at 9:30

Fall Plans for Aldersgate!

We are excited to have returned to our fall routine! Everyone is welcome for worship, education, fellowship, and the shared camaraderie and joy that we experience when we gather as a community of faith together in person.

This fall:

Worship services are offered at 8:30 and 10:45 am. The 10:45 service is live-streamed and recorded for posting on the church web site shortly thereafter.

Coffee Hour is offered in the Fellowship Hall between the services.

Church School classes are offered in-person, downstairs between the services, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Classes are held for PreK - 12th grade.

Childcare is offered 8:15 am – noon in our nursery.

Adult Education is held in the Concord Room and via Zoom at 9:45 am and is studying the Book of Ephesians. The Thursday Morning Bible study meets Thursdays in the Concord Room and via Zoom at 10:00 am and is studying the Book of Acts. Early Bird meets via Zoom each Tuesday at 10:00 am. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Committees and Small Groups are meeting in person and/or via Zoom, based upon the decision of each group. Please let Betsy in the office know of your group's plans so she can keep the calendar up to date and schedule rooms if needed.

Staff & Office Hours: Betsy continues to be in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. She works other hours from home and regularly checks voicemail and email. The other staff will also be in and out of the office, as well as working remotely, connecting by Zoom, email and phone, and are also available by appointment.

If you have gotten out of the habit of attending in person, we hope you will plan to return this fall and experience the joy of being in worship and fellowship together. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and in your participation as we begin this new year together!

Feedback on the New Video Monitors

The worship planning and live stream/recording teams have been experimenting with different ways of using our new monitors during the service. As we try different approaches to use, or not use, the monitors, we are looking for your feedback on the ways in which you find the monitors helpful or distracting. During the last few months, in what ways did you like how they were used and in what ways did you dislike how they were used? Please share your thoughts with Pastor John, Bob Peterson, Val Shupe, or Peter Smyton.

Advent Mission Project Suggestions Welcomed!

The Aldersgate Advent Mission Project (AMP) began in 2012 as part of the Advent Conspiracy program to encourage us to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, in the 14 Advent seasons since, Aldersgate has given over \$130,000 to local, national, and international charities addressing food insecurity, clean water, disease prevention and mitigation, immigration support, housing, and disaster relief. Each year, the mission has been chosen by the Outreach Committee and Church Council. This year, we welcome suggestions from the congregation. Please place your ideas in the AMP Suggestion Box located in the lobby. To properly plan for the AMP roll-out in November, we ask for your suggestions by **Sunday, October 18**. Thank you!

Women's Daytimers Breakfast Club

Breakfast club. Join us again in October – date to be determined.

Please contact Chantale 978-250-9573 to be added to list so she has an accurate headcount for the reservation.

Single Ladies Dining Out



Single Ladies Dining Out will have **lunch** together on October 24th at 1pm at Princeton Station. **Please** RSVP by Thursday October 22nd to Betsy Campbell at 978-256-9400 or aldersgatehelmsford@verizon.net so that she can reserve a table large enough. If you are a single lady and enjoy a lunch or dinner out and lots of fun conversation, we would love to have you join us. Please talk to Betsy for more information.

Book Club in the Concord Room and on Zoom

The Woman by Norah O'Donnell, October 26, Liz's pick

Being Wrong by Kathryn Scholtz, Mary's pick Nov. 24

Immense World by Ed Yong, Dec. 29, Melinda's pick

Altar of Eden by James Rollins, January 26, Faith's pic

This Is Also a Love Story by Sally Hayden, February 23, Betsey's pick



If you have a suggestion for an upcoming book let Deb Benson know. 978-604-0288

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Chelmsford Community Blood Drive Aldersgate United Methodist

**Fellowship Hall
242 Boston Rd.
Chelmsford, MA 01824**

**Saturday, October 3, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
Chelmsford to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions
on the day of your appointment.

**Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card
when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.**

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Garden Club News

This week we delivered the following to the Chelmsford Food Pantry:

5 bags of kale
4 bags of chard
5 bags of lettuce
2 bags of green beans
12 slicer tomatoes
1 pepper
5 pints cherry tomatoes
24 potatoes



The Garden Club also has the congregation's share of produce. You can find the produce on tables in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday this summer. It's helpful if you bring your own bag.

Request for All Saints Names

There will be two services on November 1st at 8:30 and 10:45

On Sunday, November 1st, 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".

If you would like the name of a loved one to be 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 31st**. 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 1, 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.

Composting Demo – Saturday, October 10, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – drop in at your convenience during morning errands



Turn your food waste into ‘Compost Gold’! The Aldersgate Green Team is hosting a demo of a home composter and will share all the benefits with you. Drop in for 10-15 minutes at the demo and learn how simple and effective it is to move food waste from your trash bin to the composter. The average household disposes of 10-14 pounds of food waste weekly (food waste is approximately 90% water) so this is a wonderful opportunity to minimize waste with the benefit of creating compost. It is easier than you might imagine. Ken Teal will be leading this and will be prepared to answer your questions.

Ken

Stretch Plastic Recycling Challenge!

The Green Team is launching a NexTrex® stretch plastic recycling challenge! Help us reach our goal to collect 250 pounds of recyclable stretchy plastic! Bring your items to one of our collection bins at church. There is a bin in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen door and another bin in the downstairs entryway.

This type of plastic is recyclable but it can NOT be placed in a curbside collection bin, since it gets tangled in the sorting equipment. It must be collected separately. Members of our Green Team will weigh the plastic and deliver it to a retailer who will mail it to NexTrex® for us. The plastic is diverted from landfills and waterways and given new life as Trex decking.

Items to collect for this Challenge:

- ✓ Single use plastic grocery or retail bags
- ✓ Bread bags
- ✓ Plastic overwrap for toilet paper, napkins, paper towels and diapers, bulk cases of water bottles & snacks
- ✓ Clean & dry plastic food storage bags (Ziplock bags)
- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Newspaper sleeves and bags
- ✓ Plastic cereal box liners
- ✓ Bubble wrap (as is) and air pillows (deflated) - remove labels
- ✓ Polyethylene film labeled #2 and/or #4

These items are NOT accepted:

- ✓ Chip bags
- ✓ Candy wrappers
- ✓ Frozen food bags
- ✓ Non-stretchy pouches, like grape bags (these are #5)



Green Team Update - Let's reduce what we throw away.

One of the many things shared at our AUMC Green Team meetings is how important it is to minimize what we waste. We spoke of a useful example from Westford which is named A to Z - How to Recycle Most Everything found at <https://www.westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2924/How-to-Recycle-Most-Everything-PDF> Before you place anything in the trash, at home or at church, check out this resource to see if there is a better idea. There often is. Just go to the index and click on what you are interested in. A few items are specific to Westford but the rest are good for all.

Happy Reducing/Reusing/Repurposing.
The Green Team



TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in the back parking lot for our church-wide 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!

Adults, please join in the fun by decorating the trunk of your vehicle and bringing candy for the trick-or-treaters!

Green Team Meeting - Sunday, November 1, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Aldersgate's Green Team will meet by Zoom. Join us as we plan our Fall projects and share ideas on how we can make our church even greener!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Rally Day!

On Sunday, September 13, we celebrated the beginning of church school and our fall program. Our church school teachers, children, and youth came together to remember how we are all welcome! If you haven't already, please register for Church School using this [link](#) or QR code.

We are blessed to have the following church school teachers this year:

PreK – 2nd Teachers: Dottie Newcomb, Kate Henderson

3rd – 5th Grade Teachers: Ray Brown, Marlene Breen

6th – 7th Grade Teachers: Dave Jones and Dan Ward



8th-12th Grade: David Driscoll, Lee Pender and Peter Smyton



We also presented Bibles to the following children: Gideon Myers received his NRSV Bible. Emmeline Brown, Caroline Dean, and Johnny Clancy received their Beginner's Bible.



CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS



Confirmation Class - Sunday, October 11, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

The next class for confirmation students and mentors will be after the second service in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Lee Williams know if your family can provide a lunch.

Confirmation Class - Sunday, October 18, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

All confirmation students and mentors will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please let Lee Williams know if your family can provide a lunch.

Confirmation Class - Sunday, November 1, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Junior Youth Events

This fellowship group is for youth in grades 5th – 7th grade.
Our mission is to provide your youth with a safe, healthy and loving environment to help them grow and experience Christianity. Friends are always welcome!

Apple Picking *(combined junior and senior youth groups)*

Sunday, October 4, noon – 3:00 p.m.

The combined junior and senior youth groups will kick off the new year with a trip to Lavoie's Farm for apple picking and a corn maze! Please bring money for apples and a bag lunch to eat. Please let Lee Williams know if you want to go, so we can plan for enough drivers and chaperones.



Glow Party!



Friday, October 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Let your light shine as we glow in the dark! We'll play games and make things that glow. Bring a friend and wear white or neon colors! Please bring a snack to share. We will need a parent helper to assist with this meeting.

Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 25, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for this church-wide Halloween event in the back parking lot. There will be games, prizes, and, of course, candy to hand out! Everyone in the community is invited. Spread the word and bring a friend!



Senior Youth Events

*All youth in grades 8 – 12 are welcome to join us at any time. During some events, the junior youth will join us.
We are a fun group of youth who celebrate Christ's presence among us by engaging in community and group activities, church participation and mission projects.*

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St Paul's Dinner

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

We will meet at Aldersgate, then travel to Elliot Church in Lowell and serve a meal.



Trunk-or-Treat! prep

Sunday, October 25, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Christmas Faire and Festival

DECEMBER 4, 2026 1pm - 8pm

DECEMBER 5, 2026 10am - 2pm



Hear Ye – Hear Ye! Save the Dates and join our creative teams preparing for our 2026 Christmas Faire and Festival! We are exploring new “Make and Take” activities this year. Please share your ideas for donations or volunteer on the Sign-Up Sheets available soon. Spread the word by posting the Faire Flyers located in the Welcome Area at your office or area businesses. Thank you!

WORKSHOP DAYS and TABLE LEADS: Spend some time with us between November 22 to December 2 as we create wreaths, centerpieces and transform the Fellowship Hall to welcome the community and share our gifts and talents. Unique and one-of-a-kind crafts, food and gifts – your generous donations and shopping blesses others and our church witness.

During the Faire, Elves staffing the sales areas and tables support our hospitality to all our guests. To volunteer in one of the Faire areas, please contact Peter Smyton at 1-617-893-9669 or contact the people listed below.

CHRISTMAS & CREATIVE CRAFTS: Highlights of our Craft Tables include holiday decorations and gifts, quilted and decorative crafts and an exciting collection of hand knitted items by our talented Aldersgate Knitters. All gifts and contributions are welcome! Elaine Brown 978-551-3289 embedel@aol.com

COLLECTING GREENS: Evergreens, Holly, or Decorative Tree Cuttings

On Saturday and Sunday November 21 and 22, Faire Elves will trim your branches and greenery for the swags and beautiful arrangements we create each year. Contact the Church Office or David Jones 978-726-1698, if we can harvest any of your greens!!

GLAD TIDINGS GREENS: The Greenery Team prepares decorations and bows for wreaths and swags – a highlight of our Faire! Between November 22 and Wednesday December 2, we welcome all hands as we decorate wreaths and make swags and centerpieces. No experience needed and many ways to help! We welcome your donations of creative containers for centerpieces. If you have time on any of the workshop days posted soon, please join us!

KRINGLE’S KITCHEN: If you like a busy, fun place and feeding the body as well as the soul, Kringle’s Kitchen is the place for you! Our Elves prepare delicious dinner and breakfast items. Our signature dish is Aldersgate Chili! To help this team cook and serve, contact Greg Piper 978-958-6535 gpipes01@gmail.com

SLEIGH BELLS SILENT AUCTION: Our Silent Auction offers gift and theme baskets, quilts and high-quality items or services for auction. The Auction closes Saturday at Noon! If you

have a donation, theme basket or talent to share with others (such as a home cooked dinner), contact Melinda Goodick 978-256-3983 mggoodick@hotmail.com

THE CHILDREN'S SHOPPE: Our active Jr. and Sr. High Youth groups offer creative crafts activities for children and friends. Help is welcome in this busy and creative area! Contact Lee Williams aumc-education@verizon.net

COUNTRY STORE & BAKERY: Cookies, cakes, bread, pies, candy – this is where it's at! Slice it, dice it, bake it, taste it! AUMC Bakers offer outstanding festive treats and sweets for the season. Sample Betsey's Scones and other delicious treats. Betsey Driscoll 978-256-8719 betseyLLL@yahoo.com

JINGLING JEWELRY: Share your new or surplus jewelry to offer sparkles and joy! Marcia Dana 978-502-2260 marciadana@gmail.com

GRACIOUS REGIVING: Your new or barely used items may be treasures for others! Small and special gift items work best. No electronics please! Jane Vooy 978-250-1622 djvooy@verizon.net



CALLING ALL ELVES!

Additional help with setting up beginning before Thanksgiving and clean up on December 5 is greatly appreciated! For any other general questions, contact Bonnie Marden, 978-846-1260 BonMarden@gmail.com

**Joyfully and faithfully we will share, prepare, shop and sing together
as we ring in the Holy Season!**

Committees, Groups and Ministries

If you are interested in becoming involved with, or learning more about, a committee or group at Aldersgate, here's who to talk to.

Adult Education: Kim Ward

Organizes and supports the three Adult Ed Bible Study classes on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

Book Club: Debbie Benson

Meets monthly to discuss books selected by club participants

Children Education Ministry:

Christine Kelley

Supports Church School and teachers with teacher resources and substitutes

Christmas Fair: Bonnie Marden

Organizes the fair, the first weekend of Dec.

Congregational Life: Angela Hughes, Jen van Buren, Kim Ward

Organizes fellowship events for families

Daytimers Breakfast: Chantale Shepard

Meet monthly for breakfast and fellowship

Endowment Gifts: Rick Newcomb

Manages major gift accounts & distributions

Finance: Bob Peterson

Oversees church financial matters

Garden Club: Lee Williams

Maintains the church vegetable garden

GriefShare: Marcia Dana, Chris Sargent

13-week confidential program open to the community to deal with loss of loved ones

Holy Strollers: Rick Newcomb

Come join a weekly walking/hiking group

Hospitality: Betsey Driscoll, Robin Dye

Organizes Coffee Hour, Collations

Info Technology: Greg Piper

Oversees church computers, networks, livestream of worship

Knitting Ministry: Betsy Campbell

Meets weekly for knitting and fellowship

Mighty Men: Ray Brown, David Driscoll, Greg Piper, Ken Teal

Fellowship and mission work by the men

Music: Rev. Maylis de la Fe Rodriguez

Chancel Choir is open to those interested in singing at the second service

Shepherd Bells is open to experienced bell ringers

Bellisimos is for those interested in learning to play bells

Committee Nominations: Peter Smyton

Matches people with ministries of interest

Outreach Programs: Robin Dye

Oversees the church's outreach missions

Prayer Ministry: Dottie Newcomb

On-line prayer circle

Records/History: Jill Angel, Peter Smyton

Preserves historical, business church records

Single Ladies Dining Out: Betsy Campbell

Meets monthly for meals and fellowship

Staff-Parish Relations: Dan Ward

Acts as a liaison between our staff and the congregation

Trustees: Don Goodick

Oversees and facilitates the maintenance of the church building and parsonage

Wonderful Women: Elaine Brown

Fellowship and mission work by the women

Worship Planning

Acolytes, lay readers,

greeters:

Betsy Campbell

Altar Guild:

Jane Vooy

Livestreaming:

Peter Smyton

Ushers:

Jim Ortolf

Youth Ministry: Lee Williams

Junior Youth: Grades 5 – 7

Senior Youth: Grades 8 – 12

**We celebrate a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary for the following:
When you see them, you can celebrate with them or send them a card on their special day.**

October Birthdays

October 8 - Rebecca Fipphen
October 13 - Betsy Campbell
October 17 - Elizabeth Fipphen
October 20 – Aldo Rodriguez
October 26 – Vivian W.
October 28 – Isabelle Cole



October Wedding Anniversaries

October 10 - Peter and Holly Fipphen
October 11 - Rich and Linda Regan
October 14 – Suzanne Hevelone and Lee Pender
October 22 - Laura and Ray Brown
October 31 - Dan and Jane Vooyo

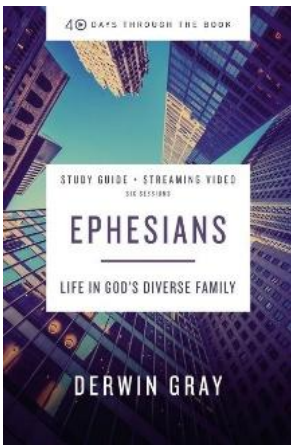


If we have missed your big days, please send them by email, to Betsy in the office at aldersgetechelmsford@verizon.net or call 978-256-9400 so she can add your names and dates to the lists for the Advocates for the coming months. We can then recognize the milestones in your life and celebrate with you.

**You can schedule your appointment for the next Blood Drive
October 3rd. Please 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 August 9th to schedule an appointment. For more information call or Robin Dye or the church office.**

A New Year of Adult Education Begins with New Testament Studies!

SUNDAY MORNINGS



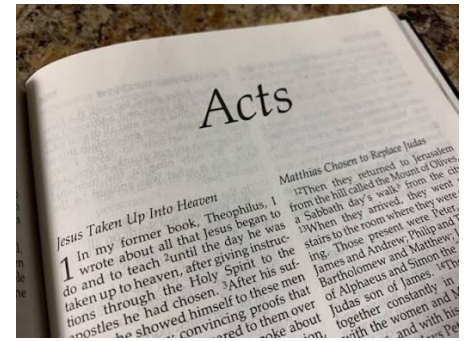
Sunday morning at 9:45am in the Concord Room, join members of the Adult Education Team to dive into Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Each morning, we will watch and discuss a short video segment from Derwin Gray, former defensive back in the NFL and now, Pastor of Transformation Church, a multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped community. The study guidebook provides you with a place to take notes as you watch and prompts, prayers and questions, as you read the relevant chapter of Ephesians throughout the week. *Ephesians: Life in God's Diverse Family (40 Days Through the Book)* can be purchased from your online retailer in paperback or e-book. If you need a Bible, please see Kim Ward (mikdraw@aol.com) or Pastor John.

Our next Sunday class will be October 4th at 9:45. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Concord Room to discover more about the life of the early church!

THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the Concord Room, join Pastor John and friends, as the group continues their study of the book of Acts. During the week, read and explore a chapter of Acts. Then on Thursday mornings, discover together what the life of the early church was like and the application of their lessons to your life today.

This week, please read Acts chapter 9 to be ready to discuss October 7th at 10 am in the Concord Room. All you need is your Bible. If you need a Bible, please see Kim Ward (mikdraw@aol.com) or Pastor John.



Come Join these Dance Classes starting in the Fellowship Hall at Aldersgate United Methodist Church – 242 Boston Rd., Chelmsford, MA 01824

Schedule: Classes will continue through December

1:00-1:45 pm – Cardio Boost and 2:00-3:00 pm – Beginner Line Dance

For questions contact **Heather Dinsmore, dancingmom23@gmail.com**

Cardio Boost and Beginner Line Dance

Looking for more movement in your life? We are pleased to announce two new classes for the next few months being offered in our hall designed to help you get motivated and feel fit! A local dance instructor, Heather Dinsmore, will be offering Cardio Boost and Beginner Line Dance classes for our local community.

Cardio Boost exercise class combines cardio moves to enhance endurance and burn calories, strength training to define muscles and strengthen your core, and stretching to increase flexibility. This class begins with a warm-up and stretch, then 5 cardio boost workouts, and ends with a hand weight routine and cool down. You will get a total body workout while increasing your stamina and having fun! Participants will bring their own weights to class (2-5 lbs. is recommended).

Put on your boots and join us for Line Dancing! This lively, beginner-friendly program welcomes all skill levels. Participants will be led through classic and modern line dances with step-by-step guidance. No partner or experience is required - just come ready to have fun, get moving, and enjoy time with your community.

Each class will be \$5.00 each, payable at the beginning of class via cash, check or Venmo. No pre-registration required and must be aged 18 or older to participate. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing for each class.

Braille Edition of United Methodist Hymnal

Aldersgate UMC is very pleased to announce that we now have a Braille edition of the *United Methodist Hymnal*. We purchased this seven-volume edition using memorial funds to make our worship service more accessible to all. We are excited about offering a Braille version of the lyrics to the hymns we sing during worship! Thank you to Elaine Brown, Chantale Shepard, Sophia Rodriguez and Joanne Coughlin for working to index the pages with written page and hymn numbers. This will allow non-Braille readers to select the appropriate pages needed each Sunday and keep the binders organized.