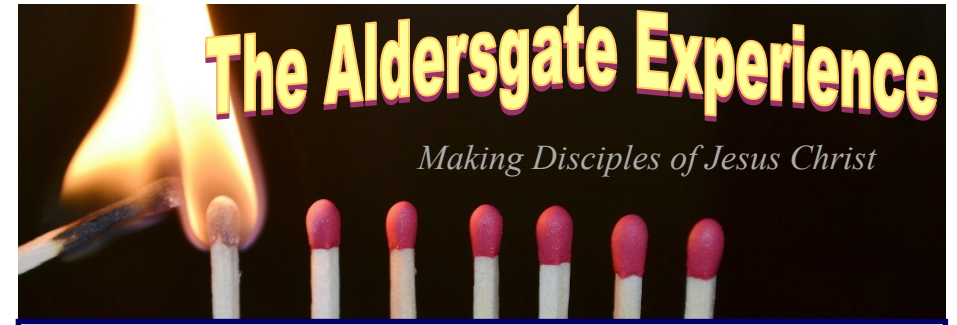




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Name them one by one

Count your many blessings

See what God has done!



“Walk it off”

By Pastor Lee

(Psalm 104:24-25) *O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Here is the ocean, vast and wide, teeming with life of every kind, both large and small.*

During this pandemic, I have sometimes found myself pacing the floor in boredom and at times almost going out of my mind. For 7 months, I could not go to Wed. night spaghetti dinners, Thurs. night small group, and Sunday morning in-person worship. In addition, Cindy and I like to go dancing on Friday nights, and we have not been able to do that either. I’m sure I’m not the only one feeling the frustration of our current situation. But when I feel frustrated, one thing I do that helps me is this. I walk it off! I take a walk and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. I see the beauty, creativity, and wondrous variety of the things God made. I am particularly refreshed when I take a walk on the beach. The vastness of the ocean reminds me of how big our God is. All of creation is a constant reminder of the many attributes of God.

So, if you are feeling frustrated with what you *cannot* do, then do what you *can*. Walk it off! Take a walk with the Lord, and observe his creation. It’s relaxing. It’s refreshing. And it will replace your jitters with joy.



From the Staff



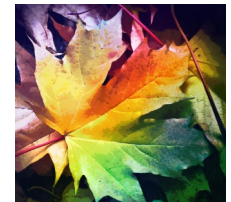
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Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service...11 AM
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM
Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM

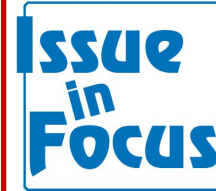
For those who like to color....a little surprise....enjoy!



Our Annual Charge Conference will be a virtual event this year. You must pre-register in order to attend.

Below is the link for the meeting. Please register prior to Wednesday, October 28th at noon.

November 1 Charge Conference:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYof-mvqzwwHNMjMTUddc1WTDrBI5wznEhX>



Our Lay Ministry in Action
Ushers, Counters, Lawn Maintenance
Schedules for the month

Updates on Pen Pal Program

Looking Ahead—some save the date events

Charge Conference updates—info and link for
Pre-registration.



What are you thankful for? Do you have a blessing you want to share?

With all of the past year's events and limitations, I have been especially aware of my blessings and things I am thankful for.

A roof over my head
Food enough to eat
Good Health
My family and that they are all well
My mother-in-law did not suffer too much when she contracted the virus
A job that I enjoy coming to
A family of friends at home,
and at two churches

Please let the church office know if you have a blessing you would like to share.



Save the Date



A VIRTUAL Fireside Christmas in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 19th, 6:00 pm

Come and enjoy a virtual Fireside Christmas. Wonderful acts of the arts all on the BIG SCREEN in the sanctuary. Honoring Jesus birth and giving him our best!

To attend: Please pre-register with the office via email or phone call.

If you wish to provide an "act" for Fireside please contact Cindy 757-461-3201.

Save the Date



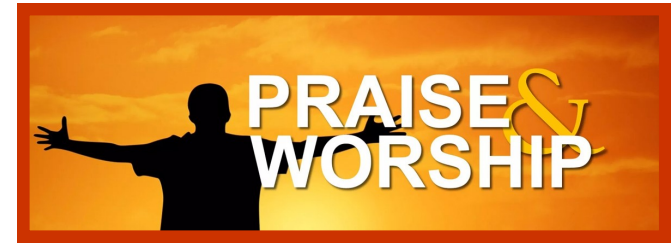
Come Hear The Christmas Story and Join in the Tree Lighting

We are going to hear the reading of The Christmas Story and have our Second Annual Tree Lighting.

Saturday, December 12th, 5:00 pm



Please use your mask and social distance!



The worship team is once again voluntarily participating in the worship services. This means each week the ones who wish to participate are assisting with the songs that we are using for that week. We also are videotaping songs that we can then post on the website to accompany the sermon each week.

You may hear familiar songs while we are in this transition time—this ensures that church family can hum along with the songs of great faith and well-known contemporary worship selections.

Thank you for being patient while we work through how music can still be a valuable and viable part of each service.



Pen Pal Program Update



The pen pal program with Fairlawn School is underway.

Each student is matched with a pen pal from Aldersgate and then they exchange letters.

This year we are in a virtual environment and the letters are scanned and sent via email to the Fairlawn program contact.

A typical letter might have questions like, “do you have any pets?”, “what is your favorite school subject?”, do you have any brothers or sisters?”, what is your favorite book?”

The letters will be exchanged approximately every 4-6 weeks. I will update the church family of the pen pal program progress.

The first letter from each assigned pen pal is Sunday, November 8th. Please contact me at home via email (crosby10@verizon.net) or you may bring your letter to church and leave it on the table next to my office (Faith).

Thank you for participating in this valuable program, making a difference in the life of a student.



A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	sets	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	with	beginning	together	follow	bought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	George	gathered	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	post	praising	Christen	God	new

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV



Sending belated good wishes and blessings!

Unfortunately we did not publish a newsletter for the month of October. However we would be remiss if we did not wish our church family Happy Birthday and Anniversary (even if it is a little late)

Birthdays:

October 7 Barbara Harrell

 Oliver Harrell

October 17 Shawn Dziagwa

October 24 Bob Dziagwa

October 27 Carolyn Powers

Anniversaries

October 20 Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby



On **Sunday November 22d** we will collect food items in the sanctuary for the Wesley Food Pantry.

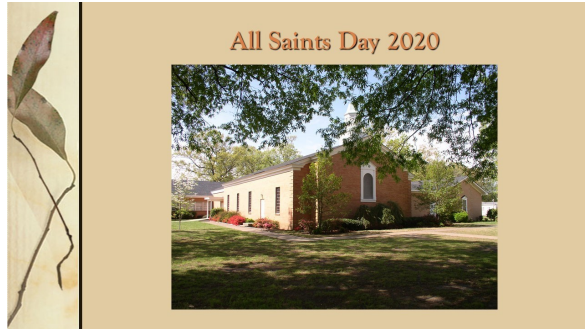
Families will be blessed by this opportunity for us to GIVE. Remember we do have hungry families all around us. Take this opportunity to give thanks and give back!

Canned items, boxed items, bottled items i.e. peanut butter, stuffing, noodles, cake mix, cereal, sauce, individual wrapped cookies, etc.



**Dessert Volunteer Coordinator
Needed for the Spaghetti Dinner**

Contact: Cindy Crosby



All Saint's Day this year will be observed during the in-person worship service on Sunday 1 November. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's presentation will differ slightly in that no one will be afforded the opportunity to come up and light a candle as has been the norm in order to prevent the potential spread of any germs/microorganisms.

While this will be a slight inconvenience, the presentation will still happen as usual except that all candles will be pre-lit prior to the start of the service.

Additionally, all photographs utilized from previous years presentations will be utilized again unless you desire to change that photograph out. Any new photographs may either be sent to me or Joyce in the office. Submission photo deadline is Sunday 25 Oct. While electronic photos are preferred, hard copies are acceptable.

Thanks.
Greg Dziagwa

Thanksgiving and beyond...

With all of the service restrictions and several churches not even open as yet...our community Thanksgiving Service will have to wait until 2021.

A lot of our regular holiday events, such as decorating the church, caroling, etc. have been placed on hold. We will host a tree lighting outside later in December.
(see article elsewhere in this newsletter)

We are looking at a new normal for most of us. But this too shall pass and we will be stronger because of it. Keep watching for emails and newsletters with updates to keep you informed. Don't forget to check out the web site and our face book pages too.



Have a great
Thanksgiving!

Birthdays



11/1 Lily Tipora	11/11 Greg Dziagwa
11/8 Claudia Ganaden	11/15 Joyce Russo
11/10 Chelsea Richburg	11/17 Grace Mahone



Ushers

Dewey and Millie Hanson



Anniversaries

11/18 Gary & Cindy Albertson
11/28 Ben & Barbara Hogwood (61 years)
11/29 Jim & Carolyn Powers (61 years)

Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley
Waterside Nursing Facility—Cora Vernon

Our members who have moved out of the area
Those students who have returned to face-to-face learning and for those who still have to remain at home
Our community, our church and any other silent requests others may have.



If you know of any others in the congregation who are in need of prayer, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER EDITION

Monday, December 16th



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

Counters

11/1	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
11/8	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
11/15	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
11/22	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
11/29	Kevin Floyd, Sub



Lawn Care Schedule



Lawn Maintenance

11/2	Team 2
11/9	Team 3
11/16	Team 1
11/23	Team 2
11/30	Team 3

Calendar Highlights

11/1	11 AM All Saints' Day Video Presentation
	2 PM Annual Charge Conference - Virtual
11/15	Newsletter Deadline for Christmas Issue