

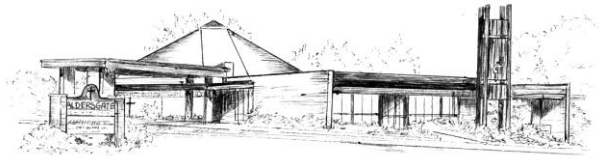
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*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*



Aldersgate Church...United Methodist

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8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Church Office Closed
Thursday, November 26, and Friday November 27
In observance of Thanksgiving

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November Calendar

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

NOVEMBER 2020

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 8 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 15 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 22 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

*The Core Values of our church: Family, Love,
Compassion.*

A Family of God
United in *Love*
Moved by the Spirit of God
Committed to the Ministry
of *Compassion*



PASTOR'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2020



"We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross, the violence that we must each do to ourselves to overcome our selfishness and such cruel inequalities among us."

~Bishop Oscar Romero

Dear friends,

Our faith in God is an act of faith that turns the world upside down and shakes it free from the social stratification of selfishness and influences where each person and clan is concerned only for itself. It is an act of faith leading those who believe in God to one's own personal cross of pain and death. One should not be surprised by the words of Jesus, Mark 8:34, *"If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* Romero is correct; the only violence we preach is the violence of love, a love that seeks an end to those things hindering the poor and disenfranchised from God's great love and salvation, both here and now, and in the world to come.

At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, we are not only concerned for ourselves, but we are concerned for those individuals and groups who have not had the opportunities and luxuries we have been blessed with.

Here is the question for us who worship at Aldersgate United Methodist Church: How can we bless others directly from our church doors? Blessings where we see the hurting and poor within our house of worship, face to face?

I think this is a question we need to ponder and plan during this epidemic. How can we do God's work right here at the House of God (Aldersgate UMC)? How can we practice the violence of love, here and now?

The words of Jesus are so relevant here, Matthew 25:40, *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* So I challenge you this day, what ministries to the needy and disenfranchised is God leading us to as a body of Christ practicing the violence of love?

Blessings,
Pastor Brett

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

November 1

All Saints Sunday

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Matthew 23:1-12

November 8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost,

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15

24th Sunday after Pentecost,

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100 (UMH 221)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29

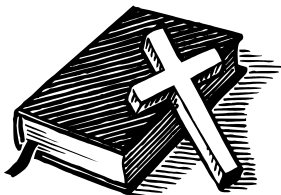
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

We return to Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Remember to reset you're your clocks to **"FALL BACK"** on Saturday night. You will get an extra hour of sleep!



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Court Street UMC

215 N. Court Street

Thursday, November 26th

Serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Our 39th annual Thanksgiving Dinner is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Thursday, November 26, depending on COVID-19 restrictins. We will provide confirmation no lanter than November 4, 2020.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bert at 815-721-4605.

Help will be needed Monday morning, Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning and afternoon, help is also needed starting at 6:00 am on Thanksgiving and then again on Friday morning to clean up and take down.

We will also be needing donations of frozen or store-baked pies (No frozen Pumpkin Pies).


Any cash donations should go to Court Street United Methodist Church (memo line: Thanksgiving Dinner).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Amanda Henderson
 01 Makayla Barker
 04 Cheryl Thurman
 10 Cindy Fisher
 10 Sandy Franklin

11 Jim Wilson
 13 Marci Wirtz
 16 Janice Ingham
 17 Ashley Reynolds

19 Wendy Gloor
 21 Jack Alongi
 23 Bernice Johnson
 28 Carolyn Glenni Zick



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 Norm & Alice Rice
 22 Larry & Donna Paladino
 24 Mike & Theresa O’Hea
 25 Tom & Bonnie Moore
 30 Parker & Donelle Moyer

Barb Hoey Hank Hollar
 Rena Borgman Covella Weller

Remember In Your Prayers



Marie Kamens Mark Hoey
 Ron Niday Sandy Wenig
 Shirley Goranson Jim Gridley
 George Franklin Don O’Hea
 Cloe Sturner Karla Burrows
 David Levine Pete Weller

***Note:** After the printing of this Squeek, there may have been others hospitalized or ill. We need your help. Please notify the Church Office. Thank you.*

SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, November 19th is the deadline for the December, 2020 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. The Squeek will be sent out on Wednesday, November 25.

Please notice that the Squeek will be sent out a day earlier than usual. This is due to the Thanksgiving Holliday.

OUTREACH/NURTURE NOVEMBER 2020

We hear over and over again that we should vote. That is true. But we should vote intelligently. Learn the candidates. Learn the issues. The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford has compiled a number of videos on issues important to Winnebago County residents. Some are longer than Pastor Brett’s messages, some are not. Here are 4 referendum and races of interest and importance. You are encouraged to watch them at your leisure so you can make an informed, intelligent choice when you vote.

Winn. Co Board Chairman: 37 min
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersOfGreaterRockford/videos/3529097060446295>

Fair Tax: 5 min
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersOfGreaterRockford/videos/375587300150336>

Co. Form of Government: 18min
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersOfGreaterRockford/videos/624463901581815>

Winn. States Attorney: 33min
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersOfGreaterRockford/videos/358327442191806>

If you are interested in looking at more of these videos, please go to League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford Illinois on Facebook.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Aldersgate United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, November 19th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No refreshments will be served. Bring your own beverage if desired and wear a face mask. We will sit socially distanced. Following the business meeting, Coralee Hardwick will present the World Thank Offering program “A Light for The World to See.”

Aldersgate UMW tidbits:

- Our unit received the Five Star Giving award for 2019. This means our units gave financial support to all five channels of giving through The United Methodist Women: Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Missions, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering. We are proud to have receive this recognition for several years.
- Mitten Tree this year will be up during Advent in the narthex. Donations needed are hats, gloves/mittens, scarves AND tube socks* and children’s underwear*. *New items this year.
- 2020 Bake Sale? More information in next month’s Squeek.

HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in ordering Christmas poinsettias from Village Green Nursery this year, please fill out the form in this Squeek. We likely will NOT be able to provide forms to fill out on Sundays. We likely will NOT be able to provide a sign-up sheet. So, we are asking you to fill out this form and send or drop it off to the church office by Monday, November 26th. Poinsettia color choices are Red, White & Pink. You can also choose Red, Green or Gold foil. The price is \$9.99. We ask that you either send in your money or leave it in the offering plate (marked Poinsettia) on Sundays.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

You are invited to share in the Christmas spirit at Aldersgate UMC by purchasing one or more poinsettias that will be part of the sanctuary décor. Plants, which will be on display, may be claimed after the Christmas weekend services. Your order form and \$9.99 for each plant ordered must be in the Church Office by **Monday, November 26th, 2020**. Please return forms ASAP!!



This order is for ___ poinsettias at \$9.99 each.

Plant(s) is/are being purchased “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”.(Please circle one)

___Red ___White ___Pink AND ___Red Foil ___Green Foil ___Gold Foil

Person’s Name: _____

Ordered by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

ALDERSGATE FINANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2020

This month's Finance report is the OLD and NEW BUSINESS TOPICS from the OCTOBER FINANCE COMMITTEE EMAIL AGENDA and is provided to show the current activities of Finance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AUDIT In process (Keith Is waiting for the red books to be updated
2. PHONE SYSTEM. Under monthly review. The parsonage phone/internet has been reduced about \$30 per month..
3. New Pastor Salary/Benefits figures From SPRC (Anne Niday). Figures are now in the 2020 and 2021 Budgets. See New Business.
4. Review and comment on Apportionment Bill. Should we begin paying on the \$21,000 appealed amount? A VOTE was conducted and a 70% rate was approved and is in process.
5. Telephone lines: Should we drop the rollover (3806) and fax lines provided Fire Monitoring is not affected? VOTE! This has been approved and completed.
6. Telephone Line Parsonage: Retain Internet, drop phone line? OPINION! See New Business.
7. Fire Monitoring: Move to wireless company in Rockford, from Johnson Controls/Simplex has been completed.
8. Pastor's office computer has been replaced with a new, faster one.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pledges and giving: A letter will be sent to all members and friends asking them to maintain their giving at 2020 levels.
2. 2021 BUDGET: It has been decided that the 2021 Budget be a repeat of 2020 with adjustments for Pastor Brett's Salary. A copy for review is attached. To that end, the N.I. Conference sent word that health insurance will remain at 2020 levels.
3. Apportionments: we will also keep these at the 2020 appealed level.
4. Finance Committee membership will also remain the same next year as 2020. The same is true for all other committees.
5. We are investigating replacing AT&T phone and Internet Service with Comcast at the church.
6. We are also evaluating installing a direct data link from the church to the parsonage and eliminating both the phone and Internet from the parsonage and replacing with the Comcast connection at church.
7. We are in the process of upgrading the A/V System with the addition of video. This includes a new A/V computer and MediaShout

Jon Boettner, Finance Chair

ALDERSGATE TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2020:

Well, here we are again, another year of the ATM (Aldersgate Toy Ministry) approaching the conclusion – which is the DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS! Andy Gloor will soon be busy contacting recipient groups for their “orders”. The toys available for distribution (2289) which include the results of 2020 production plus the leftovers from 2019 are contained in the chart below that Bill Rhodes has provided. The chart also shows the quantity of toys that were gifted in 2019.

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>2020 MADE</u>		<u>2019 LEFTOVER</u>		<u>IN-PROCESS</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>DISTRIB</u>							
AMBULANCE	102	33		135	122		
BATMAN	104	116		220	102		
BIG-RIG	45	62	55	162	85		
BUG	100	`		100	87		
BUS	140	10	50	200	90		
CAB-TRAILER	54	76		130	79		
DAISY	104	16		120	109		
FIRE-TRUCK	102	18		120	201		
HELICOPTER	103	55		158	99		
JEEP	103	37		140	86		
PICKUP	104	63		167	89		
POLICE	104	14		118	115		
PRINCESS	101			101	100		
RACE CAR	104	30		134	99		
ROAD GRADER	99	68		167	85		
TRACTOR	47	65		112	99		
<u>TOTALS</u>	1521	663		105 2289	1647		

So there you have it! Another year nearing completion! Thanks to ALL who participated in this interesting and fulfilling Ministry! May GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU and MAY GOD BLESS THE ALDERSGATE TOY MINISTRY!

Now for next year!
Jon Boettner

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday Service 9:30 AM—Tentative	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service 9:30 AM—Tentative	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service 9:30 AM—Tentative	16	17	18 AWED	19 UMW 1:00 pm Squeek deadline	20	21
22 Sunday Service 9:30 AM—Tentative	23	24	25 Squeek mailed out	26 ThanksGiving Day Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29 Sunday Service 9:30 AM—Tentative	30					