

June
2017

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23502



W
O
R
L
D
-
W
I
D
E
-
R
E
C
O
G
N
I
T
I
O
N

The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

JUNE, 2017

Vol. 20 Issue 6

College

High School

Middle School

Elementary School

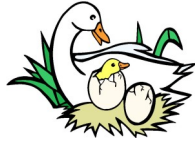
Pre-School

**We celebrate all of our graduates
from the youngest to the oldest.**



“Stepping Out of Your Shell”

Last month, a duck laid eggs in our backyard. For several weeks, Cindy and I watched as mamma duck sat on her eggs, day and night. Then, we had the privilege of watching mamma duck lead her newly-hatched babies out of our yard and down to the river. It was quite a parade. The babies left behind the only world they knew, (the shell) to head out to a wide new world. Soon, the babies were swimming along with their mamma, beginning their new life journey.



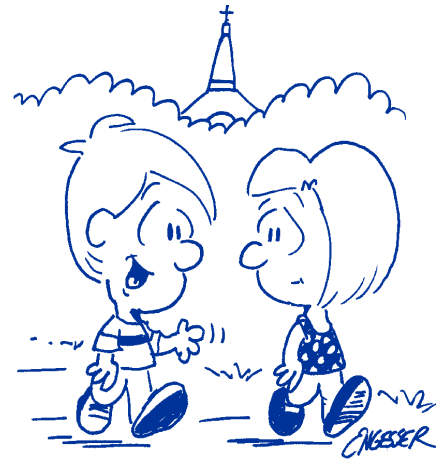
When we decide to follow Jesus, we were newborns. We don't know which way to go or what to do next. But we have someone to lead us exactly where we need to go. Jesus' invitation to "Follow me" is an invitation to leave behind our known world (our shell), and follow Jesus as he leads us into a whole new world. Jesus is a "sending" God. He sends us out into the world to make disciples of him. But he goes with us every step of the way. In fact, he is taking the lead. Wherever Jesus sends you, he is already there, preparing the way. That doesn't mean life will always be pleasant. Sometimes there will be pain. But there will always be his presence. That alone, is all we need to walk into our future. Our journey is a walk of faith. It means following Jesus out into unknown territory. The test of our faith is whether we trust Jesus enough to go where he sends us. If we choose to remain in the safety of the shell, we are not followers of Jesus at all. And we miss out on the life we were intended to live.

(Hebrews 11:6) *And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

May we never settle for the safety of the shell. May we fully trust Jesus to lead us to life. May we face fear with faith, because Jesus is already there waiting to lead us like ducks to the pond.

In His grip,

Pastor Lee



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

A little humor is good for the Soul

Happy Father's Day

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...11 AM
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift – and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,"

'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r."

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father; my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

Bring God's Love to Your Neighbors
Sat. June 10th at 10:20 am

We will once again go to the Tide Rail-Newtown Station to demonstrate God's love by offering FREE bottled water to commuters. It's scheduled for Harborfest weekend so we can serve families going downtown. It will be a great time to love our neighbors with no strings attached. We will meet at the station at 10:20 am and will depart before noon. To sign up for this outreach event, contact Pastor Lee. You can email him at

leecrosby@vaumc.org

or call the church office (757) 466-8999. Join the fun of giving away free stuff and making people smile.



Virginia Annual Conference

June 16-18th - Hampton, Va.

All clergy and laity are again being asked to bring at least

"4 Cans 4 Conference!"

please don't bring glass- or home-canned items, exotic delicacies, or cans that are dented or beyond their expiration dates. Some suggestion are:

soup/stew, veggies, fruit, meat/fish, pop-top cans, also needed are dry goods, (eg, grits, cereals, pasta, soup mixes, flour, sugar, and easy to prepare "1 Pan" meals, like Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.) Any questions visit the conference website.



In this issue - check out the following:

- * **Information on the RISE Against Hunger Mission Outreach**
Look for tear-out volunteer box
- * **Ministry Outreach at local light rail station**
- * **Father's Day Lunch Information/Reservation**
- * **Updates on our congregation and our graduates**
- * **Care Response Team Update**
- * **Annual Conference Information**
- * **Worship Choir, New Small Group Study, etc.....**



Character

WHO YOU
ARE WHEN
NO ONE'S
LOOKING

SIX STUDIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Bill Hybels

My Heart Small Group is beginning a new study,

“Character—Who You Are When No One’s Looking.”

Bill Hybels is a pastor and teacher at Willow Creek Church. His leadership, insight and deep love for God is prevalent in all of his videos and studies.

Are you in a small group? If not please join us and begin a great journey of friendship, learning, and growing!

The cost for the study guide is \$7.00. Please contact Cindy if you would like to attend., 757-461-3201 or email crosby10@verizon.net or church offering plate.

1 June, Thursday, Social Hall, 7pm (for 5 weeks)

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

food • community • sustainability

Volunteer for Our Meal Packaging Event

Date: 15 July 2017 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meals goal: 10,000

Location: Aldersgate UMC, Norfolk, Social Hall

Your Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____



from your hand to their tummies



Aldersgate Church is sponsoring RISE Against Hunger formerly known as STOP Hunger Now on July 15, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall.

At this outreach event we will package 10,000 meals for families who have great need in other countries. There are many jobs for this event and ALL hands are needed to work together to accomplish this task. Even small hands can help to carry finished food bags, ring the bell, and help keep boxes moving.

We are taking sign-ups at this time from the Aldersgate Church family (see form) and are encouraging you to invite a friend to partner with us. Beginning in June, Pastor Lee will designate a few slots for other churches in the area to participate. We need 50 persons to make this event a success!

SIGN UP is required to participate—the cost of this outreach has been privately funded with no expense to participants.

SAVE THE DATE—and SIGN UP NOW! Don't wait.

Cindy Crosby crosby10@verizon.net 757-461-3201
Cynthia Stanley c.stanley1282@gmail.com
757-620-8798



Aldersgate Worship Choir June News

⇒ **7, 14, 21, 28 June, 6:30, Wed rehearsals**

The Worship Choir has had an amazing year since last July when the new transformation was introduced—to add new music and modify the worship style including—praise, gospel and other contemporary songs. The team has worked very hard and formed a solid core team. Additionally we have taken aboard 3 new members who have blessed us richly in fellowship and vocal ability.

The summer is upon us and the team is taking its break as noted below in July/August. During the break we will feature *exciting* special musical selections, soloists and duets. We are still seeking musicians and are asking for the congregation to be in prayer on our behalf for those positions which will further enhance the worship choir.

Interested in checking out the team? Please stop by in June or see or contact Cindy anytime over the summer—461-3201.

- **No rehearsals beginning 19 July**
- **July 23 and 30, Sunday off**
- **August 6 and 13, Sunday off**

First rehearsal after summer break is **August 17th**, at 6:30.



A huge thank you goes out to our amazing—
 Kidz Worship Team
Bella, Jai-Marie, Chelsea and Jasiah

They sang praises exclaiming God's word for our Mom's in May and we are so very proud of them all!

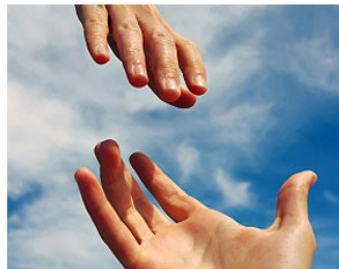
We will feature the Kidz Team in July and August over the summer with new selections from Psongs and Psalms Word Publishing Music.

Care Response Team Update

The CRT is working hard to visit, send cards, encourage and love our church family. We are meeting over the summer and will continue to provide great support!

Next meeting:
 June 25th, at 3pm
 Social Hall

Interested in helping?...
 contact Cindy 461-3201.



Summer is almost here and SCHOOL will soon be out!



Once again Cinemark Theaters at Military Circle Mall are offering their "Summer Movie Clubhouse".

Films are shown on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 AM.
 Cost is \$1 per show or \$5 for 10 movies.

Scheduled this summer is:

6/20, 6/22	Trolls	6/27, 6/29	Shrek the Third
7/4, 7/6	Goosebumps	7/11, 7/13	The Iron Giant
7/18, 7/20	Hotel Transylvania 2	7/25, 7/27	Megamind
8/1, 8/3	The Angry Birds Movie	8/8, 8/10	Sing
8/15, 8/17	The Secret Life of Pets		
8/22, 8/24	The LEGO Batman Movie		



Church Work Day
Saturday, June 17
9 AM - Noon



Words from a proud papa!

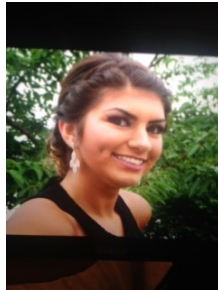
“Well our son, **Guy**, graduated from Regent University this morning. The day involved a lot of hugging and laughing. Taking pictures. Saying goodbyes. I've never seen a group love one another the way these students do. Their foundation is solid. It was a remarkable experience for all of us these last four

years. I'm very proud of our son for the kind of man he has grown to be and for the path he has chosen. I'm also proud of my wife Diane who did so many things these last four years to make this day happen. The commencement's motto reminds us that our future is in good hands: ‘And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us’ fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. “ Guion Willis



And Mom Says:

“**Melissa** Floyd will be graduating from Kempsville High School this June. She will be attending Tidewater Community College in the fall, majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. She is looking forward to an internship in Sentara’s medical studies program. Melissa is very passionate about helping others and eager to begin this new chapter in her life. We are very proud of Melissa and her accomplishments and wish her much success in her coming years.” Michele Floyd



Our other graduates include: From Elementary School
-to- Middle School

Mason Harrell Michael Hogwood Anthony Russo

We are proud of all of our graduates and wish them well as they continue their life’s journey.

If we have over-looked anyone please let us know and we will recognize them in our July issue.



Worship Corner

Ann Manuel has been singing at AUMC for almost 40 years—WOW! what a testimony. Let’s hear what she has to say about worship.

“I think music sets the mood for worship. It is often a message in itself and this is important to me. I love ALL music—the old and the new!”

Many a praise is spoken when singing!”

You bless us with your wisdom Ann. Thanks!

~Thank you~

**Ministry Team Meeting
Moving to
Mondays at 7 PM**

**Next Meeting: Monday,
June 26th**

**Please come prepared to
briefly plan and schedule
events and activities for the
remainder of 2017.**

**If you need a ride, please
contact Pastor Lee.**



**All ages welcome!
A great way to spend your
summer!**



Father's Day Lunch – You're Invited!

On Sunday, June 18th at 12:20, you are invited to attend the Fathers' Day Lunch. This is a special time to celebrate and honor Dads. We are keeping the time early so you still have time to celebrate later in the day.

Please **RSVP BY 11 June** on this form or call the office 757-466-8999. Please provide a name AND how many in your family want to attend so we can be assured of enough food! Guests and visitors are certainly welcome and we will plan a little extra for them.

Menu: Fried Chicken, potato, tossed salad, rolls, beverage, and "something" sweet

Name: _____

How many persons: _____

Need additional info?? Call Cindy 461-3201 or Mary Ellen 340-3538.



It seems we have a star in our midst's!

Michael Hogwood, a student at Fairlawn Elementary in Norfolk was chosen to play the violin in the Norfolk All City Orchestra. There is only one student chosen from each Norfolk school.

The Norfolk All City Orchestra concert was held on May 13th at Norview High School. Congratulations Michael.



With Summer fast approaching lots of calendar events are put on hold until September, schools are closed, picnics, beach events and vacations are in full swing. Let's not forget your church family.

We still have Sunday School, services, special events and Bible Studies. You can also check out the District website for area Vacation Bible Schools, BBQ's, Children and Youth Camps and other fun stuff.

Remember our newsletter too - we are more than interested if your family goes somewhere of interest, your Sunday School Class is studying a special book or course of study, if your family does a special mission project, even if your regular meetings held throughout the year are on hiatus.

What ever you do or where ever you go this summer,
Stay safe - The church staff



Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/4 Rick Thomas 6/24 Randolph Thrasher
 6/6 Diane Willis 6/29 Bella Hanson
 6/10 Melissa Floyd



Ushers

Linda Crabtree, Ben Hogwood



6/19 Mel and Ann Manuel
 6/24 Bob and Rebecca Repass
 6/16 Dewey and Millie Hanson

Counters

6/4 Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
 6/11 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
 6/18 Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood
 6/25 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch



Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs, Magdalene Smith

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
 Sentara Village S.—Shirley Henley
 Georgian Nursing Facility--Billy Thrasher



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

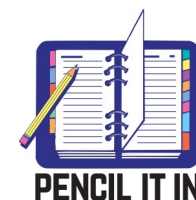


Lawn Maintenance

6/5 Team 1
 6/12 Team 2
 6/19 Team 3
 6/26 Team 1

Notes: Calendar Highlights

- 6/1 7 PM New Bible Study Begins
- 6/3 Pastor/Laity “Chat ‘n Chew” with Bishop Lewis @ Court House Community UMC, VB
- 6/4 2 PM Annual Conference Orientation @ Monumental UMC
- 6/10 9:30 AM Outreach at the “Tide” Newtown Sta.
- 6/11 Graduation Sunday - honoring all of our graduates
Reservation Deadline for Father’s Day Lunch
- 6/15-6/18 Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton
- 6/17 9 am - Noon Church Work Day
- 6/18 12:20 PM Special Father’s Day Lunch - see article
- 6/25 Noon Fellowship Lunch
3 PM C.R.T Meeting
- 6/26 7 PM Ministry Team Meeting



Pentecost Sunday - June 4th - Wear Something RED!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday, June 16

You do not have to wait for the deadline to submit your information you can email it anytime during the month, or just call the church office

