

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

**The flowers on the Altar are given in celebration of Vera and Charles' fifty-seventh anniversary and Venitta (daughter) and Andre's eighth anniversary.
To God be the Glory!**

Request from Church Historian: Got News?

With awards and graduation season upon us, I would like to feature anyone celebrating a special achievement or milestone on our bulletin board in the hallway. If you have an article, photo, or announcement you would be willing to share, please leave it in the Historian mailbox in the church office. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

June 2nd and August 11th are blank on the flower chart. Please if you can, choose to give the flowers for these dates and fill in the chart. Thank you all for beautifying our Sanctuary.

Welcome Everyone

Good morning to all. If you are visiting today we would love to have you fill out the Welcome Card in the pew so that we can get to know you. For everyone, there is a Red Friendship pad on the aisle end of the pew. Please sign it and pass it down the row and back.



Vacation Bible Camp - Save the Date! Monday, August 12 – Friday August 16 Ages 4 – 12 years old

ReNew Vacation Bible Camp invites children to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God’s creation.

Registration forms can be found downstairs in the welcome area or upstairs in the welcome rack.

The cost for participating is \$20.00 per child and a family max of \$60.00. Please let Cheryl Ortolf know if you would like to help.

SPRC

Cheryl is retiring after 25 years of ministry as Aldersgate's Director of Christian Education. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is starting the search process for a new Director. If you are interested, see Dan Ward or Pastor Bob for details about the process, timeline, and position.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Director of Christian Education provides oversight and coordination for all aspects of education provided to children and adults at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (AUMC). The Director, in collaboration with the pastor, sets the direction for the education program for the church and facilitates the implementation of the programs. This role manages the numerous volunteers involved in providing education to the members of the AUMC community. The position reports to the Pastor and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. See Dan Ward, Pastor Bob, or any member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for a more detailed description of duties and qualifications.

Come Celebrate Cheryl Ortolf’s Retirement!

Our dear Cheryl is retiring as Director of Christian Education after 25 years! Come celebrate this milestone on Sunday, June 9, 12 noon — 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, remembrances, special guests, games, and activities for everyone!

Aldersgate 60th Anniversary Celebration, September 22: Save the Date!

We are planning on celebrating Aldersgate’s 60th anniversary this fall on September 22, 60 years after being commissioned as a United Methodist Church on September 20, 1964. We will have a special service and meal, honor our founding members, and hear from people from our past. Please save the date!

Trans Families Together: July 5-7 Weekend Retreat at Rolling Ridge

Are you navigating the journey of supporting a trans, non-binary, or gender non-conforming young person in your family? You’re invited to “Trans Families Together,” a special weekend retreat for trans youth and their families organized by members of the New England UMC. Happening July 5-7 at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, MA, you are invited to come together with other families—as well as an experienced team of spiritual directors, therapists, and pastors—to find spiritual encouragement and support in a safe and sacred space. Plus, we’ll have plenty of opportunities for fun and relaxation in a beautiful natural setting! Registration costs are 100% covered for trans youth, and financial scholarships are available for families. If you don't know what to do or who to turn to, or if you are looking for others on a common path, you can find solidarity and resources for your family's journey. Learn more information and register at www.rollingridge.org/transfamilies or email transfamilies@rollingridge.org.

Book Club

Next Tuesday is book club, May 28th at 7pm and 6pm for pizza. Let Deb know if you will be coming for pizza please. We will be discussing **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus, Judy's pick, If you haven't picked one you can and let me know. We have reads through September.. We have **Happiness Falls** by Angie Kim on 6/25 (Betsey), July 30 is **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters (Deb's pick) Aug. 26, is **The Women** by Kristen Hanna and Sept. 24 is **Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon (Judy's).

June 12th at 7pm

The Wonder-ful Women of Aldersgate will host an evening of learning with Laura Brown NP regarding Menopause 101 on Wednesday, June 12 at 7pm in the Concord Room. Laura is a Women's Health NP, Menopause Specialist and Coach, and founder of Sapphire Women's Healthcare, PLLC. "Menopause is inevitable; suffering is not."

Please join us and bring a friend – Open to ALL Women, including those approaching, in the midst of, or survivors of Menopause. Come share your experience.

Bonnie Marden Discusses General Conference on June 23 at 10:30 am

Our own Bonnie Marden was one of the New England delegates at General Conference and will share, in-person, her stories and perspective with us, and answer questions, at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 23 (after our one service at 9:30). If you wish to learn more about the major decisions that were made at this historic General Conference prior to Bonnie's talk, please read some of the many articles found at [General Conference: Recap and resources](#).

HELP US BLESS OUR SOLDIERS!

Jasper's updated needs list.



Boxes of liquid creamer packs instead of powder.
Tooth flossers but have over stock on other toiletries.
Need disposable utensil packs - mostly spoons and forks.
Paper towels.
Peanut butter crackers.
Pre-cooked bacon that can be shipped without refrigeration.
Kodiak microwaveable waffles or pancakes in a cup.

No more gummy worms. Cutting back on sweets.
No more oatmeal. Now overstocked.

“One – Unity in a Divided World”

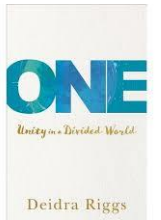
YOU are invited to our ALL Church Study of *One – Unity in a Divided World* by Deidre Riggs! There are three opportunities available to participate in **JUNE**:

- **Sunday at 9:45 am** in the Concord Room and via Zoom, led by members of the Adult Ed committee. No need to sign up. Come one, come all! **Our next class is June 2**, when we will conclude our study with lesson 5 (Chapters 9&10).

Wonder Women

- Early Bird on **Tuesdays at 10:00 am** via Zoom, led by Charles McCrea. Early Bird will not meet on Tuesday, 28 May. It **will resume on Tuesday 4 June** with a discussion of chapter four in ONE. Zoom link in Friday email or contact Charles.

- **JUST ANNOUNCED! Saturday, June 15**, evening discussion of the entire book. Details still to be determined. Save the date and let Kim Ward know you will be joining in. mikdraw@aol.com or 315-368-7324



ONE



Aldersgate is focusing on our commitment to being a united community of diverse people connected by ONE Lord, ONE Faith, ONE God and Father of all. We are many parts of ONE body. Together, we are reading and discussing *ONE- Unity in a Divided World* and exploring how we can love ONE another well, even in a time of rampant disagreement on all manner of things. We are working to join our hearts and minds, through time and conversation together, to spur ONE another to love our neighbors and love God better.

As we deepen our church family's connections with ONE another, together we are building a tree in the lobby to create ONE piece of art. We invite you to choose a leaf decal and place it on a branch of the tree on the lobby wall. Parents help your child choose and place their leaf on the tree OR they can design and create their very own leaf at home to add to a branch. If you can't make it into the church over the next six weeks, contact Betsy in the office or Kim Ward (mikdraw@aol.com) and we will add your piece.

Watch the beauty of many becoming ONE over the coming weeks!