

January 26, 2025

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

The flowers on the altar are given by Aldo and Maylis in joyful and grateful remembrance of Sofia, Samuel, and Gabriel’s Baptism seven years ago, on January 21, 2018, and in thankfulness for this church family who is supporting them in their faith journey.

Coming Up at Aldersgate January – April 2025

Sunday Morning Services at 8:30am and 10:45am with Church School for all at 9:30am

Undie Sundie February 2nd – Bring packages of new underwear for those in need.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Saturday February 22nd, 9am – 2pm

Ash Wednesday service: March 5th, 7:00pm

Red Cross Blood Drive: Saturday, March 15th, 9am to 2pm

Grief Share – new class, starting Wednesday March 12th 7 pm – 8:30 pm Concord Room.

Wednesday, Lenten Soup Suppers (6 pm) & Laity-led Lenten services (7pm)

March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, April 9th

Palm Sunday April 13th 8:30am and 10:45am

Passover Seder Meal: Thursday, April 17th, 6pm

Maundy Thursday service: April 17th, 7:30pm

Egg Hunt, Saturday April 19th, 10am to 11:30am

Easter Breakfast: April 20th, 7 – 10:30am

Easter services: April 20th, 8:30am and 10:45am

Outreach

The Outreach Committee invites you to celebrate Undie Sundie on Feb 2nd. Please bring a package of new underwear to fill the Long Johns in the narthex between now and Feb 2nd. Men’s, women’s and children’s underwear are all welcome.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up. Please sign up for your special dates. March 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th are still open. If you have vases from previous Sundays, please bring them in to be returned to our Florist.

Youth Group Meeting – Lunar New Year

Friday, January 31, 5:30p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Come join the fun as we learn some new Korean games to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Friends are always welcome!



Super Bowl Sub Sale

The senior youth group will be taking orders for sub sandwiches on January 26 and February 2. Place your orders in the basket located in the hallway or email your order to: aumc-education@verizon.net. Pick-up is February 9, after each service. Donations will go towards the youth mission trip this summer.

Garden Club Meeting

Sunday, February 2, noon – 1:00pm, Concord Room.

Join the garden club as we make plans for this year’s church garden. We’ll decide what to grow this season and which seeds to order. Please bring any extra seeds you’d like to share or swap. All are welcome! Please contact Lee Williams if you have any questions.

You can schedule your appointment for the next Blood Drive for February 22nd or March 15th 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 February 22nd or March 15th to schedule an appointment. For more information call or email Cate Lehan or Robin Dye or the church office.

Interested in Learning How to Record Worship?

We are looking to add to our friendly team of volunteers who live-stream and record our worship services. We take turns so everyone gets an opportunity to participate. We schedule the two-person crew weekly based on everyone’s availability. Training is provided. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Peter Smyton (617-893-9669).

Early Bird on Tuesday

Early Bird takes a second look at some familiar passages this week and bring their lessons into our present lives. Whether dealing with a pharaoh (Exodus 3:9-15), confronting a Goliath (1 Samuel 17:31-51), or facing a seemingly impossible challenge (John 6:4-13) we should always remember "God Will Make a Way". We will explore these Scriptures and extract the life lessons and their applicability to us as we live out our faith journeys. Join in as we discuss the timeless nature of God's promises and truths. Early Bird meets on Zoom each Tuesday at ten o'clock.

Habitat for Humanity Workday Saturday February 1, 2025



We now have our 12 people for our second workday at Habitat for Humanity's 70 Boston Road in Westford Project on Saturday February 1 from 8 am to 3 pm. We had a great experience there in August and look forward to contributing again.

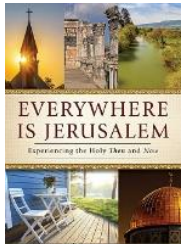
This is very timely for our church as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell will be the recipient of the giving on January 5 for our Advent Mission Project and also because of the December 29th passing of our 39th President, Jimmy Carter who spent many years on these projects.

Help needed for the Nursery

We are looking for volunteers to cover the nursery on February 9th, 16th and 23rd while Deana is away on vacation.

Please let Lee know at aumc-education@verizon.net. If you have questions, Deana will be glad to talk with you about it.

Adult Education Study



Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places. In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places they happened. You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now. Part travelogue, part Bible study, this book will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now." From Abingdon Press

Get your copy of "Everywhere is Jerusalem" by James C Howell anywhere books are sold and join us Jan. 26th at 9:45 am or Jan. 30th at 10:00 am in the Concord Room.

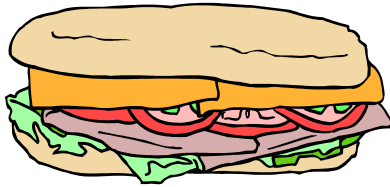
GriefShare Group starting March 12

On March 12th we will start another GriefShare grief support group. Feel free to contact Pastor Bob Jon at revbobjon@gmail.com or 508-685-6291 or our two facilitators, Marcia Dana or Chris Sargent. If you have questions or would like more information please visit griefshare.org. Please join us on Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (in-person only). Starting Date: March 12, 2025, Place: Concord Room at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 242 Boston Rd. Chelmsford, MA 01824

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.



Youth Group Super Bowl Sub Sale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Qty	Type
_____	Turkey Sub
_____	Italian Sub
_____	Veggie Sub
_____	Falafel Sub
_____	Gluten Free Roll

Soda & Chips included in order

Special request for sub:

____ Pick-up after 1st service ____ Pick-up after 2nd service

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