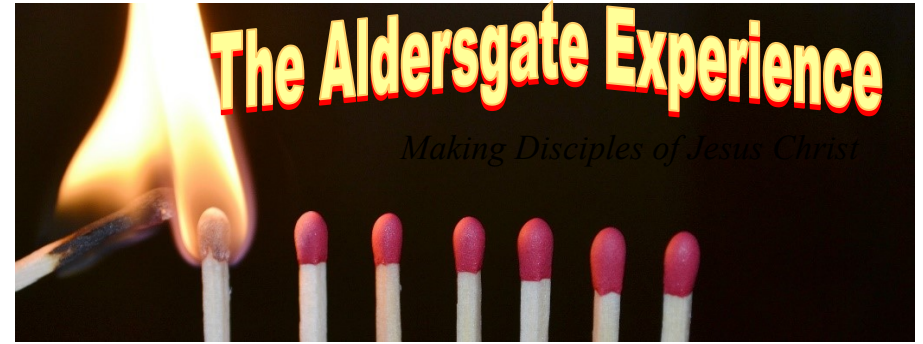




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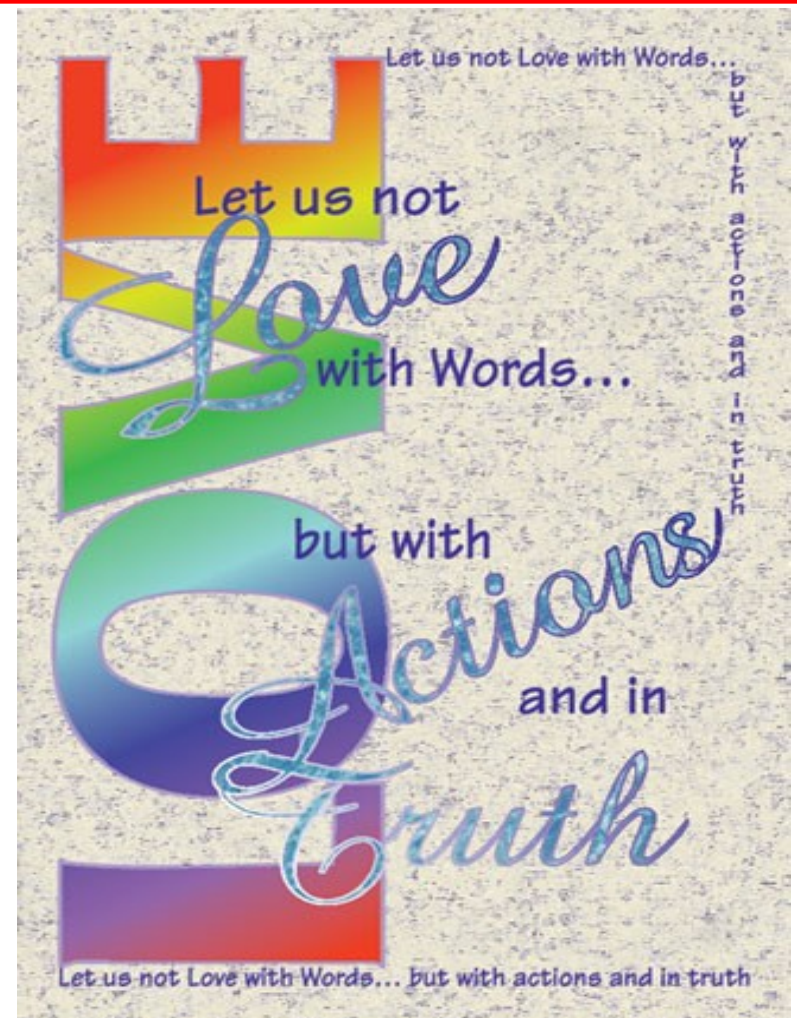


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“Bold Privilege”

By Pastor Lee

In the movie, “*Anna and the King*”, the king of Siam was holding an important meeting, when a boy rudely bursts in and ran boldly toward the king. What could have been a capital offense, turned into a welcomed embrace. The boy was the king’s son.

Though God is High and Holy, he makes himself available to us anytime we want to come into his throne room. God has given us this privilege in prayer.

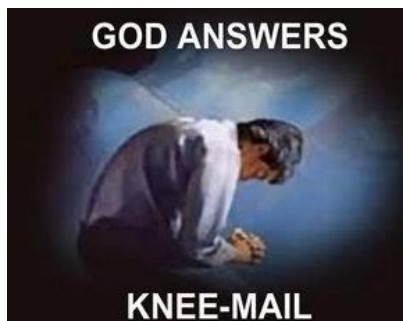
(Hebrews 4:16) *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.*

Though we should enter into his presence with reverence as our King; we can also come with boldness because he is our Father. Prayer benefits us in 2 ways:

1. Prayer builds a growing relationship with God. Conversation with God leads to greater communion with God. Through prayer we come to know more about God and ourselves.

2. Prayer helps us align or will with His. Prayer is not a magic lamp that makes God conform to our wishes. It is calling on the power and wisdom of God, and trusting in his response. Prayer aligns our will to God’s.

So, let’s boldly enter God’s presence in prayer every day. It’s a privilege!



Financial Statements for tax year 2018 have been completed and placed on the credenza in the Narthex.

Please pick up your copy and check to make sure all is correct. Call the church office if you have any questions.

There are still some boxes of offering envelopes left. If you have not picked yours up please do so. If you did not receive envelopes and would like a box you can call the church office.



**Thanks
Joyce**

The Aldersgate Experience

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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/Kid Zone...11 AM

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

A MESSAGE OF Love

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

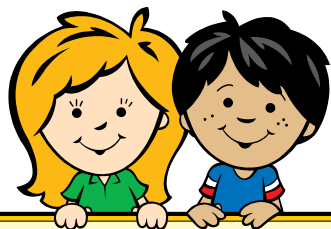
- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

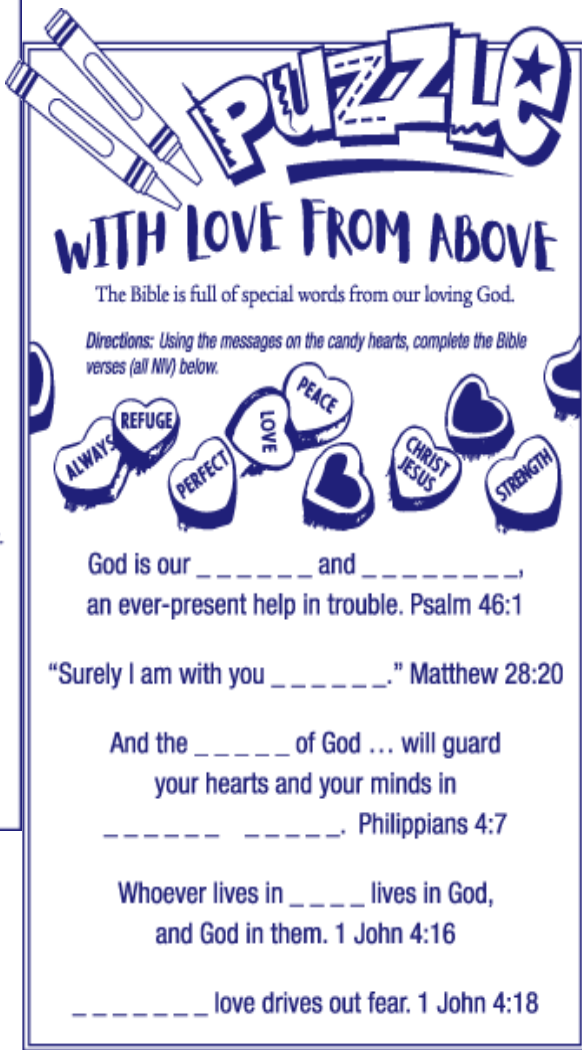
1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



Happy
Valentines
Day



KIDS PAGE



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.

God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

Secretary Snippets



A new year has just begun and already the church office is in full swing with lots of new things coming.

1. Pastor Lee, Greg Dziagwa and I are busy working on a new email address for church members. With all of the past issues and continuing upgrades with software, browsers etc. We feel this may be a better solution to fix these issues with our current provider. Bonus: It will be a lot shorter. We will continue to use the current email address, primarily for church business and conference accounts.
2. A new church directory...lots of changes from last year, lots of new people to add. Dates to be decided later in February.
3. Church Records-currently there are lots of church records stored in a lot of rooms, closets throughout the church building. We will be working to clean out and discard duplicate records and to hopefully get them in order and all in one place. More on this later.

In this issue you will find:

A Message from the pastor
New Adult Sunday School Class Study begins
Membership Class date
Special Worship Service
Family Movie Afternoon
And lots more updates, meetings etc.



Ewan McGregor

Disney Christopher Robin

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**FREE
Movie**

(Sun.) Feb 03

**3:00 pm
Social Hall**



The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of

the church.

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops.

The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

The Council of Bishops has requested we be in prayer for the commission as they meet and discern over the 4 types of plans offered. You can read more about the plans on the Va. United Methodist Church Website—

[<www.vaumc.org>](http://www.vaumc.org)



Commission on a Way Forward
Council of Bishops

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

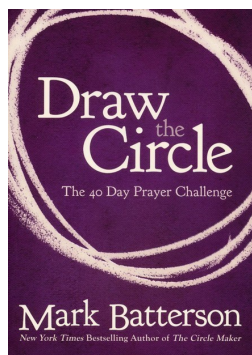


ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

(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.



**Interested in becoming a member of the
Aldersgate family?**

**Join us in the Social Hall on
Sunday, February 10th
At 3 PM**

**It’s easy! Just fill out the “Connect Card” and
place in the offering plate**

or

email Pastor Lee at <leecrosby@vaumc.org>

**Come,
be a part
of our
family.**



February Worship Team News

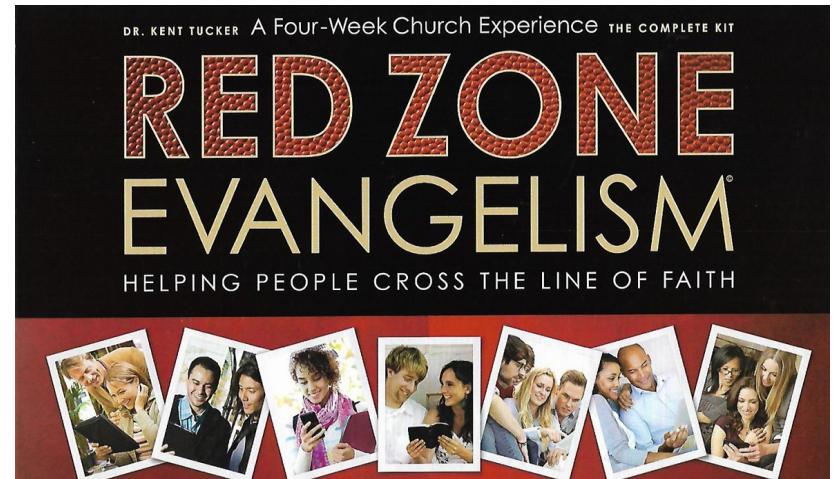


Schedule

6,13,20,27 February 6:30 Rehearsal



Church-wide Valentine Potluck Lunch
February 17, 12:15
Bring your favorite dish!
A nice opportunity to invite someone,
be a friend, invite a friend!



The Red Zone is an amazing teaching video series that will help you share your faith with confidence and joy! It is practical and easy while giving opportunities to really learn how to use this tool to help others “cross the line of faith.”

Four-week Church Experience
You'll love it—guaranteed!

Begins on March 10th. Sign up on your CONNECT CARD!

Dates: March 10, 17, 24, and 31

Location: 3:00 pm in the Cozy Café area

Facilitator: Cindy Crosby



The first Outreach Team Meeting of the new year will be on Sunday, February 24th at 3 PM. The Team will continue to firm up events for the upcoming months.

If you are interested in joining this team and would like more information see Pastor Lee.



Coats for Kids Campaign 2019



Lots of children will be warm and toasty, thanks to the generosity of our congregation...



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.



Birthdays

Feb. 7 Beverly Cooper
Feb. 19 Michele Floyd

Feb. 26 Magdalene Smith
Feb. 28 Taylor Smith

Anniversaries

Feb. 15 Neal & Margueite Windley



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.



Newsletter Deadline
Friday February 15th
for the March 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....

Ushers

Kevin Floyd, Neal Windley



Counters

2/3	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
2/10	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
2/17	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
2/24	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson

Lawn Maintenance

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

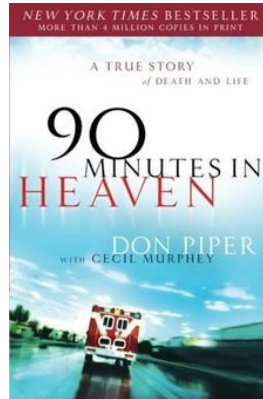


Calendar Highlights

Sun. Feb. 3	3 PM	Family Movie
Sun. Feb. 10	3 PM	Explore Membership Class
Sun. Feb. 17	12:15 PM	Valentine's Day Potluck Lunch
Sun. Feb. 24	3 PM	Outreach Team Meeting

The Circle of Friends Sunday School Class is studying “90 Minutes in Heaven” by Don Piper.

Don Piper, an Ordained Minister since 1985, was involved in a car accident in January 1989. Medical personnel said he died instantly. Piper returned to life on earth only with the memory of inexpressible heavenly bliss. Come join us as we retake this journey with him.



Circle of Friends is only one of the adult Sunday School Classes available each Sunday morning at 9:30 am. The Winton Class, also for adults, is more Bible based and continues to study the “good book” a verse at a time.

The children hold Kid Zone during the worship hour. Nursery is available both during Sunday School and worship.



Aldersgate Christmas Card Post Office Update



Thank you to all who used the Aldersgate Post Office this holiday season.

Thanks to your donations we were able to send \$167.25 to Heifer International Gift Project.

The children in our church have chosen the following animals:

1 flock of chicks	20.00
Honey Bees	30.00
Share of fish	30.00
2 shares of a pig	20.00
flock of geese	20.00
2 shares of a goat	20.00
flock of ducks	20.00
to wherever needed	7.25
TOTAL	167.25

The livestock will help change the lives of families in need who receive them. Through this they are able to put food on their table and earn income for clean water, medicine, school and a safer home. Thank you again for making a difference in the world and transforming futures.

Barbara Harrell
and

Circle of Friends Adult Sunday School Class

P.S. a special thank you to the Circle of Friends class for their help making the Post Office happen

