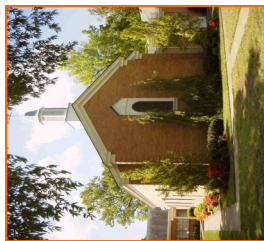




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# The Aldersgate Experience

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*

NEWSLETTER

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## ENJOYED BY ALL IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

*Family Fun Day* was a delight! People of all ages enjoyed the police dog demonstration, a fire truck tour, fun games, and friendly hospitality of Aldersgate Church.

In addition to the activities, there were hotdogs, snow cones, and soft drinks. The community was given a taste of God's love through this free event. It was a joy to see so many Church members participate to make it all happen.

Special thanks to Guy Willis, Mel Manuel, and Gary Albertson for their leadership of this outreach. And they would like to thank the team of volunteers that worked so hard to make it a successful event. Let us continue to *live love loud!*

*More Pictures Inside*





**From Pastor Lee....**

## **“Surf’s Up Dude”**

I love the ocean. I love to watch as nomadic waves travel long distance to visit the shore, only to return to its transient journey. Nothing about the ocean remains the same. It is unsettled, restless, and very much alive. The ocean reminds me of the value of change. Change came be disruptive, frustrating, and scary, but it can also be the very best stimulant for growth.



Aldersgate faces the necessity for change. To continue to do the same thing we have always done and expect different results is, as you may know, the definition of insanity. But I am encouraged by many members who recognize the need for change and are willing to embrace it. It will be uncomfortable. It will challenge and test us, but I believe God is not done with Aldersgate.

I’ve been praying for God to send us some waves that promise growth and life, and I see some on the horizon. I invite you to pray with me. Pray for the kind of waves that surfers long for. And then get ready! When they come, we must do our part and paddle until the waves pick us up and we can ride them in. So, let’s leave the safety of the beach and embrace the waves of change. Pray for the winds to shift and the tide to change. Get into the water, and be ready...because Surf’s Up Dude!

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the Crab Pick,  
District Training Events  
Concerts  
Music News  
and much more

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Sept. 25	Taming the TAZ



**WANT TO BE ELECTED  
TO REPRESENT THE  
ELIZABETH RIVER DIS-  
TRICT AT THE 2017  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN  
HAMPTON?**

**TO BECOME A DISTRICT MEMBER  
AT-LARGE, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT  
YOUR COMPLETED PROFILE NO  
LATER THAN OCT. 14<sup>TH</sup> TO PUT  
YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT FOR  
ELECTION AT THE DISTRICT CON-  
FERENCE, OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup> AT FOUNDRY  
UMC IN VIRGINIA BEACH.  
(DOWNLOADABLE PROFILE  
FORMS AVAILABLE ON ELIZABE-  
THRIVERDISTRICT.ORG; ON THE  
OTHER FORMS PAGE. PRINTED  
FORMS ALSO AVAILABLE**



**The  
Aldersgate  
Experience**

is the monthly newsletter of Aldersgate UMC. Please submit articles or photos by the 15th of the month to the church office. You can email them to  
<joyce@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com>

If you wish to be added to our mailing list, you can contact us at the above email address, call the church office (466-8999) or through our website  
<www.aldersgatenorfolk.org>



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New Bishop.....Rev. Sharma D. Lewis  
District Superintendent....Rev. Wayne Snead  
Pastor.....Rev. Lee J. Crosby  
Lay Leader.....Beverly Cooper  
Secretary.....Joyce Russo  
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby

Office Hours.....8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Worship Service.....11 AM  
Adult Choir—Wednesday 6:30 PM





## To-Do List: Welcome new families to your neighborhood

In today's transient society, chances are good that there is a new resident in your community. Take time out of your busy schedule to get to know your new neighbors. Old-fashioned baked goods are always a great way to welcome newcomers, but if you're not the Martha Stewart type, here are a few other ideas:

Bring fresh cut flowers or a plant to your neighbor

Prepare a welcome kit with a map to the area, telephone numbers of doctors and directions to the grocery store. Include places of worship.

Stop by with coupons for pizza delivery or bring by dinner.

Help stock the pantry with condiments, flour, sugar, etc. "An old-fashioned Pounding"

Invite children to a neighborhood play date or kid's activity

Really short on time! Just stop by to say hi! Your presence is the best welcoming present!

An excerpt from Neighbors (fall 2008) VUMC, Inc. Written by Rev. John Haynes, Jr.



The School Supplies have been blessed and delivered to Poplar Halls Elementary School.

Visitor Bags were given out to several in our community on Family Fun Day

Handmade hats and lap robes were delivered to Ronald McDonald House

Crocheted and knitted sweaters and blankets were mailed off to "Knits for Kids"

## Lydia Roper Home Visits Bring a Smile

Lucinda Williams visits the Lydia Roper Home for Ladies each month.

She celebrates their birthdays with them, shares a short message and generally brightens their day.

In the past few months she has visited with over 50 ladies.

Blessings on this continuing outreach ministry.



## Games for all Ages!



## Food, Fun, Fellowship!



## Community Partners!





News from the Pews

## Congregational Updates

Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of **James (Ed) Weddle**. Ed passed away on Friday, August 5th.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to **Vic and Debbie Supper** for the loss of Debbie's mom, Margaret Smith.

**Pat Sauer** would like calls or visits at Sentara - Rosemont Road Facility. Her room number is 239 or you can call her at 983-5861.

Gary, Nick, Mom, and I would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, and prayers during Dad's recent illness and death. Most especially, thank you to everyone who attended his services, helped to provide a reception, and/or spoke at his funeral. Dad would have been so pleased.

Cindy Albertson



**Saturday - September 24**  
**9 AM - Noon**

## Planning for Fall



Mark Your  
Calendars Now

The Ministry Team at Aldersgate was very busy this summer planning lots of events for the upcoming fall season.

Here is a preview of some of the events you won't want to miss: Please check your bulletins, emails and newsletters for dates.

### October

Annual Spaghetti Dinner 10/8  
Charge Conference  
Trunk or Treat 10/31

### November

Chili Dinner & Picture Show 11/12  
Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Peter's Episcopal 11/23  
Decorating the Church for the Holidays 11/26

### December

Toys for Tots Deadline 12/4  
A "Fireside Christmas" 12/10  
Living Nativity 12/16-17  
Birthday Party for Jesus 12/18  
Christmas Eve Service 12/24

This does not include all of the regular meetings which are held on a monthly basis. Please plan to join in all the fun and fellowship.



## TRAINING EVENTS



Equipping People for Ministry Outside the Walls of the Church.

Tuesday, 10/4  
9-3 PM

Early Bird Registration \$25.  
After 8/31 Cost \$35.

St. Francis Asbury UMC  
1871 Great Neck Rd. VB

Radical Hospitality

Saturday, 10/15 9 AM-1 PM  
St. Andrews UMC

717 Tucson Rd.  
VB

Registration  
needed



## Old Fashioned Tent Revival

**Sept. 12-16th 5-8 PM**  
**and Sept. 17 Noon-3 PM**  
Park Place Ministry  
54th & Colonial Aves.  
Norfolk

Theme:

Love Heals Our Land

For more information call  
Arthur Devine at 622-3363  
or go online at  
<LoveHealsOurLand.  
eventbrite.com>







### Aldersgate Worship Choir September News

**The ALDERSGATE WORSHIP CHOIR –**  
A NEW name -- the terms “worship” and “choir” align perfectly with the new music direction. The team begins each rehearsal with a regular devotion and prayer. This helps us focus on WHO and why we worship. A new blend of

contemporary style music will unfold in the fall with continued timeless, traditional hymns.

The worship choir is learning music from two UMC praise songbooks, Word Publishing Praise and Worship contemporary books and songs from the pop Christian culture genre available from a music copyright website (CCLI). This website contains thousands of traditional, praise, and contemporary lyrics and sheet music. This enhanced music direction will take place over time and will bring an exciting and uplifting joy that comes with accomplishing new goals in congregational worship. Yes -- it is a challenge!

Music has a very definite and important role in the worship setting. The Bible is filled with scripture related to music in contemporary and traditional styles. As an example “*I See the Lord*” from the contemporary music book Praise and Worship, quotes verses in Isaiah 6:1-4. This allows for God’s word to be sung and spoken. It also aids in scripture memorization. There is an amazing strength in drawing on song to help us remember God’s promises in time of joy, sorrow and challenges in our lives.

It is my desire to lead the team to grow in their relationship with the Lord, each other, and our congregation using music as our vehicle. This team effort is vital to learning new music and new ways to “learn” that music which includes our auditory and sight abilities. Songs will contain unison and more harmony lines. Gospel selections will include parts. Music outreach service events will be offered to the community.

14, 21, 28 Sept

Regular Rehearsal, 6:30 pm-8:15 pm, Wednesdays



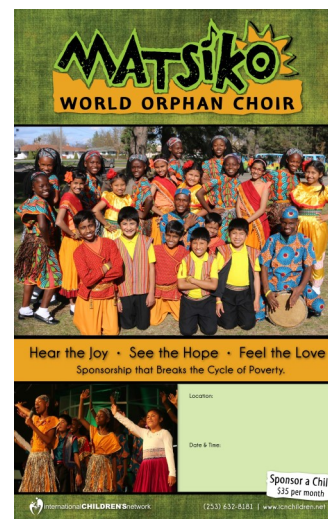
God's  
timing is  
perfect.

**Musicians** (guitar, bass, hand percussion, violin to name a few) and **Vocalists** are being solicited to join the worship choir team.

If you are interested please contact Cindy at (757) 461-3201



**St Andrew's (Va Beach)**  
would like to invite you to this wonderful opportunity to hear the **World Orphan Choir**  
– **Matsiko**



Thursday- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
717 Tucson Rd, Va Beach 23462.  
RSVP - church office 467-1047.

**Sunday, September 18th  
3 PM**

Heritage UMC  
815 Baker Road  
Virginia Beach, VA.

**Piano and Harp Concert  
Featuring Paula Alston**



**Love offering will be taken**





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

16	Marie Barker	21	Bonnie Samuel
19	Owen Field	24	Mel Manuel
	Jimmie Powers	25	Vic Supper

17 Greg & Kathy Dziagwa



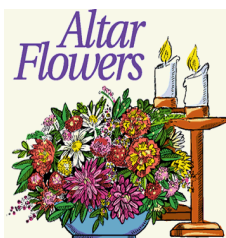
## Remember in Prayer

Home: Larkin and Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs

Gardens of Va. Beach - Milton Midgette  
Sentara Village South - Shirley Henley  
Mila Home Care - Jackie Wilkinson  
Sentara Rosemont Road - Pat Sauer  
Georgian Nursing Facility - Billy Thrasher

## Altar Flowers

9/4	Communion - No Flowers
9/11	Mel and Ann Manuel
9/18	Greg and Kathy Dziagwa
9/25	Lucinda Williams



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**Thursday, September 15**  
**Noon**



## Ushers

Gary Albertson and Kevin Floyd

## Counters

9/4	Debbie Supper, Vernon Williams
9/11	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
9/18	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
9/25	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher



## Lawn Maintenance




9/5	Team 1
9/12	Team 2
9/19	Team 3
9/26	Team 1

## Scripture Readings

9/4	Matthew 6:22
9/11	Luke 8:22-25
9/18	Luke 18:9-14
9/25	Luke 10:38-42





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Answer: fear

**Sunday, Sept. 6th is Grandparents Day—celebrate your grandparents— send them a note or card or just call and say hello.**



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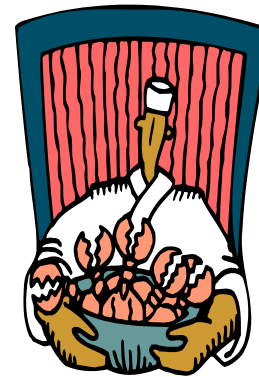



**What you need:**

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

**What you do:**

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



**Annual "Don Munsey" Crab Pick** 

(sponsored by the Winton Class)

**4 PM Sat. Sept. 10th  
Church Social Hall**

**Get your seafood forks ready!**

**bring your favorite side dish or dessert  
and join us for this delicious yearly event.**

**Volunteers are needed to help field strip and cook the crabs**

**Any questions— please see Mel Manuel**



The Committee on Episcopacy  
invites you to attend



**A Service of Celebration**



on the assignment of

**Sharma D. Lewis**

as Resident Bishop of the Richmond Area  
The United Methodist Church

**Saturday - September 17, 2016  
10:30 AM**

Reveille UMC  
4200 Cary Street Rd, Richmond, Va.  
Reception to follow



**The Date has been set!**

**Monday,  
Oct. 24th  
7 PM**

**Committee Leaders check your boxes for forms which will need to be filled out and returned to the church office no later than Oct. 3rd in order for reports to arrive at the district office on schedule.**

**Thanks**

**????? Call the church office**