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The Aldersgate Experience

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A JOURNEY

that takes us to
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CROSS

*Come, Take this Journey with us.
Each Sunday at 11:00 AM*



Improving the Worship Experience

Last month, I attended a clergy training led by Dr. Phil Maynard on the topic of worship. The training was very helpful and I'd like to see if it can improve our worship experience. Here are two ideas that we will experiment with, to see if it makes a positive difference.

1. Organize the worship elements around one theme.

For example, if the theme of a sermon was on "Patience", then "patience" would be a common theme in the call to worship, in the music, in the prayers, in the benediction, etc. Instead of being overloaded each week with many little ideas, each worship element would be woven together as one central theme.

2. Organize a team to build creative elements in worship.

The team might include the pastor, the music director, an audio/tech person, a creative decorator, etc. The team works together, sharing ideas, gifts, and talents to create a better worship experience.

We'll try it and see how it works for us at Aldersgate. So, look for it, and give us your input. We want to offer our best in worship because God deserves it!



Annual Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Its hard to believe with all the snow and really cold weather that, we need to start thinking about Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter. With that The annual Bunny Breakfast is being planned for March 24th at 9:00 AM. We will need several volunteers for this event.

We have the volunteers for preparing breakfast, but we will need volunteers to help set up tables, preparing the bags to be given out to the children. (We will be collecting individual wrapped bags of candy to place in those bags given to the children.) and adults to lead the children as they hunt for the eggs.

So please contact Barbara Harrell. I would love to have you help and enjoy all the fun we have at this event. Can't wait to hear from you.



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Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM





Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ...

F L S Y F K Y X E I Q B V O O J F
H M T A I L A Y H K R D Y P S M G
J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

E X M B C L M B U V F R P L V F R
F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S
G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

A R J Q C C S B F K Y X H L Q B Y I
E S M R F G T C I L A Y J M R D A L
I T P S I K U D L M C Z L N S F C O

JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



Summer Mission Planning (Sun. Feb. 18th at 3 pm)

Come and See how you can help make a difference in our community. On Sunday, Feb. 18th we will gather to discuss plans for a week-long summer mission in our local area. Bring your ideas for mission projects, preparing meals, and evening worship celebrations. Everyone has something to contribute. The mission is designed to participate in the day and go home at night. The mission week is scheduled for (Mon.-Fri.) Aug. 6-10. Let's plan to serve our community! For more details, email Pastor Lee at leecrosby@vaumc.org

Outreach Team Meeting (Feb. 5th at 7 pm)

The Outreach Team will meet to make plans for 2018. We will plan 4 outreaches and 4 God parties. If you're interested in being a part of the team, come to this meeting. We will meet in the Lounge (across from the Pastor's Office). For more details, email Pastor Lee at leecrosby@vaumc.org



ANGEL TREE

Christmas 2017 we decided to get "more personal" in our giving! As a result we had an Angel Tree of gift cards to distribute to people we knew (while maintaining their privacy). This was a change from previous years where we filled Christmas stockings, placed mittens and hats on a tree and collected Toys for Tots but had no knowledge of where or who they went to.



As always, your generosity was **OVERWHELMING!!** We collected over \$850 in gift cards and distributed them to 3 individuals/families. Our prayer is that these gift cards were a blessing to those who received them and that it helped to brighten their Christmas!

Thank you ALL! Blessings,
Cynthia Stanley

Christmas Card Post Office Update

We would like to thank all of you for using the Aldesgate Post Office this holiday season. Through your donations we were able to raise \$145.85 for the Heifer Project.



The children will be selecting which animals to purchase at a latter date and we will have the list in a future newsletter.

Thank you again for helping in this mission
Happy New Year
Barbara Harrell



The Care Response Team (CRT) met on Sunday Jan 21st. Discussions related to visits for our church family, cards, and calls were relayed. If you know someone who is shut-in or hospitalized and needs a CRT member's attention, please let us know!

If you have a heart to love others and want to join the team, give us a shout!

The CRT meeting:
March 11th, 3:00 pm.

Contact Cindy Crosby.



Kidz Worship Team

FEBRUARY

4 February	10:30 Special Music (for 11:00 worship service)
11, 18 February	Rehearsal, 10:00, Sunday, Worship Room
25 February	<i>Special Planning Meeting (to be confirmed to participants)</i>

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



My Heart Small Group
Update

Connecting with God's Family

**Thursdays, 7:00-8:40 pm
February 1, 8, 15**

It's not too late to join this dynamic group discussing connecting with God's family. It will help you to connect deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends. Join us!

Facilitator: Pastor Lee

Worship Choir News

February

7 February	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30
14 February	Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm
21, 28 Feb	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30

We are seeking the Lord and believing Him for a guitarist and a rhythm section for our worship choir and team.



Are you gifted musically
Especially with guitar or drums?

I am excited to discuss the possibilities with you to be a part of this music team. For instance our last drummer played jazz drums in school/college. He stepped up to play. It enhanced the worship tremendously! Be BOLD—you are never too old to use your gifts from the Lord.

All musicians welcome! Contact: Cindy Crosby 461-3201



Poplar Hall School—Partners in Tutoring



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!


Contact: Cindy Crosby



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/5	Joseph Dziagwa	2/26	Magdalene Smith
2/7	Beverly Cooper	2/28	Taylor Moore
2/18	Michele Floyd		
2/20	Courtney Dziagwa		

2/15	Neal and Marguerite Windley
2/23	Chas and Lucille Hulock
2/27	Phil and June Floyd

Remember in Prayer

Home: Marie Barker, Mary Ellen Gillespie, Carolyn Powers, Howard Little, Derek Tracchi

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village Rosemont Road.—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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday, February 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 and Kevin Floyd

Counters

2/4	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
2/11	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
2/18	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
2/25	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



Lawn Maintenance



2/5	Team 3
2/12	Team 1
2/19	Team 2
2/26	Team 3

Kalendar Highlights

Feb. 4	11 AM Worship Completion of Sermon Series "End Times"
	4 PM Continuing Video Series "Red Zone"
Feb. 5	7 PM Outreach Meeting
Feb. 10	6 PM Valentine Banquet
Feb. 14	7 PM Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 18	3 PM Missions Planning Meeting
Feb. 27	10 AM Helping Hands Group Meeting



News from the Pews

Christian Sympathies are extended to Vernon and Hazel Williams. Vernon's brother passed away on Saturday, January 13th.



CHANGE **Congratulations** to our new chair of Trustees, Mr. **Neal Windley**. Neal has some giant shoes to fill but he has a good group of people on his committee. Neal is also the chair of our Administrative Board.

Congratulations to Mason Harrell on his recent publication in the Virginia Pilot "Letters to the Editor" section. Mason's letter, a school assignment, was based on facts regarding the overpopulation of pets in our area. You can read the letter in its entirety on the bulletin board across from the church office

Directory Update: Please change **Milton Midgette's** room number. He is now in room 254 at Gardens of Virginia Beach.



Thanks for all of the prayers for my brother and nephew. My brother, Howard, had 1/2 of one of his lungs removed and 21 lymph nodes. The cancer did not spread past the lung. Keep him in your prayers as the doctors continue to monitor him. My nephew, Ricky, is in a long term care facility on life support. He is only 41. Continue to keep him in your prayers also.

Joyce Russo