



2019

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
5767 Sellger Drive  
Norfolk, Virginia 23502



# The Aldersgate Experience

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*faith* <sup>is</sup> being sure  
of what we hope for  
& certain of what we  
do NOT see. Heb. 11:1

What is your definition of faith...

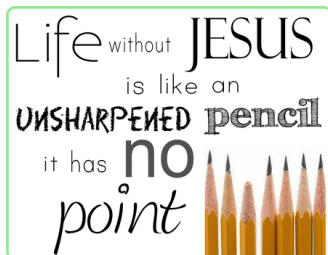


**“Jesus Notices You”  
By Pastor Lee**

Large crowds often followed Jesus. People were drawn to him. Whether it was because he forgave sinners, healed the sick, fed the multitudes, or taught with authority; Jesus often was surrounded by people. One day, in the midst of a large crowd, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus said, “I am willing; be made clean.” And he healed the man.

I think there were two miracles that day. The obvious one was the physical healing. But the other one is that in the midst of a large crowd, Jesus noticed this one man. We all want to be noticed. We all want to be known. But we are only one person among a great multitude. We can wonder if the Lord notices us, up close and personal. He does! No matter how big the world is, Jesus always sees you in the crowd. He pays attention to your needs. He notices each difficulty you face. He knows you by name. Jesus promises that he will never leave you or forsake you. And he has a plan for you that sometimes includes difficulty and pain. But he promises to make something good come from it. He is molding and shaping you into his likeness. He has a vision of what you will become. And it is beautiful! So, don't give up now! The best is yet to come. One day, you will look back and say, “It was well worth it.” And you will praise God for it. Jesus notices you every day. He thought of you while he hung on the cross. Long before you were born, he saw your face, he called you by name, and said, “I am willing. Be clean...because I love you this much.”

Take a moment now, and thank God for his great love for you. Thank him for cleansing you and calling you to follow him. And thank him for noticing you every day.



**Sunday,  
October 13th  
4 PM**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

**Bring your favorite fur buddy, companion or even your child's favorite stuffed bunny.**

**All pets are invited to come and be blessed.**

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**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**



# HARVEST

## \*Trail Mix\*

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



### What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

### What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



# PUZZLE

## Harvest hunt

*Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.*

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Galatians  
6:9

James 3:18

John  
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_\_!  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields



## Charge Conference Reports and Information

Blank Charge Conference reports are available from the church office.

Completed reports have to be submitted to the district 10 days prior to conference date. This means all reports have to be completed and turned in prior to October 20th.

Call the church office if you are not sure if you have a report to be filled out. Those already distributed are: Trustees, Finance, Staff Parish and Lay Servant.

The audit must also be completed and signature updated on the Vital Congregations web site.

**Note:** This year Aldersgate will be the host church for the conference which is **Sunday, November 3 at 2 pm**. We will welcome folks from 4 other churches. Please mark your calendars now.

## Annual Charge



## Conference

**In this issue - check out the following:**

- Charge Conference Updates
- Trunk or Treat News
- Spaghetti Dinner—date and times
- Corn Hole Tournament—registration information
- Schedules for Worship Team, Small Group
- District and Community Events

Dear Congregation Members:

Last winter we experienced some issues with our heating system which provides the heat to our sanctuary. Those problems were caused by a boiler that is 40+ years old. The company who maintains that system did a superb job keeping us warm for church services and other events held in our sanctuary.



For us to continue using the sanctuary without interruptions ( due to lack of or insufficient heat which causes us to request that you wear winter coats or hand out extra quilts for services) the Trustees voted to replace the 40+ year old boiler prior to cold weather this year.

The new system is anticipated to be much more efficient and carries a multiyear warranty. Several bids for the new system were received. After much discussion the Trustees decided on a system with a final cost of \$13,400.00

We applied for a grant for 1/2 of the cost of the system from the district and they, after much deliberation, awarded us \$3500.00 toward the cost leaving us with a balance of \$9900.00 for the church to pay.

At this time, Trustees are asking the congregation to assist us with the remaining \$9900.00. Any amount you wish to donate or pledge to pay over the next 18 months toward that remainder would greatly assist us with that critical improvement to our church building.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration

Neal Windley, Chair

Trustees



## *What's Happening Around our District*



### *Some local church events you might enjoy.*

Covenant UMC—Bar-B-Q 10/12 10am-2 PM

Dinners, sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies and bake sale. 2004 Dock Landing Road, Chesapeake

New Creation UMC—Golf Tournament 10/18.

Crossroads—Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale

10/19 9am-3 PM..1800 Rodman Ave.  
Portsmouth.

Community UMC—Fall Faire, Crafts and More

10/19 10 am-3 PM..1072 Old Kempsville Rd., Va. Beach.

### **How to Help with the Hurricane Disaster**

As Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc on the Bahamas, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) awarded a solidarity grant to Bahamas Methodist Habitat, the Disaster Ministry of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church.

You can give to International Disaster Response and Recovery (Advance # 982450) or Give to United States Disaster Response and Recovery (Advance # 901670)

By Phone:

Credit card gifts can be accepted by phone.

Call toll free: 888-252-6174 to make your gift.

By Mail

Make your check payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write the name of the ministry and the Advance code number on the memo line of the check.

Send your check to:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068.







## **Aldersgate UM Church Annual Trunk or Treat Celebration**

**Thursday, October 31st  
6-8 PM**

**Candy, plus extra surprises for all  
kids including a drawing for a grand  
prize worth ?  
(to be revealed on Halloween)**

**See Gary Albertson if you have any questions.**

## **Stepping Out in Faith....Asheville Mission Team From Aldersgate to Asheville**

Eight members packed their gear, loaded the vehicles, and headed to North Carolina. They stepped out of their comfort zone and took a leap of faith to demonstrate God's love to the homeless and hippy travelers in Asheville.

During that week, the team listened to, talked with, and prayed for people living on the street. They also served food in a mission house, worshipped atop the Blue Ridge Mountains, and made bracelets for sex-trafficking victims. The inside of the bracelets contained a toll-free number. It was a helpline to assist them in escaping the sex trade.

As the team stepped out in faith, they experienced God at work in them, and through them. The team consisted of Gary Albertson, Bill Bunch, Linda Crabtree, Lee & Cindy Crosby, Kathy O'Hara, Lily Tipora, and Lucinda Williams. Ask any of them about their experience.



**Praying together**

**Feeding and Sharing**

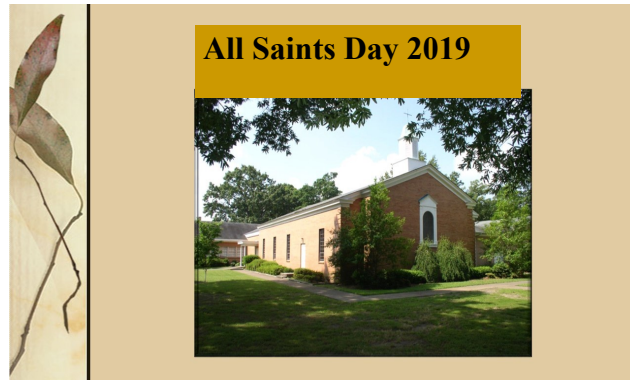


**One-on-one  
listening and  
supporting**



**Mission Team  
2019**





**Sunday, November 3th**

**11 AM Worship Service**

Traditionally a video presentation is shown to remember those church members who have passed away. If you have a family member who was a part of our church family and who has passed away since Nov. 2018 and would like to have their picture included - please see Greg Dziagwa or email him at <mmcmdz@cox.net>

**Deadline is October 20th for submissions.**

You are invited...

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Family**  
invites you to their  
**Annual Fall Picnic**

**Sunday, October 6th**  
**11:30 AM**

**Bounce house, games, face painting  
and much more. Bring your favorite side  
dish, a friend or two and come join us.**

A dramatic image of a person standing on a rock with arms raised, facing a massive, towering wave of water. The scene is dark and atmospheric, with a bright light source behind the wave, creating a silhouette effect. The text "Moving From Fear ...to Faith" is overlaid in a white, serif font at the top. Below the image, a black box contains white text: "The Israelites were trapped between the Devil and the deep Red Sea. But that's where they discovered the power of God. And they moved from fear to faith. Join the Journey!" At the bottom, in a white, serif font, it says "Starts Oct. 27th—11:00 am".

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# Worship Team News

## October Schedule

2 October	6:30 Rehearsal
9 October	6:30 Rehearsal
16 October	6:30 Rehearsal
23 October	6:30 Rehearsal
30 October	6:30 Rehearsal

Wednesday nights at 6:30—Join in!

I would love to talk with you and give you an opportunity to experience what this music small group is about. Contact: Cindy Crosby, Music Director, 757-461-3201.



## Current Small Groups

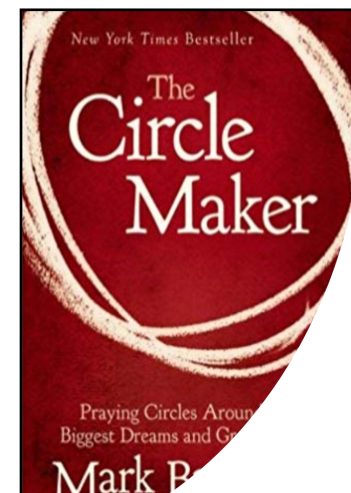
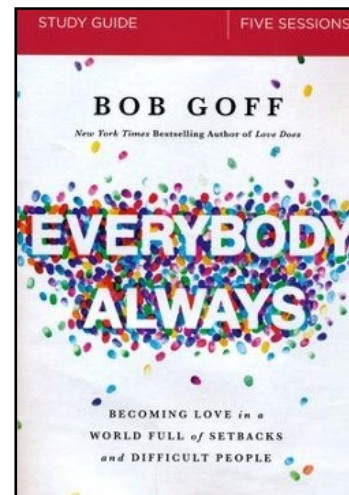
9:45am Sundays—Explore Romans, Winton Bible Class

9:45am Sundays—The Circle Maker, Circle of Friends

11:00am Sundays—KidZone, Just for Kids

6:30pm Wednesdays—Contemporary Worship Team and Choir—musical small group

7:00pm Thursdays—Thursdays Small Group, Everybody Always Video Series



## Upcoming Dinner



*Aldersgate UMC*

*5767 Sellger Drive,*

*Norfolk, VA*

*❧ Spaghetti Dinner ❧*

### **FEATURING**

*❧ Homemade Italian Spaghetti Sauce ❧*

*❧ Fresh Garden Salad ❧*

*❧ Italian Bread ❧*

*❧ Apple Pie ❧*

**Saturday, 5 October 2019**

**5:00 - 6:30 pm Adults \$10.00**

**Children (5-12) \$4.00**



## **READY.SET.CORN-HOLE**

**Saturday, October 12, 11:30am**

**Aldersgate Church parking lot  
5767 Sellger Rd, Norfolk**

**FREE Corn-hole tournament,  
family fun and food. Bring  
something to share, your lawn chair  
and your BEST friend! Hot dogs and  
drinks provided.**

**Register on-site at 11:30 for the  
tournament. Cash prizes!**





## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

10/7	Barbara Harrell	10/17	Shawn Dziagwa
	Oliver (Farrell) Harrell	10/19	Bob Repass
	Chas Hulock	10/24	Bob Dziagwa
10/8	Jane Jones	10/27	Carolyn Powers
10/10	Randy Hogwood		



## ***Ushers***

Bill Bunch, Kathleen O'Hara

## ***Counters***

10/6	Kevin Floyd, Ben Howgood
10/13	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
10/20	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
10/27	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



10/20 Lee and Cindy Crosby



## ***Lawn Maintenance***

10/7	Team 3
10/14	Team 1
10/21	Team 2
10/28	Team 3

## ***Remember in Prayer***



Sentara Village: Rosemont Road —Shirley Henley  
Waterside Nursing Facility—Cora Vernon

Our members who have moved out of the area

Healing prayers for Ed and Harriet Heath

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

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Tuesday, October 15th**

**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**



## ***Calendar Highlights***

10/5 5-6:30 PM Annual Spaghetti Dinner

10/6 11:30 AM Neighborhood Fall Picnic at St. Peter's EC

10/12 11:30 AM Corn Hole Tournament

10/13 4 PM Blessing of the Animals at St. Peter's EC

10/15 Newsletter Deadline

10/20 Deadline for All Saints Day Presentation

10/21 Deadline for Charge Conference reports

10/22 Helping Hands Group

10/31 Annual Trunk or Treat Event



Monthly regular events are: 6:30 PM Wednesday- Worship Team Rehearsal and 7 PM Thursday - Small Group Study