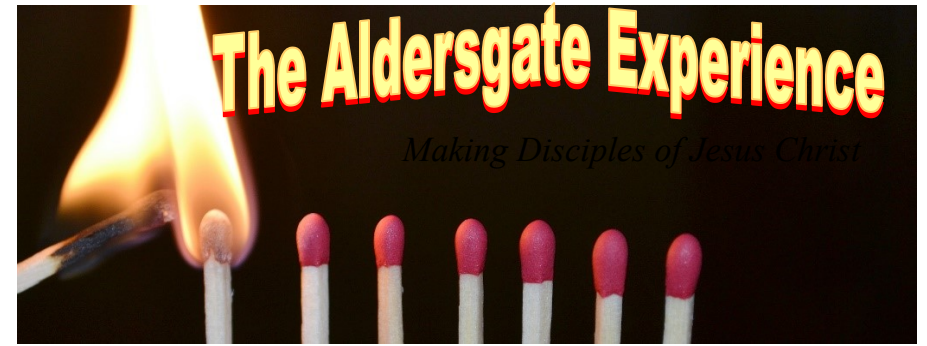




2019

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23502-5239
Happy New Year



January, 2019

Vol. 22 Issue 11

Happy New Year





“Making Bubbles”

By Pastor Lee

Ray Charles was completely blind at the age of 7 years old. In spite of his blindness, he learned to play the piano, compose music, and entertain the world. On a TV interview, Ray was asked why he sang the same songs so differently at each concert. Ray said, “I didn’t learn music by notes. I just let it bubble out of my soul.”

God has given Aldersgate Church a platform. This is not a platform to entertain, but to change lives. We are commissioned to make disciples of Jesus in the Hampton Roads area. As we step out on the stage of the New Year, let us not just sing the same song as last year. Let us not just do what we have always done before. I challenge every member to let our mission just bubble out of your soul. All Christ-followers has the Holy Spirit dwelling deep in their souls. And he wants to work through you in a freshly inspired way.

Today’s culture is difficult to make disciples of Jesus. And like Ray Charles, we all have our handicaps. But we are also equipped, empowered, and entrusted with the Holy Spirit. Our task is to be bold and courageous. Trust in God’s presence. Depend on his power. And rely on his plan. When we do that, then God’s Spirit will just bubble out of our souls.



*For all of the
holiday blessings,
cards of joy
and generous gifts*

From the church Staff
Lee, Cindy and
Joyce

The Aldersgate Experience

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

5767 Sellger Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Phone: 757-466-8999 Fax: 757-466-8999

Parsonage: 757-461-3201

Email: joyce@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com

Web page: www.aldersgatenorfolk.org

“Like” us on Facebook

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

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM

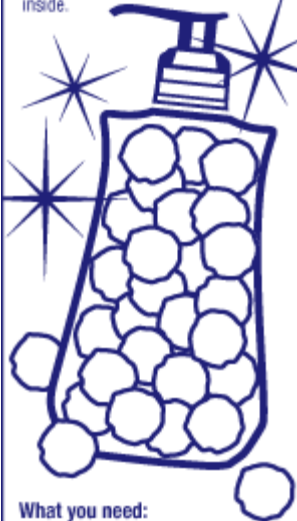
Sunday School.....9:30 AM

Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM

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

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.

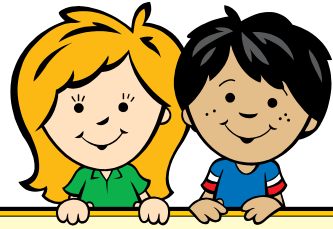


What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



KIDS PAGE



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,

we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

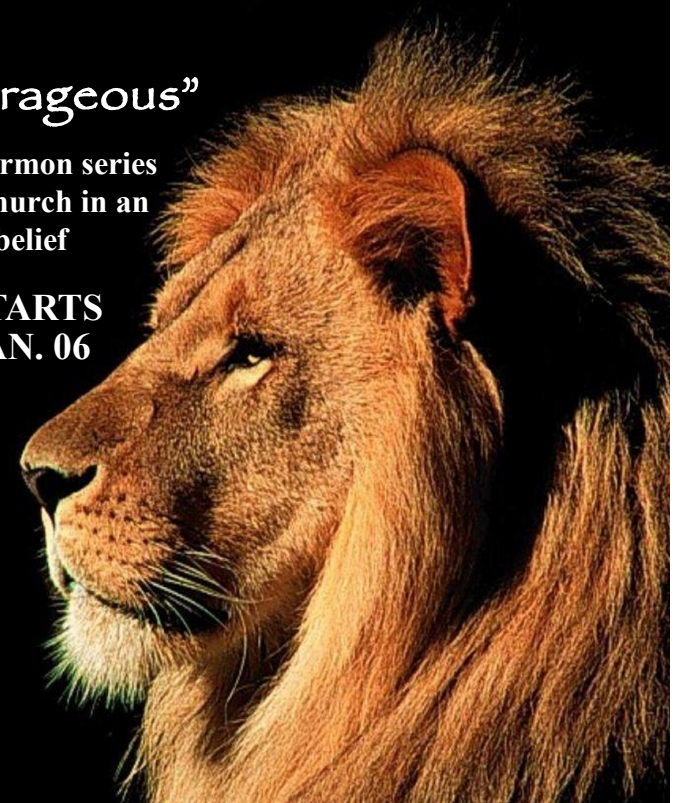
--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Answer: f i e l e w n y new life

"Courageous"

3-week sermon series
for the Church in an
age of unbelief

STARTS
JAN. 06



New Year, New Beginnings: Check out what's NEW

*Sermon Series

*5 Week Discussion Group to start

*Administrative Board Officers for 2019

*Outreach Opportunities

*District Training Event





The Living Nativity a Success!

It sprinkled just a bit yet the Lord provided a balmy night for Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the kings, shepherds, and angels! They didn't let the weather stop them from sharing the good news that Jesus Christ is born!

A huge thank you to the set up crew who set up the outside and the inside crew who took care of costumes, hot chocolate and special snacks too!

We appreciate everyone who came out to see and to share this special night.



Partners in Education

Family Thank You

Thank you for all the gifts for the Poplar Halls family. They were delivered to the school students on Tuesday, Dec 18th. Everything on our gift list and more were presented to the family. We are "showing God's love".



Partners in Education (PIE)

NEW Opportunity

In January, we are collecting the following items for the school coat closet for students. New or gently used-laundered items. Bring them to the church by

January 15th on the table provided in the social hall.

- ⇒ Mittens (ages 5-8)
- ⇒ Warm hats (ages 5-8)
- ⇒ Coats (sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-10) boys and girls

Contact: Cindy Crosby, School PIE Rep



5 Week Discussion Group —Thurs. Nights

Starts Jan. 10th, 7:00-8:45 pm

(We will gather in the Social Hall)

Jan. 10—The power of life-giving words

Jan. 17—Unlocking the chokehold of fear

Jan. 24—Loving unhealthy people without getting sick

Jan. 31—Overcoming false beliefs

Feb. 07—Cleansing our lives of cultural toxins

For more Info. email Pastor Lee at

<leecrosby@vaumc.org>

The Living Nativity (contd)



Elizabeth River District Training Day
Saturday, January 19, 2019
Community UMC,
1072 Old Kempsville Rd. VB, VA 23464

8:30 AM—3 PM

Worship Team News

Session 1 Workshops:

Get Fresh: Fresh Expressions for Existing Churches;
How to Double Your Easter Attendance this year;
Transactional & Transformational;
What's Your Plan? Developing Discipleship Systems in Your Community;
Trustees; Money Matters (Treasurers and Finance);
Alzheimer's Awareness;
4 Simple Ways to Share Jesus;
Social Media & Youth Ministry;
What if We Boomers' Reinvented 'Senior Adult Ministry' & Changed the Church

Session 2 Workshops:

Mission & Justice;
The Power of Team-Based Leadership;
See All the People: Go and Make Disciples;
11 Tools for Stewardship;
5 Reasons to have a Child Protective Policy;
First Impressions: How to Create a WOW Experience;
Everything You Need to Know About S/PPRC;
Who Are You?;
The Art of Being Senior Friendly;
How to Lead Change in Your Church (and not get fired!)

Registration Deadline: January 11th
Cost: \$20.00

You can register online or by mail— Send checks made out to “Elizabeth River District with Training Day” on the memo line..



January Schedule

2 January	Winter Break
9 January	6:30 Appreciation Dinner
16 January	6:30 Team Meeting
23 January	6:30 Rehearsal
30 January	6:30 Rehearsal





A Fireside Christmas Wrap-Up

Fireside was amazing! Comedy, comedy and more comedy, special songs, readings, and more.

A great way to begin Christmas and also close out the new year to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Thank you to everyone who participated and the many helping hands! See you next year!



Ed McMann and Cognac the Great..what a team!



Partners in Education (PIE)

NEW Opportunity

We are beginning a PEN PAL Project at Poplar Halls School in early spring.

Duties include:

- * Being a pen pal friend to a student for monthly encouragement
- * Writing one letter per month for a specifically assigned student
- * 4 letters: Feb (tbd), March, April, and May/June
- * Attend the year-end ceremony to meet your student

This is your chance to make a direct difference in the life of a student! This project has limited slots — please provide your name, email, and phone to Cindy via email at crosby10@verizon.net by Feb 3d.

Contact: Cindy Crosby, School PIE Rep



Birthdays

Jan 3 Sherry Williams
Jan 5 Gary Albertson
Jan 6 Linda Crabtree

Jan 12 Cindy Crosby
Jan 28 Linda Millard
Jan 30 Kathy Dziagwa

Anniversaries

We currently have no anniversaries listed for the month of January. If you were married during the month of January please let the church office know.
Thanks.



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
Wednesday, Jan. 15th
for the February 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

Greg and Kathy Dziagwa

Counters

1/6 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
1/13 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
1/20 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
1/27 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



Lawn Maintenance

1/7 Team 3
1/14 Team 1
1/21 Team 2
1/28 Team 3



Calendar Highlights

Jan 6—New Sermon Series Begins
“Courageous”
Jan 10 —New 5 Week Discussion Group
“Soul Detox”
Jan 11—Deadline to sign up for District Training
Jan 19—District Training Event

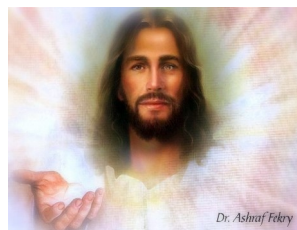


Some simple words to live by for 2019



The Secret to a Glorious Life

**To walk hand in hand
with the Savior,
To talk with Him often each
day,
To give Him your life,
because He gave you His,
And simply —to trust and obey.**



Church Leadership for 2019



Church Council – Chair Kevin Floyd

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Gary Albertson	Finance
Neal Windley	Trustee Chair
Kathy Dziagwa	SPRC Chair/Treasurer
Joyce Russo	Financial Secretary
Beverly Cooper	Lay Leader
Lucinda Williams	Lay Delegate to Annual Conf.
Cindy Albertson	Recording Secretary
Cindy Crosby	Music Director

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Chair Kathy Dziagwa

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Beverly Cooper	Lay Leader
Michelle Floyd, Cindy Albertson, Lucinda Williams	
Guy Willis, Jamie Washington, Kathleen O'Hara	

Board of Trustees – Chair: Neal Windley

Randolph Thrasher, Jim Powers, Greg Dziagwa
Ben Hogwood, Cynthia Stanley, Neal Windley
Guy Willis, John Floyd, Vic Supper

Committee on Nominations – Chair Rev. Lee Crosby

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Beverly Cooper	Lay Leader
Cindy Albertson, Marguerite Windley, Mary Ellen Gillespie,	
Debbie Supper, Millie Hanson, Phyllis Day	

Finance Committee – Chair Gary Albertson

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Beverly Cooper	Lay Leader
Kevin Floyd, Neal Windley, Kathy Dziagwa,	
Joyce Russo, Lucinda Williams, Sherri Williams	

Worship Committee

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Cindy Crosby	Music Director
Barbara Hogwood	Communion Steward
Barbara Harrell	Parameters

Kitchen Committee Chair – Linda Crabtree

Bereavement Committee Chair – Ann Manuel

Ministry Team Chair – Pastor