



August 25, 2024

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

The Flowers on the altar are given by Perry and Jocelyn Villanueva in celebration of their 36th Anniversary on August 27th

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 from Nancy Goodick.

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.

You can schedule your appointment for the next Blood Drive

on September 13th 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 August 10th to schedule an appointment. For more information call or email Cate Lehan or Robin Dye or the church office.

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 9:30am and a catered meal and honor our founding members. Special guests include past pastors Gary Shaw and Lisa Bruget-Cass. 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.

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!

. 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).



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.



Looking for Senior Caregivers

Please find our attached brochure and below is a link to the paid part-time job opportunities at Seniors Helping Seniors Merrimack Valley.

<https://senior-care-solutions-corp-d-b-a-seniors-helping-seniors.careerplug.com/jobs/2516390/apps/new>

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Best Regards,

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YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

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

Singing
Make Your Dumplings for Dinner
Spicy Food Challenge

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD!

Participating in today's service:

Lay Readers:	Donna Ryalls, Sofia Rodriguez
Acolyte:	Eleanor W.
Greeter:	Christine Kelley
Usher:	Dan Ward
Recording Team:	Chris Dorsey, Peter Smyton
Counters:	Jim Ortolf, Peter Smyton
Musician:	Cheryl Cruickshank
Children's Time:	Suzanne Hevelone
Director of Music & Organist:	Maylis de la Fe
Intern:	Veejay Strama
Pastor:	Pastor Songbok Bob Jon

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