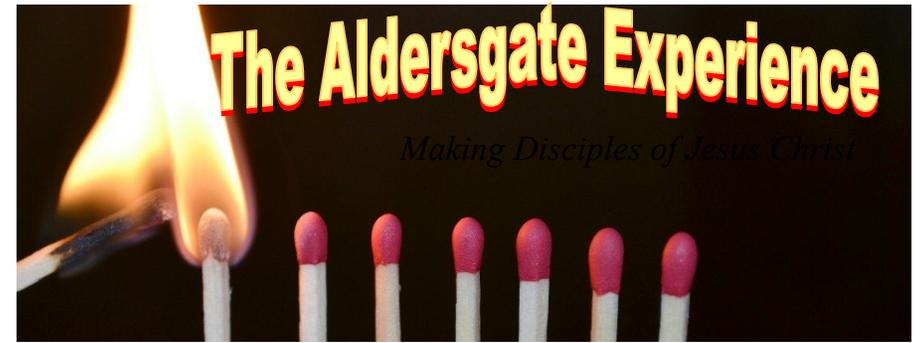


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You are invited to join us for:

Good Friday Service 4/19 7 PM

Easter Sunday Celebration 4/21 11 AM



“Signs of Life”

By Pastor Lee

When Cindy and I lived in Charlottesville, there was a street near our house that had a dead end sign at its entrance. I passed by the street many times, but never paid much attention to it. Then, one day I decided to walk down the dead-end street. Sure enough, at the end of the street was a cemetery. It truly was a dead end.

Life is a short walk down a street that ends in the cemetery. We can ignore the sign and pretend it doesn't matter...but it does.



On Resurrection Sunday (A.K.A. Easter), we celebrate the removal of the dead-end sign in front of an empty tomb. Jesus died. But three days later, he came back to life. And that changes everything. For those who follow Jesus, a road construction crew comes into our street, takes down the sign, and paves the way to life eternal.

If that is good news to you, then pass it on. There are people everywhere who are still walking down dead-end streets. They need the hope of life beyond the cemetery. Invite them to our Resurrection Sunday celebration. Let's replace more dead-end signs with signs of life.



Happy Belated Birthday to Jo Beth who celebrated on 3/18.

(Please make sure all of your birthday and anniversary information is on file in the church office. We also need any changes in contact information, i.e. address, phone, email, etc.)

It has been a month since we switched from cox email to gmail. Does anyone have any feedback? Are you getting or not getting the notices from the church office? Please let us know.

Have a Happy Easter..
Joyce

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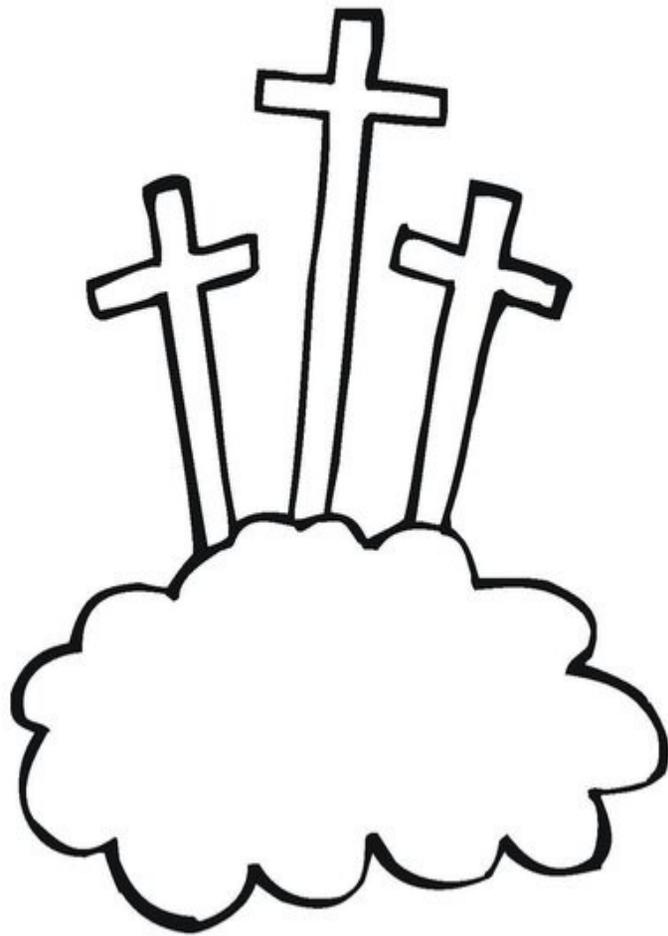
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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM

Jesus Loves Me!



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Color this picture and give to a friend for Easter

EASTER SUNDAY—April 21st, 11 am



**Come and Worship with us —
Bring a friend**

In this issue you will find:

Pastor's Easter Message

Bunny Breakfast registration slip and information

Good Friday Service time

Kid Zone Happenings and Pictures

Worship Team Updates

Thank You Notes, Pictures and much more



**ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST
AND EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 13th 9:00 AM**



All children are invited—friends, relatives,
neighbors ages Infants—5th Grade

Donations of wrapped candies, small toys, and
cash appreciated

It's hard to believe but we need to start planning for the annual Bunny Breakfast. This event is one of the times we can reach out to the community's children. They have such a great time hunting for the eggs and seeing the Easter Bunny(sometimes). We will need **volunteers** to help with setting up tables, supervising the children as they hunt for eggs, help in the kitchen and cleaning up after the event. Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Barbara Harrell

The menu is simple and has always been a big hit with everyone. We have Greg Dziagwa's famous pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Then the children go outside, weather permitting, and hunt for the eggs. The children are grouped according to age. They fill their baskets and return to the social hall where they empty their bounty of eggs, can visit the Easter Bunny and receive a bag of goodies in exchange for the eggs (some of the children don't want to let go of their eggs) a great time is had by all --so please join us .

Please Fill Out and place in offering plate

I/We plan to attend the Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, April 13th. **Deadline for reservations -Sunday, April 7th**

Name _____

Adults _____

Children _____

Ages of Children _____



Jews for Jesus Service Update: On Sunday, March 3rd we had the privilege of hearing from David Liebman about the "Seder Meal"

David was from the organization "Jews for Jesus". As you can see from the pictures, the children really enjoyed the "hands on" experience of all the different foods.





GOOD FRIDAY
testimonies
April 19th at 7 pm
(in the sanctuary)

ASHEVILLE N.C. MISSION TRIP

(Mon-Sat) Aug. 19-24, 2019

Cost: \$375.00

Spend a week serving nomad hippy travelers who pass through Asheville, North Carolina. You will serve them food, conversation, and an invitation to follow Jesus.



Registrations Forms are available from Pastor Lee. A \$50.00 deposit is needed to reserve your spot.



Kid Zone—What we do and what we are learning

We have had 5 wonderful months. The children have heard the stories of the *Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, the Birth of Jesus, the Wise Men and Jesus at the temple when he was 12 years old.* We have learned of *Jesus' Baptism and the temptations he faced in the desert.* We are now learning stories about *the 12 disciples and how they were chosen.*



With each lesson we do a craft to help the children remember the story. These pictures (here) show the children making Apostle jars. These jars are made with 12 different kinds of beans. You can see how intent they were in getting the beans into the bottles. We have so much fun singing, learning and growing in their knowledge of the Bible.

Our volunteers, Ms. Jamie, Jai Marie and Kathy help the children and myself. Please stop by anytime. The children would love to share what they are learning and doing.

Recently we had the privilege of learning about the Jewish “Seder Meal”. It was hands on for everyone. Thanks Mr. Liebman.



The Pen Pal Project Update

The pen pal program is going along very nicely. Aldersgate is writing to 20 students at Poplar Halls. At this time we have written 2 letters to our students. We received one letter and they are AWESOME!

Both pen pals are getting to know each other through the art of letter writing—isn't that great!

The last letter will be due in late April and then in May the pen pals will meet each other at a special gathering celebration at the school.

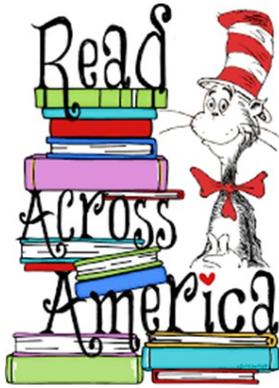
A huge thank you to all those who are participating at Aldersgate! May God bless your new relationship with joy as you bless your student with your time, friendship and caring.



Partners in Education
School Staff
Thank Aldersgate

Poplar Hall School this year staff have been so very grateful for the items we donated this winter; coats, mittens and hats. Several of the students have benefitted greatly keeping warm this winter.

The Aldersgate donations were indeed generous. Thank you again for showing your love to these school students.



Pastor Lee and Cindy were invited to Read Across America at Poplar Halls on March 1st. We read to two classes, 1st and 2nd grade. What a joy to hear the students participate as we read Dr Seuss books: “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish” and “Green Eggs and Ham.” What a wonderful privilege!

Worship Team News

April Schedule

3 April	6:30 Rehearsal
10 April	6:30 Rehearsal
	7:15 Mexican Night
17 April	6:30 Rehearsal
24 April	Easter Break



Musicians wanted!



Birthdays

4/3	JaiMarie Washington-Martin	4/26	Barbara Hogwood
4/7	Ann Manuel		Jamie Washington
4/8	Ben Hogwood	4/27	John Floyd

Anniversaries

4/21 Oliver (Farrell) and Barbara Harrell



Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
Shirley Henley

Any in our church family who may be in need of prayer.

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



Newsletter Deadline
Monday, April 15th
for the May 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

Neal Windley, Phyllis Day



Counters



4/7	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
4/14	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
4/21	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
4/28	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch

Lawn Maintenance

4/1	Team 3
4/8	Team 1
4/15	Team 2
4/22	Team 3
4/29	Team 1



Happening This Month!

4/1	Lifetouch Directory Photos
4/7	3 PM CRT Meeting
4/13	9 AM Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
4/14	11 AM Palm Sunday Service
4/19	7 PM Good Friday Service
4/21	11 AM Easter Celebration Service
4/23	10 AM Helping Hands Group Meets
4/28	3 PM Spiritual Discussion
4/29	7 PM Finance and Administrative Board Meeting

Calendar Highlights

Leigh Hall Concert

The team had a wonderful evening of song, fellowship and joy in the Lord while singing for the residents at the Commonwealth Senior Living Leigh Hall.

As part of our music goals for 2019 we plan to provide concerts in the community as an ongoing ministry to reach others for Jesus. Stay tuned for upcoming concerts in the area.



Worship Team News

March Schedule

6 March	Support to Ash Wednesday
13 March	Concert, Lee Hall, 6pm
20, 27 March	6:30 Rehearsal



We would love to have musicians join the group. Do you play an instrument? Is this a gift God has given you? Stop by on Wednesday night or contact Cindy, 466-8999.

