



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

The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of my son Jan Marson.

Love, Janet and family

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Cate Lehan and Steve Johnson in celebration of their 2nd anniversary on July 2nd

Thank You for Making Our July 4 Booth a Success!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Aldersgate booth at the July 4th Country Fair last week! We raised \$2291 over the two days which will help fund the youth mission trip to Wanakee that starts tomorrow. Special thanks to Betsey Driscoll, Cheryl Ortolf, their spouses, and the youth for making the booth a success!

There are smaller, but just as delicious, chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches available today for sale after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Sharon Jones Preaching on July 14

Rev. Sharon Jones will join us on July 14 as our guest preacher. Rev. Jones served Aldersgate UMC from 2002 to 2009. Please join us in welcoming her and her husband, Richard, back to Aldersgate and sharing fellowship.



Summer Youth Mission Trip July 8th - 12th

Please pray for our youth as they go on their mission trip to Camp Wanakee in Meredith, NH. They will also go river tubing, play mini-golf and go to Weir’s Beach. Their theme is: “Light Your Fire!”

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Reminder to schedule your appointment for the Blood Drive –

July 13th or August 10th from 9am-2pm

Please sign up if you can 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 July 13th to schedule an appointment. For more information call or email Cate Lehan or Robin Dye or the church office.

General Conference Q&A Session on Church Web Site

Our thanks to Bonnie Marden, who held a summary and question-and-answer session about General Conference results and their implications on the future of the denomination and Aldersgate last Sunday.

The 50-minute gathering was recorded and is posted on the church’s YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@aldersgateumcchelmsfordus7382>) and the church web site. It can also be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/z1O3oy518Pk>. Additionally, a six-minute long summary of General Conference, produced by United Methodist Communications, can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePpfh1PKNe8&t=5s>.

Summertime Stewardship

It’s hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year! There has been so much activity and hard work, by so many servants at Aldersgate! As summer approaches please be sure to keep your church family in mind with your prayers and your pledges.

Please feel free to bring your 2024 pledged offerings when you join us on Sunday services this summer at 9:30 a.m. You can also send them by mail or electronic bill pay. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

For questions about bill pay through your banking institution:

Contact Kelly, our Financial Secretary at kmongiovi@aol.com

or Finance Chair, Wendy Baker at wbaker15@comcast.net



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.

Summer Sermon Series: Jesus, the Foodie

Pastor Bob invites you to a summer sermon series as he explores the ministries of Jesus regarding food. He was often accused of being a glutton, as he ate and drank with his disciples, tax-collectors and sinners. (Matthew 11:19) He ate and shared food with others not just because he was hungry. Sharing food gave him opportunities to teach them about who God was and also enlarge the circle of friendship, as he invited himself to the houses of Zacchaeus.

What we eat and how we eat often reflect our values, cultures, histories, and faith.

Through cultural analysis of food consumption and biblical studies of foods, agriculture, and fishery in Jesus' time, Pastor Bob invites us to explore how our eating could reflect abundant life in God.

July 21 - Jesus Feeds the Hungry (Food and Hunger)

July 28 - Jesus Fasts (Food and Identity)

August 4 - Jesus Becomes the Living Bread (The True Food)

August 11 - Jesus Eats with the Tax-Collectors and Sinners (Feed Your Enemy) Preacher Charles McCrea

August 18 - Jesus Encourages Us to Trust in God (Food, Anxiety, and Uncertainty)

Toward the end of our sermon series, we will set a date on which we will host a "diversity dinner." We encourage you to bring an international dish, food that is not familiar to you or to our main culture today in North America.

2024 Aldersgate Christmas Faire!

Put **December 6 and 7** on your calendars for our community mission and talent event this year. Think of the Faire as you clean this summer. We welcome small containers (ceramic, wood, plastic) for centerpieces, novelty or high -quality items for the Silent Auction, jewelry and holiday decor for our beautiful wreaths. Contributions from the Knitting group and our amazing crafters are created all year- long so we thank you for your talents and generosity! Look for information about workshops and work/play dates coming soon!

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