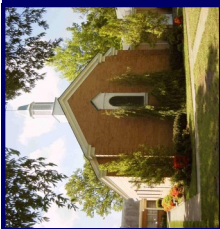


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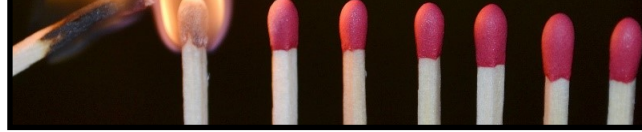
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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ



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*Falling Leaves, cooler weather and
New Beginnings*

*Join us each Sunday morning at
11 am
Come, hear the good news!*



A message from our Pastor

I would first like to give honor to God because without him none of this would be possible. It has been a great joy and an honor to serve as your pastor and I look forward to all that lies ahead.

As we begin this journey together trusting the Lord to lead us, I am filled with joy to know that greater is in the making for Aldersgate. Though I have not been here but a short time, you have taken me in and treated me like family and for that I am forever grateful.

My prayer is that as I am led by the Holy Spirit, that you all would allow me to guide the church in a new direction as we prepare for a move of God. I believe that there is nothing that can stand in our way if we are working together toward a common goal.

I pray that God’s hand would be on each and every one of your lives, that you would know that there is a God that knows your name and that he is concerned about you. As I pray for you and you pray for me, we are getting ready to take this church into the next generation, one better than ever.

Pastor Tyrek



We would like to wish all of our children and teachers who are returning to school the best of luck. Have a happy and safe year.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. Have a safe holiday.



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Pastor..... Tyrek Person
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Choir Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays



PUZZLE

AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
MY YOUR A FEET
FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

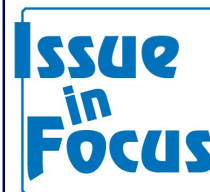
Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet; a light on my path; wisdom

School Supply Drive Update



Our collection of school supplies was delivered to Riverside Apts. on Monday, Aug. 5th by Pastor Tyrek, Kathy O'Hara and Pastor Bert Griffin. As you see the drive was well received. On Tuesday, Pastor Tyrek returned to Riverside Apts. and assisted with distributing all of the collected school supplies to the many children who reside in the complex.

The parents and children were so happy to get all of their needed supplies for the new school year. We wish to thank Norfolk UMC for joining with us in the collection of these school supplies.



A message from our Pastor
Lay Ministry Schedule for the month

News from the Pews
VBS updates, Financial Updates

And much more





VBS "Share Your Heart Light"

The theme of our VBS this year, was inspired by one of our older newsletter articles. From that point on, God guided us to the stories, crafts, and memory verses. Yes, when we listen God will answer.

Our VBS was held Aug. 13, 14, and 15th there were 12 children ages 3-11 in attendance. We were blessed to have two magnificent story

tellers who entertained the children through the adventures of Noah, David and Goliath and Jonah. We were also privileged to have a whale puppet who asked the children questions about the stories. It was amazing to hear some of the answers—we have some very intelligent children. We had an Ark that the children were able to play in as pretend animals. (check out the pics on our website)



The children sang "Jesus Loves Me" and learned to sign the words. They really enjoyed "Shake, Shake, Shake, the Devil Off" because they got to shake around and stamp their feet.

They enjoyed painting a canvas rainbow, rocks and making an ocean in a bottle. Their snacks reminded them of Noah's animals, chocolate chip rocks and whale crackers. Their last night treat was ice cream. We had memory verses for them to remember and I was so impressed some of the younger children were able to recite the verse back to me.

The games were a fun part with lots of balloons, races and loads of fun and laughter. The last night the children were allowed to pop the balloons— what a hoot that was.

I hope all of you will check out the pics so you can see the excitement on all the faces of the children and volunteers. You will see why VBS is so important in giving the children a glimpse of God's love.



This may be their only opportunity to hear or see it.

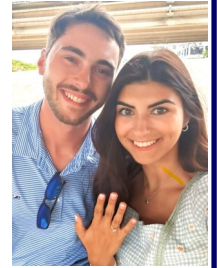
Aldersgate was able to carry out this mission due to the many volunteers who helped make it happen. I know it is not easy -3 nights in a row-but look at the rewards. I am so appreciative of all the volunteers-they are AWESOME-God

bless them all. Special thanks to Vic for helping get our boxes for the ark.

B. Harrell

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

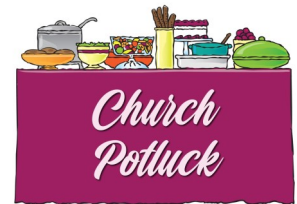
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Birge.



Our own Melissa Floyd and Corbin Birge are now married. We all wish them the best for the future.

Congrats to John & Brittany Floyd on their new home.

Date for Welcome Reception Set!



Mark your calendars now.

Sunday, September 8th immediately following the 11 AM service.

POTLUCK to welcome Pastor Tyrek

Please bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share.

It is that time of the year when the weather cools, leaves fall and...

CHARGE CONFERENCE ARRIVES

Committee chairs will have to fill out reports, we elect new officers to church committees and new budgets are formed for 2025. Forms should be available soon. Please be on the lookout for the dates Aldersgate will be assigned and meeting dates. thanks



Coastal Virginia DISTRICT

**What an
"AWESOME GOD"
we serve!**



**Singing to the GLORY of GOD
is a labor of LOVE!**

Come! Join us!

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays,
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Church Sanctuary**

**Aldersgate Music Department
Dr. Christina R. Pinkston,
Minister of Music**



We're Back!

Sunday, September 8th

the Café will reopen at 10:30 AM.

volunteers are needed to assist our hostesses with this monthly endeavor. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping our ladies.

**Neighborhood Bible Study
celebrates one year anniversary.**



The Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship is a wonderful group that meets in a home in our neighborhood every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

On September 5th, we will have a special program to celebrate the first anniversary of NWBF. The following week, we will resume our study of "The Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer. As thoughts always proceed deeds, it is important that we get rid of any "stinking thinking" and learn to think and act as God would have us think and act.

**If you know of a widow who would be interested in joining us please let me know. Call 757-515-8194. Please leave a voicemail if I do not answer.
Joyce Thompson**

He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalms 37:4



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

9/16 Joyce Thompson 9/25 Vic Supper
 9/24 Phyllis Day

Anniversaries

9/17 Greg and Kathy Dziagwa



Remember in Prayer



Home: Maria Davidson and her son, Leslee, members of our church family who are at home.

Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

Those who have lost family or friends.

Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions through their cabinet meetings and conferences

For Peace throughout the world

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, September 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

Kevin and Melissa Floyd

Communion Servers

Kevin and Michele Floyd

Counters

9/1	G. Dziagwa, sub
9/8	D. Supper, B. Bunch
9/15	M. Hanson; G. Albertson
9/22	K. Floyd, D. Willis
9/29	G. Dziagwa, sub



Lawn Maintenance



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

Trash—Guy Willis, II

Team 1—Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch

Team 2—Dewey Hanson

Team 3— Kevin and John Floyd

Calendar Highlights

Thompson Bible Study—
 9/5;9/12;9/19;9/26—10 AM

Potluck Meal—9/8 following the 11 am service

Finance/Admin. Board—6:30 PM 9/17

Helping Hands Mtg- 9/24—10 AM

Choir rehearsals 9/4; 9/11; 9/18—6 PM



A Message from Your Treasurer:

Dear Aldersgate Family,
I hope this message finds you well. As your treasurer, I wanted to share some important updates regarding our finances.



During the month of July, our donations exceeded expenses by \$2,855.33
- Thank you for your continuing support.

Our church has several upcoming HVAC expenses to include: replacement of two systems at a cost of \$9,800 each and one system with a compressor replacement at a cost of \$3,720. Additionally, there's a leak in the roof, and that will require \$2,940 to repair. The outside office brick steps still require attention but estimates for those repairs have not yet been pursued.

The Trustees, Finance Committee and Church Council met and authorized the HVAC replacement/repairs with the cost coming from the Memorial Fund. The roof repair will be accomplished at a later date as the HVAC repairs are priority.

As a result of these expenditures, the church will be launching a "Capital Campaign" to offset these costs and to restore those funds back into the Memorial Fund.

Your continued financial support is crucial. Please remain vigilant in your giving, and keep our church in your prayers. Together, we can ensure Aldersgate thrives.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment.

Blessings,
Kathy Dziagwa
Aldersgate UMC Treasurer

Financial Stats for July 2024:

Income: \$13,582.27
Expenses: \$10,726.94
Difference: \$ 2,855.33
Remaining Balance: \$ 5,867.09

Year to Date Income/ Expenses:

Income: \$ 90,041.48
Expenses: \$ 86,654.89
Difference: \$ 3,386.59

Dedicated Offerings:

Communion \$ 10.00
Missions \$ 150.00



Why???

How would you respond if someone asked you "Do they make you go to church?"

A few weeks ago, while I was getting ready for church, my teen grandson asked me this very question.

My quick answer was, "if that was so, everyone would be in a pew". I then thought about it and after a few puzzling looks from my grandson, responded differently.

I told him that most folks go to church each Sunday because they want to—not because they have to. Having a relationship with God instills in us a desire to spend time with him. We look to Sunday service as a renewal of faith, hope and comfort. He asked "do they get mad if you don't go?" I said, "No, they will let you know you were missed but everyone misses a Sunday or two."

Many Sundays I am sure we all would like to stay in our beds and miss church but for most of us getting ready for service is second nature. I personally don't feel it is Sunday if I don't go to church.

The next time an inquisitive teen asks why you go to church—think about your answer. The answer you give may be an influence on the rest of their life.

JR

