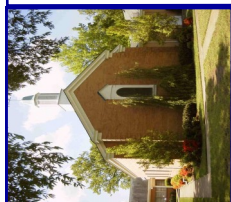




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**Come, Worship with Us  
and  
meet our New Pastor and  
family**

**Rev. Lee J. and Cindy Crosby**



## “Unexplainable”

As I read the Old Testament stories of people like Abraham, Noah, Moses, and David, I see lives that are unexplainable. It is the same with the New Testament stories of people like Peter, James, John, and Paul. I see lives that are unexplainable. Their intimacy with God results in an influence in the world that defies human possibility. It's not that these people are superstars. In fact, they all have proven that they are ordinary people. But they have united themselves with an extraordinary God. As a result, they lived unexplainable lives.

That is the natural path of anyone who follows a supernatural God. When we love God more than anything else; when we seek Him more than anyone else, we live unexplainable lives. And God continues to invite each and every one of us to take this glorious walk in faith. God wants to take your life beyond *you*. He wants to take your life beyond the boundaries that can be explained by human effort, because then, God gets the glory. We still serve an all-powerful and all-knowing God. He is still in the miracle business, and He looks for ordinary people to live their lives in the realm of the unexplainable.

When was the last time you looked at your life and said, “There is no other explanation, but God”? Listen to God’s invitation to walk by faith! Then, close your eyes to the impossible circumstances; plug your ears to the naysayers who tell you it can’t be done, and trust God. Let us all learn to experience lives that are unexplainable! And let God get the glory!

In His Grip,  
Pastor Lee



## St. Peter's Vacation Bible School

**Standard** **Deep Sea Discovery**  
GOD IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO!

Get ready to dive deep to discover God is with us wherever we go! The adventure will start this summer at the bottom of the sea, but you can register anytime!

**Dates: 7/11/16 - 7/15/16**  
**Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Ages 3 through 11

Dinner, Crafts, Stories, Songs and Games every night!

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per child, \$15.00 max for 3 or more in one family.

For more information please contact:  
**Ana Nowland 373-9856,**  
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District Superintendent..... Rev. M. Wayne Snead  
Pastor..... Rev. Lee Crosby  
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper  
Music Director..... Cindy Crosby  
Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Worship Service...11 AM  
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM





## Elizabeth River District New Appointments

**Chesapeake:** Indiana - Forrest Teague;  
Messiah- Bob Robinson;  
Portlock- Mary Sullivan-Trent

Norfolk: Aldersgate - Lee J. Crosby;  
First - Vickie Seibert; Larchmont Assoc.- Randy Timmerman;  
Miles Memorial - David Goodpasture

Portsmouth: Monumental - Megan Saucier

Suffolk: Ebenezer - Won Gyu Lee

Va. Beach: Charity - David Ryu;  
Courthouse - Elizabeth Anderson; Heritage - Michelle Louk;  
Princess Anne Plaza-St Luke's - David Cunningham;  
Resurrection - Gel Samson; St. Andrew's - F. Jeffrey Witt;  
Thalia - Joseph Varner; The Gathering - Rachel Gilmore

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital - Chaplain - Amy Johnson

We welcome all of the new pastors to our area.

Other Events happening around the district -

**Heritage UMC Fish Fry** - Saturday, July 9th beginning at 11:30 AM.  
Dinners \$8, Sandwiches \$5 - eat in or take out

### VBS Programs Available -

Charity UMC - 7/10-7/14  
New Creation UMC - 7/10-7/14  
Chesapeake Ave. UMC - 7/11-7/15  
Foundry UMC - 7/11-7/15  
Great Bridge UMC - 7/11-7/15  
Messiah UMC - 7/11-7/15  
Thalia UMC - 7/11-7/15  
Haygood UMC - 7/17-7/21



Information on these and many more is available from the church office



## Updates on our family and friends in the congregation -

We welcome our new pastor, **Rev. Lee J. Crosby** and his wife **Cindy** to our congregational family.

News from the Pews **Pastor Lee** comes from the Winchester District, where he has been pastor of Mt. Olivet UMC for the past 12 years. His wife, Cindy, has musical talent and will surely become a huge asset to our Choir and Music Program. The office will post the pastor's contact information shortly.

The family will be arriving on June 28<sup>th</sup> and Reverend Crosby's first Sunday to preach will be July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cindy Crosby will be taking over for Nancy on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Aldersgate is looking forward to your arrival in ministry and we anticipate a long a fruitful relationship.

Please keep the following families in your prayers this month:

**Randy, Tammy and the Thrasher family** as they go through a difficult time.

**Jim, Grace and the Mahone family** as Jim continues to improve. Jim is currently in Sentara Norfolk Hospital.

**Pastor Tony and the Forstall family** as they travel to their new appointment in the Virginia Conference.

**Pat Sauer** is currently residing in Sentara Nursing Facility on Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach. She is in room 239 and her phone number is 983-5861. She welcomes calls and visits.



We would like to thank **Rev. Elizabeth Taylor** and **Rev. Joyce Wilkerson**, our retired pastors, who filled our pulpit and delivered such wonderful messages to us during the month of June. We would also like to thank our own Lay Leader, Beverly Cooper for bringing us the message in May.





**Everyone is Invited!**

**Bring your friends,  
relatives  
and neighbors**

**Saturday, July 30th  
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Games for Children and Adults**

**Hotdogs, Snow Cones and Drinks**

**Displays by**

**Norfolk's Fire and Police Departments  
(10:30-11:30 AM)**

**Come enjoy the day!**



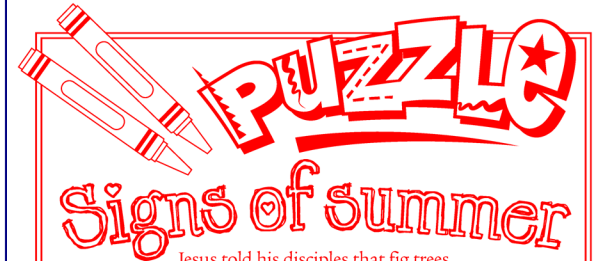
Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

**What you need:**

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

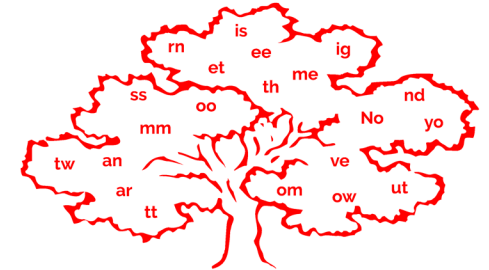
**What you do:**

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.*



" \_\_\_ w \_\_\_ lea \_\_\_ th \_\_\_ le \_\_\_ on  
fr \_\_\_ the f \_\_\_ tr \_\_\_: As s \_\_\_ n  
as its \_\_\_ igs g \_\_\_ te \_\_\_ er \_\_\_ d  
its lea \_\_\_ s co \_\_\_ o \_\_\_, \_\_\_ u  
kn \_\_\_ \_\_\_ at su \_\_\_ er is ne \_\_\_."  
Ma \_\_\_ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near." Matthew 24:32, NIV



## MUSIC News

### New Music Director

It is with deep sadness that we bid fond farewell to Nancy Redburn, our organist and director for the past 31 years.

Nancy wrote this:

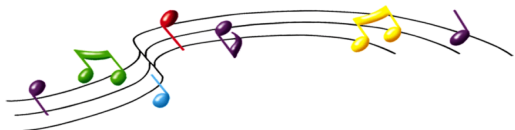
"After serving over 30 years as an Organist and Choir Director at Aldersgate, I feel very fortunate that I had the opportunity to share my talent and gift of music with Aldersgate for a very long time. I would like to thank you for giving me such an opportunity."

But on the brighter side we will welcome Cindy Crosby as our new Music Director.

Cindy is retired from a career for the federal government. She is a singer and musician and has led Contemporary Worship Services in the past two churches her husband, Pastor Lee, has served.



We welcome Cindy and look forward to her beginning ministry with Aldersgate.



### The Church Secretary will be on vacation

I will be on vacation during the month of July. The office will be closed on **Friday, July 15th.**

I will be in NJ during the week of **July 18-21st** and office will be closed **on Friday, July 22nd.**



As usual I will check the email from my computer at home or you may call Kathy Dziagwa <kathydz@cox.net> if you need something relayed to the congregation by email.

Please call the church office before coming to make sure someone is here.

Pastor Lee may be out visiting or out to pastoral meetings.

Thanks,  
Joyce R.



**Classes for all ages!**

**Nursery - Adult**

**Join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM**

**Bring a friend!**

### It's that time of year again!

We know that it is summer and the last thing on parent's minds right now is school supplies.

However, we will be collecting supplies for Poplar Hall Elementary again this year and the best time to shop is during the summer months.

As you do your own shopping check out the sales for paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.

The items will be taken over to Poplar Hall just before school begins in September.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

7/2	Maria Davidson	7/18	Lindell Davidson
	Jasiah Washington-Om	7/20	Mary Ellen Gillispie
7/4	Chase Dziagwa	7/22	Debbie Supper
7/6	Pat Wilson	7/25	June Floyd
7/7	Larkin Jones	7/30	Guy Willis III
7/11	Hailey Harrell		



## Ushers

Gary Albertson, Michele Floyd

## Counters

7/3	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
7/10	Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
7/17	Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood
7/24	Debbie Supper, Vernon Williams
7/31	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



7/19 Lindell & Maria Davidson

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Larkin and Jane Jones, Jim Mahone, Shirley Briggs, Owen Field, Earl Henley, Tammy Thrasher

The Ballentine—Ed Weddle  
Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette  
Chesapeake Place—Beulah Eatmon  
Sentara village South—Shirley Henley  
Sun Stream Health Care—Stella Reynolds  
Lake Taylor Rehab --Billy Thrasher  
Mila Home Care -- Jackie Wilkinson  
Sentara Rosemont Rd - Pat Sauer



If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.

## Lawn Maintenance



New assignment lists for July-December are now available. See Vernon Williams if you need one.

7/4	Team 1
7/11	Team 2
7/18	Team 3
7/25	Team 1

## Suggested Scripture Readings for July

7/3	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
7/10	Luke 10:25-37
7/17	Luke 10:38-42
7/24	Luke 11:1-13
7/31	Luke 12:13-21



## Altar Flowers



7/3	No Flowers - Communion
7/10	Jamie Washington
7/17	Phyllis Day
7/24	Jean Crabtree
7/31	Guy and Diane Willis

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, July 15th



**Thanks!**

### You did it!

The 2016 Virginia "4 Cans 4 Conference" offering gathered 10,039 pounds of canned and staple goods for the Roanoke-Salem area Rescue Mission !



Plus, there was an extra \$50 and a pop-up Shelter for their ministry's future use!

Thank You!

All Who Volunteered to Help Sort and put the cans and boxes into the Rescue Mission's Truck and especially,  
All who Prayed for the Spectacular Weather!

In 10 years of offering "4 Cans 4 Conference," you have given nearly 100,000 pounds of food to feed hungry folks in Norfolk, Hampton, and Roanoke!

If you would like to help with "4 Cans" 2017, please contact Rev. Jim Earley at RevsRUs@cox.net. Thank You!



### Our Church Sign

How many times have you entered or left the church parking lot and have never read the church sign with all of it's little anecdotes?

Well, our postman really enjoys them and even leaves little notes in our mailbox about some of them.

Recently the sign was on weather - lo and behold he left me a note with his little comment. The Lord rains, the Sonshines and his reply was that if you don't pray you will go to Hail.

So the next time you come or leave church - check out the church sign - the message will brighten your day.



### Change of web address

As you may have noticed on the front of our bulletins -the website for the Church Photo Albums has changed.

The new website link is

**<www. picasaweb.google.com/117899378243848611906?noredirect=1>**

If you click on the link and paste it into your web browser you should have no problems connecting.

If you are not sure how to do this - you can simple go to the churches webpage at **www.aldersgatenorfolk.org** and follow the links to photos.

If you haven't had a chance yet - you need to check us out on Facebook and like the page.

### From the Finance Committee:

All Budget requests for the 2017 fiscal year must be submitted to Kathy Dziagwa or Gary Albertson no later than **August 1, 2016**.



Thanks for all of the donations we have received for the Parsonage Remodel Project. We will have an in-depth report in the August Newsletter - complete with pictures.

Once again the family of Aldersgate comes through.

The Trustees and Finance Committee