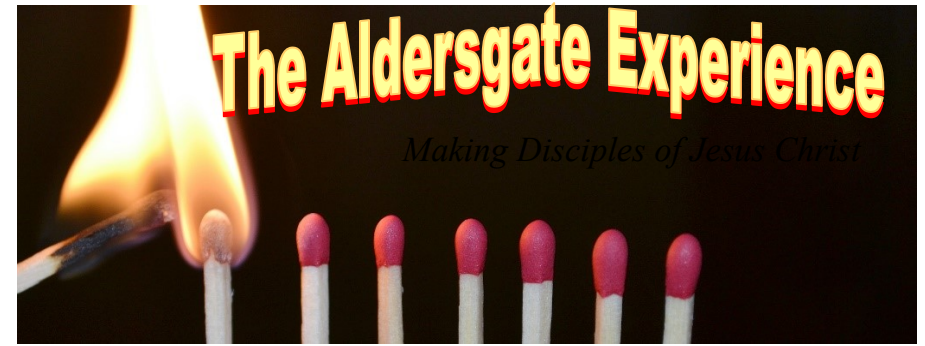




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the journey

Each Sunday morning

At 11 AM



“It’s Coming!”

By Pastor Lee

One day, I was complaining to God. I whined about how I don’t see the displays of God’s power and presence today, like I read about in the Gospels. I was complaining that for years I have been praying for revival in America...and still only see churches decline and close. I was feeling discouraged and frustrated. I cried out to God, “Why won’t you send a wave of revival across our land?” And that’s when a vision of that wave came into my head. Now, I don’t know for sure whether it was from God or just my own head, but here is what I saw. I saw how the ocean water recedes just before a big wave comes crashing over the shoreline. The thought that came to mind was...”It’s coming!” What we are experiencing now is the receding waters just before the next great wave.

Then, I remembered that many times throughout the Bible that the people of God were in those receding waters. Think of the Israelites when enslaved by Egypt, or exiled in Babylonia. There have been many times that God’s people cried out for revival of some form or another. And it often took many years before those prayers were answered. God’s wisdom is always perfect. And so is his timing. We are living in a time of receding waters...but that is good news because the wave is coming. So, if you feel discontent with the church’s influence in the world...be patient. Instead of looking at your feet and watching the water recede. Look at the horizon...and watch for the next wave...because it’s coming. The wave of revival is coming.



Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth is looking for volunteers who would be interested in working with children at their STEM summer camp.

Camp begins July 15th—9am-2pm for three weeks. If interested please call Renyatta Banks at 399-0541.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Children discover how all of these things play a part in how robotics works.



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**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**



PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;

she provides _____ for her _____

Her _____ rise _____ and _____ her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answers: up, night food, family children, up, call

HEART-SHAPED breakfast

Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



From all the children at Aldersgate
to all the Ladies



News from the Pews

Lots of news things happening to our church family

**New Address: Henry Boelte
1240 Peddlebrook Lane #102
Charlottesville, VA 22902-7173**

New Member: J P Morgan is joining our family on Sunday, April 28th.

Some New faces: welcome someone who is new or visiting our church.

**New email address now in full swing.
<aumcnorf@gmail.com>**

New Pictorial Directories to be delivered soon: thanks Cindy and her crew for all their hard work in organizing this event and special thanks to the Lifetouch photographers.

New Thursday night Study to begin. "Abraham" is a 5 week study.

In this issue you will find:

Pastor's Message

Pictures from the Annual Bunny Breakfast

New Small Group Study to begin May 9th

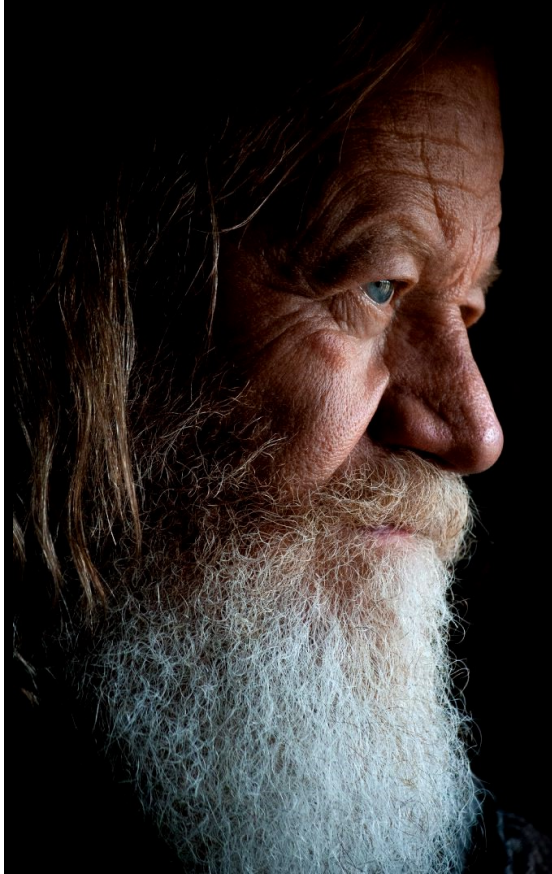
Date for light rail outing set

Invitation to join the Worship Team

Partners in Education Update



Abraham



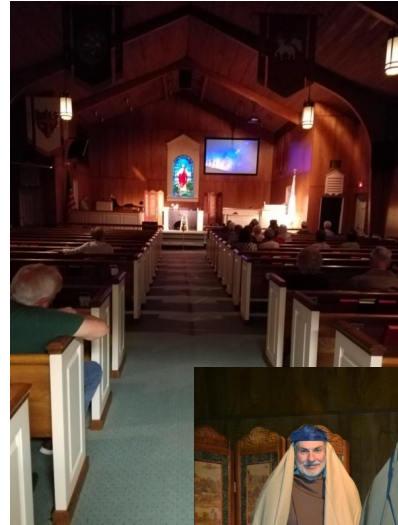
A New 5-Week Study

Experience the fellowship and spiritual growth
as we explore the life of Abraham.

Starts Thurs. May 9th, 7:00-8:50 pm

Meet in the Social Hall

A special service on Good Friday included testimonies from a few Biblical characters retelling the story of the crucifixion.





Harborfest Outreach at the Tide Rail (Sat.) June 8th at 3 pm

As a demonstration of God's love to our neighbors, we will hand out cold bottled water to Harborfest travelers at the Tide Rail-Newtown Station. To participate, see Cynthia Stanley, or call the church office at 466-8999.

Did you ever wonder what happens to the extra candy the Easter Bunny leaves after the breakfast and egg hunt.



Well, all of the left over candy you donated is put into bags and delivered to the children at Cooke Elementary.

Each month several members and youth from Aldersgate go to Cooke Elementary and serve them dinner. This event has been going on for some time now.

Thank all of you for your generous donations and help during this annual event. It has become a blessing two fold.

Barbara Harrell



More pics from the Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt



Annual Bunny Breakfast a big Hit!

It may have been raining outside but inside the social hall everything was bright and sunny.

After eating a hearty breakfast the children were all ready to hunt for those colored plastic eggs throughout the church.



As you can see by these pictures, a good time was had by all and the biggest hit was a visit with the Easter Bunny



Partnership in Education Program Poplar Halls Elementary School

The Pen Pal Project was a huge success this year at Poplar Halls. Twenty students had Aldersgate pen pals who wrote letters this spring. We are looking forward to the Year-End Celebration with our class. A news article will follow in June on this event.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to ALL servants who helped with this partnership in the 2018/19 school year with tutoring, clothing, pen pals, reading, and Christmas.

Principal Lightfoot contacted us with many thanks from the school for all the efforts by Aldersgate to support the students. With sadness we bid goodbye to Poplar Halls School, as it is closing this year. We are considering a new partnership for 2020.



****FIELD DAY HELPERS NEEDED****

May 31st

Please consider signing up and donating a few hours of your time to help with this LAST BLAST!

Contact Cindy or use your connect card to sign up!

Join the Worship Team!

The team works hard and plays hard! In April we celebrated Mexican Night with great food and laughter at El Rodeo Restaurant. We are having a team fun night in May.

This small group provides music for the worship service, special services and outreach concerts for seniors!

We are currently seeking to fill these positions:

- * **Rhythm guitar**
- * **Bass guitar**
- * **Drummer**
- * **Audio/Video/Sound Technician**

If God has gifted you in the music field in any of these areas, please consider using your gift for Him!

For information about these open positions please contact Cindy Crosby, 466-8999 or write a note on the Connect Card!



Worship Team News

May Schedule

1 May	6:30 Rehearsal
8 May	6:30 Rehearsal
15 May	6:30 Rehearsal
22 May	6:30 Rehearsal
29 May	6:30 Fun Night



Musicians Wanted!



Birthdays

5/2 Cindy Albertson
5/3 Dewey Hanson
Millie Hanson

5/9 Pastor Lee
5/16 Lucinda Williams
5/18 Barbara Jenkins

Anniversaries

5/1 Kevin and Michele Floyd
5/7 Guy and Diane Willis
5/19 Bob and Courtney Dziagwa
5/24 Vic and Debbie Supper



Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
Shirley Henley
Any in our church family who may be in
need of prayer.

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, May 15th
for the *June* 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

John and Melissa Floyd



Counters



5/5 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
5/12 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
5/19 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
5/26 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers

Lawn Maintenance

5/6 Team 2
5/13 Team 3
5/20 Team 1
5/27 Team 2



Calendar Highlights

**Happening
This Month!**

5/9 7 PM New Small Group Study begins
“Abraham”

5/12 11 AM Join us for Mother’s Day
Celebration Service

5/27 Church office closed for Memorial Day Holiday

5/31 “Field Day” at Poplar Halls Elem.

Don’t forget our weekly/monthly scheduled events

Wednesday-6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday—7 PM Small Group Studies
4th Tuesday—10 AM Helping Hands Group



Box Tops for Education

Our neighboring Episcopal friends at St. Peter's are collecting "Box Tops for Education" for their day school.

There are a lot of participating products now available in your grocery store which have these cute pink on their packaging. Just clip them out and bring to the church office. We will be glad to deliver them to St. Peter's for you.



Joyce



Is someone in your house graduating this year?

Preschool, Elementary School, Middle School, High School or College graduations are important miles stones to children of all ages.

We would like to put there name, school they are graduating from and where they are attending next year in June issue of our church newsletter.

**Call the church office or email us at
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