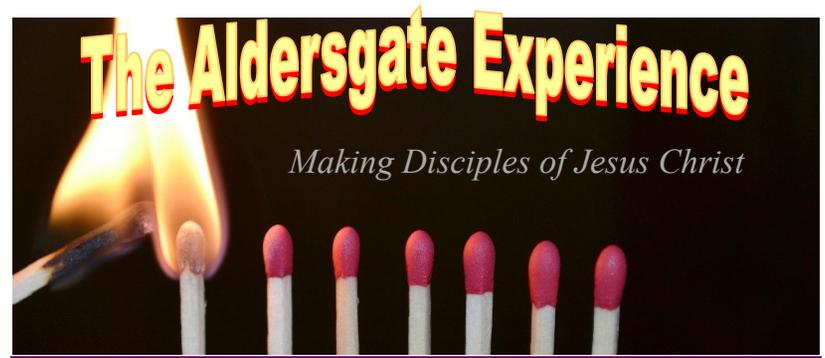


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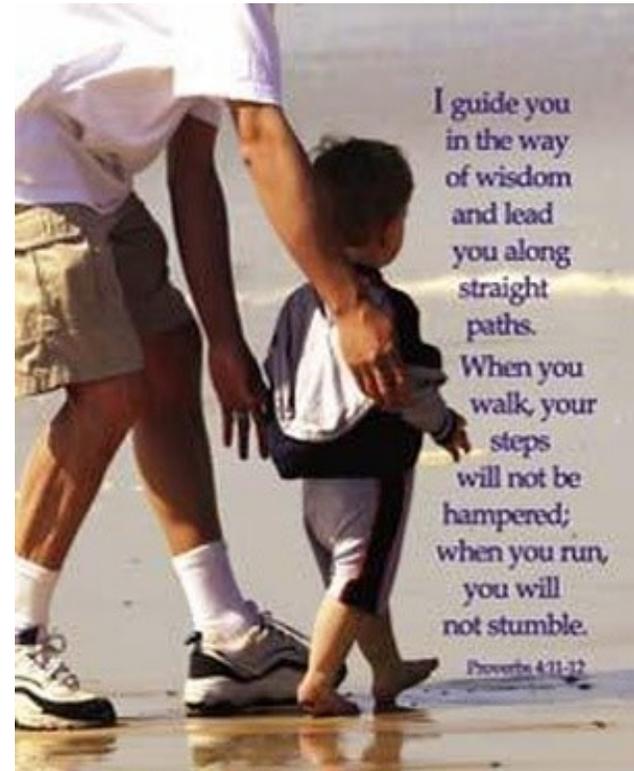


# The Aldersgate Experience

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*A Father's words to his children...  
We are all God's children*



## A Father's Day Prayer of Hope

Dear God,

We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real.

We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them.

Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way.

We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong and to say "yes" to what is right.

We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives.

We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you.

May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

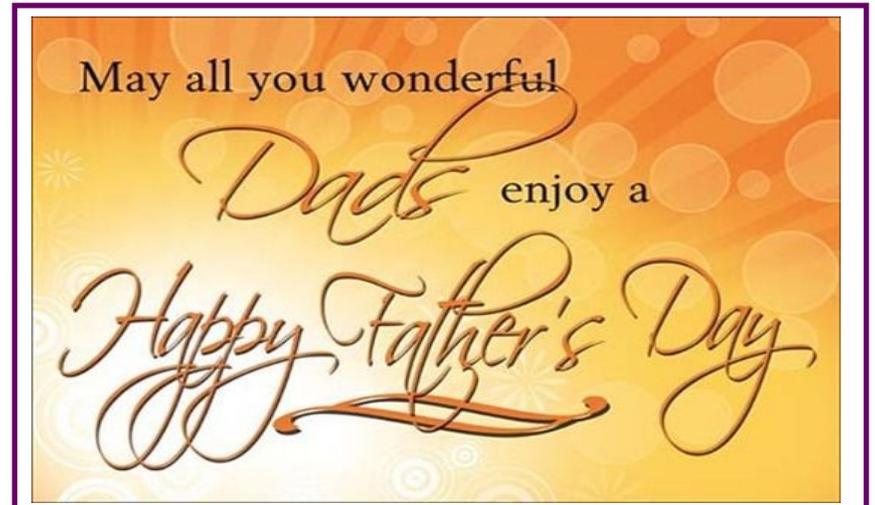
Thank you God, that your Word is true.

We hold fast to you today; we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth.

We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM—Friday

Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM  
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

**What you need:**

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

**What you do:**

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



# A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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✝	R	H	L
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“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the  
 Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you  
 will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem,  
 and in all Judea and Samaria,  
 and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 5th—Don't forget to wear something RED

### Pastor's Message A Father's Day Prayer

Info on New D.S. for our district

Annual Conference date set

This month's ministries and volunteers

And much more!



Congratulations to

**Melissa Floyd** who graduated this Spring from ODU with a degree in Finance.



**Hunter Hogwood** will be graduating from Hickory High School in June. He will be attending Christopher Newport University in the Fall.

Phyllis Day's granddaughter, **Kathryn Day**, graduated from JMU with an Undergrad degree in Business. She was the co-valedictorian. Plans are to continue on for her Masters Degree.

Congratulations also go out to our Minister of Music, **Dr. Christina Pinkston** on receiving her Associate Professorship and Tenure at Norfolk State University.



Special congratulations are sent to **Guy Willis, III** and Alex. They are officially engaged to be married. Congrats to Diane and Guy on this up-coming special event.

Christian sympathies are extended to **Dr. Christina** on the loss of her two uncles in the same weekend: Gregory Thomas and Henry Christian. Uncle Gregory was 90. Uncle Henry was 89.



Christian sympathies are also extended to **Beverly Cooper** for the loss of her family member on Mother's Day.



Thanks to the volunteers from the Easter Egg Hunt—all bags left were graciously donated to the children of **Cooke Elementary**. The group that regularly ministers to the children and adults of this mission really enjoyed the smiles on their faces as they checked out the candy and small trinkets.

Thanks for all of the prayers and well wishes during my recent eye surgery and recovery. I am so blessed to be a member of Aldersgate's church family. **Joyce R.**



Ok Kids, you colored a picture for you Mom—it is only fair to do one for your favorite dad person....



Volunteers Needed:

All God's Children Camp is happening and we need your help! We still need 8 more mentors for each week of camp:

June 19-June 24 Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area)

July 24-July 29 Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore)

August 14-August 19 Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area)

If interested check out conference Website.



The Choir will be taking a well deserved rest this month. Dr. Christina will be away. We offer her safe travels and a speedy return.



Mark your calendars now to join us on

Saturday, August 13th  
(will be here before you know it)

to pack food for Rise Against Hunger. Make sure to check your bulletins and emails for more information as to time, etc.

Thanks to those who have already donated to this special cause but more funds are needed. Make checks (or cash) donations out to Aldersgate UMC and note Rise Against Hunger on the envelope..

thanks again, Gary Albertson, Chair



### New D.S. coming to Elizabeth River District

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis is pleased to announce one new District Superintendent (DS) appointment effective July 1, 2022.

The Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks, Ph.D., currently serving as the lead pastor at Franktown UMC on the Eastern Shore District, will be the new District Superintendent of the Elizabeth River and Eastern Shore. She will replace the Rev. Seonyoung Kim who has served as a District Superintendent for the last eight years in the Virginia Conference. We wish Rev. Kim the best as she continues her ministry.

A Richmond native, Dr. Brooks graduated from Duke University Divinity School and Oklahoma State University and has served churches and campus ministries in Oklahoma and Virginia. She has a passion for preaching, mission, and African American history. She has published several articles and authored two books in 2021. Please join Bishop Lewis in welcoming Dr. Brooks to the Virginia Annual Conference Cabinet





## Birthdays

6/6	Diane Willis	6/26	Dr. Christina Pinkston
6/10	Melissa Floyd	6/29	Bella Hanson

## Anniversaries

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



## Remember in Prayer

Home: Ben Hogwood,

Any of our church family who are at home and still not able to attend worship in-person

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

Those who have lost family or friends.

The United Methodist church international; Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions with our safely in mind.

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

## Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, 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....



## Ushers

Debbie Supper and Steve Carter

## Counters

6/5	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
6/12	Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
6/19	Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
6/26	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
7/3	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



## Lawn Maintenance

6/6	Team 1
6/13	Team 2
6/20	Team 3
6/27	Team 1
7/4	Team 2

## Calendar Highlights

**NO** 6 PM Choir Rehearsals for June

6/5	Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday Noon—CRT Meeting
6/7	7 PM Eliz. Park Civic League
6/08	7 PM Appalachian Trail Club Meeting
6/13	7 PM RFS/WM/EP Civic League
6/16	6:30 PM Healthy Journey Virginia Annual Conference 6/16-6/18





## 2022 Virginia Annual Conference

240th session of the Virginia Annual Conference in-person at

Hampton Coliseum Convention Center,  
Hampton Virginia,

June 16-18, 2022.

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### Heavenly and Earthly Fathers??

This month we will celebrate two important days in the life of the church and the family: Pentecost (6/5) and Father's Day (6/19).

Pentecost marks the beginning of the church. It occurs the 50th day after Easter. It is an interfaith festival celebrated by Catholics, Protestants, Jews and the Church of God. How appropriate that the two are observed in the same month -most of the time). Ponder on that fact that when Jesus ascended into heaven for the final time—he said he would never leave us. He would be with us always. He kept his word when the Holy Spirit was sent down to be with us on that memorable day. (don't forget to wear something red on Sunday, June 5th, We wear RED to remind us of the fire of the Spirt —)

Father's Day does not get as much attention as Mother's Day but it is just as important. Everyone has an earthly father, whether biological or a father figure, upon whom we can depend on. One who guides us spiritually, physically and morally. We also have a Heavenly Father who will never desert you, He is always there. He guides our daily lives, He comforts us when things go awry, He loves unconditionally and is only a prayer away.

In these trying times we can all be comforted in knowing that we are never *truly* alone. Our earthly father, whether the one we call Dad, a guardian, mentor, or someone who serves as a guide in our life, we rejoice.

Men of Aldersgate and others in our lives, we honor you today and join with you in celebrating the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) who gives us life, hope, wisdom, and truth.

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