

# Aldersgate United Methodist Church



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## Roger's Greeting

### “Our own worst enemy...”

Written on Sunday, July 5, 2020

This past weekend as we celebrated the founding of our nation, we have also created dangerous circumstances with regard to the spread of COVID 19. The lack of respect for the dangers of COVID 19 as people fail to wear masks in public spaces and the crowding of popular locations such as beaches and bars underscores who is our worst enemy in this fight against this pandemic... ourselves.

It is clear as a nation, we are going to learn the lessons of COVID 19 the hardest and most tragic way - through our failures. It will be costly and sad.

While we do need to deal with opening up, there are ways that are conducive to a more safe reopening and other ways that are not. In fact, our own CDC had a plan and strategy but that plan has been discarded for political expediency.

Some of the features were as follows: a state or county exhibit 14 days of decreasing cases before moving to the next phase, testing and contact tracing with follow up quarantining to contain the spread, mask-wearing, and a gradual reopening of businesses and activities.

As one of our church members says (see below), this is a world war against a virus. "The enemy is microscopic." I would add that the enemy is also "us".

On our first try, we have failed. I hope we have not damaged our circumstances to a degree that we cannot control this fight against the coronavirus. Actually, we have no choice but to keep fighting but the fight is really one within ourselves as a nation.

This war will be longer than we all had hoped for or imagined but this is our reality. We will keep fighting together. We have no other choice.

Let us pray for the victims of the disease, both those who died and those who are ill. Let us pray for our front-line medical personal! And let us prayer for ourselves.

Be safe, stay healthy, and be kind.

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### **From a Church Member reflection on last weekend's OWE...**

This morning watching your Sunday sermon. I was reminded by my cousin. Our parents or grandparents were in internment camps for the duration of the war. It was the last time the world was at war. This time the whole world is fighting a virus. This enemy is microscopic. Currently, only weapons the public have is to be safe and healthy behavior. The news from the frontline is bad this week. Love and Kindness. You're doing a great job for our spirit.

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### **From Brad Shirakawa...**

Since there are no Obon Festivals this year, Brad is sharing his presentation on the Cortez Buddhist Church Obon Festival. He says, "see it on the biggest screen you've got..."

[CLICK HERE FOR THE OBON PRESENTATION](#)

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**From DeeDee Kato:**

DeeDee recommends the following documentary, "Obachan's Garden". It is based on the Japanese Canadians that went to Manitoba. It is a very heartwarming story. We do not hear a lot of the Japanese Canadian's story so you may find it both interesting and heartwarming. Teiso Uyeno (former member) was a Japanese Canadian.

Link for Obachan's Garden - click here!

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On July 26th, we'll celebrate July Birthdays. Please send me the names (and month) of your and other friends and family members' birthday (no years please).

(NOTE: If you or your family member's birthday was in Jan-June but you missed sending it, please still send it and we'll include on the July 26th.)

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**Response to Online Worship Experience(OWE)...**

We need your Tik Toks, talents, humor, and fun videos. People have truly enjoyed our OWE and Fellowship Time has helped us know each other and just appreciate getting through this pandemic together even in the age of SIP.

Rev. Roger needs some Children Time videos! So if you have an idea, go for it and share it with Rev. Roger.

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**Our Prayer List:**

Haruye Ng, Paul Osaki, Sue Nakamura, Tak Nishiura, Kiyo Shizuru, Lea Haratani, Kamila Young, Hitoshi Tachibana, Chloe Gong, Ginger Powell, Jieun Lee, Jamie Campbell, Mel Imai, Harry Hatasaka, Sue Lemba, Martha Tanji, Bonnie Pennebaker, Nagi Hashiba, Tim Ome, and Angel Baquiran.

Updates: Patricia Orr has had a good recovery from her brain surgery and Susie Liu (Alice Yu and Irene Iwasaki's aunt) doing well post-surgery.

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**Back-to-School Drive**

Every year, we have supported the Back-to-School Drive sponsored by The Family Giving Tree (FGT). This year is not different EXCEPT we will be doing it online. The FGT has created an online link specifically for Aldersgate. If you click the link below you will be taken to a website where you can select the age group and backpack style. FGT purchases in bulk and then assembles everything.

We will track our progress and report to you each Sunday on our progress. This year, with all the uncertainty let's truly support the education of the children who are most in need. **CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE DONATION FOR BACKPACKS!**

**June 7-25th - Received \$976 (approximately 35 backpacks (Amazing Job!) Our initial goal was 25+ backpacks! Let's keep it up as we surpass our goal! Thank you all for your generosity.**

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# Upcoming Zoom Meeting and Online Gatherings:

**Choir Practice, July 8th at 6:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/511182912>

Meeting ID: 511 182 912  
One tap mobile cell phone for audio and video:  
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**Next Other Worlds Session**  
**“The Bosnian Pyramids”**  
**Monday, July 13, 2020**  
**7:30 PM**

REPEAT AND “OM” Restart: This session is being repeated for those who missed this opportunity and will also serve as a restart for the “Open Minds” group. Find out about the myriad of pyramids throughout the world including the U.S! Find out the true purpose of pyramids and how scientists are now measuring the energies being

emitted by pyramids! Please RSVP.

In 2005, Bosnian born anthropologist Dr. Sam Osmanagich announced to the world’s media his discovery, that a group of hills in the vicinity of Visoko, a small town in central Bosnia, were not hills at all but were in fact buried and forgotten Pyramids of both monumental size and extreme age. The Bosnian Pyramid of the Sun, the largest of the Bosnian Pyramids, is estimated to be at least 300m (900ft) tall. The Bosnian Pyramid of the Moon, though smaller at 190m (600ft) tall, is still over 50m (150ft) taller than the Great Pyramid of Giza.

We will explore “Bosnian Pyramids” and other general ideas related to new emerging archeological discoveries that challenge the traditional idea of the past on this planet.

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**Other Worlds Session**  
**“Earth’s Energy Grid and Ancient Monuments”**  
**Monday, July 27, 2020**  
**7:30 PM**

In this session, we will explore the idea of a natural earth energy grid system and if ancient monuments are both proof of this system and a part of the system. Come join us for another intriguing presentation and discussion of the “Other Worlds” module.

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