

October 27, 2024

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Chris Sargent in loving remembrance of Ginny on our anniversary.

The flowers on the altar are given by Cate Lehan in celebration of Isabelle Cole’s 24th birthday on October 28.

Laity Sunday Today. October 27th

Please join us Today on October 27th at 8:30 and 10:45, for Laity Sunday. Peter Smyton will be preaching, and many other Laity will be participating in the Service. Thank you to all our Lay leaders.

Here's the link to Rev. Jon Hevelone’s obituary page:

<https://www.devitofuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Jon-Dale-Hevelone?obId=33374686>

The service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 2 at First Baptist Church of Arlington.

Thank you, Suzanne Hevelone

Stewardship Campaign 2025

It is not too late to submit your pledge card!

“Building our Foundation, United in Love”

Thank you to all those who prayerfully considered their family’s generosity plan for supporting our 2025 ministries and submitted their pledge cards. Because of your faithful giving, the Finance Committee and Ministry Leaders will be working together to reconcile our 2025 Budget as we prepare for our year ahead. Thank you again for your prayers surrounding this process and for **joining us in “Building our Foundation, United in Love”!**

It is still not too late to send in your pledge for next year by mailing it to the church office, dropping it in the mail slot at the ramp entrance to the church or emailing Financial Secretary Kelly Mongiovi at kmongiovi@aol.com advising her of your pledge for 2025.

Please return your pledge card or email the information to Kelly by November 10th since our budget reconciliation meeting is the following week.

Chili & Apple Crisp Fundraiser – Pick up Today October 27th

Outreach is ready to cook, so you don't have to. We are taking the last pre-orders for chili and apple crisp. Chili and Vegetarian Chili \$7 per quart and Apple crisp & gluten free Apple crisp is \$6 for 8x8 pan. You can pick up your orders in Fellowship Hall on Sunday 10/27 during coffee hour. Thanks to all for supporting our efforts to fund 60 Thanksgiving baskets this year. Blessings, Your Outreach Team

Holiday Centerpiece Class

Holiday Centerpiece Class **Monday, Oct 28, @ 7pm in Sunday school rooms 7 and 8.** Our Christmas Faire will be here before you know it and Aldersgate Elves are busy behind the scenes. Centerpieces are a big part of the faire, and many hands are needed to create them. Deana Peterson has scheduled her friend Betsy, who is a gardener and floral designer, to help teach a class on making simple arrangements. This class is open to men, women, and teens who would like to get creative. It really is easier than you think. Please sign up with Deana so there are enough supplies available. Peterson.deana@gmail.com or 978-758-6232

Request for All Saints Names by October 31st

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. Our Worship will include the reading of names of those who have died in the past year, who have gone on to join the “Saints Triumphant”. If you would like the name of a loved one read on that day, please fill out a form on the welcome desk, or use the form on this announcement or email the church office or call (978-256-9400) and leave a message on the office phone, **by October 31st.** Please include as a subject “All Saints” on your email. Also include your name and the loved one’s name as well as spell it if by phone.

All Saints Sunday – November 3, 2024

My Name: _____

Name of Loved one:_____

Phonetic spelling if needed/special notes: _____

Date of Passing: _____

Please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Acolyte Training Today

There will be Acolyte training for youth from 5th grade to 12th grade after church on October 27th. Please let Pastor Bob know if you would like to learn.

Trunk or Treat! Today

Please join us in the back parking lot today, October 27, 4:00 – 5:00 pm for our first annual Trunk or Treat event! We'll have games, prizes, and, of course, candy to hand out! Spread the word! Everyone in the community is invited!

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.

The Mug Cup Challenge Ends Today!

Have you got your 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 ends today, October 27**, and we will soon select the winner and present a prize. We encourage you to remember and pray for your church whenever you use the mug. P.S. The 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. We also have photos from the 60th anniversary celebration on the board with the anniversary banner. Stop by to

check out these mementos! The 60th anniversary video with reflections from our charter members is now posted on our web site, <https://www.aldersgatechelmsford.com>.

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

Grief Share Group – Starting November 6th

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. We are writing to let you know about our GriefShare grief support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend.



GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process.

Please join us: [Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (in-person only)]. **Starting Date: November 6, 2024, Place: Concord Room at Aldersgate United Methodist Church (242 Boston Rd. Chelmsford, MA 01824)]**

Feel free to contact Pastor Bob Jon, or our two facilitators, Marcia Dana and Chris Sargent. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit griefshare.org.

Let's Play!

November 9 at 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
Popcorn, conversation and FUN!
More information to come.



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

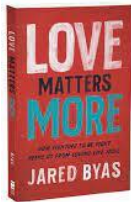
Registration is ongoing, and your child can join at any time.

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 can assist in any of these ways, please reach out to Christine Kelley.

No Early Bird on Tuesday 10/29

Early Bird will not meet on this Tuesday. Check next week's bulletin for the next lesson.

Adult Class Continues!

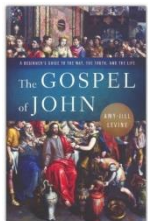


This Book Is for Anyone
Who Has Ever Felt They
Had to Choose Between
Truth and Love

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

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.



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.