



August 18, 2024

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

The Flowers on the altar are given in celebration of their son Daniel on his 11th birthday by his parents, Pastor Bob and Sungha.

**The Flowers on the altar are given by Rebecca Biggar
“To the Glory of God in loving memory of my daughter Rachel Moran
and my mother Marjorie Emery.”**

Summer Sermon Series: Jesus, the Foodie

Pastor Bob concludes his summer sermon series with:

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

"Diverse Foods for a Global Palette" Today August 18

We invite you to join us for lunch after the worship. As part of the sermon series on "Jesus, the Foodie," we encourage you to bring a dish that celebrates the diverse cultures in our world.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the welcome area to indicate what dish you will bring.

Please speak with Perry or Chris if you have any questions.

Aldersgate 60th Anniversary Celebration, September 22!

We are celebrating Aldersgate’s 60th anniversary on September 22, 60 years after being commissioned as a United Methodist Church on September 20, 1964. **We will have one special service at 9:30 and a catered meal**, to honor our founding members, and hear from people from our past. Please save the date!

We are also looking for people to share special memories of Aldersgate throughout the years via short videos! It could be about a fun event, like something you experienced in a Follies or a group outing, a major church event, like burning the mortgage or the 1990 addition, or a meaningful service, like a wedding, funeral, baptism, confirmation, or special service. Please let Peter Smyton (617-893-9669, thesmytonfamily@comcast.net) know if you have something to share or have questions.

Charge Conference

We will have a Charge Conference on September 4th at the council meeting at 7pm. This will include council members only. The purpose of the meeting is to accept a bequest.

Donate Your Time and Talents - Nominations

It takes many hands and we need your help in running the church! Over the summer we will be working to fill our slate of committees for the Fall and we wanted to extend an invitation for you to think about where God might be calling you to use your gifts. We ask that you send in your reply to the office by August 31st.

Committees Include:

Adult Education, Children's Ministry Team, Finance and Stewardship, Membership & Congregational Events, Memorial Gifts, Outreach, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees, and Worship/Altar Guild. More informal groups include IT, Ushers and Recording.

Please contact the office at aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net or Jim Ortolf (jamesortolf@gmail.com, 978/995-0614) if you have any questions or you are interested in serving in one of these areas!

Single Ladies Dining Out

Single Ladies Dining Out will have **dinner** together on **August 24th at 4:30 pm at Bahama Breeze 413 Middlesex Rd. Tyngsboro 01879**. Please RSVP by Thursday August 22nd to Betsy Campbell 978-256-9400 or by email to aldersgatechelmsford@verizon.net so that she can reserve a table large enough. If you are a single lady and would enjoy a dinner out and lots of fun conversation, we would love to have you join us. Please talk to Betsy for more information.



Book Club in the Concord Room and on Zoom

Here are the upcoming book picks for August, September and October. If you haven't yet picked, think of your pick and let Deb know what you would like to choose.

Aug. 27, is The Women by Kristen Hanna

Sept. 24 is Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon (Judy's).

Oct. 29th, Circling the Sun by Paula McLain. (Mary's pick).



Rally Day is September 8!

Rally Day is **September 8th!** On that day we will **return to two services at 8:30 and 10:45**, with church school for children and youth at 9:30. You are invited to gather in the Concord Room that day at 9:30 to hear about the plans for the Sunday Adult Ed class this fall, or to enjoy Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Church School Registration for children and youth starts at 9:15 am in the welcome area downstairs. We will also present Bibles to all Kindergarten children and 3rd grade children during the 10:45 am worship service.

After second service, join us for the traditional Rally Day potluck luncheon, with burgers and hot dogs along with fellowship and four square! Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

HELP US BLESS OUR SOLDIERS!

Thanks so much for everyone's generosity in providing treats and goodies for Jasper and his team! We've got an updated list of items they are particularly interested in, such as:

- Pre-cooked bacon that does not need refrigeration (#1 requested & enjoyed by all!)
- Protein snack bars
- Blueberry or raspberry applesauce cups
- Kodiak microwaveable waffles or pancakes in a cup
- Dried fruit of all kinds- peach, apple, pineapple, blueberry, etc.
- Microwave popcorn, especially kettle corn flavor
- Electrolyte drink mix single serving packets
- Iced tea or lemonade mix- single serve directions or packets
- Boxes of liquid creamer packs instead of powder
- Tooth flossers

Fun items like a book on how to juggle, hacky sacks, Super Hero or other themed Band aids, air fresheners, or handwritten notes will make the hot summer months more bearable.



YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

August 30 (Friday) 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

*Singing
Make Your Dumplings for Dinner
Spicy Food Challenge*