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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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Newsletter

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One TREE can start a forest
One SMILE begins a
friendship
One VOTE can change a
nation
One CANDLE wipes out
darkness
One STEP must start each
journey
One WORD must start a
prayer
One HOPE will raise our
spirits
One LIFE can make a
difference.

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Attitude Determines Altitude

"Attitude determines altitude."

That's a great quote!

Think about that as we enter into a new year. Our attitude about the future has significant influence on its outcome. Because God loves us, we can count on a new year with God-size potential. Now, I am not suggesting that God is a magic genie waiting to make OUR every wish come true. God's actions align with God's will. But we can be confident that God's will is always for our best. So, our future has tremendous possibilities, all of which is good. Yet, we can still miss it IF we are not looking for it or expecting it. If we expect a miserable year, guess what? We will see what we are looking for.

Attitude determines altitude.

What if we expect God to do great things this year? What if we expect God to invite us to participate in doing those great things? It's so much more than just having a positive attitude. It's raising your altitude to a higher perspective, a God-view. Do you believe God loves you? Do you believe God knows what's best for you? Do believe he has the power to provide it? If you can say "Yes" to those three questions, you are fully equipped for dancing into a new year. You can expect 2018 to be a GREAT year because God is already there, and He is up to something good! Expect it, look for it, and live it!

Attitude determines altitude.



Make sure to check out these items in this issue

New Leadership Listing for 2018
Updates on Holiday Happenings
Special Insert on New Sound Booth
Lay Ministry assignments for January
Information on Elizabeth River District Training
and lots more

I would like to thank everyone for all the Christmas cards and generous gifts this holiday season. It gives me such a warm feeling knowing how much love and care the church office receives not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Blessings for all of you in the New Year.

Joyce Russo



Pastor Lee and I would like to send our deepest gratitude to each of you for all of the love and grace you continue to show us. Thanks for all of the Christmas goodies, cards, gifts and special congregational present which have blessed us. We continue to treasure the opportunity to serve you, spend time with you and love you with the Love of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Lee and Cindy

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District Superintendent...Rev. Wayne Snead
Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo



Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service....11 AM
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM



Elizabeth River District Training Day

January 20, 2018 - 8:30 AM - 2:45 PM
New Creation UMC, Bruce Road, Chesapeake VA



Morning and Afternoon sessions available
Cost \$12.00 for lunch and materials

Register Online at <elizabethriverdistrict.org> or use the downloadable form and mail in. Deadline is January 11, 2018.

Workshops: SPRC; Trustees; Finance; Youth Ministry; Missions; Stewardship, Evangelism and lots more.

Event Schedule

8:30 am	Registration
9 AM	Plenary 1 (DS Wayne Snead, Rev. Brandon Robbins)
9:45 AM	Break
10 AM	Session 1 Workshops
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:15 PM	Plenary 2 (Rev. Rachel Gilmore, Joe McDaniel)
1 PM	Break
1:15 PM	Session 2 Workshops
2:45	Dismissal



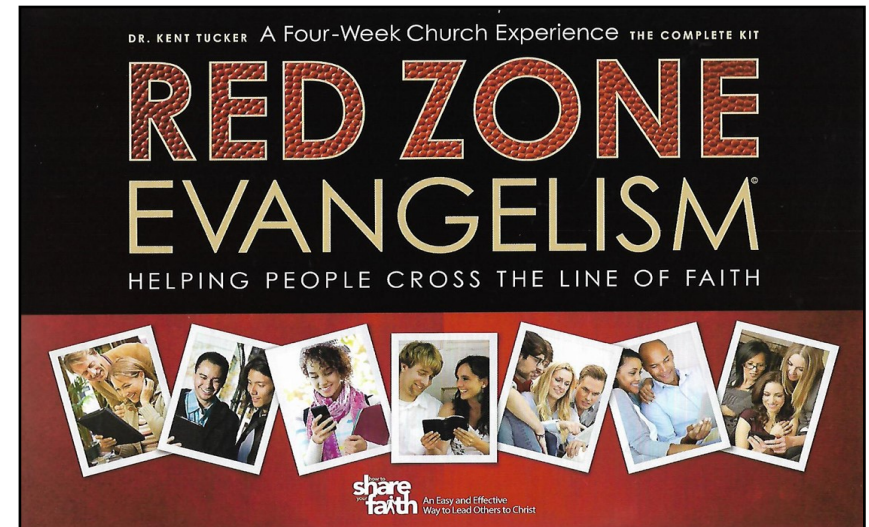
January 22, 2018
7 PM

"Meet with the D.S"

Elizabeth River District Superintendent, Rev. Wayne Snead will meet with leaders of Aldersgate UMC.

Anyone interested is welcome to come and participate in this informal discussion with Rev. Snead.

Please let Pastor Lee know if you are interested in attending.



The Red Zone is an amazing teaching video series that will help you share your faith with confidence and joy! It is practical and easy while giving opportunities to really learn how to use this tool to help others "cross the line of faith."

Sign up for this Four-Week Church Experience—we guarantee you'll love it

Sundays—January 21 and 28

Sundays—February 4 and 11

4:00 pm in the Social Hall

Facilitator: Cindy Crosby

You can sign up on your connection card or let Cindy or Pastor Lee know you plan to attend.

My Heart Small Group Update



Connecting with God's Family

Thursdays, 7:00-8:40 pm
January 11—February 15

It's a 6-Week Discussion Group that will help you connect deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends.
Facilitator: Pastor Lee

Poplar Hall School Tutoring



Our FIRST Poplar Hall School Tutoring was a wonderful event in December.

For 2018 we plan to assist with the students at the school once a month Jan—April. Plans are being worked for an 8-month partners in education tutor program with the school beginning early Fall. So stay tuned for details. Thank you to Beverly, Lucinda, Veda, Dan, Linda, Pastor Lee and Cindy for supporting this tutor event!

NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
QWCDREYATMIOC�HFASWCOR
MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

_____ ! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV
Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:



Kick off the New Year with Sunday School.

Children's classes are each Sunday @ 9:30 am

A Note from the office

New boxes of offering envelopes are in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you do not find a box with your name please contact the office. If you visit regularly and would like envelopes please let us know.



In order to make financial reporting easier, we are asking that you **DO NOT** use your old envelopes and to please bring them to the church office. We will use them for pew envelopes.

Using your old envelopes with your old numbers makes it easier for reporting errors in the computer. Your envelope number is connected to your family. Putting in your number each week automatically posts your offering to the correct household. If you use your old envelope numbers it will post to someone else's household. This will make the counter's job easier also. Just in case you forget to place your name on the envelope - we will immediately be able to know who you are.

Please keep watch for your financial statements for tax year 2017 early in January.

Thanks, Joyce Russo

Ministry Team Meeting
Monday, January 8th at 7 PM

Church calendar and planning of future events will be discussed. Please come and make sure all of your committee meetings and special events get on the calendar for 2018.

Worship Choir News

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3 January	Team Appreciation Dinner, 6:30
10 January	Team Meeting, Social Hall, 6:30
17, 24, 31 January	Wednesday rehearsals, 6:30



**The next Care Response
Team meeting:**

**January 21st
3:00 pm**

Kidz Worship Team

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21 January	Kidz Worship Team Appreciation Lunch, 12:30, Sunday, Denny's Newtown Road
28 January	Music selections, 10:00, Sunday, Worship Room



Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/3	Phil Floyd	1/12	Cindy Crosby
	Sherry Williams	1/28	Linda Millard
1/5	Gary Albertson	1/30	Kathy Dziagwa
1/6	Linda Crabtree		
1/7	Kimberly Hogwood		

1/27 Dan and Veda Wolfe



Remember in Prayer

Home: Marie Barker, Mary Ellen Gillispie,
Carolyn Powers, D.S. Secretary - Debbie Hanson

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village Rosemont Rd.—Shirley Henley
Georgian Nursing Facility--Billy Thrasher

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

News from the Pews

On December 10th, Lily Tipora, Norma Tipora and Claudia Ganaden joined our church family. These ladies have been active in our congregation for a few months now. Take a few moments to meet them if you have not already done so.



News from the Pews

New Address for Shirley Henley
3750 Sentara Way Room 412
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, January 15

You do not have to wait for the deadline to submit your information you can email it anytime during the month, or just call the church office



Ushers

Greg and Kathy Dziagwa

Counters

1/7	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
1/14	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
1/21	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
1/28	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch



Lawn Care Schedule



Lawn Maintenance

1/1	Team 2
1/8	Team 3
1/15	Team 1
1/22	Team 2
1/29	Team 3

Kalendar Highlights

1/8	7 PM	Ministry Team Meeting
1/11	7 PM	Small Group Meeting- New Study Begins "Connecting with God"
1/15	7 PM	Finance Meeting
	7:30 PM	Admin Council
1/21	12:30 PM	Kidz Worship Team
	3 PM	CRT Meeting
	4 PM	New Video Series "Red Zone Evangelism"
1/22	7 PM	Meeting with District Superintendent
1/23	10 AM	Helping Hands Group
1/28	4 PM	"Red Zone Evangelism"



Please remember to check your newsletter and bulletins for all of the regularly scheduled events

A man wearing a white baseball cap, glasses, a white short-sleeved shirt, and a red vest is singing into a microphone. He is also wearing a necklace and has his hands raised in a gesture. He is standing behind a dark podium.

A photograph of a Christmas display. In the foreground, a row of wrapped gifts is visible, decorated with a string of warm white lights. Behind the gifts, four illuminated, stylized figures (possibly puppets or masks) are standing. From left to right, they appear to be a Santa Claus figure, a figure in a pink and white outfit, a figure in a blue and white outfit, and a figure in a blue and white outfit with a red nose. The background is dark, and the overall scene is festive.

Rev. Lee Crosby, Pastor	Chairperson-Neal Windley	
Recording Secretary	Cindy Albertson	
Finance Chair	Gary Albertson	
Trustee Chair	to be elected	
SPRC Chair/Treasurer	Kathy Dziagwa	
Missions Chair		
Music Directory	Cindy Crosby	
Youth Director	John Floyd	
Lay Member to Annual	Conference/Lay Leader	Beverly Cooper
Alternate Lay Member to Annual	Conference	Lucinda Williams
Members at large	Greg Dziagwa, Millie Hanson	

Lee Crosby, Pastor Kathy Dziagwa, Chair
Beverly Cooper, Lay Leader
Neal Windley, Neal Windley, Michele Floyd, Lucinda Williams, Guy
Willis, Jamie Washington, Kathleen O' Hara

Pastor Lee Crosby Chair
Randolph Thrasher, L. Ben Hogwood, Guy Willis, Cynthia Stanley,
Jimmie Powers, Neal Windley, Greg Dziagwa, John Floyd, Vic Supper

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Marguerite Windley, Debbie Supper

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Kathy Dziagwa, Beverly Cooper, Lucinda Williams, Sherri Williams,
Neal Windley, Chair of Trustees

Lee Crosby, Pastor
Cindy Crosby, Barbara Hogwood, Barbara Harrell

Disaster Coordinator-Neal Windley
Head Usher-Kevin Floyd
Secretary SS - Barbara Harrell
Church Historians - Greg and Kathy Dziagwa
Kitchen Committee - Linda Crabtree
Bereavement Committee - Ann Manuel, Barbara Hogwood
Ministry Team Chair - Pastor Lee Crosby