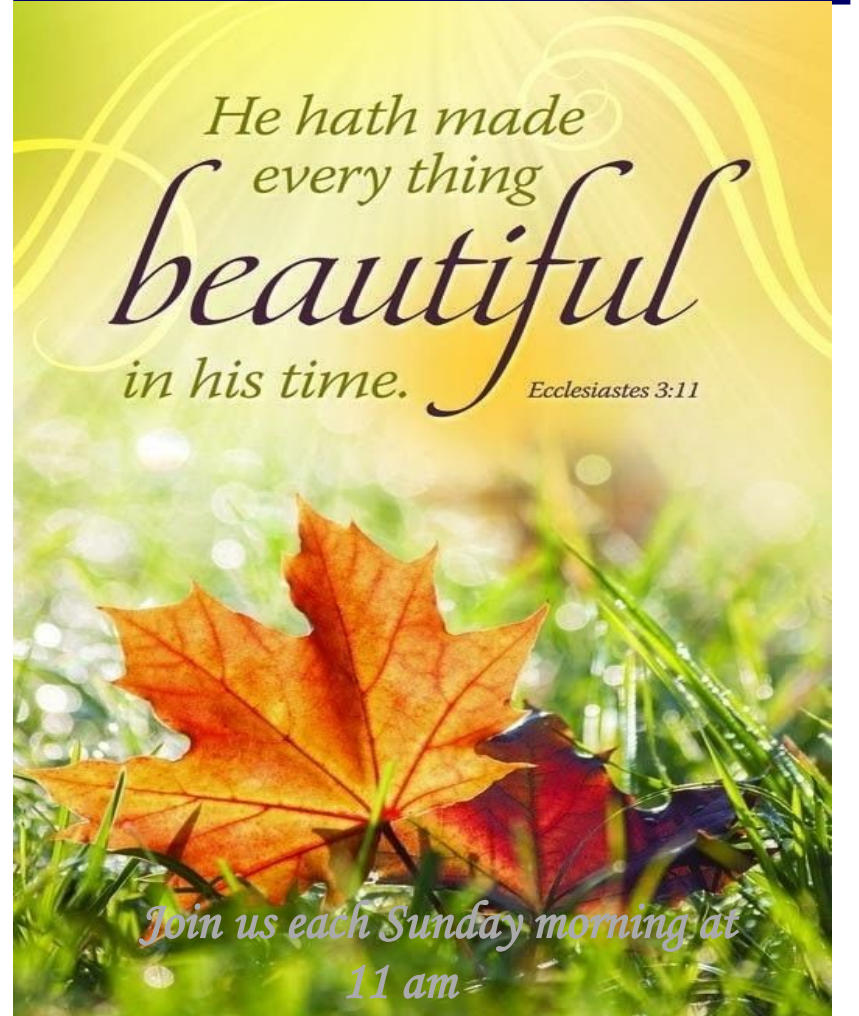




Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
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A Message from Your Treasurer:



Dear Aldersgate Family,

I trust this message finds you in good health. As your treasurer, I want to provide some important updates regarding our financial situation.

During the month of August, our donations exceeded expenses by \$3,127.73 - Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

Just to recap September's *Finance Article*, the Trustees, Finance Committee and Church Council met and authorized the HVAC replacement/repairs with the estimated \$23,320 costs coming from the Memorial Fund.

To date the compressor replacement servicing the social hall has been completed in addition to the replacement of the other two systems servicing the children's classroom and the kitchen and choir room areas.

Due to the HVAC work that has taken place, we've postponed addressing the roof leak and repairing the outdoor brick steps leading to the office area for the time being.

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Financial Stats for August 2024:	
Income:	\$12,441.00
Expenses:	\$ 9,313.27
Difference:	\$ 3,127.73
Remaining Balance:	\$ 8,994.82
Year to Date Income/Expenses:	
Income:	\$102,482.48
Expenses:	\$ 95,968.16
Difference:	\$ 6,514.32
Dedicated Offerings:	
Communion	\$ 10.00
Missions	\$ 40.00
Capital Imp.	\$2,305.00

Have a safe and Happy Halloween

The church staff

The Aldersgate Experience

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Pastor..... Tyrek Person
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Choir Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,
As I carve this pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;

Cut off the top

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.

Clean out the inside

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

Cut two eyes in the shape of hearts

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You have given me.

Cut the nose in the shape of a cross

Open my ears so Your word I will hear:

Cut two ears in the shape of a Bible

Open my mouth to tell others You are near.

Cut a mouth in the shape of a fish

Let Your light shine in me so others can see.

Place a candle inside



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Since the launch of AUMC's "Capital Campaign" last month, contributions to date *(September 8) are \$3885.00

Your continued financial contributions are essential for sustaining the ministry and the facilities at AUMC. Please remain vigilant in your giving, and keep our church in your prayers. Together, we can ensure Aldersgate thrives.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment.

Blessings, Kathy Dziagwa
Aldersgate UMC Treasurer



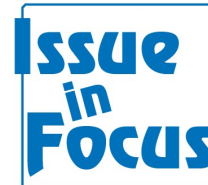
The Date is Set...

October 22, 2024 at 5 PM



Annual Charge Conference **Coastal Virginia**
DISTRICT

Deadline for all reports to Office is
October 10, 2024



A message from our Pastor

Lay Ministry Schedule for the month

News from the Pews

Important Message from Your Treasurer

Annual Charge Conference Information

And much more



Have you ever been to an Aldersgate Spaghetti Dinner?

If so, you know that there is an abundance of food, friendship, and community.

Our dinners started in January of 2020 and, except for the months that COVID shuttered our doors, have continued ever since. Our team of workers arrive by 4:30, prepare spaghetti, sauces, salad, garlic bread, desserts, and more. We serve from 5:30 until 6:30.

Many of our congregants and their friends, as well as neighboring residents, who have seen our sign, enjoy eating and socializing. Most everyone returns again and again.

From the beginning, the spaghetti dinners have been totally self-supporting through monetary donations that are placed in our donation jars each Thursday night.

After our summer break, we are happy to return on Thurs. Oct. 3rd.

We are looking forward to hosting our church family and introducing our neighbors and friends to our new pastor, Tyrek Person, and introducing Pastor Tyrek to our version of an Italian feast!

Cindy and Debbie



**Spaghetti
Dinner**

**NEWS FROM
THE PEWS**

Jimmie and Carolyn Powers have decided to return to St. Pauls UMC. We will miss them but wish them well.

Please continue to keep Maria Davidson's son, Leslee in your prayers as he continues his battle with his health.



John, Brittany and their children have moved to Camden, NC. Their new address is in the latest directory.

Thank You I would like thank everyone for all of the happy anniversary wishes on Sept. 8th. The flowers were a nice surprise as were the cards. Please know that the past 27 years with you has been a blessing...Joyce Russo

Christian Sympathies are extended to Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby for the loss of Lee's mother, Ruth Crosby. Memorial Service will be at Mt. Jackson UMC on Saturday, November 9th at 11 AM.



Notes:



As of this newsletter writing a date has not been set for the Trunk or Treat event. Please keep watch on your bulletins and emails for information. Thanks

Community Picnic



Civic League Community Picnic—RFS/WM/EP Civic League's picnic is planned for Saturday, October 5th..



Your VOICE is a GIFT!

Let us joyfully give God high praise, tremendous honor, and all glory so that we will reap a harvest full of blessings.



Come! Join us! Let's sing!

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays,
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Church Sanctuary**

**Aldersgate Music Department
Dr. Christina R. Pinkston, Minister of
Music**

Neighborhood Widows Bible Study



The Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship is a wonderful group that meets in a home in our neighborhood every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

We are completing our study of "The Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer. As we look to the wilderness mentalities. We are continuing to focus on how God would have us think and act. Other October sessions will include: Exercising the Power God Gave to You as a Widow; God as the Defender of Widows; How Satan Deceives Widows and Our Proper Response, and Dealing with Death and Serious Illness of Family and Friends. If you are a widow and would enjoy fellowship with other Christian widows, please call the number below and join us. If you know of a widow who would be interested in joining us please let me know. If God has put on your heart that it's time for you to start your own group, be it for widows or widowers, parents of young children, adults singles or other groups please call.... Call 757-515-8194 for more information. Please leave a voicemail if I do not answer. Joyce Thompson

He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalms 37:4

All Saints Sunday 2024



All Saint's Sunday this year will be observed during the worship service on Sunday 3 November. The presentation will be the same as last year's in that all candles will be pre-lit prior to the start of the service.

Additionally, all photographs utilized from previous years presentations will be shown again unless you desire to change that photograph out. Any new photographs may either be sent to me or Joyce in the office. Submission photo deadline is Sunday 20 Oct. While electronic photos are preferred, hard copies are acceptable. Greg Dziagwa



Birthdays

10/7 Barbara Harrell
10/17 Shawn Dziagwa

10/24 Robert Dziagwa

Anniversaries

10/24 John & Brittany Floyd



Remember in Prayer



Home: Maria Davidson and her son, Leslee, Phyllis Day, Henry Boelte, members of our church family who are at home.

Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

Those who have lost family or friends. Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby.

Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions through their cabinet meetings and conferences

For Peace throughout the world

If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 15th
for the November issue.



You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Ushers

Bill Bunch and Steve Carter

Communion Servers

Claudia Ganaden, Norma Tipora

Counters

10/6	D. Supper, B. Bunch
10/13	M. Hanson; G. Albertson
10/20	K. Floyd, D. Willis
10/27	G. Dziagwa, sub



Lawn Maintenance



10/7	Team 1
10/14	Team 2
10/21	Team 3
10/28	Team 1

Trash—Dewey Hanson

Team 1—Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch

Team 2—Dewey Hanson

Team 3— Kevin and John Floyd

Calendar Highlights

Finance/Admin. Board 10/1 —6:30 PM

Thompson Bible Study—

10/3;10/10;10/17;10/24 and 10/31—10 AM

Spaghetti Dinners—10/3;10/10;10/17;10/24; and 10/31?—
5:30 PM

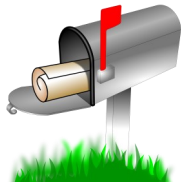
Annual Charge Conference—10/22—5 PM

Helping Hands Mtg- 10/22—10 AM

Choir rehearsals 10/2; 10/9; 10/16; 10/23;and 10/30—6 PM



Mailboxes in the neighborhood have been robbed of out-going mail, especially checks. Luckily the man was seen and the person's bank was notified and he was unable to cash the altered check.



Please do not send personal checks to the church, instead bring to the church office during office hours or place in the offering plate on Sunday. If you must send a personal check please let the office know so we can be on the look out for it.

Thanks, Joyce

The Café has reopened!

On Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10:30 am

The café will be open every 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like to be the host or hostess for a month please let Ms. Claudia know. She and her sister, Norma, welcome any help.

Come to church early that morning and enjoy some fellowship before the service begins.



Struggling

With all of the recent changes in our world today and in our own denomination, I am finding it a little hard to accept some of them.

I have spoken with many of my church friends and we all seem to be having the same issue. "Do we stand by what we have been taught regarding the words of the Bible or do we embrace what we are now being asked to accept?"

My grandchildren keep telling me I need to move with the times—to accept today's ideology. How can I do that when I have been told most of my life that God says it is wrong. I can only speak for myself, but what I believe is I can love the sinner but not affirm the sin.

So what am I to do? How am I able to make a decision that will affect the rest of my church life? Will it be the right one? Or do I just "go with the flow"; accept what is and ignore the changes and hope for the best?

I really do hate change of any kind—you now must have a cell phone, a computer, user ids; passwords...life has become so complicated.

I guess the only answer is to keep praying on it and wait for God's answer. I know he will show me the way...what ever it is.

JR



My Pledge to the Bible:

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.