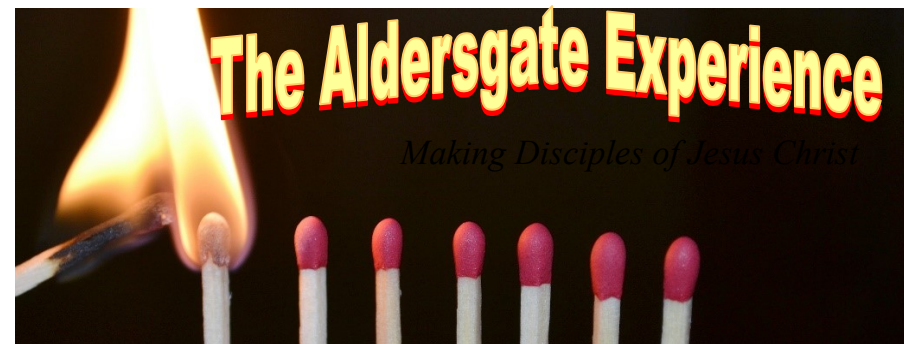




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*Happy New Year*



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*Aldersgate like the month of June is*

*Harborfest Light  
Rail Outing*

Reaching Out

*Exploring  
Membership*



*Rise Against  
Hunger*

*Mission Trip  
Planning*

**Bustin' Out All Over**



## ***“I Can’t Explain It”***

**By Pastor Lee**

God promised Abraham that they would have a son when they knew they were way too old to have children. Yet Sarah had a son.

The Israelites were trapped between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea. Then, God opened a path right through the parted waters.

God told Joshua to have his army walk around the city of Jericho. And God made the city walls tumble down with one war cry.

God does things that can’t be explained except by his involvement. When something happens that’s only explained by a supernatural God, then God gets the glory.

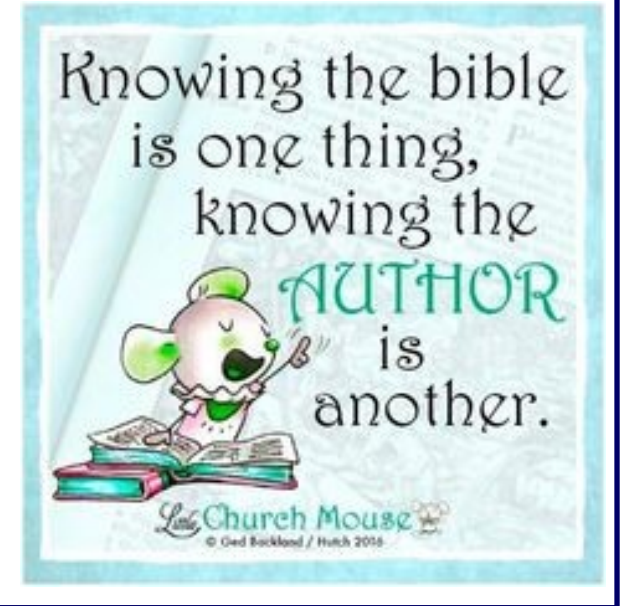
And...God wants our lives to be unexplainable apart from him. If our lives are always understandable, expected, and explainable, then we are living our way, not God’s way. The Lord invites us to join him in the realm of the unexplainable...so our lives will point to him. For example:

1. We can demonstrate *unexplainable contentment* regardless of our circumstances because we trust that a loving God is in charge.
2. We can demonstrate *unexplainable success* by pursuing things that are eternal vs. things that are temporal.
3. We can demonstrate *unexplainable significance* by living for God’s purposes and for his glory rather than our own.

The Lord invites us to live lives that others say,  
*“I can’t explain it!”*



Interesting  
thought!



## **The Aldersgate Experience**

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Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper  
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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



## GIVE A HELPING HAND



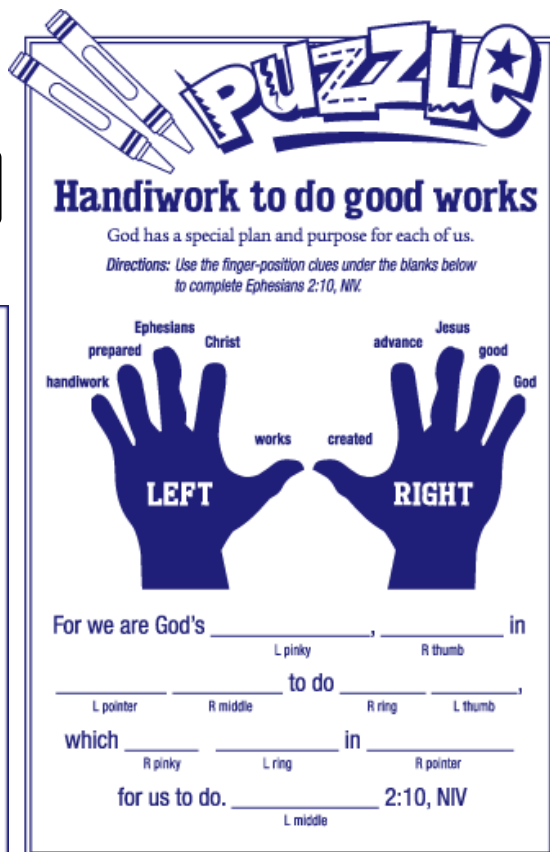
Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

### What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



Answer: handwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, Ephesians, advance



Wishing all of our Dads

A

Happy Father's Day



Explore Membership Class  
Sunday, June 9th—3 P.M.

Come and Join Us—

If you are interested in being a member of the Aldersgate family, have questions about church membership ..This is where you can find the answers. See Pastor Lee for more information.

### The news in brief

Pastor Lee's Message

New "Explore Membership" Class—date and time

Updates on "Partners in Education"  
Church Directories  
Worship Teams

Church Lay Leadership assignments for June

Congregational Updates





**Congratulations to  
all of our graduates!**



**Taylor Moore** will be graduating from Princess Anne High School, June 14th. She will be attending Tidewater Community College in the fall.

**Chelsea Richburg** will be graduating from Town and Country School and will be attending Larkspur Middle School in the fall.

**Haley Harrell** completed High School in January but she will walk with her graduating class at Hickory High School in June.

We congratulate all of our graduates for a job well done. Whether it be elementary, middle, high school or college, no accomplishment is too small.

**Hurricane  
Season**

**June 1 - November 30**

With all of the crazy weather we have been experiencing, we would just like to remind our church family that we will be entering hurricane season on June 1st.

Aldersgate church has a disaster plan in place in the event of inclement weather. Copies of the booklet are available from the church office upon request. The booklet is full of useful information.

**Annual Conference Time is Here!**

Its that time of year again when all of the pastors and delegates from around the state of Virginia converge on the town of Roanoke for their annual meeting.

**Pastor Lee** will be traveling to the conference later this month. Prayers for safe travel, fun visits with old friends and lots of insightful decisions.



**June 20-22**

Just a little reminder

**Finance and**

**Administrative Board Meeting on**

**Monday, June 24th at 7 PM.**

Committee members should inform the chair if you are unable to attend. You do not have to be on the board to attend the meeting. This is a great way of learning information about Aldersgate and what we will be doing in the months ahead.

Finance Chair: Gary Albertson

Administrative Board: Kevin Floyd





## Light Rail Outreach Event

Newtown Road Station

Saturday, June 9

3 PM

Join us as we welcome and greet commuters using the light rail system for their travels to downtown Norfolk for Harborfest.



## Partnership in Education Program Wrap-Up Poplar Halls Elementary School

The Pen Pal Project was a huge success this year at Poplar Halls. The Year-End Celebration in May was refreshing and fun. All of the pen pals really enjoyed meeting each other; it was a joyful time! The cupcakes and gifts were a big hit too.

Aldersgate recognized Kellie Lowe for her work as the teacher coordinator for this project. Thank you KELLIE!

Please enjoy the pictures of the pen pal pairs on the Social Hall board.

A special thanks from the school is noted below for ALL the work tutoring, providing clothing, reading, and the pen pal project!

THANK YOU    THANK YOU    THANK YOU

Aldersgate has been a godsend to Poplar Halls. We are ever so thankful and blessed to have had you with us on our journey this year. Hope we can walk together again next year!

*Poplar Halls PIE Coordinator*





## Poplar Halls Pen Pal Event Pictures



## Worship Team News

### June Schedule

5 June	6:30 Rehearsal
12 June	6:30 Rehearsal
19 June	6:30 Rehearsal
26 June	6:30 Rehearsal

*Praise God*  
FROM WHOM ALL  
**BLESSINGS**  
FLOW

## Musicians Wanted!



**Guess what 's Coming!**



For the past year, Gary Albertson, leader, has been busy making arrangements and collecting funds for this very worthy mission event.

This will be Aldersgate's 3rd year for this outreach mission. So mark your calendars now for August 3rd...

It really does take all of us to feed the world.



Group Picture  
from 2018



### **Lifetouch Directory Update**

Thank you to everyone who had their photographs taken for the new directory. As of this date, the first proof has been returned and we are waiting for Lifetouch changes. As soon the final is accepted and the directories have arrived, each participating family will be contacted!

If you ordered photographs they will be directly mailed to you at the address given at the photo session.

Questions or concerns?...contact Cindy.

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**C.R.T Meeting  
Sunday, June 2—3 PM**





## ***Birthdays***

6/6 Diane Willis  
6/10 Melissa Floyd

6/24 Randolph Thrasher  
6/25 Anita Sims  
6/29 Bella Hanson

## ***Anniversaries***

6/24 Bob and Becky Repass  
6/26 Dewey and Millie Hanson



## ***Remember in Prayer***

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—  
Shirley Henley

Charlottesville—Henry Boelte

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



**Newsletter Deadline**  
**Saturday, June 15th**  
**for the July 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....



## **Counters**

6/2 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch  
6/9 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson  
6/16 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd  
6/23 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood  
6/30 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



## **Lawn Maintenance**

6/3 Team 3  
6/10 Team 1  
6/17 Team 2  
6/24 Team 3

## **Calendar Highlights**

6/2— 3 PM C.R.T. Meeting

6/8— 3 PM Light Rail Outreach @  
Newtown Station

6/9— 3 PM Explore Membership Class

6/24— 7 PM Finance/Administrative Board Meeting





## 4 Cans 4 Conference -

### We 'Can' Make a Difference!

As annual conference members gather in Roanoke this June, the plan is to bless that community with five tons of non-perishable foods for the Roanoke Rescue Mission.



### Suggested items

- 1 can of meat
- 1 can of vegetables and/or fruit
- 1 can of soup and/or stew
- 1 can that may be opened with a pop-top

Boxes of nonperishables such as pasta, rice, beans, cereals are also welcome. Please do not bring

home-canned items, out of date cans, glass jars, damaged cans, fresh fruits/veggies, or already-opened or partially used supplies.

For more information contact Herb Brynildsen at [herbbrynildsen@vaumc.org](mailto:herbbrynildsen@vaumc.org)

## New Member Corner



**We welcome our newest member: JP Morgan.  
Let's hear what JP has to say.**

### Why did you desire to become a member here?

I desired to become a member of AUMC because the church is in my neighborhood and because of the 'modern,' more 'contemporary' worship style along with the 'family' feel of the church.

### What drew you to Aldersgate Church?

AUMC is in my neighborhood. I visited the church a couple of times and discovered that people who live in my neighborhood and attend the church are approachable and friendly; so because of the 'family' feel of the people in the church and most importantly, Pastor Lee Crosby's preaching **The Word**, I was drawn to make AUMC my home church. I have a desire to get involved to help the church grow as it shows love to those in our city/area.