

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

**The flowers on the altar are given by Dan and Jane Vooy in celebration of their granddaughter Katie’s birthday**

### **Today March 12 is Scout Sunday at 10:45**

Please join us in welcoming some of the Scouts from Troop 81, Pack 81 and the Girl Scouts who meet in our building. Thank you to those who are participating in our worship service at 10:45 today and all the leaders and scout who worship with us. They will also share stories of their wonderful works in the past year.

### **Our Lenten Journey Continues**

Our Wednesday evening in-person soup suppers and worship continues this Wednesday, March 15th. The supper will be held at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the ~ 30 minute service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. If you want to help provide soup for one or more weeks, please contact Betsey Driscoll ([betseylll@yahoo.com](mailto:betseylll@yahoo.com)). The worship theme this year is “Forgiveness.” Thanks to Dan Ward for leading worship last Wednesday! We are looking forward to Jim Ortolf leading this Wednesday. Future leaders include Marcia Dana and Charles McCrea. The service will be live-streamed and recorded.

### **Confirmation Class 2023-2024 - Meeting Today**

Do you have a child who will be 8th grade or up this fall? We are excited to share with you that we will have the confirmation class. We invite the parents and child for the class to meet with Cheryl Ortolf and Pastor Bob in the fellowship hall on **March 12** after the second worship service. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please speak with Cheryl or Pastor Bob.

### **Celebration of Life for Sandra Dillman (Sherri Panneton’s Mom)**

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a celebration of the life for Sherri Panneton’s Mom, Sandra Dillman. There will be a Calling Hour at 10am in the Sanctuary with a celebration of life at 11:00 am. The service will be followed by a time of refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Betsey Driscoll will be organizing the food. Please let her know what you can bring or if you can help with serving.



### **Easter Flowers**

Please see the Easter Flower order form insert. If you would like to provide flowers to beautify our Sanctuary in Memory of a loved one, please fill out the form by March 20th. You will be able to take your flowers home to enjoy after the 10:45 service on Easter.

### **March 19<sup>th</sup> – UMCOR Sunday**

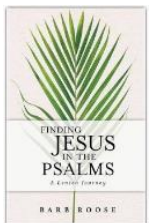
Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> will be UMCOR Sunday. Come and hear how our Mission Share have supported various needs in the world. We will be taking a special offering.

### **Rummage Sale May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Rummage Sale will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please start saving your rummage items and add this to your calendar. We will also need your help setting up and working the sale. Watch for more information coming soon

### **Our Adult Lenten Study has begun!**

Explore the Psalms and their link to the New Testament and the life of Jesus in this wonderful guide. Over six weeks, discover with us: Jesus in Our Hard Places, Jesus as Our Shepherd, our Hope, Our Strength and Our Savior. You can order the book *Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose online. There are a few copies for purchase. You will find them in the lobby and are available for a suggested donation of \$20.



Join us this morning, at 9:45 in the Concord Room and on Zoom led by Adult Education members.

Or join the Thursday morning 10:00 am group in the Concord Room and on Zoom led by Pastor Bob Jon. All are welcome!

### **Early Bird Bible Study**

Early bird will reconvene on Tuesday 14 March and continue the discussion of Forgiveness. The topic this week will be Forgiveness: Family Feud (Part 1). The story of Jacob and Esau can be found in Genesis 25-33. We will explore the struggles between these brothers that began in their mother's womb and extended into adulthood. It is a story replete with trickery, deceit, favoritism and finally reconciliation and forgiveness. Plan to join the discussion as we learn more of what is required to forgive and be reconciled.

Early Bird meets at ten o'clock via Zoom. See the worship email for the link.

**Please Donate to Pack 81's Food Drive**

As part of their Blue and Gold celebration next Saturday, March 18, Pack 81 is holding a food drive, collecting non-perishable food to provide to those less fortunate in the community. We have been invited to help Pack 81 with this important mission. Please bring your non-perishable donations (e.g., canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, beans, cereal, etc.) to the church and leave them in the brown bin outside the front door by Saturday, March 18, for the scouts to include in their collection. Thank you!

**Troop 81 Hosting Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast April 2nd**



Troop 81 BSA invites you to a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, April 2nd from 8am-11am. We will be serving pancakes, butter/syrup, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice for a suggested donation of \$10 per person, \$8 for senior citizens/kids under 5.

For many years the troop hosted a breakfast at the senior center as a key fundraiser, and due to COVID we have been unable to have this event for the last several years. We are so happy to bring the tradition back and have it at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church so that we can join in fellowship with the congregation that has provided so much support for us. Fundraising events like this help fund our scouting activities and our scouting equipment like our trailer, camping kitchens, Klondike derby sleds just to name a few.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12**

**AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 - noon**

Our theme for VBS this summer is "Under Construction". We will learn about Habitat for Humanity and the way God helps us to Share, Care, Learn, Worship, and Celebrate!



**WATCH FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION!**

**Single Ladies Dining Out**

Singles Ladies Dining Out will have lunch on **April 1st at 1 pm** at The Establishment, 75 Princeton Street N. Chelmsford, MA. **Please note this is a changed date.**

If you are a single lady and would enjoy a lunch out and lots of fun conversation, we would love to have you join us. Please RSVP by Thursday March 30th to Betsy Campbell 978-256-9400 or by email to [aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net](mailto:aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net).



If you wish to provide Flowers to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary during our Easter Services on April 9th, please complete this form and send or bring it to the church office by Monday, March 20th.

I/We wish to order:

- Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Pastel Tulips \$14.00
- Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ White Double-Stemmed Lily \$15.00
- Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Blue or Pink Hyacinth \$10.00

**Please order as soon as possible to ensure your order can be fulfilled.**

Please indicate how you would like your dedication to read in the church bulletin:  
(Please print)

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Please take your plant(s) home with you after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday.

Return this form and payment to the church office or put it in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, with "Easter Plants" written on the memo line. Please include payment with your order.