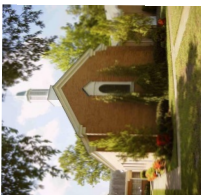


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Wear **RED** to church on
Sunday, May 15
Day of Pentecost



Dear Folks,



By now you have heard that I am leaving Aldersgate to take another appointment. It is important that you understand that this change was initiated by me.

For six years I have tried to help this wonderful congregation turn a period of declining numbers in to a time of increase and turn around. It is clear that I have not been successful in accomplishing this turn around. In light of the fact that I have done what I can and not certain what else might be done I consider it in the best interest of Aldersgate and myself to initiate a change.

This change does two positive things for Aldersgate:

1. It allows for the appointment of a new pastor who may be able to accomplish what I was unable to do.
2. It allows the finances of the church to be realigned so that it will be easier for the church to meet its obligations. You can operate at a deficit for only so long and then changes must be made.

So in answer to the question, "Why is Tony leaving?" the answer is simple; I am no longer an effective leader and I am too expensive for the current financial means of the church.

I hope and pray that this helps you to accept this decision with understanding and resignation. It is never easy for any of us when these things happen. We will have plenty of time to say our goodbyes and to prepare to enter the future with hope and confidence.

Sincerely
Pastor Tony

Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day

A time for remembering those who gave their lives for our freedom. Take a moment to say a prayer on this special day.



Pastor.....Rev. Walton "Tony" Forstall
Music Director.....Nancy Redburn
Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Weekly Kalendar:
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service...11 AM
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesday....6:30 PM





Annual Lemons on the Lawn Yard Sale and More

**Sponsored by the Winton Sunday School Class
Saturday, May 7, 2016**

8:00 AM—2:00 PM



**Breakfast —7:30-10:30 AM
Lunch-11:00 am—1:30 PM
Inside Yard Sale and Bake Sale
Outside—Yard Sale—**

There will be some new additions to the inside sale this year—the Winton Classroom will be set up like an estate sale—lots of crystal and other treasured items.

Bakers Needed for the Bake Sale—please see Mel Manuel if you are able to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes, cookies or other homemade delight.

Spaces need to be reserved in advance by calling Barbara Harrell at 466-8761 or the church office. Cost—\$5. Vendors must supply their own tables and chairs.



**Farewell Reception for
Rev. Tony Forstall and family**

**Sunday, May 15th
Immediately following the
11 AM Worship Service**

Guest Pastors

Pastor Tony's last Sunday in the pulpit will be May 15th.

For the next 6 Sundays we will have the pleasure of hosting local guest pastors from the Elizabeth River District.



May 22	Rev. Joyce Wilkerson
May 29	Beverly Cooper, Lay Speaker
June 5	Rev. Elizabeth Taylor
June 12	Rev. Joyce Wilkerson
June 19	Representative from the Food Bank
June 26	Rev. Elizabeth Taylor.

Don't forget to

**WEAR SOMETHING RED for Pentecost Sunday
May 15th**



Annual Conference Orientation
June 5 at 2 PM
Heritage United Methodist Church
815 Bake Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Annual Conference—June 16-19th
 Berghund Center (formerly...Roanoke Civic Center)

The theme for this year's conference is
 "Thy Will Be Done"



United Methodist General Conference
May 10-20, 2016
Portland, Oregon

Please be in prayer for all of our clergy and delegates as they make some very important decisions for the Methodist Church.

"Cans 4 Conference"

The Virginia Annual Conference is in June. In addition to the annual giving of School Kits, Baby Kits, Sewing Kits, Health Kits, and Birthing Kits we are being asked to bring "4 cans of food for conference".



The canned goods will be delivered to the Southwestern Virginia Food Bank. The 4 Can groups are Meat/Protein, Veggies/Fruits, Soup/Stew and Pop-Tops. No glass jars, bottles, condiments or soft drinks. One can from each group is asked of each member. The cans will be collected in these groups. If each clergy and lay member bring the minimum number of cans, we may be able to collect 10,000 pounds of food. In addition to the canned food, the following boxed items are also needed: rice, instant potatoes, powdered drinks, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and boxed/package mixes.

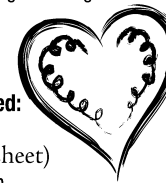


Yes, You "CAN" make a difference!



A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.




What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!



A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y

B _ t M _ r _ tr _ _ s _ r _ d

_ p _ ll th _ s _ th _ ngs

_ nd p _ nd _ r _ d th _ m

_ n h _ r h _ _ rt.

L _ k _ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV





National Day of Prayer

Foundry United Methodist Church
2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

National Day of Prayer Service is going to be held on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Come out and Pray for Our Nation to speak up to God!

There will be a Pancake Supper at 5:45 p.m.



News from the Pews

Christian Sympathies are extended to **Lucinda Williams, Beth Watzlavick** and their families due to the loss of Charles "Ski" Watzlavick. Ski and Beth were members of Aldersgate before moving to Oak Grove UMC. It was always a joy to see them at the dinners and special services.



I would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, calls and support during my recent illness. It means so much to me to know how much you care.



Joyce Russo



Just a Note

As I thought about providing altar flowers in memory of loved ones, I thought of my aunt Alma Gibson and her life-long friend, Ila Evans. Alma and Ila were faithful friends to each other, faithful to their church and helped take care of other family members when the need arose. Alma and Ila were members of Central United Methodist Church in Clifton Forge, Virginia, all of their lives as were both sides of my family.

By Alma's example and by Ila's acts of friendship, they set me on a path that guided me to eventually join and support the congregation at Aldersgate. Both Alma and Ila are no longer with us, but their support for their church, each other and kind deeds have not been forgotten. Alma's birthday would have been May 7.

Bill Bunch

Do You Have a Graduate at your house?



We would like to know for the June Newsletter. We are not just looking for High School or College graduates -- any graduation is an important milestone even if it is pre-school.

Call or email the church office with the child's name, school and grade of graduation.

Thanks

Heritage United Methodist Church & Ruth Lodge #92

Are Hosting

Fish Fry



\$8 for a Fish Dinner

\$5 for a Fish Sandwich

\$9.00 for a Blue Plate Special

Blue Plate Special available Jun 11, 2016

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 11:30am - 4:30pm
 at
 Heritage United Methodist Church
 815 Baker Road - Virginia Beach, VA 23462

You can call in and pre-order at
 757-497-3943

Delivery available for orders of 10 or more.
 757-497-3943

... Menus are on the Back ...

Standard Menu

- ☐ Golden Fried Atlantic Whiting
- ☐ Cocktail Sauce & Fresh Lemon Wedge
- ☐ Home Style Mustard & Egg Potato Salad
- ☐ Fresh Creamy Cole Slaw
- ☐ Golden Fried Sweet Hushpuppies
- ☐ Fresh Baked Peach Cobbler
- ☐ Fresh Baked Cornbread

Blue Plate Special Menu

*Available Jun 11, 2016
 Limited to the first 50 Customers*

- ☐ Golden Fried Jumbo Shrimp
- ☐ Southern Oysters Combo
- ☐ Cocktail Sauce & Fresh Lemon Wedges
- ☐ Sweet Potato Fries w/Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- ☐ Fresh Creamy Cole Slaw
- ☐ New Orleans Style Bread Pudding

All Dinners Served w/Beverage Choice:

Sweet Ice Tea, Pink Lemonade or Bottled Water

Upcoming Fish Fries

June 11, 2016 (same time/same place)
 July 9, 2016 (same time/same place)
 August 13, 2016 (same time/same place)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/2	Cindy Albertson	5/15	Taryn Thrasher
	Lacey Field	5/16	Tammy Thrasher
5/3	Dewey Hanson		Lucinda Williams
	Millie Hanson		
5/9	Tyler Moore		
5/12	Chase Crabtree		



5/1	Kevin & Michele Floyd
5/7	Guy & Diane Willis
5/18	Lewis & Kim Hogwood
5/19	Robert & Courtney Dziagwa
5/24	Vic & Debbie Supper

Remember in Your Prayers

Home: Larkin & Jane Jones; Jim Mahone, Shirley Briggs, Pat Sauer, Earl Henley,

The Ballentine—Ed Weddle
Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Chesapeake Place—Beulah Eatmon
Sentara Village South—Shirley Henley
Lake Taylor Rehab--Billy Thrasher
Mila Home Care--Jackie Wilkinson

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



Altar Flowers for May

5/1	Communion—No Flowers
5/8	Bill Bunch
5/15	Mary Ellen Gillispie
5/22	Nancy Redburn
5/29	Linda Mallard

USHERS Ushers



John and Melissa Floyd

Counters

5/1	Debbie Supper, Vernon Williams
5/8	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
5/15	Neal Windley, Michelle Floyd
5/22	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
5/29	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



Lawn Maintenance

5/2	Team 1
5/9	Team 2
5/16	Team 3
5/23	Team 1
5/30	Team 2

Scripture Readings for May

5/1	John 14:23-29
5/8	John 17:20-26
5/15	John 14:8-17 - Wear Something Red - Pentecost
5/22	John 16:12-15
5/29	Luke 7:1-10



**Newsletter deadline is
May 15th.**



Newsletter Deadline

Bishop Cho to Retire this year

Bishop Young Jin Cho will retire from active ministry on Aug. 31 of this year, after having served four years as the episcopal leader of the Virginia Conference. To honor his service, the conference Committee on Episcopacy is inviting Virginia United Methodists to make contributions to the Bishops Foundation endowment to fund training and leadership development for clergy and laity in the area of "Spiritual Leadership."

"In the four years he has been leading our conference, Bishop Cho has consistently emphasized the need for increased prayer and a commitment to spiritual disciplines," said Shirley Cauffman, Committee on Episcopacy chair, "so it seems appropriate to honor him by continuing an emphasis on spiritual disciplines through the work of the Bishops Foundation."

To make a donation to honor Bishop Cho, send a check payable to "Virginia United Methodist Conference," earmarked for "Bishop Cho donation," to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058.



Kits for UMCOR to be collected at Annual Conference

Various types of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Kits will be collected at the 2016 Virginia Annual Conference session.

Kit collection is being conducted to replenish the UMCOR supply. Local churches are encouraged to collect items for any of the most requested UMCOR kits —

Bedding, Birthing, Cleaning, Health, Layette, School & Sewing Kits, School Kits, — and bring them to Annual Conference.

(Bring kits in boxes -not bags-, labeled and with a count of the items.)

For kit assembly instructions, go to <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>.

Kits should be taken to the two tractor-trailers at the far end of the Roanoke Civic Center Parking lot A, near the intersection of Williamson Road and Orange Ave (across from the Sheetz Gas Station).

Kits will be received . . .

Thurs, June 16, 12-5 p.m.; Fri, June 17, 8a-5p; and Sat, June 1. 8a-12p.

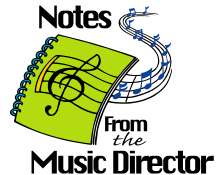


We will be working on a new directory during the month of May. If you have had any changes (phone number, email, births, deaths, etc) please let the church office know. If you attend and do not receive the weekly reminder emails and would like to be added to our list, please let the office know this also.

Thanks

Choir Director, Peggy Muse, is no longer serving with us. Our Organist, Nancy Redburn, has taken over the responsibility of the choir and accompanist.

Please keep Peggy and Nancy in your prayers as they both begin a new adventure.



Classes for Everyone From 0-99

Nursery
Children
Youth

Two Adult Classes - Circle of Friends
Winton Class

Come and join us each Sunday morning at 9:30-9:45 for some fellowship and Bible Study.

God is the Fountain



God is the fountain whence ten thousand blessings flow;
to him my life, my health and friends, and every good, I owe.
The comforts he affords are neither few nor small;
He is the source of fresh delights, my portion and my all.
He fills my heart with joy, my lists attunes for praise;
and to his glory I'll devote the remnant of my days.

Benjamin Beddome
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