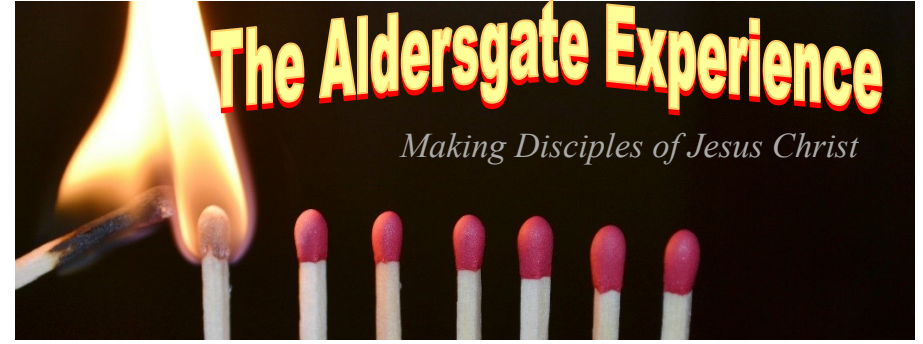
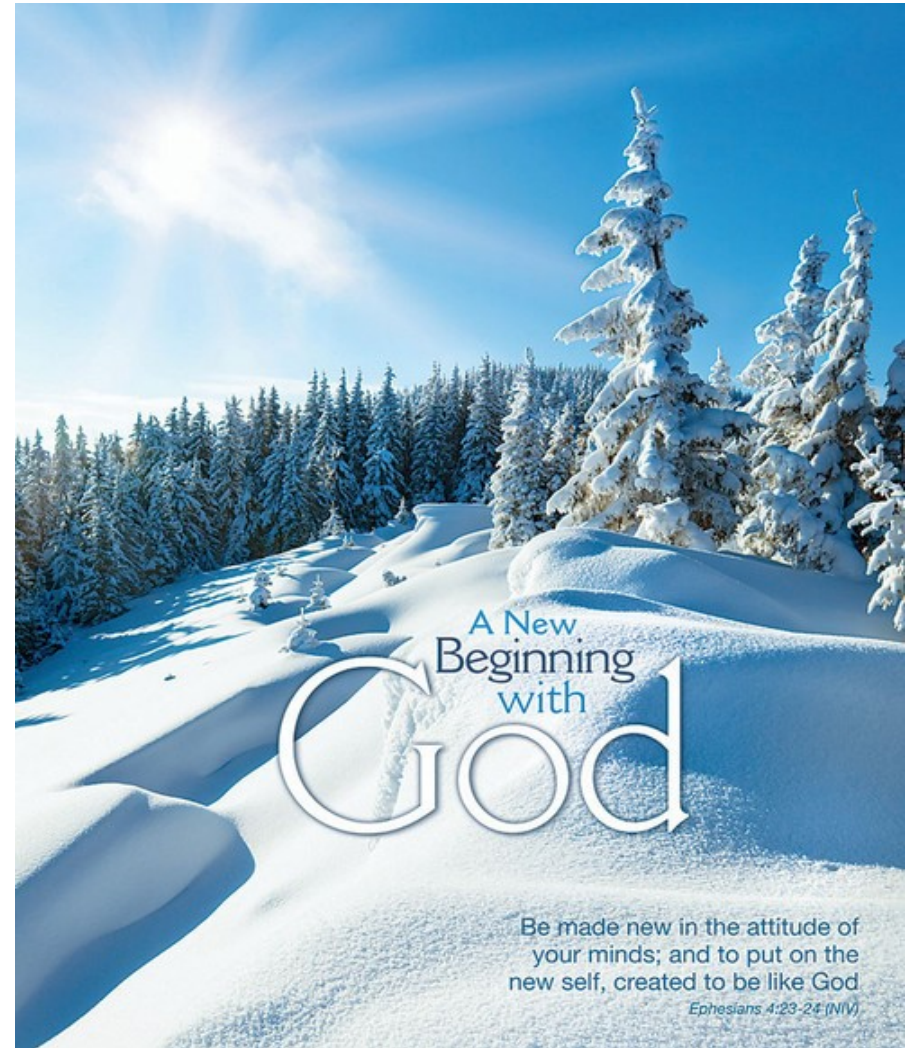




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Happy New Year



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“I’m Not Him”

By Pastor Lee

The 1993 movie “*Rudy*” was about a young man that wanted to play football for Notre Dame. Rudy persisted through many obstacles to get there. During one scene he sought the advice of a Catholic priest, asking a question about how God works. The priest summed up all he believed about God by declaring only two truths; “There is a God...and I’m not him.”

This simplistic statement is a great reminder for us as we gather together for worship. When we take the time and effort to participate in weekly worship, we need that reminder that “There is a God...and I’m not him.”

Since the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, we are all tempted to want to be a god. Now, we don’t want all the responsibility of running the entire world. But we would like to be the god of our own lives. We would like to control the outcome of our daily events.

Weekly worship is a way to remind ourselves who is...and who is not God. It can humble us, and help us recognize that the One True God can do a far better job. As we gather each Sunday for worship, let us remember that there is a God...and we’re not him. Then, we can celebrate the One who is God, and worship him in a manner he deserves.




Thank You

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

From the church Staff
Lee, Cindy and Joyce

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The Aldersgate Experience

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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Kathleen O’Hara
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

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.

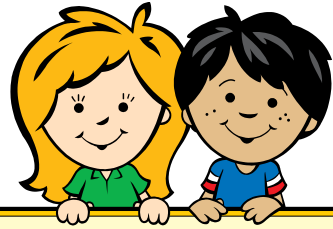


What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



KIDS PAGE

PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.

that river to might God the from a Jordan is all are
 a peoples if those always the an tell
 water call had the fear are So you earth LORD
 know together truth of each powerful ask of the what

So _____ the _____ the
 _____ the _____
 the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

the LORD is powerful, Joshua 4:24, NIV
 Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of

Partners in Mission and Ministry



I would like to thank the ladies of Aldersgate UMC for all of their dedication and commitment to helping children in our area. It really warms a person's heart to know so many little ones will be warm this winter because of a few scarfs, hats and blankets.

50 Stockings were filled with all sorts of goodies collected by Heritage UMW for Samaritan House, a battered women's and children's shelter in our area. The scarfs, hats and other hand crocheted and knitted items made by Aldersgate ladies and the Helping Hands Group were part of those stockings.

I sincerely want to thank you for all of your help this past year—I know first hand how many hours it takes to make some of these items—

May God Bless each of you—

Joyce Russo

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

New Communion Ministry— 1/5

New Outreach Event—Beginning 1/9

New Small Group Study—

New Leaders—Committees -

New District Training

New Partners in Education Event



Read for all the important information—you won't want to miss a thing...



Are You Called to *Serve*



Homebound Communion Ministry

Beginning the 1st Sunday of January, we will start taking communion to some of our shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Some of our church family have not been able to be with us for Communion each month and this is one way we can show them they are not forgotten.

We will leave the church immediately following the 11 am Worship Service.

If you are interested in partnering with Lucinda Williams in this special ministry please let her know. There are only 12 Sundays in the year and if we each take one—

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Christian Sympathies are extended to **Cynthia Stanley** and her family with the loss of her brother, Jeff.

Congratulations to **Paige Wiggs** who graduated from Old Dominion University on December 14.

Congratulations to **Tyler Moore & Joy Drumm** who were married on 7/8/19. They renewed their vows at a wedding on 12/13/19 at Son Rise Christian Church in Va. Beach.

Thanks and praise to all of our Aldersgate “**Church Mice**” for all of your hard work and continued commitment to keeping our church clean and looking great.



Fresh Start for Thursdays Small Group

Join in this amazing study by Priscilla Shirer, *One in a Million*. Learning about God’s good changes, living beyond circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways every day.

Thursdays, 7pm, in the Lounge—Jan. 9th



Facilitator: Anna Lee Long

Coats For Kids



Partners in Education School Opportunity

We are collecting coats, mittens and hats for our Partners in Education School this year. We are partnering with Fairlawn Elementary.

It is likely we will begin a Pen Pal Program with them pending a meeting in January. Please write a note on your connect card if you are interested in participating in this program this year.

(Coat sizes 4-12, deliver to the Social Hall from January 1-12th)

Contact: Cindy Crosby, 461-3201

Apparently there is a rash of spoofed emails originating from the church office and other church members. Everyone needs to pay particular attention to any and all email they receive to ensure its from whom it indicates that it is from. Just because an email has a name of someone you know; it does not mean its from that person!



Pay particular attention to the email address after the name of the party any email is received from. Email is very easily spoofed these days. Everyone has a responsibility to verify the email address from the receiving party of emails especially if there is an attachment in the email. If there's an attachment it could be a "trick" from a malicious sender trying to get you to open the attachment.

Example - If you see an email from: Joyce <
amir@rfmloyaltyco.ae>

you can clearly see its not really from Joyce or the church office as indicated in the red. Delete any email from any party you don't recognize! Remember – any received email is really from the email address and not the name that appears before the email address!!

In closing; it's a vicious society they we live in today and you have to have your guard up at all times with email. Remember – Its your email; if in doubt – delete it or mark as SPAM!!

Greg



Elizabeth River District Training Day
Saturday, January 18th
New Creation UMC
4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321
8:30 AM—3 PM

Two sessions-20 different workshops

For a complete list of the workshops offered—call the church office or see December, 2019 newsletter

Registration Deadline: January 8th
Cost: \$30.00

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



FREE Weekly Spaghetti Dinner



**Serving Neighbors
Seeking Friends**



5:30 Thursdays Beginning Jan 9th

**Offering Envelopes
for year 2020 are now ready for pick up.**

Please discard any envelopes you did not use in 2019. Don't bring them to the church office. Just throw away.

Remember you can also do your offering online via our Website or from your mobile device.



Come on out for a FREE spaghetti dinner every Thursday night at 5:30pm at Aldersgate Church. Bring your friends and family.

There are casual small groups afterward for those who wish to join in. A place to get to know each other and share God's love.

**May this be a blessing to our community.
Contact: Cindy Crosby, 461-3201**



Fireside Wrap-Up

All tied up in a joyful bow, Fireside hosted comedians, singers, actors, signers, and more. Narrated by our own Laugh-in Gary Owens and Edith Anne (*Gary Albertson and Kathleen O'Hara*)! A wonderful Christmas evening. Watch for the video on the church website—THANK YOU Greg!

Sincere Thanks to everyone who helped to make our holiday season a special one. From decorations, ushering, counters, participating in the worship services, attending special events, and much more. It takes everyone in our church family to make it a memory to last a lifetime.



Worship Team News

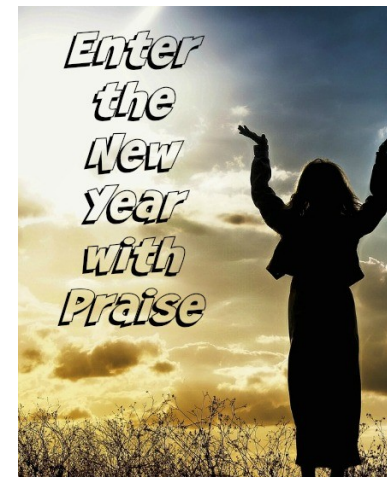
January Schedule

25 Dec—5 Jan 20	Winter Break
8 January	Team Appreciation Dinner
15 January	Team Meeting
22 January	6:30 Return to Rehearsal
29 January	6:30 Rehearsal

Stay Tuner

Concert at Leigh Hall

Commonwealth Senior Living Poplar Halls





Birthdays

Jan 3	Sherry Williams	Jan 12	Cindy Crosby
Jan 5	Gary Albertson	Jan 28	Linda Millard
Jan 6	Linda Crabtree	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

Home: Ben Hogwood, Barbara Jenkins, Ed and Harriet Heath, Phyllis Day

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd— Shirley Henley
Dominion Village Asst. Living—Cora Vernon

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



Ushers

Greg and Kathy Dziagwa

Counters

1/5	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
1/12	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
1/19	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
1/26	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



Lawn Maintenance



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

Calendar Highlights

1/1-1/12 Coats for Kids Collection
1/3 Church Office Closed
1/5 Communion Outreach Ministry Begins
1/9 5:30 Spaghetti Dinner Outreach Begins
7 PM New Small Group Study
1/10 Church Office reopens on Fridays
1/12 New Sermon Series Begins
1/15 Newsletter Deadline
1/20 7 PM Finance Committee
and Admin. Board Meeting



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....

A note from our local “techie”

Still using Microsoft Windows 7

Be advised that Microsoft has been warning Windows 7 users for the past year-plus that after January 14, 2020, you'll get no more security updates to the operating system for free.

Even though users will be able to continue to run Windows 7 after that date, they'll be more susceptible to potential security problems. To hammer that point home, Microsoft is planning to deliver a new pop-up notification to Windows 7 users on January 15.

Microsoft already has been delivering warning notifications periodically to Windows 7 Home and many Pro users about the pending January 14 end-of-support date. But on January 15, the company also is planning to push a full-screen notification to those still running the OS to make it clear that "Your Windows 7 PC is out of support".

What does all this mean to you?

Your PC will be more vulnerable to viruses and malware due to no security updates, no software updates and no tech support.

All of this leaves you with two options; continue to run Windows 7 with all the inherent risks associated with running an outdated Operating System or consider upgrading to Windows 10.



Church Leadership for 2020



Church Council – Chair Kevin Floyd

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Gary Albertson	Finance
Neal Windley	Trustee Chair
Kathy Dziagwa	Treasurer
Joyce Russo	Financial Secretary
Michele Floyd	SPRC Chair
Kathleen O’Hara	Lay Leader
Lucinda Williams	Lay Delegate to Annual Conf.
Cindy Albertson	Recording Secretary
Cindy Crosby	Music Director

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Chair Michele Floyd

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Kathy O’Hara	Lay Leader
Cindy Albertson, Lucinda Williams, Jamie Washington, Linda Crabtree and Greg Dziagwa	

Board of Trustees – Chair: Neal Windley

Randolph Thrasher, Jim Powers, Greg Dziagwa
Cynthia Stanley, Guy Willis, John Floyd, Vic Supper

Committee on Nominations – Chair Rev. Lee Crosby

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Kathy O’Hara	Lay Leader
Barbara Harrell, Mary Ellen Gillespie, Debbie Supper, Millie Hanson, Phyllis Day, Beverly Cooper	

Finance Committee – Chair Gary Albertson

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Kathy O’Hara	Lay Leader
Kevin Floyd, Neal Windley, Kathy Dziagwa, Michele Floyd, Joyce Russo, Lucinda Williams, Sherri Williams	

Worship Committee

Lee Crosby	Pastor
Cindy Crosby	Music Director
Lily Tipora, Norma Tipora,	Claudia Ganaden
	Communion Stewards
Barbara Harrell	Parameters

Kitchen Committee Chair – Linda Crabtree

Bereavement Committee Chair – Ann Manuel