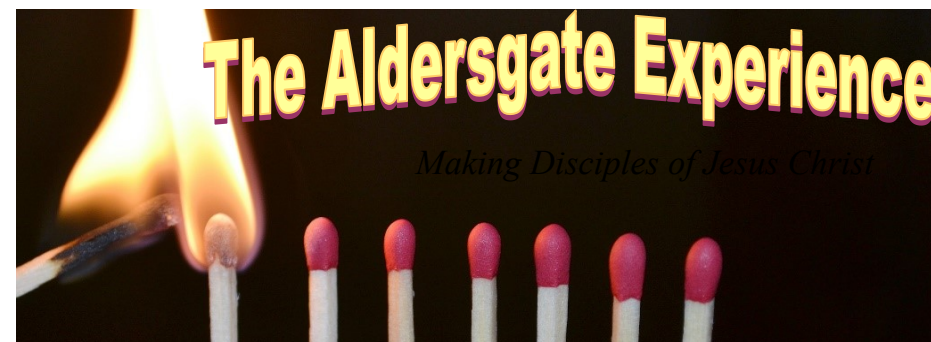


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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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**Newly renovated Kidzone Classroom
Open for business**





Making Disciples Together

We exist as a church to *make disciples of Jesus Christ*. Jesus commissions every one of his followers to not only nurture our own spiritual growth, but to help others to do the same. We all have a very important role to become disciples and make disciples. Our church leaders has broken down that discipleship journey into four basic parts:

Connect – to connect with God and the church by becoming a follower of Jesus and a member of the church family.

Grow – to grow in spiritual maturity by being in a small group for support, encouragement, and fellowship.

Serve – to get involved in serving others, both inside and outside the church family.

Coach – to help others in their discipleship journey.

Every follower of Jesus can help someone take the next step. Watch for upcoming information on how you can be a coach to someone else. Let's make disciples together.

We're also looking for leadership to oversee each step in the discipleship journey. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pastor Lee. You can email him at leecrosby@vaumc.org



Pumpkin Carving Prayer



Dear God, As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:
 Open my mind so I can learn about You; (Cut the top of the pumpkin)
 Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
 (Clean out the inside)
 Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
 (Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)
 I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.
 (Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)
 Open my ears so your word I will hear.
 (Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)-we did rectangles
 Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near
 (cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)
 Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen. (Place a candle inside and light it)

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 Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
 Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
 Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM

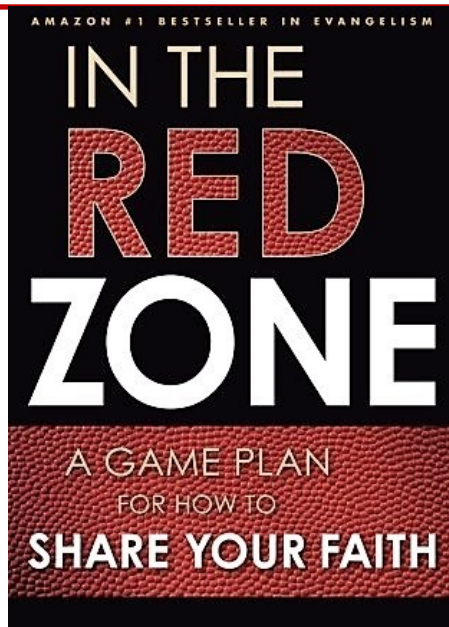
Sunday School.....9:30 AM

Worship Service...11 AM

Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM

Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM





Red Zone Training Sessions

*5 Sessions beginning
October 21—November 11
3 PM*

*Come and join us for this exciting journey of
how to share your faith*

Light Rail Outreach

Saturday, October 6th

10-11 AM

Newtown Road Station



News from the Pews

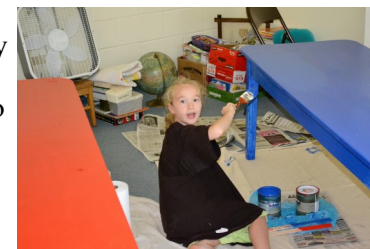
Our Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathies are extended to two of our church families.

Marie Barker passed away on September 8th and **Bonnie Samuel** passed away on September 3rd. Coincidentally both of these ladies had September birthdays. Both will be missed.

Brody Hendricks update: Brody is doing well at home. Blessings all around on his family and for his continued health.

Kid Zone is up and running and off to a good start. If you haven't stopped by and checked out the new improvements made to the classroom please do so. Thanks to Farrell and Barbara Harrel, Linda Crabtree, her granddaughter Charlie, and Cindy Crosby the room has had a complete make over.



Note: Items not suitable for the **recyclable container** have been finding their way into it. Please make sure the items you are disposing of are able to be recycled. thanks

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Thursday Nite Small Group Study Information

Corn-Hole Tournament date set

Like Italian food? Check out the Spaghetti Dinner

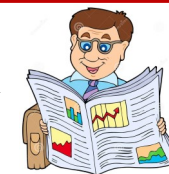
Worship Team and Kidz Worship Team Dates for October

Trunk or Treat Date and Information

Deadline for All Saint's Day presentation

Red Zone Training Dates

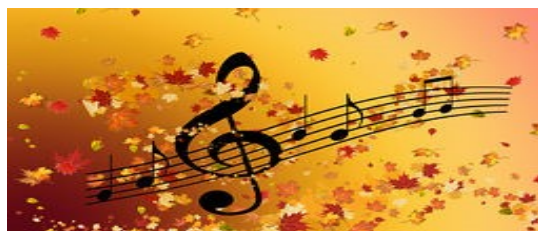
Light rail Outreat and much more



Worship Team News

October Schedule

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct 6:30 Rehearsal
**4 November—Sun 5pm Rehearsal
for Thanksgiving Service



The worship team is working on new songs, is brushing up on Thanksgiving music and learning NEW Christmas music. Fast approaching is the Community Thanksgiving Service which will have participation from 6 churches in our local area. Stay tuned for NOVEMBER updates on this service.

The worship and sound booth team are working on new additions, such as “motion backgrounds,” “more sound enhancement for the “choir” segment of the team”, and new ways to glorify God with music and visuals.

We would love to have musicians on the team which will enhance the sound—so IF you are musical, can sing or play an instrument I would love to meet with you OR you can stop by to check out a rehearsal.

Contact: Cindy Crosby (757) 461-3201

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

Congregational Goals for 2019

Vital Congregations are ministries that recognize a clear calling from God and develop plans and ministries to achieve God's purposes for their congregation. The process for becoming a Vital Congregation when used and evaluated consistently over several years will help a congregation become vital or become more vital. Part of this process is setting goals. Congregations set goals at the Vital Congregations website in March of 2012 for five years beginning with 2012, measuring:

- 1) disciples in worship (worship attendance)
- 2) disciples making new disciples (number of professions of faith)
- 3) disciples growing in their faith (number of small groups)
- 4) disciples engage in mission (number of disciples doing outreach in the community and the world)
- 5) disciples sharing their resources for mission (amount of money given to mission).

Aldersgate's Goals for 2019

1. Goal: Increase Average Worship Attendance to 75

Strategy:

Outreach Team will plan 8 outreaches for the church to connect with the community.

2. Goal: Increase Professions of Faith to 7

Strategy:

Preach 4 evangelistic sermon series, and invite people to become followers of Jesus.

3. Goal: Create a clear discipleship path that inspires spiritual growth

Strategy: CONNECT GROW SERVE COACH

- A. Provide educational materials in each step of the process
- B. Appoint coaches to assist and encourage each participant
- C. Appoint leaders to oversee each step of the discipleship path

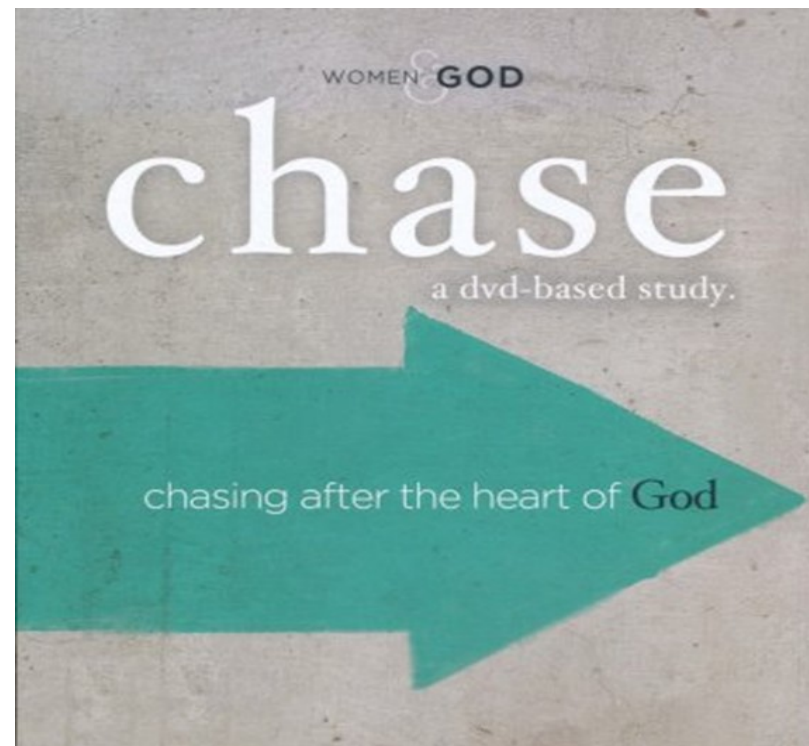


At St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 7th

4 PM

**Come and Join Us for this special
service to celebrate our beloved pets.**



Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Café Area, Aldersgate

4, 11, 18, 25 October

Small Group Thursdays has started a new study. Its NOT too late to join. Everyone is welcome. We are using Allen's study entitled "Chase." *Description below.*

What are you chasing after? This study highlights seven events in David's life to help you move beyond the appearance of godliness and open yourself up to God's love. We also have prayer, lively casual discussions and snacks too. You'll enjoy growing new friendships and learning from Biblically based studies. Join us!

Kidz Worship Team

October News

The Kidz Team is up and running. We will be working on new music for the fall and Christmas services.

Rehearsal:

October 28 9:30 Devotions and Rehearsal
Nov 4 9:30 Devotions and Rehearsal
Nov 11 10 Warm up/sing at service

Contact: Cindy Crosby



PUZZLE

From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

D	E	F	I	R	N
F					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
a friend					

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV



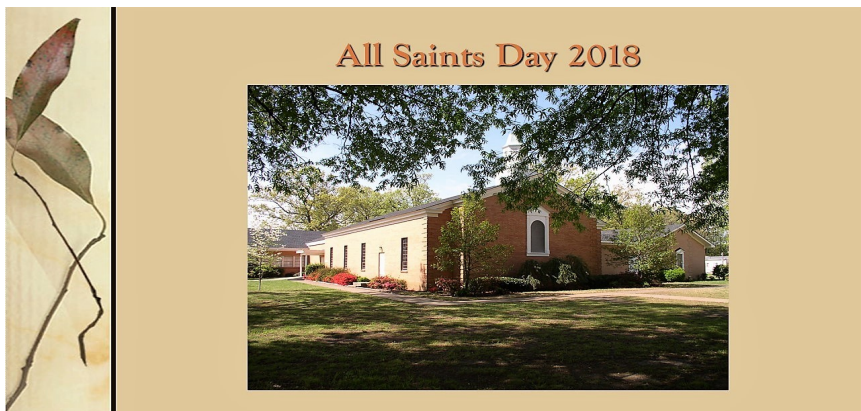
What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.





**Sunday, November 4th
11 AM Worship Service**

Traditionally a video presentation is shown to remember those in our church family who have passed away during the year. If you have a family member who passed away since Nov. 2017 and would like to have their picture included -

please see Greg Dziagwa or email him at <mmcmdz@cox.net>

Deadline is October 21st for submissions.



Special thank you for all of the donations of school supplies for the children and teachers of Poplar Halls Elementary School.

It doesn't take much to put a smile on someone's face and Aldersgate members know how to do it right.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

READY.SET.CORN-HOLE

**Its that time again!!
Corn-hole Tournament and Picnic**

Saturday, October 27, 11:30am
Aldersgate parking lot, 5767 Sellger Rd

Free corn-hole, family fun, and food. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chair. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled by the master. Drinks are provided too.



Come early to register no later than 11:15. Team of 2 for competition. Tournament begins at noon.

****Corn-hole boards available for children & youth free-play also.**

Event Contact: Cindy
crosby10@verizon.net

Registration: Guy Willis
guionwillis@gmail.com



READY.SET.CORN-HOLE



Ushers

Bill Bunch, Kathy O'Hara

Counters

10/7	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
10/14	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
10/21	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
10/28	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



Lawn Maintenance



10/1	Team 1
10/8	Team 2
10/15	Team 3
10/22	Team 1
10/29	Team 2

Calendar Highlights

10/6 10-11 AM Light Rail Outreach

5 PM Spaghetti Dinner

10/14 3 PM Outreach Meeting

10/21 3 PM Red Zone Training begins

10/27 11 AM Corn Hole Tournament

10/31 6-8 PM Trunk or Treat



Birthdays

10/7	Farrell Harrell Barbara Harrell
10/17	Shawn Dziagwa
10/19	Robert Repass
10/24	Robert Dziagwa
10/27	Carolyn Powers



Anniversaries

10/20 Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby

Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins,

Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR
November EDITION
MONDAY, October 15th**

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



Wednesday

October 31, 2018

6-8 PM

This is a community event which Aldersgate UMC began several years ago.

The church members enjoy decorating their vehicles, dressing up in their costumes for the kids and especially handing out all of the goodies.

Come and join in the fellowship --bring your children - grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors.

This is a safe way for the children of our area to spend the Halloween evening.

Contact Barbara Harrell if you wish to donate individually wrapped bags of candy for this event.



**Aldersgate UMC
Annual**

Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, Oct. 5th
5-6:30 PM**

Featuring

Homemade Italian Spaghetti Sauce

Fresh Garden Salad

Fresh Italian Bread

**Tickets: Adults \$9.00
Children (5-12) \$4.00**

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