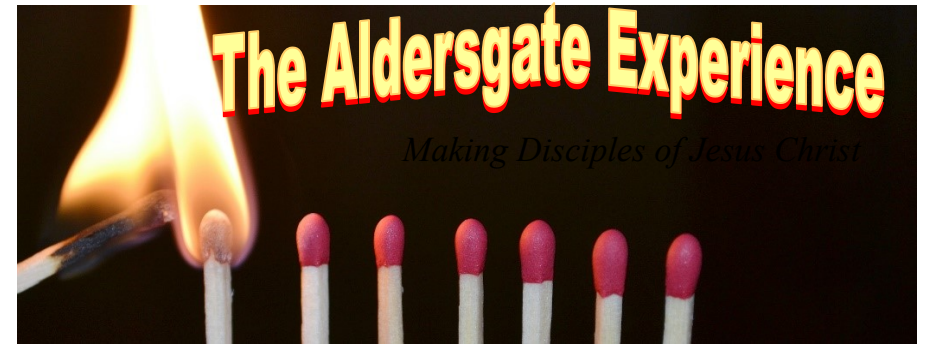




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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

Join us in our journey through this holy season,
beginning with our

Ash Wednesday Service—3/6

The 40 Days Lenten Prayer Challenge

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations



“Barking Up the Right Tree”

By Pastor Lee

(Romans 8:29) *For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son...*

While walking down the sidewalk of the church, I looked at the crepe myrtle trees planted there. What caught my eye was the peeling bark and the smooth wood underneath. It made me think of the way God works in our lives. Little by little, he peels away the dead things, replacing it with the smooth likeness of Christ. It may take a lifetime, but God promises that he chose us in advance to become like Jesus. We must cooperate with the Lord in this process, but we can be confident that it *will* happen.

More than half of all the trees planted along our city streets are crepe myrtles. There are plenty of reminders that God is always at work in you, molding and shaping you into the likeness of Christ. At times, you may feel like you don't look like Jesus at all. When that happens, go find a crepe myrtle. It will remind you that God is definitely barking up the right tree.



Annual Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 13th @ 9 AM

Spring is just around the corner (I hope) and thoughts are turning to Lent, Easter and the Bunny Breakfast/Egg Hunt.

Lots of volunteers are needed for this special children's event. The work is fun. We will need helpers for hiding the eggs, setting up tables, supervising the children who hunt for eggs, and for passing out the goodie bags. If you are interested in volunteering please See Barbara Harrell. I'd love to add your name to our list.

Individually wrapped candy and small trinkets are also welcomed.

Barbara Harrell



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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/Kid Zone...11 AM

Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM

DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.

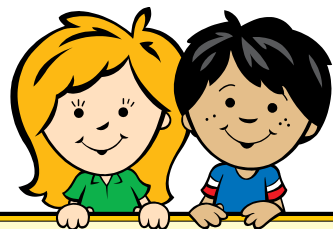


What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.



KIDS PAGE

PUZZLE

Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Lightbulb	Lightbulb	Sun	Leaf	Apple	Fish	Hand
Star	Whale	Flower	Fish	Snake	Eye	Flower
Wings	Snake	Bird	Moon	Hand	Hand	Hand
Spider	Apple	Snake	Plant	Hand	Hand	Hand
Hand	Elephant	Hand	Candle	Hand	Hand	Hand
Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand
Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand	Hand

Day 1 (light) ____ Day 2 (waters) ____ Day 3 (land and plants) ____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ Day 6 (land animals and people) ____ Day 7 (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

Secretary Snippets



New Email up and running

You can now email the church using a much shorter email address if you wish. Our new email is

<AUMCNorf@gmail.com>

This is primarily for members— our long regular email at Cox will still be the contact for all business accounts.

Thanks to **Neal Windley and the Trustee Committee** our new Record Room is almost ready to be occupied. Thanks Neal.

Ushers: New Attendance Forms—We have condensed the forms used by the ushers to count Worship Service Attendance. I hope the new form is more user-friendly.

Christian sympathies are extended to **Kathleen O'Hara** and her family with the loss of her Mother.

In this issue you will find:

A Message from the pastor

40 Day Lenten Prayer Challenge- "Draw the Circle"

Ash Wednesday evening service

Mission Trip Information

Safe Sanctuaries /Child Abuse Training Info.

New Small Group Study begins

BBQ Lunch immediately following service





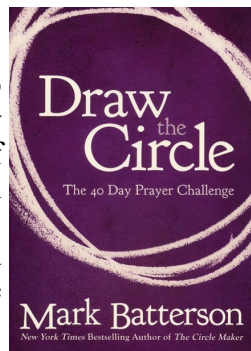
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

(Wed.) March 6th at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, study, and reflection on spiritual growth.

Ash Wednesday is an ancient form of worship reminding us to turn from our sin and turn to God daily. Join in on a renewed focus on our journey of faith.

This year, Pastor Lee encourages the congregation to take the “*Pray Bold, Go Bold*” Challenge. It’s a challenge to pray bold prayers everyday for the 40 days of Lent. We will be using a 40-day devotional book called “*Draw the Circle*” by Mark Batterson. It will guide you to pray bold prayers for the spiritual growth of you, the church, and the world.



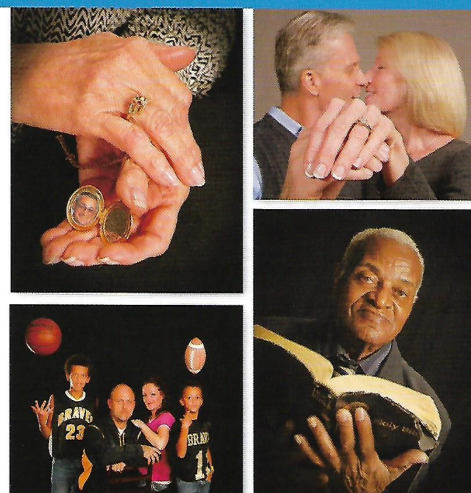
Order your book on *Amazon.com*. And be ready to begin a renewed spiritual journey starting **March 6th**.

A **New Pictorial Directory** is coming to Aldersgate soon! LifeTouch is scheduled to photograph the congregation on April 1st.

On Sunday March 17th, 24th, and 31st please SIGN up for your time slot at the table located in the lobby area! Questions? Contact Cindy, 466-8999



Bring meaningful items to your photography appointment



**Photo
Sessions
Monday
April
1st
2:00pm
through
9:00pm**



Safe Sanctuaries/Child Abuse Training

March 30, 2018

9 am to 3 pm

The Garden United Methodist
2709 Greendale Avenue, Norfolk

Ideal for children/youth ministry volunteers, nursery workers, trustees, church/preschool teachers, and staff.

This training will fulfill your church's Child Protection Policy's annual training requirement.

This training will (re)introduce Safe Sanctuaries to participants, explaining why a Child Protection Policy is necessary, especially in churches who are vulnerable. Explain the forms of child abuse, including testimonies from adults who were victimized as children. A discussion will emphasize important issues in prevention within the community and organizations. Participants will engage in an interactive workbook, reinforcing key concepts. The workbook will also serve as a resource and personal action plan for resolving child abuse. Further, the training will include information regarding mandated reporting.

The Schedule:

9:00 am: Welcome

9:30 am: Why Safe Sanctuaries?

10:00 am: Stewards of Children (DVD & discussion)

12 Noon: Lunch

12:30 pm: Mandated Reporting

1:30 pm: Survivor Panel/Q&A

3:00 pm: Dismiss

The leadership will be provided by Betty Wade Coyle, M. A., Debbie Shelton, child abuse survivor, Gail Davidson, MSW, Faye Joseph, MSW, ACW, LCSW, and Rev. Jason Stanley.

This is considered an Advanced Course for Lay Servants/Speakers (additional requirements will be included)

Register online Elizabeth River District website



ASHEVILLE N.C. MISSION TRIP

(Mon-Sat) Aug. 19-24, 2019

Cost: \$375.00

Spend a week serving nomad hippy travelers who pass through Asheville, North Carolina. You will serve them food, conversation, and an invitation to follow Jesus.



Registrations Forms are available from Pastor Lee. A \$50.00 deposit is needed to reserve your spot.



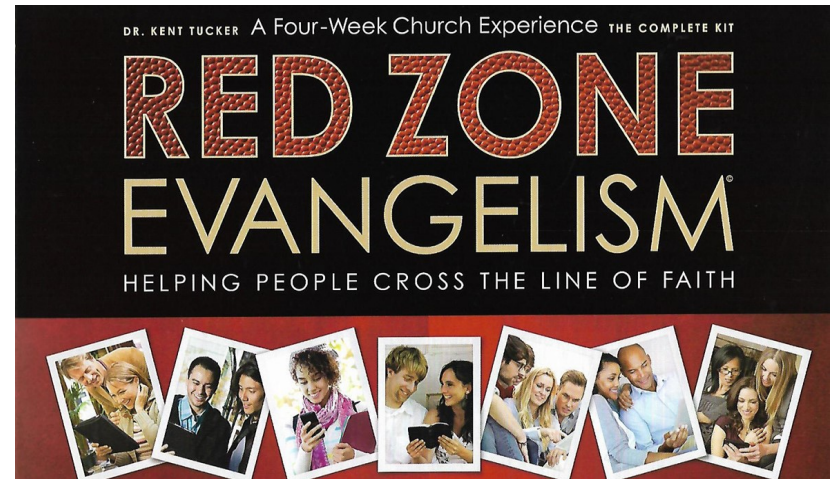


SPECIAL PRESENTATION

(Sun.) March 3rd at 11:00 am

Christ in the Passover shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. This demonstration is visual, so you will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items. The speaker will use Scripture as well as the visual items to walk us through a Jewish Passover seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words Jesus spoke in the upper room come alive as each item is carefully explained. We will complete this powerful presentation by celebrating Holy Communion. A special offering will be taken to support *Jews For Jesus*.

Jews for Jesus is a global nonprofit made up primarily of Jewish people from different backgrounds who have all come to believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah.

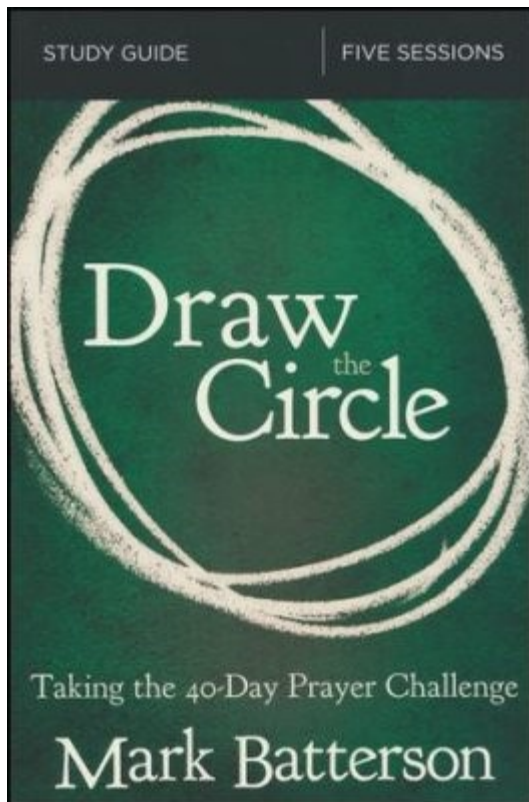


Come learn to share your faith with confidence and joy! Whether new in the faith or long-time disciple, this class will help you discover a great way to talk to others about Jesus!

Begins on March 10th

3pm, Cozy Café

Sign up on your connect card or contact Cindy Crosby, 466-8999



Thursday Nights Small Group

NEW Session!!

Begins March 7th

Draw the Circle

Join in

Thursday nights
7pm

Cozy Café Area

Draw the Circle Video Study

In this five-session *Draw the Circle Study Guide*, pastor and author Mark Batterson offers a 40-day prayer challenge to churches and individuals, challenging them to pray boldly, faithfully, and persistently for forty days - and watch God bring the miraculous results. Sessions include: Drawing the Circle; Dream Big; Pray Hard; Think Long; and The Ripple Effect.

SIGN up now on your connect card!
Facilitator: Cindy Crosby

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Annual

SHROVE TUESDAY
**PANCAKE
SUPPER**

March 5th—5-7 PM

Pancakes, Sausages, Fried Apples and Beverage

Cost: Adults: \$7.00
Children ages 10 and up \$4.00
Children under 10: FREE



This is a great way to kick off the Lenten Season

BBQ Lunch

March 17th—immediately
following the 11 AM Service

More details to follow

Donations to benefit N.C.
Mission Trip.



**Don't forget to change your
clocks— 1 hour ahead**

**Saturday, March 9th
before going to bed**





Birthdays

3/12	Cynthia Stanley	3/27	Rebecca Repass
3/18	Kevin Floyd	3/30	Marguerite Windley
3/22	Shirley Henley		

Anniversaries

We have no anniversaries on file for March. If you have an anniversary in March please let the church office know



Remember in Prayer



Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
Shirley Henley

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

Ushers

Jim Powers, John Floyd



Counters

3/3	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
3/10	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
3/17	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
3/24	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
3/31	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson

Lawn Maintenance

3/4	Team 2
3/11	Team 3
3/18	Team 1
3/25	Team 2



Calendar Highlights



Happening This Month!

Sun. Mar. 3 11 AM -"Jews for Jesus"
Presentation at the Sunday Worship Service.

Wed. Mar. 6 7 PM Ash Wednesday
Service

Thurs. Mar. 7 New Small Group Study Begins

Sun. Mar. 10 Red Zone Evangelism Class Begins

Wed. Mar. 13 6 PM Aldersgate Worship Team & Choir
visits Lee Hall Facility

Tues. Mar. 26 10 AM Helping Hands Group Meets



Newsletter Deadline
Friday March 15th
for the April issue.

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Join us for an evening filled with contemporary, classic, and gospel songs of faith as we bring music and laughter to the senior residents at Lee Hall!

**March 13th
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Lee Hall Facility at Poplar Halls Drive**

Worship Team News

March Schedule

6 March	Support to Ash Wednesday
13 March	Concert, Lee Hall, 6pm
20, 27 March	6:30 Rehearsal



We would love to have musicians join the group. Do you play an instrument? Is this a gift God has given you? Stop by on Wednesday night or contact Cindy, 466-8999.

