



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 5767 Sellger Drive
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FRIENDS

FAMILY

**COMMUNITY
FUN DAY**

**LOTS OF FOOD,
GAMES AND
FELLOWSHIP**

COMMUNITY

OUTREACH



“Ghost-Busting Disciple-Makers”



As a teenager, I remember sneaking into this empty mansion that everyone said was haunted. They had a large doggy door you could crawl through to get inside. It was dark, dusty, and darn right scary. I didn't see any ghosts, but I was certain they were lurking there, waiting to walk up behind me and yell, “*BOO!*”

The thought of being a disciple-maker can be a lot like walking through a haunted mansion. It can seem scary...but it doesn't have to be. Think of it as just helping someone move forward on their spiritual journey. Wherever you are on your own journey, there's someone who's walking up behind you. No, it is not a ghost trying to scare you. It is someone who needs direction and who needs encouragement. It is really not scary to invite someone to be a traveling companion on this spiritual journey. We all need acceptance, support, and friendly advice to help us along.

So who are you discipling? Can you name someone you are investing a little time with to help them move forward? Maybe it is someone in your small group, or someone you just hang out with. All Christ-followers are called to make disciples. It not only helps those being disciplined, but those who are doing the discipling. When people become Christ-followers, it should not be long before they begin discipling others. If you cannot name someone you are presently discipling, maybe you need to do some “ghost-busting”. Discover that being a disciple-maker is not so scary. Join others who can say, “*I ain't 'fraid of no ghosts!*” Discover the joy of investing a little time helping others grow in their faith. It is a blessing to them, to you, to the church, and to the Kingdom of God. *So, who you gonna' call?*

Pastor Lee



Special thank you for all of the donations of school supplies for the children and teachers of Poplar Halls Elementary School.

The snacks were also a very welcomed gift. It doesn't take much to put a smile on someone's face and Aldersgate members know how to do it right.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

The Aldersgate Experience

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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District Superintendent...Rev. Wayne Snead
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...11 AM
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM



Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	O	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____ through _____ ; _____ and _____ came _____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

A Celebration of Service

Joyce Russo has served as Aldersgate's Administrative Assistant for 20 years. On September 10th, Joyce was honored for her service. Her dedication, heart, and hard work is recognized by many. Pastor Lee commented how he greatly values her knowledge, skills, and experience that keeps the office running like a well-oiled machine.

Thank you Joyce for your service of excellence. It makes a significant difference to many.



In this issue - check out the following:

- Kids Worship Team rehearsals
- Sign up your Corn-hole Team
- All Saints Day Celebration
- Trunk or Treat
- Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- More pics from Community Fun Day

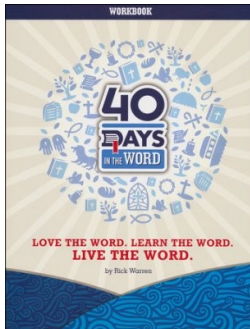


My Heart Small Group Fall Update

40 Days in the Word

My Heart Small Group continues to meet each Thursday at 7pm in the social hall. We have begun *40 Days in the Word* by Rick Warren. Reading inductively select Bible books and passages, together we are learning tools to help utilize more of God's word in our daily lives as we reach out to those who do not know Jesus. We still have room if you want to join us!

Contact: Cindy Crosby (757) 461-3201.



Pronounce It!
Picture It!
Probe It!
Paraphrase It!
Personalize It!
Pray It!



How to Structure Your Church for Evangelism
Featuring: Jacob Armstrong

Thursday, October 19, 2017/ 9:00-3:00PM*

*Please plan to arrive by 8:30 AM for Registration, the event will begin promptly at 9

Francis Asbury UMC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Everyone who has a heart and desire for reaching people who feel disconnected to God. Bring a team from your church who want to learn about and participate in adaptive change. CEU: .5 Lunch Provided

Event Cost: \$35.00 per person - Registration Deadline 10/6
 Group pricing discounts are available.

Who's who at Aldersgate



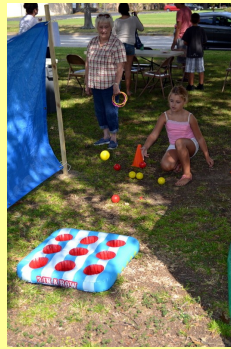
In January our new church leaders will take office. A complete listing will be in the December newsletter. -

Trustees: Ben Hogwood, Neal Windley, Greg Dziagwa, Randy Thrasher, Vic Supper, John Floyd, Cynthia Stanley, Jim Powers and Guy Willis II.

Staff Parish: Kathy Dziagwa, Michele Floyd, Neal Windley, Lucinda Williams, Guy Willis II, Jamie Washington, and Kathleen O'Hara.

Church Council: Neal Windley, Gary Albertson, Kathy Dziagwa, Greg Dziagwa, Millie Hanson, Beverly Cooper, Lucinda Williams, Cindy Albertson, Cindy Crosby and John Floyd

Community Fun Day Pics



**A good time
was had by
all !**

**CRT
and
Kidz
Team**



**The Care Response
Team** will meet on
Sunday 8 October, at
4pm. We are
continuing to follow
up with those in
need.



**The Kidz Worship Team begins rehearsals on
8 October at 10:00 in the music room. Come
ready to have fun, listen to music and talk
about new selections for the seasons!**

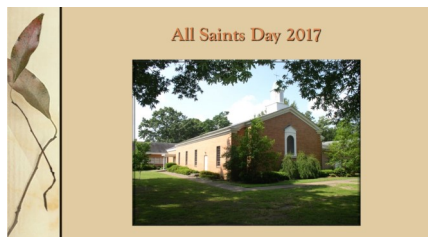


Tuesday,
October 31, 2017
6-8 PM

A community event that Aldersgate began several years ago. The church members enjoy decorating their vehicles, dressing up in costumes for the kids and especially handing out the goodies.

Come and join in the fellowship --bring your children - grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors. This is a safe way for the children of our area to spend the Halloween evening.

Contact Barbara Harrell if you wish to donate individually wrapped bags of candy for this event.



Sunday, November 5th
11 AM Worship Service

Traditionally a video presentation is shown to remember those in our church family who have passed away. If you have a family member who passed away since Nov. 2016 and would like to have their picture included - please see Greg Dziagwa or email him at <mmcmdz@cox.net>

Two Ways to Help Harvey Families through UMCOR

Give financially online at this website given by the Elizabeth District Office:

https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=901670

Or write a check to UMCOR and note the memo line:
UMCOR Advance special #901670

If you want to participate in an UM Early Response Team trip to the area affected you need to take the Early Response Team Class. Please contact Kirk Culpepper at (757) 434-0078.

R. Kirk Culpepper, Phone (757) 434-0078



What's happening in our churches around the district

Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth is selling Pecans - Cost is \$11 per bag or you can purchase a case of 24 bags for \$264. Contact Madise Anderson at 757-399-0541



Norview UMC is in need of Mens clothing for their clothes closet. Items needed are: pants, shirts, socks, winter coats, back packs or any other items usable by men. The closet is open Tue. -Thurs. 10 AM-2 Or you may leave items at the back door.

Wesley Grace UMC in Norfolk is hosting their annual "Fall Pancake Festival" Saturday 10/7 7AM - 3 PM - besides their famous pancake breakfast there will be Hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade soup, bake sale, toy shop and yard sale.

Just a few of the events you can enjoy this fall season.



**Saturday
October 28th
11:30—until
Aldersgate Church**

Corn-hole Tournament and Picnic

Its that time again!
Hotdogs and other
protein foodies will be
provided, please bring a
side dish or dessert to
share. A fire-pit,
marshmallows and fun
will be served too! **Get
your team together** and
watch for updates!

Bring most of all -
your smile and a friend—
also your lawn chair, your sunscreen, your camera!

Helpers needed: Sign up on a “connection card” or
call or email crosby10@verizon.net or 757 461-
3201.

Rain date: 4 Nov



News from the Pews

A thousand thanks

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for the
great anniversary celebration you gave me. The
cake was beautiful, the fellowship divine and the
love was over-flowing. I look forward to many
more years of serving as you secretary.

Hugs
Joyce Russo



Christian sympathies are extended to Farrell and
Barbara Harrell on the loss of two family members in
early September.

If you have any information on our church family members and
they would like the church know - please contact the church
office.

We do not print any information without the person(s) or
family's permission. Remember - there is ***power in prayer.***



Spiritual Gifts Workshop (Sun.) Oct. 22 at 3 pm In the Social Hall

This workshop is for anyone interested in
discovering their spiritual gifts.

God gives one or more special abilities to every Christ-follower
to help others in their spiritual growth.

The workshop will offer an assessment to help you discover
yours. To register, contact Pastor Lee by phone, 466-8999 or
email: leecrosby@vaumc.org, or complete a *Connection Care
Card* in your Sunday worship bulletin.



**Aldersgate UMC
Annual**

Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, Oct. 14th
5-6:30 PM**

Featuring

Homemade Italian Spaghetti Sauce

Fresh Garden Salad

Fresh Italian Bread

**Tickets: Adults \$9.00
Children (5-12) \$4.00**

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Sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Classes



Aldersgate Worship Choir

**October Worship Rehearsal
Schedule**

4, 11, 18, 25 October, 6:30 Wed.



- ⇒ The music team is learning new praise music and special selections every week. The goal is to teach the congregation 2-3 new songs a month. Some of these have included recently: Ancient of Days, Jesus Messiah, Hear Our Praises.
- ⇒ We are beginning to learn Christmas music to enhance the worship during the Advent season.



We are on a journey to glorify God through music, if you are interested in joining the team please feel free to contact Cindy 757-461-3201 or stop by on a Wednesday night. We still have room for vocalists and musicians.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/7	Barbara Harrell	10/10	Randy Hogwood
	Oliver (Farrell) Harrell	10/19	Bob Repass
	Chas Hulock	10/24	Bob Dziagwa
10/8	Jane Jones	10/27	Carolyn Powers



10/16	Vernon and Hazel Williams
10/20	Lee and Cindy Crosby

Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Bonnie Savage, Marie Barker

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgett
Sentara Village S.—Shirley Henley
Georgian Nursing Facility--Billy Thrasher

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, October 15th

You do not have to wait for the deadline to submit your information you can email it anytime during the month, or just call the church office



Ushers

Bill Bunch, Kathleen O'Hara

Counters

10/1	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
10/8	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
10/15	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
10/22	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
10/29	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



Lawn Maintenance

10/2	Team 3
10/9	Team 1
10/16	Team 2
10/23	Team 3
10/30	Team 1

Notes: Calendar Highlights

10/1	Communion Sunday and Conclusion of Special Sermon Series on World Religions 3 PM Outreach Team Meeting	
10/14	5-6:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
10/22	3 PM	Spiritual Gifts Workshop
10/24	10 AM	Helping Hands Group
10/28	11:30 AM	Corn Hole Tournament (rain date 11/4)
10/31	6-8 PM	Trunk or Treat



Monthly regular events are: 6:30 PM Wednesday- Worship Choir Rehearsal and 7 PM Thursday - Small Group Study