

September 29, 2024

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

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Ken and Charlotte Bair on the 3rd anniversary of her passing. May their memory be a blessing to us all.

Show Us Your Mug Cup Challenge

Have you got the new mug cup yet? To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Aldersgate’s commissioning as a United Methodist Church, everyone is receiving a souvenir ceramic mug! If you have not received your mug, please pick yours up next time you are at church by checking with Pastor Bob, Betsy, or Peter Smyton. The mug is microwaveable but not recommended for the dishwasher.



We also invite you to join us for the mug cup challenge by posting a picture of yourself using the mug cup at home, work, or other places. If you have a Facebook account, please post the picture and add #aldersgate60thanniversary. If you do not have a social media account, simply bring the picture with you, and we will post it on the bulletin board. The challenge will end on October 27, and we will select the winner and present a prize. We encourage you to remember and pray for your church whenever you use the mug.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make last week’s 60th anniversary celebration so special and meaningful! Thanks especially to our charter members, both those with us and those who remain in our hearts, for their faith and courage 60 years ago.

p.s. The attached picture is Rick’s picture of using the cup for breakfast.

Check Out Our AUMC History Timeline

As part of our 60th anniversary, Elaine Brown updated our history timeline that was first shown a few years ago. In addition to extending the timeline to present day, she added many additional milestones from throughout our history. The timeline is along the west wall of the Fellowship Hall and will be on display for a few weeks. Stop by to check it out!

Stewardship Campaign: "Building Our Foundation, United in Love"

We invite you to join us for Fall 2024 Stewardship throughout October. Our theme this year is "Building Our Foundation, United in Love." You will hear testimonials from selected speakers on October 6, 13, and 20. Pastor Bob plans to preach a sermon series on John Wesley's three simple rules on stewardship, using James Harnish's "Earn, Save, and Give." There will be devotional readings in the welcome area for those who wish to learn more about Wesley's theology of stewardship. We will be joined by our guest preacher, Rev. John Mueller, pastor at South Yarmouth UMC, on October 13 for the second service. October 20 will be Commitment Sunday, encouraging you to bring your pledge card for the next year in 2025.

Bishop's Day on the Commonwealth West District October 11, 2024

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, our new bishop to New England Conference, will visit our Commonwealth West District at the Blackstone Valley UMC (61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA) on Friday, October 11, from 6 to 8 pm. This visit is an opportunity to get to know our Bishop better and to ask questions related to what is going on in the denomination and our New England Conference.

If you are interested in attending, please notify Betsy in the office by this **Tuesday, October 1**, and she and Pastor Bob will register everyone from Aldersgate. As we get closer to the date, we will arrange carpooling for those interested.

Bishop Bickerton’s Installation

Bishop Bickerton's [Installation Service](#) is **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, 1:00 pm at Sudbury UMC (251 Old Sudbury Rd. Sudbury, MA 01776). More information to follow.

Bishop Bickerton's [greeting](#) to the New England Annual Conference and [bio/introduction](#) are posted.

Aldersgate Faire 2024 Preparations!

Mark your calendar for AUMC Faire December 6th and 7th, 2024. Wreaths and swags with our amazing bows and picks are already being created. We look forward to wonderful baked goods and hand-crafted items as well as gift baskets and silent auction items. If you would like to donate a gift basket or auction item, please contact Melinda Goodick or Bonnie Marden. Our talented church invites the community to visit us as we begin the Advent Season!



Aldersgate Faire preparations

Carmen Umana is done with the picks for the Christmas wreaths. Stay tuned for news on how you can help as the Faire approaches.

CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY from 9:30-10:30 AM

Registration is ongoing, and your child can join at any time. Here is the class breakdown:

Pre-K-2: Dottie Newcomb

Gr 3-4: Jim Ortolfo and Marlene Breen

Gr 5-7: Dave Jones and Dan Ward

Gr 8-12 Peter Smyton, David Driscoll and Lee Pender

Also, we are currently looking for a teacher to join Dottie each week in the Pre-K-2 class. We are also periodically in need of teachers to fill in or be a 2nd adult as well as caring for the little ones in the nursery. If you are able to assist in any of these ways, please reach out to Christine Kelley.

The Wish Project – Can you help

The Wish Project needs children's clothes and shoes. Please place items in bin in vestibule by the office.

Current Christian Education Director Search

Your SPRC team has been at work the last few months searching for a Director of Christian Education. A few candidates came forward, were interviewed, but in the end, we were not a good fit for each other. The job description has been placed with the Conference website and we have contacted some local seminaries.

We could use your help in spreading the word to your community and contacts close to home and far away. Let's work together to spread a wide net, in hopes that God's choice might be revealed soon! Until then, please join us in prayer and action as we ALL work to fill the MANY shoes Cheryl inhabited to continue to bring life and connection to our kids, teens and families.

Childcare Worker Needed

Looking for a meaningful way to serve on Sunday mornings? We're seeking caring individuals to provide a safe, fun environment for children while their parents' worship. Join our team and make a positive impact on young lives while supporting families in their spiritual journey. See Dan Ward or Pastor Bob for more details



This Book Is for Anyone
Who Has Ever Felt They
Had to Choose Between
Truth and Love

If we are going to follow Jesus in how we read our Bible, we would be wise to adopt his filter: love.

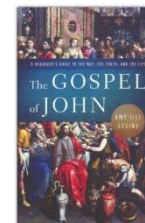
Adult Class Continues!

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Concord Room or on Zoom for a series of videos and conversation on **Reading the Bible Through A Love-Centered Lens**. Based on the book, **Love Matters More** by Jared Byas, this six-week video series will teach us to make sure all our biblical interpretations lead us to love more like Jesus. There is no outside classwork required. Come as you are and don't worry if you have to miss a class. We will *always* save you a seat! Pick up a book in the lobby (suggested donation \$8) or order from your favorite bookseller.

“The proper goal of reading our Bibles isn't to get it right; it's to love. Thinking deeply about theology and how to interpret the Bible is important, but love matters more.

Early Bird on Tuesday 10/1 at 10am

For the month of October, Early Bird will return to ONE. This week will be a discussion of chapter five. If you have not participated in previous discussion groups, or perhaps participated in a study earlier and would like to revisit the book, you are invited to join in the discussion on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. One more time with ONE!



Thursday Morning Class

Join us Thursday morning to continue our next study!
Come see the Gospel of John with new eyes! Thursday at 10:00 am. Morning Group will continue our fall study with Pastor Bob. *A Beginners Guide to the Gospel of John* by Amy Jill Levine is our text. Levine is a scholar the group has studied and enjoyed several times before.

Roaring Twenties Revival – Junie’s Place 2nd Revival October 25th 7-11 pm Chelmsford Center for the Arts

Juniper “Junie” Dillon passed away from Sudden Unexplained Childhood Death in December 2022 at just two and half years old. Her mother, Kristin, turned her grief towards an expansion of the toddler area at Friendship Park, which is set to have its grand opening on Sunday, October 6th at 11AM! With the playground completed, Kristin felt called to continue working in Junie’s memory, and has established the newly formed nonprofit, Junie’s Place, Inc, which aims to provide no-cost bereavement services to families who have experienced infant, child or pregnancy loss, or a stillbirth. Last year the fundraising gala masquerade ball was a booming success, and this year is set to be just as fun! With a Roaring 20’s theme (including a speakeasy!) and exciting raffle items such as Boston Pops tickets, local business gift certificates and baskets, and even tickets to see the Boston Fleet PWHL kick butt on the ice, there is something for everyone! Laura Brown is a board member, so please direct any questions to her at Lehoupt@gmail.com. We hope to see you there! For more information on Junie’s Place, please see the website <https://www.juniesplace.org/>

