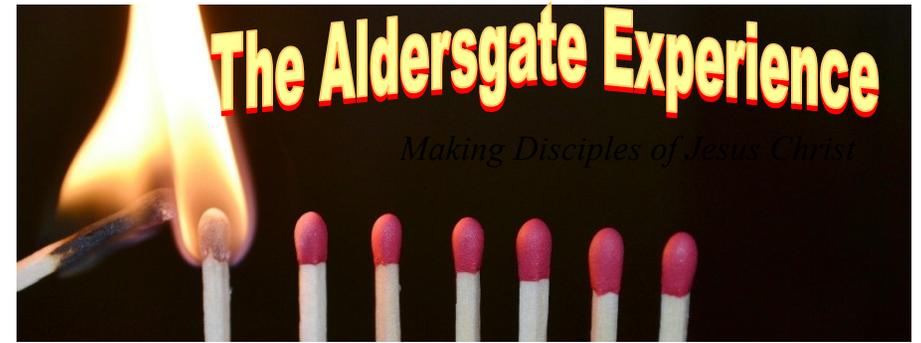



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Happy New Year



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**“Fall back into church”
Invite a friend to come with you!**



“A Shark Encounter”

By Pastor Lee

This summer, I went to the beach and suddenly found myself only 2-3 inches away from a 6 foot Tiger shark... I saw his razor sharp teeth and dead eyes looking right at me. He swiftly approached, but he didn't attack because of the thick glass between us. Did I mention that I was at the Virginia Beach Aquarium...? Sometimes, details make all the difference.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live by faith, not by sight. And a life of faith is a life of risk because we don't always know how things will turn out. We have God's Word to give us direction, but we don't always have the details. And our mission to make disciples of Jesus can take us to some risky places. We can find ourselves face-to-face with the sharp teeth and dead eyes of evil. But what gives us courage when we don't know how things will turn out, is that God does know. The God who is all-powerful and all-loving, is also the God who is all-knowing. We don't have to know all the details because we trust in a loving God who does. It doesn't mean it's a life free of pain, but it does mean that God is in control of the details. And that's the difference between a shark encounter in the ocean...and a shark encounter in the aquarium.



Charge Conference

Date Set



Sunday, November 3rd

2 PM

Location to be announced at later date!

The Aldersgate Experience

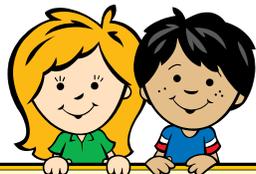
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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM



KIDS PAGE



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

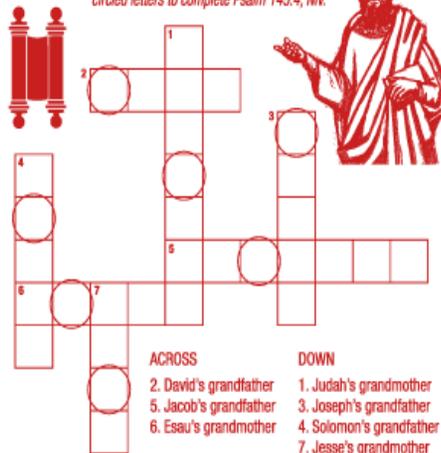
1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth; Generation

September 8th is Grandparents Day....

Send a card, give them a call or if you can a kiss and a hug will do.



Saturday,
September 21st at 9 AM

Inside and Outside jobs

Church Work Day



The news in brief

Pastor Lee's Message

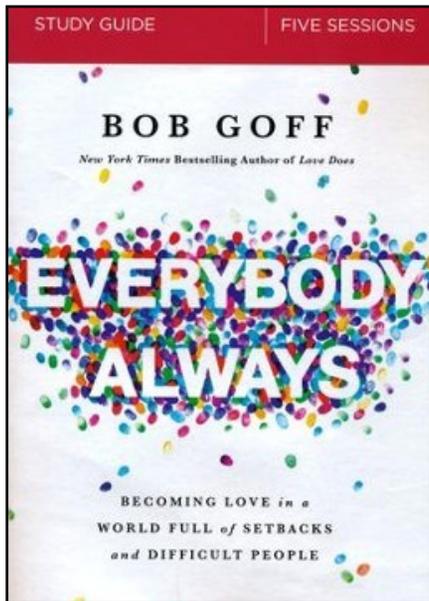
Information for:

Corn Hole Tournament
Spaghetti Dinner
"New Member" Corner
New Small Group Ministry



Schedules for:

Worship Team and Choir
Lay Ministry
Charge Conference



**Thursday
September 5th
7:00pm
Cozy Café**



Thursdays Small Group

On September 5th, we are beginning a new small group 6-week session. We meet each Thursday at 7:00pm. We have great discussions, discover Biblical insights for our lives, make great friendships and certainly laugh out loud!

If you want to transform your life and grow in Jesus then come and see how we are walking with and learning from each other in this small group.

Please sign up on the connect card TODAY so we can purchase needed materials.

Session facilitator: Cindy Crosby (Sept 5th — Oct 10th)

New Member

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Welcome **Jo-Beth Strong** and **Eric Cramer** who recently joined the Aldersgate Family.

Why did you desire to become members at Aldersgate?

When we both moved here to this area we were walking about the neighborhood and noticed at least 4 churches. We decided to put a circle around Aldersgate and ask God if this was the church for us! It was! Eric has been here for 2 years and Jo-Beth moved here in 2014.

Fun facts: Eric has won gold, silver and bronze medals in the Special Olympics and Jo Beth loves to sing and spread joy everywhere!



Worship Team News

September Schedule

4 September	6:30 Rehearsal
11 September	6:30 Rehearsal
18 September	6:30 Rehearsal
25 September	6:30 Rehearsal

READY.SET.CORNHOLE
October 12th

The Worship Team and Choir are back to rehearsals. If you sing or play an instrument please consider joining us on Wednesday nights at 6:30. We are beginning on our Christmas music which includes new tunes from Word Music. Join in!

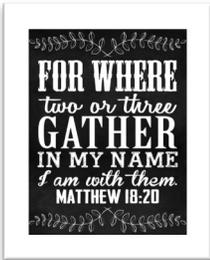
I would love to talk with you and give you an opportunity to experience what this music small group is about. Contact: Cindy Crosby, Music Director.

Cornhole Tournament and Cookout
INVITE a FRIEND!

We need:

- * Corn-hole boards
- * Grill Master (to cook hotdogs)
- * Table Set up and Tear Down
- * Corn-hole Tournament Helpers
- * Temporary Fire-Pit

Contact: Cindy 461-3201 or use CONNECT CARD



Caffeinated Conversations Update

This small group, during the month of July, was a wonderful success with 18+ folks joining in the conversations each week.

We had the opportunity to take a look at “My Heart Christ Home” and what it means to have Christ rule in your heart. Thank you to everyone who joined in! See you soon.

Kidzone

Church JUST FOR Kids



Each Sunday morning at 11 AM the children at Aldersgate enter their "Kid Zone" classroom.



Hi just wanted to share all the fantastic things the children are learning and making. They have been learning all about how God cares and loves us. We have just began the stories of people in the bible. the pictures in this article are from the crafts we have made . the crafts help them to remember the stories from the bible lessons, Jamie, Jai Marie and myself have loved how much they are learning . We have started teaching them to remember short memory verses related to our bible story. When they can repeat them they receive a sticker . So if you know any children who like music , stories, and crafts invite them to come we'd love to have them .

Thanks
 Jamie, Jai Marie and Barbara
 Hope to see you soon

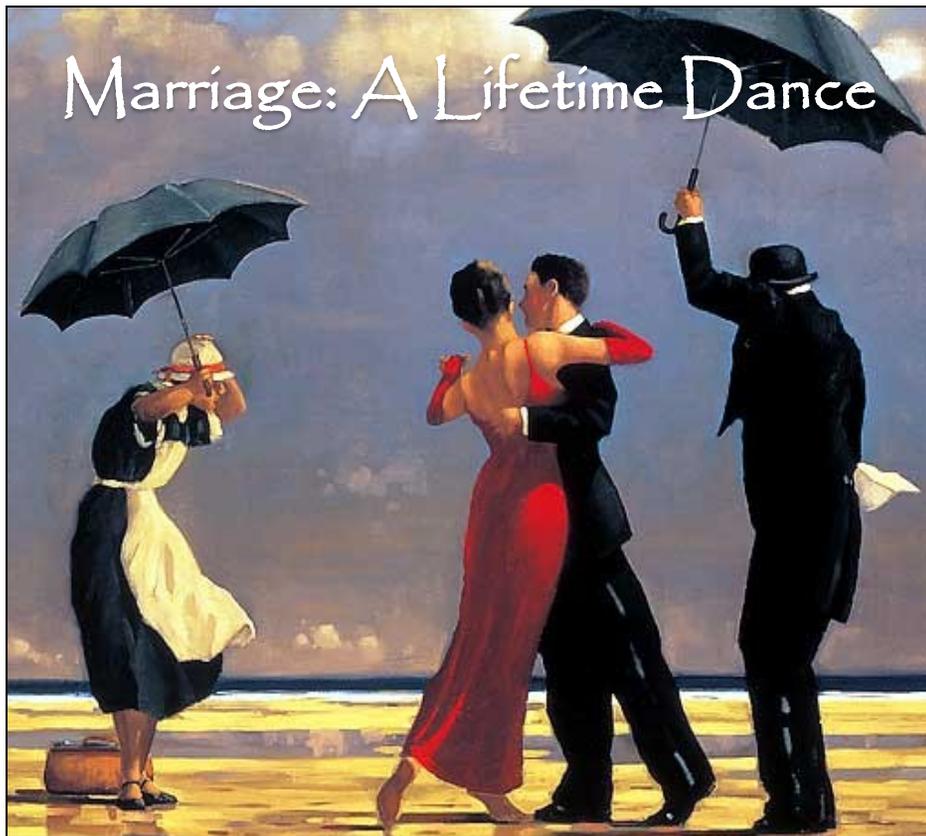


Rise Against Hunger



August, 2019—20,000 Meals!!!!





Marriage: A Lifetime Dance

3-Week Sermon Series:

Sept. 8—What women wish men knew

Sept. 15—What men wish women knew

Sept. 22—When the honeymoon is over

Invite your friends!

In Case You Hadn't Noticed

It has come to the church office's attention that several of our little church mice have been very busy this summer.

Lawns have been cut and edged; flower beds weeded and watered, kitchen cabinets cleaned, restrooms taken care of and lot of other little jobs that you may or may not notice.

The church office has also been the recipient of many of these little tasks—lots of computer issues resolved, equipment installed and blades sharpened.

The congregation and staff of Aldersgate would just like to let you know how much all of your handiwork is appreciated.





Birthdays

9/19 Jim Powers
9/24 Phyllis Day

9/25 Vic Supper

Anniversaries

9/17 Greg and Kathy Dziagwa



PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd— Shirley Henley

Charlottesville—Henry Boelte

All of our children who are returning to school

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



Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, Sept. 15th
for the October 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....



Ushers

Melissa and Kevin Floyd

Counters

9/1 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
9/8 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
9/15 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
9/22 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
9/29 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



Lawn Care Schedule



Lawn Maintenance

9/2 Team 1
9/9 Team 2
9/16 Team 3
9/23 Team 1
9/30 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

9/2 Office Closed
9/4 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsals Resume
9/5 7 PM New Small Group Study Begins
9/8 3 PM Nominations Meeting
4:30 PM CRT Meeting
9/16 7 PM Finance and Administrative Board Meeting
9/21 9 AM Church Wide Work Day
9/29 3 PM Spiritual Discussion
9/30 ALL Budget Requests due.



Happening This Month!

Save the Date!



PASTA Dinner

With all the fixins'

Saturday, October 5th

5-6:30 PM

Watch for ticket information in your Sunday bulletin and October newsletter.

Budget Requests

DUE

September 30th

Please see Kathy Dziagwa or Gary Albertson with your requests or to answer any questions.

