

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

**Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Steve’s birthday
with love from Cate**

A Big Thank You from Habitat.

I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to speak at Aldersgate. Meeting and speaking to the congregation, not to mention all of you, was an extremely uplifting and rewarding experience. I would be more than happy to come back anytime.



We are also very appreciative of the \$1,000 contribution made by Aldersgate and it will certainly be put to good use. As for the Boards, we raised an additional \$935. I expect, based on the conversations I had with some of your parishioners, some additional funds may come in by mail or via our online portal.

Again, thank you so much for the opportunity to get directly involved with the congregation; I won’t soon forget it.

Kevin Fusco. Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell.

Music Notes

We had a wonderful day at the 35th Massachusetts Spring Ring on Saturday, April 22. Thank you to all our ringers who participated so enthusiastically, and to all who came to support us and enjoy the concert!

Look for photos in the May Advocate. Special thanks to Perry Villanueva and Pastor Bob for the photos!

Celebration Potluck Lunch 6/11

On Sunday, June 11, we will honor Maylis by presenting her with a stole as a gift from the church. After the second service, we plan on holding a potluck luncheon for Maylis, complete with a cake (we always have to have cake. We invite the congregation to the potluck and ask everyone to bring a dish to share. If you have questions, please contact Betsy Campbell, Robin Dye, Betsey Driscoll, or Roger Whitehead.

**Reserve June 9, 2023, for Rev Maylis’ Ordination Ceremony
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

Reserve the evening of June 9, 2023. Rev Maylis will be ordained a Deacon in the United Methodist Church at a ceremony conducted by Bishop Peggy Johnson during Annual Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Manchester NH. We need to be represented at that ceremony in support of Rev Maylis.

We can set up car pools for those wishing to attend that session that is usually at 7 PM on Friday evening. We should plan on being at the Double Tree a bit early as Maylis says it can get a bit crazy during that time. As we get closer to the date, we will have more information. There may also be a streaming of the service and as we learn about that, we will provide that detail.

At a subsequent worship service at Aldersgate, we will be presenting Rev Maylis with a Jordan River stole in honor and recognition of this important milestone in Rev Maylis’ journey with Christ. If you want to make a small donation for the purchase of that stole, make your checks payable to Aldersgate UMC but mark it with “Stole” in the notes section of your check. We don’t need that much, only a couple hundred dollars, so anything left over will be donated to the United Methodist Youth 2023 trip they will be taking.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 - 12
AUGUST 14th – 18th 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!

Registration forms are on the welcome desk and the welcome table in the Church School area.



MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.



MENU: MINI EGG FRITTATA’S, SAUSAGE,

PANCAKES WITH ASSORTED TOPPINGS, FRUIT CUPS

VEGAN & GLUTEN FREE SELECTION TOO!

All donations will go towards our youth attending the national United Methodist youth conference in Daytona Beach, Florida in July. Thank you for your support!

Children's Sunday - May 21st!

Our church school classes will be participating and leading worship this Sunday as we celebrate the ascension of Jesus.

Our theme will be “Watching and Waiting!”

When have you felt close to Jesus and where would you like God to breathe His love into?

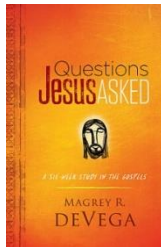
This will be our last church school class time until the fall!

Early Bird Bible Study

Early Bird concludes the study on discerning God's voice. In the first session, we discussed five questions which help to know whether it is indeed God's voice. In this week's session, "God Is Trying to Tell You Something," we will delve a bit more into hearing the voice of God. The Scripture reading is 1 King 19:9-18. Hope to have you join the discussion Tuesday morning at ten o'clock via Zoom.

Sunday Morning Class Discusses “Questions Jesus Asked”

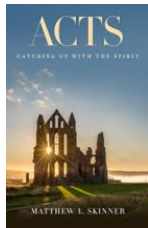
What does Jesus want to know about us?



The Adult Class, held in the Concord Room at 9:45 on Sunday mornings continues to discuss these questions and discover more about ourselves, God's role in our lives and those we are in community with.

All are WELCOME! Books can be ordered online, but are not necessary to take part in the class.

Thursday Morning Class



Thursday Morning Class at 10 am will continue the study of “**Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit**” by Prof. Matthew L. Skinner. Come to the Concord Room at 10:00 am for discussion and discovery. We saved a seat just for you!

“The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven.”