

December 29, 2024

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

**The flowers on the altar are given by Wendy and John Baker
Glory be to God and Peace to this Aldersgate UMC family
as we approach the New Year!**

**The Flowers on the altar are given by Linda and Rich Regan in memory of Amanda
Allen (12/2/16) and Cheryl Harris (12/25/16)**

December Upcoming events

**Church Conference Sunday December 29th at 10:30 am – see article below
Sunday, December 29th – one service at 9:30 – No Church School
Epiphany Sunday on January 5th, 8:30 am and 10:45 am**

Church Conference at 10:30 am on December 29th – One Service 9:30

After the one service today, we will be holding a Church Conference to vote to approve the proposed 2025 budget. The balancing of the budget needed to be done after the Church Conference once the pledges were received and were compared with the proposed 2025 expenses. The proposed budget includes a 3% pay increase for the church staff. We will also approve the addition of Beth Randall to Trustees. All church members are invited to attend this short meeting to review and vote on these two important items.

Please join us in our special giving on “Kings’ Sunday” January 5, 2025

This year we are supporting Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell as our Advent Mission Project. Next Sunday, January 5, on Epiphany, also known as “Kings’ Sunday,” we will bring our monetary gifts from the savings we have made and will offer them to support this project.

Pastor Bob away from January 6 to January 12

Pastor Bob will be at Rolling Ridge in North Andover (MA) to teach candidates for ministry in the Local Pastor Licensing School program. Pastor Maylis will preach on January 12.

Be sure to pick up your 2025 envelopes and pledge confirmation.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up. Please sign up for your special dates.

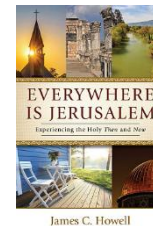
Change for Change

Change for change continues to give back. We are donating to New House Wildlife (worthy organization selected by trustees). The next few weeks Change for change will add to our advent conspiracy mission. Habitat for Humanity. Grateful for your support of change for change. Blessings, Outreach team.

Early Bird on Tuesday

Early Bird will be on Christmas hiatus. It will reconvene on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Adult Education



Join us in the Concord Room on Thursday, January 2 at 10 AM and Sunday, January 5 at 9:45 AM, for the final week of our video Advent study: *The Christmas Letters* by Magrey deVega.

Beginning January 9th and 12th, the Adult Education classes will be starting a video series on the Holy Land. *Everywhere is Jerusalem* by Rev James Howell is part travelogue, part bible study. Come discover something new! Books can be ordered online.

What Would Jesus want for His Birthday?



Just as the Wise Ones traveled great distances to bring precious gifts to the child Jesus, so too, we want to give gifts this Holy season that would make the heart of Jesus glad.

Again, this year, we are following the principles of *The Advent Conspiracy*:

- * Worship Fully
- * Love all
- * Spend Less on things people do not need
- * Give more of ourselves, our time, our lives

We are encouraging each other to save the money we would have spent on gifts that those we love really don’t need, and instead give a life-giving gift that truly matters. This year our church council and outreach committee have selected the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell organization as our Advent Mission.