



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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Aldersgate UMC



To
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Forward
Together,

Come and take the journey with us!



“From Brokenness to Beauty”

A friend presented me with something I have never seen before. It was three pieces of “sea glass”. They are discarded glass bottles that have been carelessly tossed in the ocean as litter. But over a period of 7 to 10 years, the sea waters smooth the sharp edges of the broken glass, and give it an opaque frosting. The ocean takes broken trash, and creates beautiful treasures.

What the ocean does for glass, God does for us. Where some might see as trash, God sees as a treasure. In spite of the broken pieces, God sees beautiful potential. And when we place ourselves in the hands of the Savior, God gives us the Holy Spirit to smooth our edges, cover us with the frosting of grace, and make us into a beautiful new creation. That is something to celebrate! In your prayer time with God, thank him for *seeing* you as a treasure. And thank him *making* you into that treasure. Then, ask God to help you see others as a treasure also. Ask God to help you see past the brokenness and sharp edges. When we see the “treasure-potential” in others the way God sees them, we can be far better tools in God’s hand to change the world.

In His Grip,

Pastor Lee



On May 20, 2018 (Pentecost Sunday) the United Methodist Church celebrated its 50th Anniversary.



The Aldersgate Experience

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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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...11 AM
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM
Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM



Wanted: Empty Medicine Bottles

Matthew 25 Ministries is an international humanitarian And disaster relief group based in Cinn, Oh. My Bible Study Group is collecting empty prescription and over the counter medication bottles for them during the month of June. These bottles are used to distributed medicines by their medical volunteers. Please remove labels from prescription bottles. You can leave them in my office and I will see that they are delivered.



Thanks, Joyce Russo



Volunteers needed

Several of our conference children's camps are in need of volunteers who are able to donate a week or two this summer.



All God's Children Camp is a camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated mother or father, where they spend a week at camp, participating in activities such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, Bible study and conflict resolution. Partnering with Virginia United Methodist camps, All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary for children who face so many challenges in their lives: economic poverty, temporary living conditions, loneliness, low self-esteem, violence, and drugs.

Other camps/dates are: The dates are June 17-22: Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area); June 24-29: Camp Overlook (Shenandoah Valley area); and July 29-August 3: Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore). This is a great local mission opportunity for with very little cost (\$20). Please contact Lori Smith at lttlelori@gmail.com for more information.



The RFS/WM/EP Civic League is working together with the local church leaders to organize a community picnic. It will be held across the street at the Riverside Baptist Church picnic shelter. There will be a moon bounce, face painting, games, food, fun, and friendship.

It's a great way for the community to gather together. So, put it on your calendar and join the fun. Participants are asked to bring a side dish (even if it's a bag of chips). See you there!

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Father's Day Luncheon Details and lots more.





Outreach Team Meeting

Sun. June 3rd 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 or call the church office.



If you haven't noticed our church yards are looking especially nice. Our lawn maintenance teams are busy all year round, raking leaves, shoveling snow and cutting grass. They freeze in the winter and suffer in the heat in the summer. They are diligent and committed to keeping our church lawns looking great.



We also have a few church mice who have been working on the flower beds, and the prayer garden. They have been weeding and planting for a couple of months now.



When you get a chance, let them know how thankful we all are for the great job they are doing.



We would like to thank all of our people who stop in each week to do all of the little chores which keeps Aldersgate looking so inviting for our guests. From emptying the trash, cleaning the restrooms, vacuuming the social hall, decorating the tables, bulletin boards and so much more.

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.

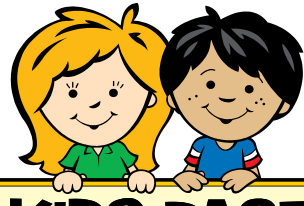


What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame

What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



KIDS PAGE



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



Father's Day "Dogs and Dads"

Luncheon

Sunday, June 17th

Immediately following the 11 AM
worship service

Hotdogs, chips and beverage



Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Care Response Team News (CRT)



The Care Response Team has been very busy in April and May. Several hospital visits, calls, home visits, cards and telephone calls went out to our church family.

The team doesn't disseminate the information in the newsletters of our activities to maintain privacy and respect for each family.

The church office does provide emails with updates as requested by individual families. If you are not on the church list and wish to be included in these *E-mailings*, please contact Joyce, 466-8999.

If you love working with and visiting people and want to participate in this ministry please contact Cindy, 461-3201.

We will meet again in July, stay tuned for more information.

Worship Choir News

June

6, 13, 20, 27 June Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30
Special concert tbd

The worship choir/team is still undergoing changes to ensure we have the best balance of voices and instruments. Some of these changes, over the summer, will include additional microphones, placement of team members and instruments on the platform.

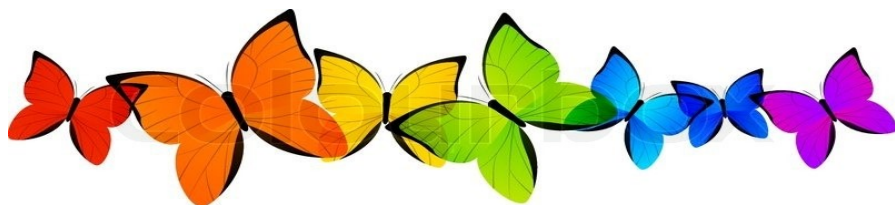
To do our best for God, as a team, we must continue to grow and expand our abilities. This team has proven their desire to seek to glorify God through and in their worship each Sunday. I am very proud of them!

Each team member has worked hard for the past 18 months to come up to speed on contemporary music and contemporary style of worship order.

We plan to add musicians in the future. If you would like to talk about what is involved, please consider stopping by to talk with Cindy about playing with the team!

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

All musicians welcome! Contact: Cindy Crosby 461-3201



Kidz Worship Team

June

June 3, 10

9:30, Rehearsal

June 17

10:00, Warm up and Sing

The Kidz Team adults and leaders are very proud of them for participating in the services. Mothers Day they sang Create in Me from Psalms and Psongs of WORD music. They will sing again in the service on Fathers Day.

This group of kidz are VERY talented, friendly and fun to be around. We are doing youth oriented devotions and prayer as part of our meeting time. Special blessings to Linda for helping with the devotion segment!

Kidz who love to sing are invited to see if this is the group for them musically— we're singing the most contemporary pop music designed just for them!

Contact: Cindy Crosby

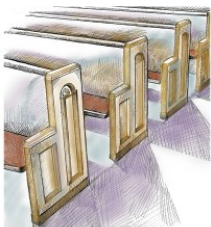


(Sunday) June 10th, 3 pm

**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>.**



News from the Pews

Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of **Vic and Debbie Supper** for the loss of Debbie's sister, Pat.

News from the Pews

Glad to see **Marguerite Windley** back in the choir loft one again.

Marie Barker is recovering from pneumonia.

Ben and Barbara Hogwood would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and calls during Ben's recent event.

Lucinda Williams made a short visit to the hospital this month but glad to say she is now recuperating at home.

Sherry Williams is now back home after a short rehab stay with her daughter.

Prayer is a very strong tool and really does work. Thanks to our church family several of our members are back on the mend.

Virginia Annual Conference

June 15-17

Hampton Conference Ctr.

All clergy and laity are again being asked to bring at least **"4 Cans 4 Conference!"**



Please don't bring glass- or home-canned items, exotic delicacies, or cans that are dented or beyond their expiration dates. Some suggestions are:

soup/stew, veggies, fruit, meat/fish, pop-top cans. Also needed are dry goods, (eg, grits, cereals, pasta, soup mixes, flour, sugar, and easy to prepare "1 Pan" meals, like Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.) Any questions, visit the conference website.



Our community needs to see the
radical love of God!

So we will go to the **Tide Rail-Newtown Station** and give away ice cold water on a hot summer day. Many people will be heading to Norfolk's **Harborfest** on that day. Let's give everyone a taste of the "living water" with free bottled water. If you haven't been on one of the church's outreaches, now is the time! Experience the joy of selfless serving. We will gather at the Newtown Station at 11:00 am. Sign up on the *Connect Card* in the worship bulletin or email Pastor Lee at leecrosby@vaumc.org.

—Pastor Lee

Ushers

Linda Crabtree, Ben Hogwood



Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/4 Richard Thomas
6/6 Diane Willis
6/10 Melissa Floyd
6/23 James Mahone
6/24 Randolph Thrasher
6/29 Bella Hanson



6/24 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Repass
6/26 Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hanson



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Counters

6/3 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
6/10 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
6/17 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
6/24 Millie Hanson, Gary Albert-

Lawn Maintenance

6/4 Team 2
6/11 Team 3
6/18 Team 1
6/25 Team 2



Remember in Prayer

Home: Marguerite Windley, Sherry Williams, Phil Floyd

Sentara Leigh Hospital—Marie Barker
The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley



Happening
This Month!

Calendar Highlights

6/3 3 PM Outreach Meeting
6/9 11 AM Light Rail Outreach
6/10 3 PM Hospitality Planning Mtg.
6/15-17 Annual Conference in Hampton
6/17 Noon "Dogs & Dads" Lunch
6/23 11:30 AM Community Picnic

Each Wednesday 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
Each Thursday 7 PM Small Group Study

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY EDITION

Friday, June 15th

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

