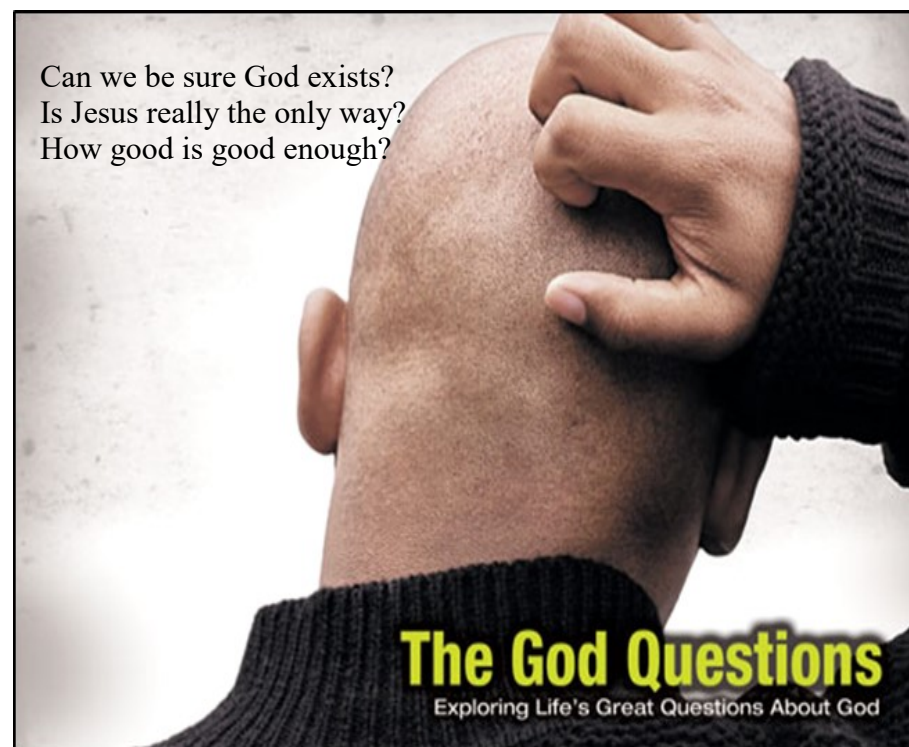




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Are you looking for answers??



Spiritual Discussion Group
Beginning Sunday, 4/8
See article inside for details



“Never Too Late!”

As he sat watching over his sheep in the middle of the desert, Moses looked to the horizon. What he could not see with his eyes, his mind pictured his life back in Egypt. He remembered growing up in Pharaoh’s palace. He had the best of everything. Now, he was an outcast, living in a tent in the desert. What little food he could find to eat always left a slight crunch of sand in his mouth. He was well past the prime of his life. His “glory days” are now just memories. But then a flash of light caught his eye. Moses saw a bush on fire, but the fire did not consume the bush. It looked more like a lamp in a house indicating that someone was home. Moses took a closer look to discover someone *was* home. The Lord called out to Moses from the blazing bush. And that was the beginning of a whole new life for Moses. God called him to set free the Hebrew slaves of Egypt and lead them like sheep across the desert to the Promised Land. Every experience of Moses’ life was preparing for this moment. And then, at eighty years old, God called him to take this journey that made him famous.



You are never too old to be used by God. It is never too late to make a significant impact in the world. God gives us life skills and experiences to prepare us for the next journey. And then he works supernaturally through us when we accept his invitation to change the world. So, keep alert for your “burning bush” encounter with God. It is never too late!

Pastor Lee

In this issue - look for:

Dates and Time for New Spiritual Discussion Group
BBQ Luncheon Fundraiser Invitation
Small Group, Worship Choirs, schedules and information
Congregational Updates



**Happy
Easter!**

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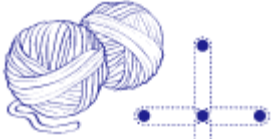
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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

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

CROSS CRAFT

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.

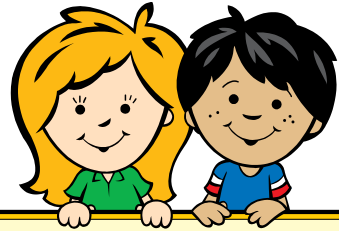


What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of yarn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.



KIDS PAGE



RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



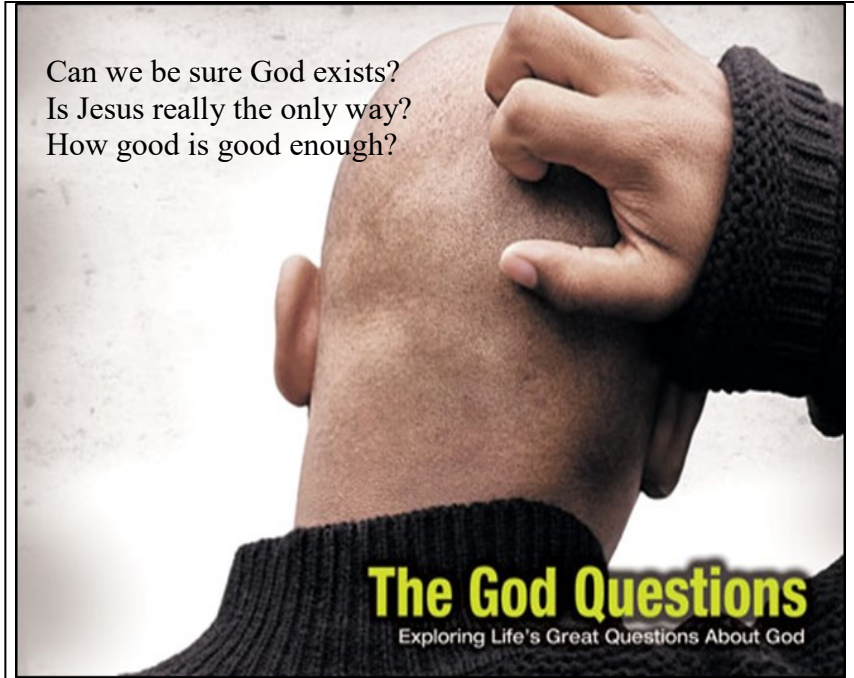
Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ___ united	2x3 = ___ death	7+6 = ___ resurrection
3x3 = ___ certainly	18-16 = ___ have	4-1 = ___ been
0+1 = ___ if	2x4 = ___ we	13-1 = ___ him
2+3 = ___ in	20-6 = ___ like	2+5 = ___ his
2x5 = ___ be	8+3 = ___ with	

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

Can we be sure God exists?
 Is Jesus really the only way?
 How good is good enough?



A Spiritual Discussion Group

3 Sundays, April 8-22
 3:00-4:00 pm

Do you have questions about God?

Want a safe environment to explore those questions?

Check out a discussion group that begins Sunday, April 8th.

All thoughts, ideas, and beliefs are welcome without judgment of right or wrong. This discussion group is for open-minded skeptics, spiritual seekers, and followers of Jesus. To sign-up, complete the Connection Card in your worship bulletin or send an email to leecrosby@vaumc.org. We will meet in the Church Lounge.



News from the Pews

Updates on our church family

We offer our Christian sympathies to the Thrasher family due to the loss of **Billy Thrasher**. Billy was an active member of our congregation for many years, cooking in the kitchen, giving back rubs and great hugs. He will truly be missed. Memorial Service set for Saturday, April 14th at 2 PM

Marguerite Windley is back home and under the diligent care of her loving husband, Neal. I am sure she will be back singing in the choir soon.

Phil Floyd is currently in Beth Shalom Nursing Center. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Directory Update: **Linda Crabtree** - phone number - 727-534-0100
Please add area code to her number listed.

Kidz Worship Team

April Schedule

April 1 10:00, Warm up and Sing
(for 11:00 worship service)

April 22, 29 9:30, Rehearsal

May 13 10:00, Warm up and Sing

Kidz who love to sing are invited to see if this is the group for you musically— we're singing the most contemporary pop music designed just for them!
Contact: Cindy Crosby



Did you know that we have several “secret servants” amongst us?

Ever wonder how bulletin boards get changed?

The gardens have new flowers and the weeding has been done?

How the tables in the social hall always look so nice and change with the seasons?

The restrooms smell so nice and are clean?

The trash cans get emptied and the large cans get taken to the curb each week?

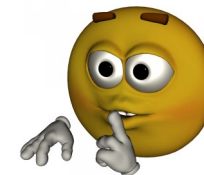
Surgery Dolls get made along with Teddy Bears for children at CHKD?

Children and staff are fed each month at Cooke Elementary?

Paper goods supplies are replenished?

These are only a few of the things that get done in our church each week and the “secret servants” never are known.

Take a moment and thank these unnamed people for their continued commitment to the little things around us. We are definitely blessed.



Mark your calendar.....

Sunday, April 15th

Immediately following the Sunday morning
Worship Service



Donations will benefit
Rise Against Hunger project.

Your donations will help in so many
loving ways!!!

Sponsored by the Circle of Friends Sunday School
Class. Contact Michele Floyd or Linda Crabtree if you
have any questions.



Come,
spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon with us
watching a MOVIE....



Enjoy hilarious clean comedy with Ken Davis as he
takes a look at the clues around the shortest verse in
the Bible to give us a remarkable perspective on
why Jesus wept. His wonderfully entertaining hu-
mor is filled with hope and encouragement for
people of all ages. Laughter is such good medicine
for the soul. Invite your friends and meet us in the
Social Hall.



Worship Choir News

April Schedule

4 April
11, 18, 25

Easter Break
Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30

The worship choir/team takes a needed break after Easter. New music from *Word* such as “Glorious Day”, “What a Beautiful Name” and *Hillsongs Music*, “God is in the House” were delightfully expressed with joy over the holy season!



A drummer is needed to enhance the rhythm of the team. Did you play drums in a band in high school or college? Please consider stopping by to talk with Cindy about playing with the team!

—you are never too old to use your gifts from the Lord.
All musicians welcome! Contact: Cindy Crosby 461-3201

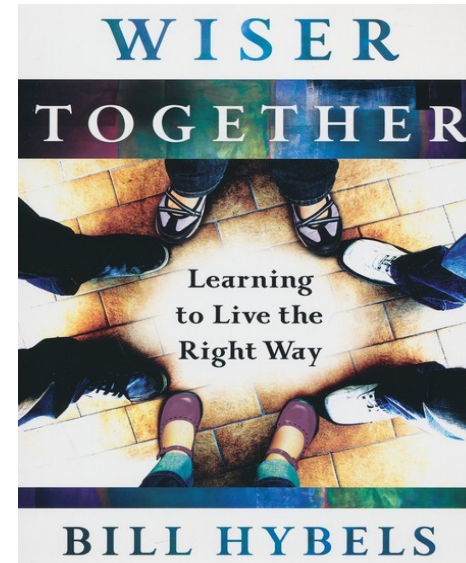


Local businesses receive goody baskets for Easter. Sponsored by Care Response Team. We're letting them know Aldersgate cares!





Poplar Halls tutors at the March Outreach. *Beverly, Lucinda, and Veda*



My Heart Small Group Update

Thursdays, 7:00pm
March—April

Studying Proverbs together and learning how to Live the Right Way in community. This 7-week session is underway.

Its not too late to join us!

Facilitator: Cindy Crosby



Stay tuned as we set the date for our next tutor session at Poplar Hall School. Consider joining this team in making a difference in the lives of families in our community!

April date to be announced!

Contact: Cindy Crosby

Poplar Hall School—Partners in Tutoring

FREE!!! FREE!!! FREE!!!



BINGO & BAKED POTATO BAR

**Saturday, April 21st
4 PM**

in the church Social Hall

**Join us for a delicious Potato Bar with all the
fixings!
and BINGO to follow!**

**Lots of fun and prizes...and it's FREE!!!
Bring a friend that's new to our church family
and receive a prize!**

Sponsored by the OUTREACH TEAM



Have you noticed the red thermometer on the wall in the Social Hall. Have you been watching the temperature rise.

Aldersgate UMC is once again taking on the commitment to do "Rise Against Hunger" If you were unable to participate last year, you really would enjoy joining in the fellowship and fun this year. Keep watching your bulletins and newsletters for dates and time.



Rise Against Hunger Group - 2017

Birthdays and Anniversaries



4/3	JaiMarie Washington-Martin	4/26	Barbara Hogwood
4/7	Ann Manuel		Jamie Washington
4/8	Ben Hogwood	4/27	John Floyd
4/23	Milton Midgette (97)		
4/24	Morgan Thrasher		



4/21	Oliver and Barbara Harrell 50th Wedding Anniversary
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Remember in Prayer

Home: Marguerite Windley,

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village (Rosemont Road)—Shirley Henley
Beth Shalom Rehab. Center - Phil Floyd

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, April 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

Neal Windley, Gary Albertson

Counters

4/1	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
4/8	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
4/15	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
4/22	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
4/29	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood



Lawn Maintenance

4/2	Team 2
4/9	Team 3
4/16	Team 1
4/22	Team 2
4/30	Team 3

Notes:

Calendar Highlights:

4/1	11 AM Easter Celebration Service
4/4	NO WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSAL
4/8, 15, 22	3 PM Spiritual Discussion Group
4/15	12:10 PM "Rise Against Hunger" Barbeque Luncheon Fundraiser
4/21	4 PM Bingo
4/29	3 PM Movie

Check calendar for all of your regular weekly events

