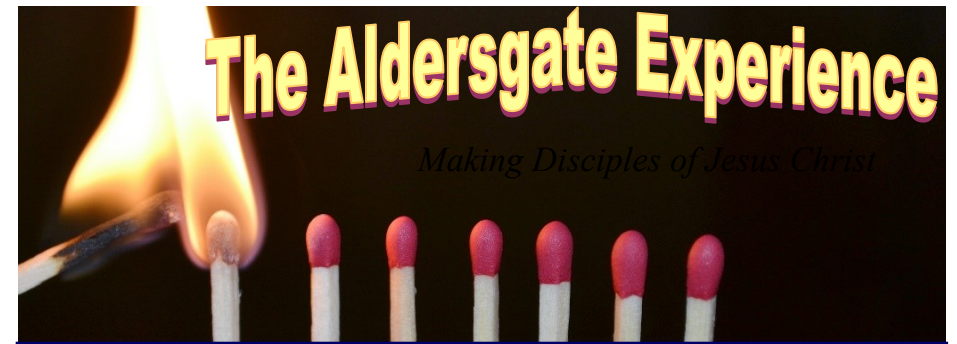




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## *The Light Switch of Grace*

(Jeremiah 31:3) *I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

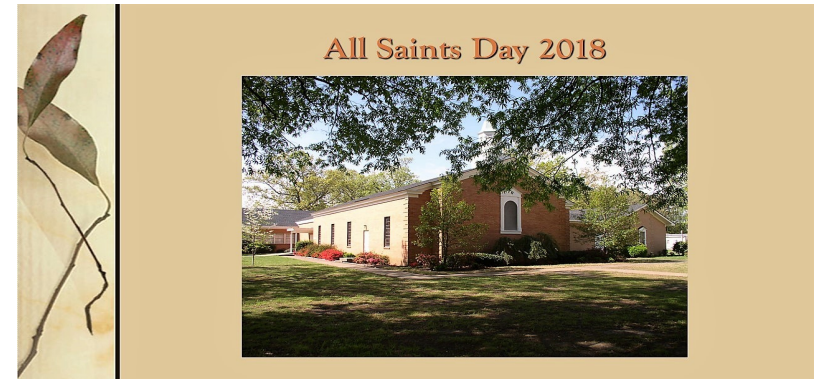
It's crazy! God says he has been seeking us, even drawing us to himself before we ever bothered to know him. Did you know it is only by God's grace that you ever recognized your need for him? God was pursuing you, clueing you, and wooing you into a right relationship with him. You saw the light because God has been flipping the switch on and off to draw your attention. Each of us make up our own minds whether to respond to God's invitation to relationship, but it's by his grace and love that we become aware of our sin and our need for a Savior.

And the Lord invites us to be his light switch to turn on the light for others as well. I believe we will be very surprised how often God has used us to draw others to himself. Imagine that. Can you see yourself being the light of the world? Every follower of Jesus is qualified because we have the light of Christ in us. So, why not cooperate with God. Watch what happens when you step out in faith and let your light shine before those who are walking in darkness. What joy it is when you get to see someone receive that light for themselves. Offer yourself to God as a light switch of grace. It's truly amazing!



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Join us for this special video presentation  
of remembrance  
Sunday, November 4th  
11 AM Worship Service



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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

Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM





## Schedule it Now

Notice to all of our event planners for all of the church holiday celebrations....Please get them on the calendar as soon as possible.

The days fill up fast and you wouldn't want to have to cancel or postpone your special celebration because the date is already taken. Thanks



Don't Forget to  
Turn your clocks  
back  
On Saturday,  
November 3rd..  
before going to bed



## Helping Hands Group

On the 4th Tuesday of each month, these ladies gather with a specific purpose in mind—to make teddy bears and dolls for the children at CHKD, Newborns in Need and other local organizations. After their work is done for the month—they break bread together. If you are interested in joining this group please see Lucinda Williams or Carolyn Powers. **NOTE: For the month of November the meeting will be November 27th at 10 am...**



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# Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21st

7 PM



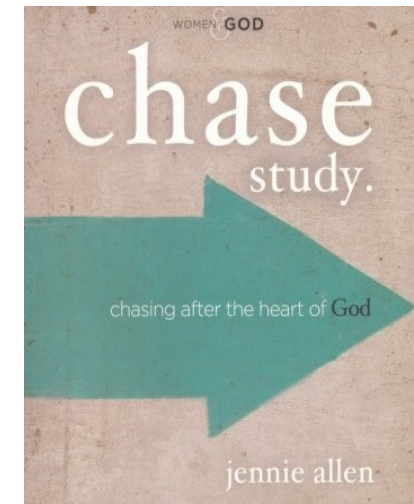
Please join us at Aldersgate UMC for a special joint worship service to celebrate the holiday.

St. Peter's Episcopal, New St. James Holiness Church of Christ Disciples, Firm Foundation Worship Center, Eastside Fellowship and Riverside Baptist Church will also be taking part. Special music by the combined choirs will also be highlighted.

Thursdays

7:00 pm

Café Area



**Small Group Thursdays** is a great group of folks learning, laughing, and loving Jesus together. We are meeting each Thursday at 7pm. If you want to stop by "to see" what this small group is like, we would love to have you come take a peek at what goes on each week. This study is about "what are we chasing in life?"

If you have questions please contact Cindy, 461-3201.



**Its not too early to SAVE the DATE.  
A Fireside Christmas is a family fun-filled  
night. Its a great way to get your Christmas  
spirit! The creative arts such as singers,  
dramas, special acts and more are on the list  
for this year already. Dessert follows!  
Contact Cindy to sign up your act now!**

*Save the Date*

*Saturday, November 24th at 6 PM*



*Join us for fun and fellowship as we  
decorate our church home  
For the holidays*

# Worship Team News

## November Schedule

4 November—Sun	5pm Rehearsal
14 November	6:30 Rehearsal
21 November	7:00 Community Service**
28 November	6:30 Rehearsal



We need musicians! If you play an instrument I would love to talk with you!

Contact: Cindy Crosby (757) 461-3201



## FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.



## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



"The  will    
 what is , and   
 will  its ."  
  : , NIV







# Kidz Worship Team

## November News

The Kidz Worship Team is participating in A Fireside Christmas Program in December.

Christmas contact: Linda Crabtree

We are revamping this kidz music ministry and are excited about new possibilities! Stay tuned for updated future information!

Ministry Contact: Cindy Crosby



**Light Rail Outreach  
Oct. 6, 2018**





## Ushers

Dewey and Millie Hanson

## Counters

11/4	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
11/11	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
11/18	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
11/25	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
12/2	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



## Birthdays

11/10 Chelsea Richburg  
11/11 Henry Boelte  
Greg Dziagwa

11/15 Joyce Russo  
11/17 Grace Mahone



## Anniversaries

	11/18 Gary & Cindy Albertson
11/28	Ben & Barbara Hogwood
11/29	Jim & Carolyn Powers

## Lawn Care Schedule



## Lawn Maintenance

11/5	Team 3
11/12	Team 1
11/19	Team 2
11/26	Team 3
12/3	Team 1

## Calendar Highlights

11/3 Turn Clocks Back One Hour before going to bed

11/15 Newsletter Deadline for Christmas Issue

11/21 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

11/24 6 PM Come and help decorate the church for the holiday Season



Happening  
This Month!

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins,

Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR  
DECEMBER EDITION  
Thursday, 15th**

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit articles. Articles may be emailed or left at the office at anytime.





**Sunday—Nov. 11th at 3 pm**

(In the Sanctuary)

**Invite your friends to this FREE event**

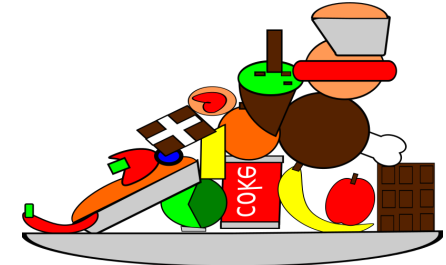


## REFRESHMENTS NEEDED

Part of being the host church for the Thanksgiving Eve Service is to provide refreshments to be served following the service.

If you would like to bring your favorite potluck dish to share please let the church office know or contact Ann Manuel.

Thanks



## Notes of Joy

Sometime during the later part of November, Pastor Lee and Cindy will become grandparents.



Their son, Bill and daughter-in-law, May will welcome a son into our world. I know this child will become a part of the family of Aldersgate for many years. As we wait in anticipation of this special event remember to keep the family in our prayers.



News from the Pews



Several of the members of our church family have been dealing with various health issues over the past few months. Let us keep our church family in our prayers for continued good reports and improved health.

Take a moment to get to know our guests. We have had several visit over the past month or two. Say hello when you see a strange face and let them know how much we appreciate their worshipping with our church family.

