



2018

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
5767 Sellger Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23502-5239



**Aldersgate is on the move!**



**Feeding the hungry!**

**Light Rail Outreach!**



**Community Outreach with Bingo, Movies, Corn Hole Day**



**And this is just the fun stuff!...we also have Contemporary Worship Music, Membership Classes, Small Group Studies and Kidz Worship Team and lots more!! Come, Join Us.....**



## ***“What Did God Do Before Creating the Universe?”***

It’s a puzzling question. If God has always existed, what did he do before creating the universe? Did he play a lot of solitaire? Did he make homemade cookies or write a song? What did he do with all that time?

The question assumes that everything (including God) is subject to the limitations of time. But God is not limited by the physical laws and dimensions of time that govern our world. God transcends time.

(Revelation 1:8) *I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, "who is (present) and who was (past) and who is to come (future), the Almighty.*



When God created the universe, he not only created matter, he also created time and space. There was no time before creation. We, as finite created beings, cannot fully understand that. That’s why the Bible makes it clear there is always a *faith* aspect to our understanding of God. Biblical faith is not against reason, but faith enables us to go beyond our understanding.

The concept of time (before, during, and after) did not exist until God created the heavens and the earth. The first verse of Genesis says, *“In the beginning”* because that’s when the clock started ticking.

Pastor Lee

**Just for Pun!....**

**Did you know?**



- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

## **The Aldersgate Experience**

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**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”**

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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**



# HEART. LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.

Mom, you're the light of my life!



## What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

## What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



# WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	V

" \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
and your \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has  
\_\_\_\_\_."  
5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV



# Treasure Hunt for the *Gems of Joy*



A 6-Week Exploration of Philippians  
Thurs. nights starting May 10th at 7 pm



# Join the Adventure!

## In this issue

**Pictures from Good Friday Service  
Worship Team and Kidz Worship Team  
schedules for May  
New Small Group Study "Gems of Joy"  
Poplar Hall Elementary School Celebration  
New Membership Class—date and time  
Special Note from Trustees  
Kidz Coloring Page and Puzzles  
and lots, lots, more**





## Outreach Team Meeting

Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm (Social Hall)

The Outreach Team will gather again to continue plans for future outreaches for 2018. We have upcoming events like another Tide Rail outreach, family movies, laundromat outreach, *Dogs & Dads*, Feeding the homeless, etc. If you are not on the Outreach Team, but want to check it out, then join in the conversation.

For more information, email Pastor Lee at [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org) or call the church office.

## Poplar Hall School Year End Celebration with the students

**Join us to serve the students!**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sign up with Cindy Crosby**

We are serving the students at Poplar Halls during their lunch time as a final celebration for the year.

Many cupcakes will be served to the students. If you are interested in participating in this one-time event, please contact Cindy Crosby, 461-3201.



Do you enjoy visiting, talking on the phone, and have a heart for people? The Care Response Team is looking for a few more great folks to join the team.

Please stop in at our next meeting:  
May 20th, 3:00pm

Contact: Cindy Crosby



## Aldersgate Worship Team News

### May

2 May Team off, no rehearsal  
9, 16, 23, 30 Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30

The team is doing a music outreach—please stay tuned for more details. We would love to have you participate and visit with the senior citizens. Musicians needed if you are interested in checking out the team!



### Kidz Worship Team Sings for Mom's and Dad's Days

- \* Rehearsal—May 13, 10:00
- \* Service music—May 13, 11:00
- \* Rehearsals—June 3, 10, 9:30
- \* Service music—June 17, 10:00 warm up



## Bunny Breakfast Update!

The day of the egg hunt was sunny and cool but that didn't stop the children from having a wonderful time hunting for eggs and playing with new found playmates.



The Moms, Dads, grandparents plus all the other adults in attendance were delighted to see the children having such a good time.

As always the breakfast was great, thanks to our "cooking team" Greg, Jimmy, Ben, Gary and Kathy and our servers Norma and Lilly. Our guests were treated to a heart warming breakfast. While the guests were eating Haley, Melissa, Taylor and her friend, also Taylor hid the eggs and helped the visiting Bunny talk with the children and give them a special bag of goodies.

This special community outreach could not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, all of your donations of candy, and your time.

Thank you so much  
Barbara Harrell





## Explore Membership Class

Explore what it means to be member at Aldersgate UMC.

You're invited to:

Examine the expectations of membership  
Experience the friendship of other members  
Expand the opportunities to impact lives.  
Exercise the challenge of spiritual development

The next *Explore Membership* class will be:

**(Sun.) May 20, 2018 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

To register, make a note on the worship bulletin's, Connect Card, or contact Pastor Lee by email: [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org), or by phone at 466-8999.



Once again our Aldersgate family will be participating in the "Rise Against Hunger" event. Gary Albertson and his committee have been busy the past few months raising funds for this endeavor. With the help of donations and fund raising events a total of \$4,275 has been received. Their goal is \$6,000.

If you would like to help pack the items or interested in helping in any way, the event is August 4th. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can see Gary Albertson for more info.



## Hey Kids

Looking for something to give to mom, grandmom or a special person in your life....

**Cut out this page, color it and give it to them on Mother's Day.**



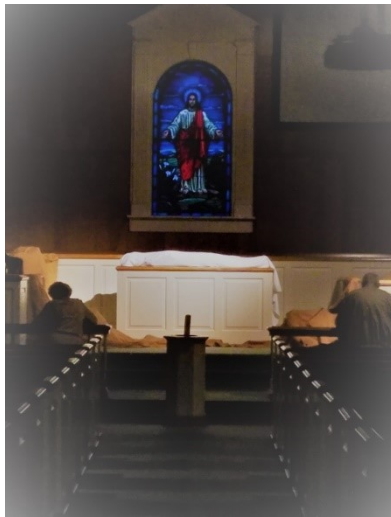
**The Upper Room**



**The Garden of Gethsemane**



**Our Good Friday Service in pictures....**



**The Tomb of Jesus**

**The Throne of Pontius Pilate**



**The Cross**

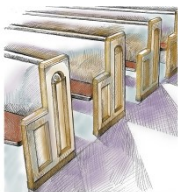


**(Sun.) June 10th, 3 pm**

**Join the discussion as we seek to create a  
WOW experience in hospitality.**

Statistics show that within the first 10 minutes, first-time guests will decide whether they will make a return visit. That means first impressions are crucial.

On Sun. June 10 at 3 pm, we will meet to share ideas, make plans, and organize a team to greet, serve, and connect with people around our worship service. If you have a heart for hospitality, don't miss this gathering. For questions, contact Pastor Lee through the Connect Card in your worship bulletin, or email him at [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org).



News from the Pews

**Sherry Williams'** is recuperating at her daughter's home and doing well. Soon she will be back singing in the Worship Choir.

The Bereavement Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Thrasher Memorial Service and Reception so nice.

Special thanks to our "IT Specialist" **Greg Dziagwa**. The church office now has a new up-to-date computer. Hopefully all the bugs have been worked out. I, personally, appreciate all the time he spent doing all of the installations and updates.

Thanks Greg!

Do you have a *Graduate* in your family this May or June?



Please let the church office know the graduate's name, level of graduation and future school, job etc. We recognize the oldest to the youngest grads - from preschool through college and beyond.



## Keys, Keys, who has the Keys!

The Trustees may have to have the entry locks to the church rekeyed. They are trying to compile of list of persons who currently have keys to the main doors.

Please email Neal Windley at:  
[nealwindley@verizon.net](mailto:nealwindley@verizon.net)  
or you can call the church office.



Thanks...

## Fundraiser BBQ A Success!



On April 15th the Circle of Friends Class sponsored a BBQ lunch to raise funds for the "Rise Against Hunger" event to be held in August, 2018.

Although the crowd was small their generous hearts were not—\$596.50 was donated for this event.

## Update on the Bingo/Potato Bar Event

Twenty five people attended the event, many from the surrounding community, the food was great and the bingo games were full of excitement.





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/2	Cindy Albertson	5/9	Lee Crosby
5/3	Millie Hanson		Tyler Moore
	Dewey Hanson	5/15	Taryn Thrasher
		5/16	Lucinda Williams



5/1	Kevin and Michele Floyd
5/7	Guy and Diane Willis
5/19	Bob and Courtney Dziagwa
5/24	Vic and Debbie Supper

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Marguerite Windley, Sherry Williams, Phil Floyd,

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



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

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE EDITION

**TUESDAY, MAY 15TH**

**You do not have to wait for the deadline—you are free to submit articles at any time to the church office.**



## Ushers

John and Melissa Floyd

## Counters

5/6	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
5/13	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
5/20	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
5/27	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



## Lawn Maintenance

5/7	Team 1
5/14	Team 2
5/21	Team 3
5/28	Team 1

## Calendar Highlights

4/30-5/6	Pastor Away
5/13 10 AM	Kidz Worship Team
5/20 3 PM	CRT Meeting
	Explore Membership Class
5/21 7 PM	Finance Meeting
7:30 PM	Administrative Board Meeting
5/28	Memorial Day Holiday-office closed

