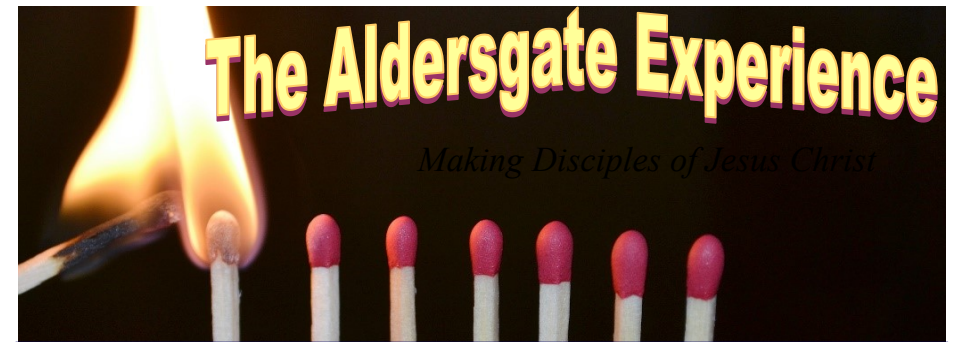




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## A Leap of Faith

My favorite movie is called "*Leap of Faith*".

Steve Martin plays

Reverend Jonas Nightingale, a traveling con man who would trade salvation for a donation in any town he can cash in on. He uses smoke and mirror tricks to convince people he can perform miracles and wonders. While in one poor farming town, the "Reverend" witnesses a real miracle. God heals a boy's crippled feet and brings a much needed rain for their crops. But the most shocking miracle was when the fake Reverend recognizes the genuine article, repents of his sins, and walks away from his money-making "ministry". It's a great story of God's grace and power that results in repentance and redemption. (Hint: If you see the movie, pay attention to what the Reverend says about his ring and his hat).



No matter how bad a person may be, God is always at work drawing that person to himself with his grace and power. God knows how to reach the hardest heart. And he chooses to work through us to display that grace and power.

(John 8:12) *Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."*

As you follow Jesus, find your confidence to *be* the light of the world because you *have* the light of the world working in you. ...So take a leap of faith and get ready for a miracle.

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*Aldersgate UMC*  
5767 Sellger Drive, Norfolk

~ Spaghetti Dinner ~

FEATURING

~ Homemade Italian Spaghetti Sauce ~

~ Fresh Garden Salad ~

~ Fresh Italian Bread ~

Saturday, 6 October 2018

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Adults \$9.00,

Children (5-12) \$4.00



## The Aldersgate Experience

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Bishop.....Rev. Sharma D. Lewis

District Superintendent...Rev. Wayne Snead

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

Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM



## More Mission Week Pics People of All Ages Working Together, Serving others



Union Mission



Gift Baskets for the First Responders



Packing Meals



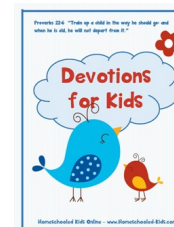
## Kick-off for KidZone

KidZone is a new worship program for kids ages 3 years to 3d grade. Each week we will worship through music, Bible-based devotions, and fun crafts to teach kids about God.

Come and see what fun we'll have!

**Sunday, September 9th, 11:00 am**

Contact: Barbara Harrell



## Kidz Worship Team

### September News

The Kidz Team is beginning again. We plan to sing more amazing music from Psalms and Psongs!

Rehearsal:

September 16—9:30 Devotions and Rehearsal

September 23—9:30 Devotions and Rehearsal

September 23-11:00 Singing at service

Contact: Cindy Crosby





## Movie Nite Pics 2018



Waiting for the show to start



The movie was a big hit....



News from the Pews

### An update on our members

Thanks for all of the words of kindness and concern during my family's recent losses. The members of Aldersgate have always been an amazing source of strength and comfort throughout my many years of employment here.

**Joyce Russo**

# READY.SET.CORNHOLE

## October 27th

## 11:30—until

**Sign up to help with Cornhole  
Tournament and Cookout**

We need:

Corn-hole boards

Grill Master (to cook hotdogs)

Table Set up and Tear Down

Corn-hole Tournament Helpers

Temporary Fire-Pit

Marshmallows for the fire-pit



CONTACT: Cindy @ 757 461-3201 or use the CONNECT Card found in your bulletin.





# Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.

**What you need:**

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

**What you do:**

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.



## PUZZLE

### IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*

blind	hear
leprosy	walk
lame	raised
deaf	sight
dead	cleansed

The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, those  
 who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answers: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV



## A Way Forward

The compatibility of the Christian life and homosexuality has become a stormy issue for the United Methodist Church today. It has raised some questions of whether the future of our denomination will be united or untied.



Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Lee will preach a 4-week sermon series entitled "Open Doors". The series will address the struggle for acceptance of the LGBT community in the Church. Is there an open door for God's grace? Is there an open door for God's truth? How can we find a way forward in this polarizing culture?



During three of those Sundays, Pastor Lee will also host an open discussion group in our Social Hall from 3:00-4:30 pm. Anyone interested in talking further about the issues is welcome. Participants are expected to be respectful of different opinions. Email Pastor Lee at [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org) for any questions or concerns.

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Charge Conference Date Set  
**Sunday, September 23rd**  
 2 PM  
 Location: To be Announced

Leaders: All Charge Conference signed reports are due no later than Monday, September 10th to the church office. You are welcome to submit them anytime prior to that date. Any Questions see Pastor Lee or call the church office. Reminder: All budget requests are due no later than **September 1st**.



## Mission Accomplished!

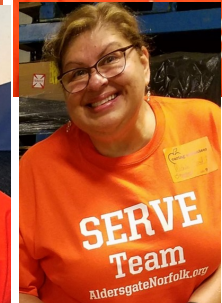
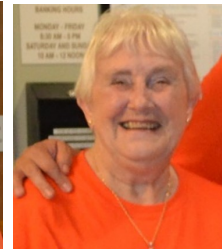
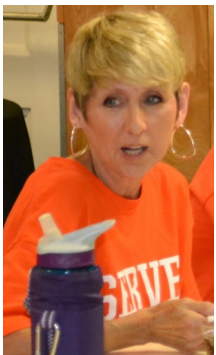
On the first week of August, the church participated in *Mission Possible*. It was 4 days of serving 10 missions in our community. The missions included serving 176 people at the Food Bank, making snack baskets for our First Responders and six local businesses, serving meals at Union Mission, cleaning trash at a local park, visiting residents at a nursing home, and packaging 20,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

We had over 50 members and friends participate in one or more of these events. A special thanks to the team leaders of each mission. They were Kevin & Michelle Floyd, Cynthia Stanley, Kathleen O'Hara, Cindy Crosby, Lucinda Williams, and Gary Albertson. Also a special thanks to Cindy Albertson for organizing the evening fellowship meals. Cindy Crosby took an extra pan of baked spaghetti, salad, bread, and snacks to the VA Beach Fire Station #9.

It was a real blessing to see so many people get involved in serving in so many ways. Mission Accomplished!



**Rise  
Against  
Hunger**







## Mission Week Volunteers



# Worship Team News



## September Schedule

**5, 12, 19, 26 September 6:30 Rehearsal**

The worship team has started back to rehearsals. We are working on new contemporary music and Christmas music...yes Christmas music—it's that time again. We love the fall for the crisp air and it reminds us it's time to begin thinking about the season approaching. We want to be ready in all areas of our lives including using our gift of music to honor God.

We also will be rehearsing our Thanksgiving music for the Community Thanksgiving Service to be held in November. There will be a special rehearsal for this service soon.

Our music is contemporary praise, Christian pop, gospel, and timeless classic hymns. All of this music enhances our worship of God.

We would love to have you consider joining the team if you are musically inclined with an instrument including your voice! Please stop by on a Wednesday night to check out the group!

Contact: Cindy Crosby 461-3201

**—you are never too old to use your gifts  
which the Lord has given you!**



## Ushers

Gary Albertson, Kevin Floyd

## Counters

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 9/2  | Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson |
| 9/9  | Neal Windley, Michele Floyd   |
| 9/16 | Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood      |
| 9/23 | Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers      |
| 9/30 | Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch     |



## Lawn Maintenance



|      |        |
|------|--------|
| 9/3  | Team 3 |
| 9/10 | Team 1 |
| 9/17 | Team 2 |
| 9/24 | Team 3 |
| 10/1 | Team 1 |

## Calendar Highlights

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| September 1  | Budget Requests Deadline          |
| September 3  | Holiday—office closed             |
| September 9  | 11 AM NEW KidZone Worship         |
|              | NEW Sermon Series                 |
|              | 3-4:30 PM NEW Discussion Group    |
| September 10 | ALL CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE |
| September 13 | 7 PM NEW Small Group Study begins |
| September 23 | 2 PM CHARGE CONFERENCE            |



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 9/16 Marie Barker  | 9/24 Phyllis Day |
| 9/19 Jimmie Powers | 9/25 Vic Supper  |
| 9/21 Bonnie Samuel |                  |



9/17 Greg & Kathy Dziagwa

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins, Marie Barker

Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley

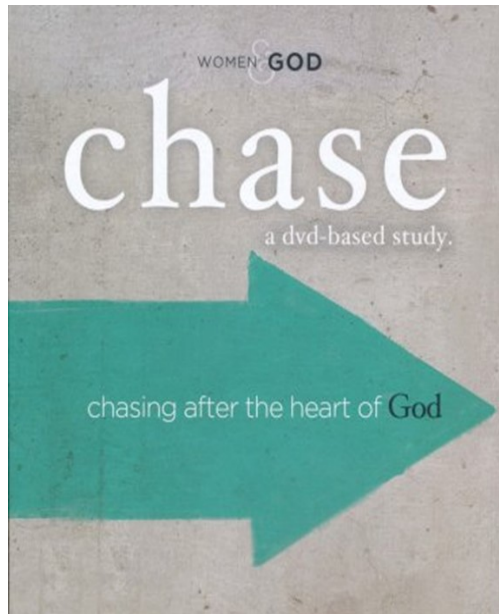


**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR  
October EDITION**

**Saturday, September 15th**

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit articles. Articles may be emailed or left at the office at anytime.





### My Heart Small Group

Thursdays, 7pm

Starts on:

September 13th

Join us for the

**“Chase”**

Contact: Cindy Crosby

We’re all chasing after something, something that we think will make us happy—comfort, success, a bigger house, or someone’s approval. But if we are all honest, it feels like trying to catch the wind.

**A man after God’s own heart...** As David’s life weaves throughout the pages of Scripture, we see he was a man who spent his life chasing after God. *Chase* explores the events that defined David’s life and the Psalms that flowed out of those experiences. Through David’s example we’ll discover what God really wants from us. The lessons in this study are simple yet deep and very interactive, offering Bible study, stories, and projects to dig into Scripture and deeply engage the mind and heart. God has carved out a space in each of us that only He can fill. So whether you are running from God or working your tail off to please Him, David’s journey will challenge your view of God.

God is invisible, and yet He is the only thing we can chase that won’t leave us feeling more empty.



### Field Trip to Old Testament Times

Step back in time to experience the beauty, size, and meaning of the Old Testament Tabernacle. Biblical history will come alive as you walk through this full-size replica of God’s dwelling place. This free event is being held at Gateway Church in Va. Beach, but reservation tickets are required. Pastor Lee has reserved 10 tickets for **(Tues.) Sept. 25, 6-8 pm.** To get your free tickets, see Pastor Lee.

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AUMC is embarking on Twitter social media on a trial basis to get the word out using short messages or tweets.



Yes - it requires you to establish a Twitter account and to become a follower of Aldersgate UMC Norfolk. Give it a try to see if you like it and let Pastor Lee, Greg, or Kathleen O’Hara know what you think... You can always use the “Connection Card” if you prefer to let us know what your “take” is!

<https://twitter.com/NorfolkUmc>