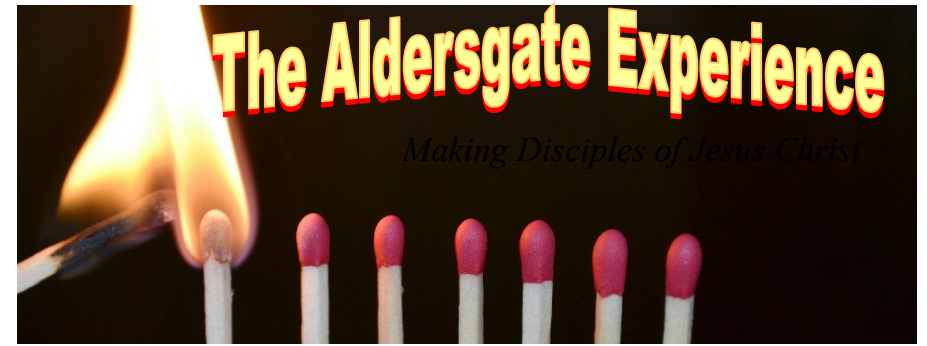




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Happy New Year



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reaching out to others



Come, Join Us and Help

Make a Difference



**“Characters Welcome”
By Pastor Lee**

“Characters Welcome” is a popular USA Networks TV slogan. It is used to reflect the interesting and off beat characters at the lead of their television shows. One example is a show called “Monk”. The main character is an obsessive-compulsive detective.

I like the slogan because it communicates to me that all people are welcome. I believe that phrase captures the heart of Jesus. While the religious leaders rejected lepers, tax-collectors, Samaritans, and Gentiles, Jesus welcomed characters of all kinds.

Since that was the heart of Jesus, it should be the heart of every follower. Because of sin, we are all “off-beat” characters. Because of God’s grace, we are forgiven, loved, and welcomed. And as followers of Jesus, we are to show the same welcome.

That doesn’t mean sin is okay. Jesus commands us to reject sin. Sin steals our joy. It kills our relationships. It destroys lives. Jesus died to set us free from the destructive nature of sin. While Jesus rejects sin, he welcomes sinners. And so should we. It’s not easy. And it’s not always clear cut. Grace is messy! But we are called to wade through it like Jesus did. As we lean on God’s Word to live in God’s way, we will love as God wants. Let’s be the Church that says,
“Characters Welcome!”



The Aldersgate Experience

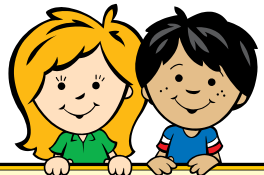
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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

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



KIDS PAGE



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.



k _ p my _ y _ s
 l w _ y s _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

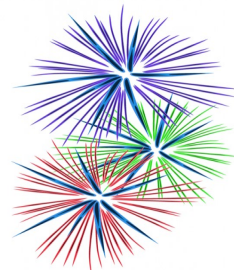
What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



Sanctuary has bright new look

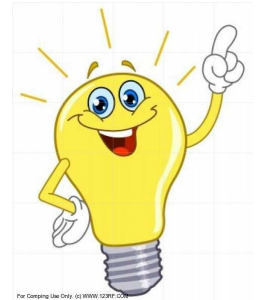
Have you noticed anything different in our Sanctuary?

Thanks to a Dominion Energy Program for Churches we now have new lighting.

Dominion sent out representatives to the church a few months back. They came to see where we might be able to conserve electricity.

On June 20th, Dominion returned to our church and replaced over 200 light bulbs with led lighting.

Thanks to Neal Windley for meeting with Dominion inspectors and installation team for all your hard work.



The news in brief

Pastor Lee's Message

Congregation Update

Dates and information

Worship Team Summer Schedule

New Music Program for young vocalists

Guitar Lessons

Caffeinated Conversations





Congratulations to Eric Cramer and Jo Beth Strong on joining the family of Aldersgate UMC.

On Sunday, June 16th at the 11 am worship service, Eric and Jo Beth became professing members of the family of God.

Both Eric and Jo Beth have been regular attenders for some time and take an active part in the life of the church.



What's more fun than spending the day with your grandpa?

Ben and Josh Hogwood seem to have the answer!



You take a ride on the sliding Board...



Guitar Lessons

Maybe you always wanted to learn guitar just haven't had the chance? Playing an instrument for the Lord is very rewarding—just think of how wonderful it would be to learn an instrument!

One local teacher, Mr. Dennis Auth resides right next to the parsonage in the neighborhood.

If you are interested in lessons please feel free to take an information card from the table near the music office!

2019 Kits for Conference

Moving Forward in God's Mission
Roanoke, Virginia



It Takes a Village....

That is what they say

Thank you for the generous donations of surplus items for conference kits from Aldersgate UMC. Lucinda, Cynthia and Mary Ellen donated the left over items to Heritage UMW.

With all of the added items already collected by the congregation at Heritage—the UMW was able to construct 12 school kits; 12 baby layettes and 12 health kits for UMCOR. The kits will be delivered to UMCOR at the Va. Annual Conference.

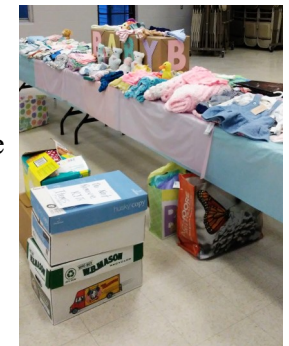
Thank you again for your generosity.

Rev. Joyce Wilkerson

Kit Coordinator, Heritage UMC



We would also like to thank the Helping Hands Group for again supplying Teddy Bears for our annual Tidewater Newborns in Need baby Shower. These simple teddies are so loved by new moms because they are washable and dryable. Lots of happy babies!



Aldersgate is forever reaching out to the community in lots of ways. Thanks so much for all of your generosity

Rev. Joyce Wilkerson and
Joyce Russo, Shower Coordinators



The music program would like to add a young vocalist team to support church services and special events beginning in the fall. If you have an interest in being part of this team please come to a short meeting on July 7th, at 3pm. Contact: Cindy Crosby, Director of Music.



All showtimes at 10 AM on Wednesdays and Thursdays \$1.00 per show

- 7/3-4 Smallfoot
- 7/10-11 Kung Fu Panda
- 7/17-18 The Lego Movie
- 7/24-25 Spongebob Squarepants
Out of Water
- 8/31-8/1 Sherlock Gnomes
- 8/7-8 Hotel Transylvania 3
- 8/14-15 Despicable Me 3

Cinemark 18—880 N. Military Hgwy.
(Military Circle Mall)

Worship Team News

July and August Schedules

3 July	6:30 Rehearsal
10 July	6:30 Rehearsal
17 July	6:30 Rehearsal
24 July	6:30 Rehearsal
31 July	Team off
7, 14, 21, 28 August	Summer Break

In August this year, the worship team and choir will enjoy a much deserved rest and relaxation break. During this time we will have special music selections! We hope you have enjoyed the new music this year in special music selections and new songs chosen for the congregational singing! Many blessings to you and enjoy your summer!



I thank the team for their love for our Lord, love for singing and amazing dedication as they have given their gifts to Him for our church this year!

August 3rd is almost here!

Donations still needed to reach our goal.



See Gary Albertson for more information!



Light Rail Outreach Event Produces Smiling Faces



June 8th—just another sunny Saturday afternoon – but was it? Several of our members met at the Newtown Road Light Rail Station to hand out bottles of water to riding passengers.

As you can see by the smiling faces the cool liquid refreshment was well received as well as being greeted by gracious hellos and smiles of our own.





Birthdays

7/1 Linda Roberson
 7/2 Maria Davidson
 Jasiah Washington-Om
 7/4 Chase Dziagwa
 7/6 Pat Wilson

7/18 Lindell Davidson
 7/20 Mary Ellen Gillispie
 7/22 Debbie Supper
 7/25 June Floyd
 7/30 Guy Willis III

Anniversaries

7/19 Lindell and Maria Davidson



Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
 Shirley Henley

Charlottesville—Henry Boelte

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, July 15th
for the August 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....



Counters

7/7 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
 7/14 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
 7/21 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
 7/28 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood



Ushers
 Guy Willis, Michele Floyd



Lawn Maintenance

7/1 Team 1
 7/8 Team 2
 7/15 Team 3
 7/22 Team 1
 7/29 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

7/4-7/5 Church Office Closed

7/7 3 PM Youth Music Meeting

7/15 Newsletter Deadline

7/22 7 PM Finance and Administrative Board Meeting

7/28 3 PM Outreach Team Meeting



Caffeinated Conversations



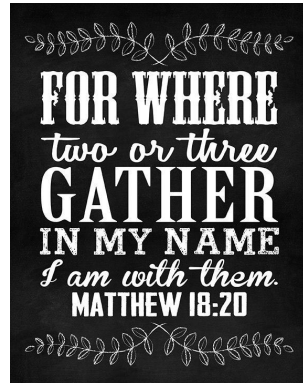
A three-week opportunity to linger in discussion as we talk about how God makes a difference in our lives through His word.

Join us in the Cozy Café.

Sundays - July 7, 14, and 21st

9:45-10:20

Gather
TOGETHER



Lifetouch

Lifetouch Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who had their photographs taken for the new directory. The directories were received on June 8th. As of Sunday June 9th, most of the directories have been picked up by each participating family. Lifetouch did a very nice job! Thank you to all the church family and friends who participated this year!

If you had your photograph taken, your directory is located in the social hall, labeled with your last name. When you stop by to pick it up, please initial the sheet!

Questions or concerns?...contact Cindy.

Worship Team Fun Nite

No one can ever accuse the worship team and choir of being boring! The fun nite was a blast! Ice-cream and toppings to start off with something sweet; then on to the entertainment of charades. Wow what great minds for guessing all of the charades — songs, movies, animals, and the like. Hmm, let me think, 2 words or 3?? I'm not sure I can get back up; ...what? Did you say constipated?? Oh my...want to join the team? You'll never be the same!

