

October 11, 2026

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Holly and Peter Fipphen in celebration of Lizzie’s wedding and their 39th wedding anniversary both October 10th!

Feedback on the New Video Monitors

Over the past few months, 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 ways to use or not use the monitors during certain elements of the service, we are looking for your feedback on the ways in which you find the monitors helpful or distracting. In what ways did you like how they have been 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. We’ve received some great suggestions so far and are looking for more! 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 **next Sunday, October 18**. Thank you!

Garden Club News

We are coming to the end of our garden veggies and fruit for this season. We will have the following available this Sunday on the table in the Fellowship Hall:

Garlic	Chard
A few tomatoes	Leeks
Kale	A Little Lettuce

Early Bird Bible Application begins Tuesday October 13th

Early Bird continues the theme "A Follower of Jesus Christ." We began the discussion of 'light' last week and will continue it this week. The foundational Scripture for the 'light' discussion is Matthew 5:13-16. Please also read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-23. Early Bird meets on Tuesday at ten o'clock via Zoom.

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

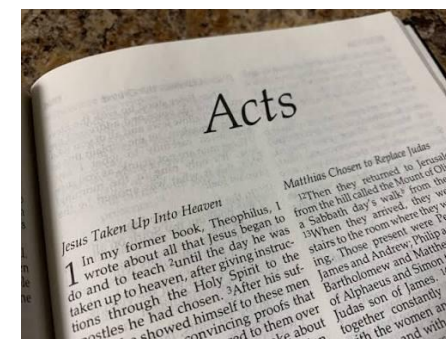
SUNDAY MORNINGS

There will be no Adult Ed class today. Please join us next week!

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 8th 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.



This is your Green Team reminder for this week.

If you live in Chelmsford:

Leaves and brush will be picked up curbside this week on your regular trash day.

Wed, Oct 7, the fluorescent bulb shed is open 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for bulbs and battery drop-off behind Town Offices.

Sat., Oct 10, Bottle & Can Drop-off, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, at McCarthy Middle School.

Details for these events and more can be found at <https://www.chelmsfordrecycles.com/upcoming-events>

Nov. 7, Recycle Day at 230 North Road – Central Admin. Office. Fundraiser for the Center Elementary and McCarthy Middle School PTOs [Recycle Day — CSPTO](#)

Sermon Notes

1. Today’s two passages talk about the ways the blessing of abundance can go awry?
When does having more begin to feel like I need more?

2. What do I tend to rely on for security besides God?

3. How can abundance become a blessing rather than something I simply accumulate for myself?

4. What might I be able to release so that I have greater freedom to love God and my neighbor?

5. Finally, what features of our regular practice of worship helps us to imagine ourselves as partakers and sharers within God’s economy?

"Grow One in Faith"													
Weekly Giving Ranges													
Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond A Tithe		Tithe	Upper Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Lower Range Giving		
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 10,400.00	\$ 200.00	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 15,600.00	\$ 300.00	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 20,800.00	\$ 400.00	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 26,000.00	\$ 500.00	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 31,200.00	\$ 600.00	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 36,400.00	\$ 700.00	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 41,600.00	\$ 800.00	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 46,800.00	\$ 900.00	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$ 52,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$ 57,200.00	\$ 1,100.00	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$ 104,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$ 156,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$450.00	\$360.00	\$300.00	\$270.00	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00

- As you prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year:
1. Find where you are on the chart (your weekly income / giving).
 2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

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 26th.**

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, 2026

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.

YOUTH NEWS

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

The next class for confirmation students and mentors will be after Worship in the Fellowship Hall.



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

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

Senior Youth Group - 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. Please let David or Betsey Driscoll know if you can go and/or bring a side dish.



Senior Youth Group - 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.

Ditty Bag collection

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting items for filling Ditty Bags for distribution to the **Seafarers Mission of Boston**. The list of items is on the box in the lobby.

Last year we were able to fill 24 bags - we hope to do the same this year! We hope you can help make some hats for the bags. Check with Betsy for patterns - Knit or Crochet.

Thank you for your generous hearts.

The list of other items:

Nail clippers	Gum	Sewing kits
Pens	Note pads	Lip balm
Disposable razors	Hard candy	

Deb Teal - Outreach Committee

Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Wednesday Nov 4 from 6-8pm

For people who've lost a loved one, Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. This lay-led event offers coping tools and support for grieving congregation members and people in our community. **Wednesday Nov. 4 from 6-8. There is a \$10 charge that covers the book.**

Core Materials: Participants receive a practical holiday "Survival Guide" filled with tips, daily encouragements, and exercises.

Key Components: a 35-minute video featuring grief experts and real-life stories followed by supportive, optional group-sharing discussion.

Common Topics Addressed: 1) Managing difficult emotional triggers (sights, sounds, and memories. 2) Handling changes to family traditions and dealing with the "empty chair" 3) Settling healthy boundaries, communicating expectations, and giving yourself permission to decline social events. 4) Finding meaningful ways to honor the memory of a loved one.

Grief Share Group, Continues Wednesday October 14th, 2026

On October 14th 2026, we will continue our Grief Share support group. The book that will be used for the group has a cost of \$20. Feel free to contact Pastor John Whitley at john.b.whitley78@gmail.com or 703-303-3603 or our three facilitators, Marcia Dana or Chris Sargent or Dottie Newcomb. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit griefshare.org. Please join us on Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (in-person only). Place: Concord Room at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 242 Boston Rd. Chelmsford, MA 01824.

Calling all Faire Friends and Elves!

As we roll toward the Faire (Dec 4-5), we are grateful for your ideas and contributions of crafts, jewelry, Silent Auction items and yummy baked goods! We are beginning to collect input about donations and welcome your updates to the Office or to Bonnie at bonmarden@gmail.com. All are welcome to a brief Faire meeting on October 4th after church to connect and get creative! Thank you to all who are already creating and crafting for our annual Faire & Festival December 4th and 5th. If you are interested in helping create pics and bows, please let us know! During your fall cleaning, remember we welcome donations of containers for centerpieces and ideas for the Silent Auction.

For more information, contact Bonnie bonmarden@gmail.com or Melinda mgoodick@hotmail.com or Deana Peterson.deana@gmail.com We look forward to ringing in the season with our Aldersgate family!