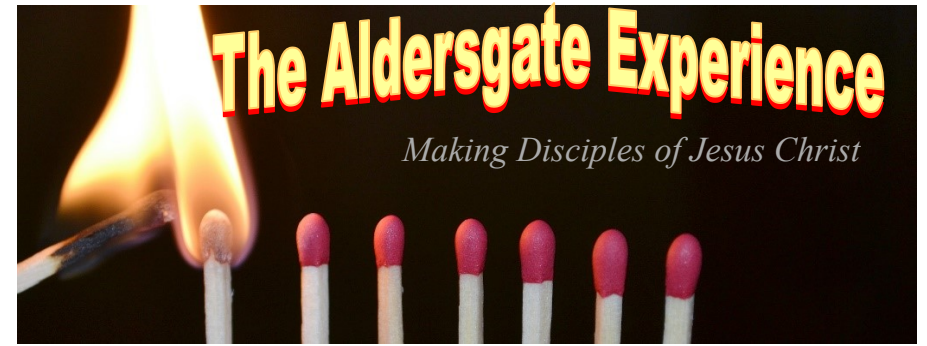


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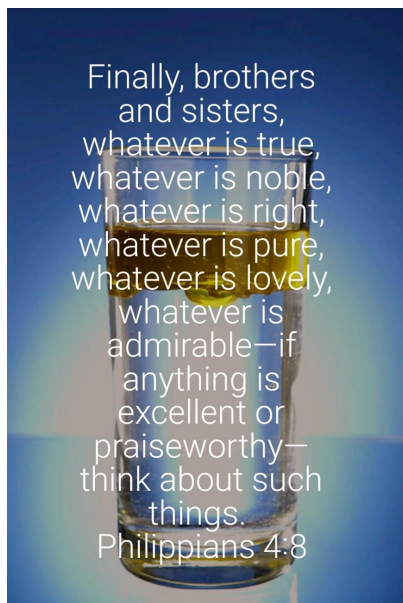


God has given us a blueprint on how we should think, speak, act and live. From God's perspective, there are certain things that simply do not go together. For example - Oil & Water: it doesn't matter how long one is with the other, these two properties will always be separate.

Paul is telling us in verse seven that for us to receive God's peace that passes all human understanding, we must turn our hearts and minds to this scripture above. We are to let go of negative, erroneous, prideful, selfish and stinking thinking that exists within us. We cannot expect to receive God's peace and still harbor these spiritual hindrances at the same time; these do not go together.

If you feel challenged in some way, then let go of these burdens, give them to the Lord. Also, please forgive the individual(s) that you believe has wronged you so that God blesses you with the peace and love of Christ. Have a great day in the Lord today, and everyday! And be blessed, to be a blessing to others!

Pastor B



Music Director Needed

If you know someone who is musically talented, can play an instrument or would like to sing. Please contact our Pastor Parish Chair, Michele Floyd.



The Aldersgate Experience

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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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District Superintendent...Rev. Seonyoung Kim
Pastor..... Rev. Bertrand Griffin, II
Lay Leader..... Kathleen O'Hara
Music Director.....vacant
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

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



FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader—and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_on't let any _ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_
 you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers
 in spec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

ANSWER D,O,L,K,N,B,E,A,G,M,I,H,C,F,P



Pastor Bert would like to get to know you better. He has suggested small group gatherings. If you would like to schedule a time and place for one of these gatherings, please call him at 757-466-8999

(Tuesday-Thursday am) or email him at pastor@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com

Issue in Focus

New Pastor's Message

Lay Ministry for the month

News from the Pews— updates on our church family

Updated directories and 6 month financial statement info.

Charge conference set up scheduled

Lay Speaker Workshops registration

And a whole lot more!



Have you ever thought about it???

Growing up in the church I have always heard the adage “God doesn’t give you any more than you can handle”, however God does have a sense of humor I think. When I feel that I need reassurance in dealing with something in my life I fall back on this adage.

Recently, I was reading the Parade Magazine in our local paper there was an ad for this beautiful porcelain angel. On her long, flowing gown was written,

“God does not give you what you can handle; God helps you handle what you are given”

It made me stop and wonder...is this more to the point, is the old adage getting a make over? What do you think?

As we continue to try to find a new “normal” in our lives which one will you remember the next time things get over-whelming for you. God will not give me more than I can handle or He will help me handle what I have been given.

My conclusion is both for me. I know that He is always there and will help me get through any event that pops up.

Think about it!

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Can You Believe It!

We are over 6 months into this year!

Contribution Statements for the first 6 months are now available from the church office. If you would like one please contact me and I will see you get it.



Updated Directories Available

Digital and hardcopy member directories are available. Call or email the church office if you would like one.

Thanks Joyce





Facebook Postings

Permission Needed

In order to make more information available on the church's Facebook page we will soon begin to post pictures of events and services.

The church's facebook page is a PUBLIC page which can be viewed by anyone. Unlike your personal page which is only viewed by your private settings.

According to publications rulings from Facebook before we can post photos or images we will need to make sure we have legal or social permission to do so. Some types of images requires written permission. All individuals under the age of 18 must have parental consent for any publications.

Please let the church office know if you would NOT like your photo posted to our page. We will keep a record of who does or DOES NOT want their pictures on line.

Thanks, Joyce

It's back!!!

If you ever want to put a scare into a church secretary just mention the words
“Charge Conference time is here!”

Guess what! It is back. All district secretaries, pastors and many lay persons are asked to attend our annual Charge Conference set-up meeting the last Tuesday in August. With a number of new pastors on the district and a new DS it will be very interesting to see if there are a lot of changes.

As it was last year, we will attend by Zoom. Hopefully we will be able to have in-person conferences.

Committee leaders please be on the look out for updates on when your reports will be due, when the actual meeting will be and if it is in person or on Zoom.

Thanks to our auditors we are already one step ahead, the audit has been completed (thanks Sherry and Kathy).



2021 Lay Servant Academy (on-line)
Saturday, August 21st
9 AM—4 PM



Both full day and 1/2 day course offerings.

Come join us for Lay Servant Academy Online Training Day:

NEW THIS YEAR: Both full-day and half-day course offerings! All courses are designed for equipping laity for the work and mission of each person’s calling. Instructors for each course include both clergy and laity who are ready to give practical and relevant resources that will be useful in various ministry areas. Lay Servant Academy is for all of the Virginia Conference Laity who feel called to ministry or who currently serve the church and would like to grow in their servant leadership.

Click here to view the course descriptions and other information (pdf)

Register at this link: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=623870&>

For more information or for questions, you may contact Tianna Durbin, *Director of Lay Servant Academy*
TiannaD@arcolachurch.org.

Basic Course (*10-hour course*)
Course Instructor: Richard Speirs
Full Day Course: 8:45AM-4:00PM

Serving 101—Missional Leadership (*10-hour course*)
Course Instructor: RJ Jun
Full Day Course: 8:45AM-4:00PM

And many other courses available

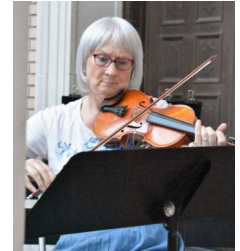


Hymns on the Porch!

531 Raleigh Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia 23507
Phone: 757.622.2843
Website: ghentumc.org

We will gather Wednesday night, August 18th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on our beautiful front porch overlooking Stockley Gardens.

You bring your camp chairs, your water, your voices, and musical instruments, if you have them. We provide hymnals/ sheet music and fans to keep you cool.



We will sing old standards and some new hymns and songs, too. We will sing tunes from Wales and the Welsh traditions.

For more information, please email Nellwyn Beamon at music@ghentumc.org
*COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Our fully vaccinated guests do not have to wear a mask; everyone else must wear masks that are well-fitted. 6 feet of physical distancing must be maintained by everyone, except for those who are in the same household group. Hugs and handshakes are not allowed. All are required to stay home when sick, and we ask everyone to self-check in at each entrance with our health acknowledgment poster. Mitigation measures, such as wearing a mask, may be reinstated if there is a surge in the positivity rate.

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Piano Recital at Heritage United Methodist Church Saturday, September 11, 2021 3PM

The Classics, Show Tunes, Hymns of Faith and a Touch of Christmas.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Congratulations to new parents, John and Brittany Floyd on the birth of their little girl, Saige Victoria. Grandparents, Kevin and Michele and Auntie Melissa are floating on air.

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to Max Ballantyne, grandson of Claudia Ganaden, on his High School graduation from Deep Creek HS. Max will be attending VCU in the fall. Way to go Max!

We congratulate all of our graduates no matter if it is pre-k or college. A great job by all.

Christian sympathies for my family as we have had another death. Joyce Russo

As most of you know, I have a grandson who has Muscular Dystrophy (Duchennes). He is totally wheel chair bound now and we are in need of a ramp for our home. Here is a picture of what may be feasible. If you know of someone who could give us some advice on how to do this, please call me at the church office. Thanks Joyce



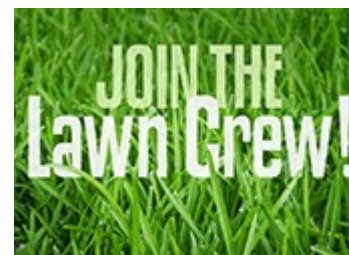
As a result of the pandemic and other events, our church is in need of a few volunteers to fill some important positions.

One very important need is a “Kitchen Manager”. We can not do any cooking in our kitchen for our community dinners, church functions or receptions with out this person. If you might be interested or have any questions, please call the church office or see Neal Windley. Health Department classes are required.

Food handlers are needed also. Our members’ certifications have expired.



If you love the outdoors??? You can join one of the lawn care teams. We need a few new bodies there too!



Birthdays



8/10 Randy Thrasher
8/11 Linda Roberson

8/17 Guy Willis, II
8/21 Neal Windley



Ushers

Phyllis Day, Debbie Supper

Anniversaries



No anniversaries for this month

Remember in Prayer

Home: Cassandra Lewis, Chelsie Richburg
Aaron Russo, John Russell, Bonnie Savage,
Barbara Jenkins



PRAYER MINISTRY

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 safety 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
Sunday, August 15th
for the September 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....

Counters

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



Lawn Maintenance



8/2 Team 1
8/9 Team 2
8/16 Team 3
8/23 Team 1
8/30 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

8/15 Newsletter Deadline for
September Issue





District Conference on
Sunday,
August 29th
at 3:30 PM

Conference will be a zoom meeting.

If you are a district delegate, please
check your emails for registration
information or contact the District Office

Heavenly
Humor



A Note of Thanks

Church family, we just can’t thank you all
enough for the lovely parting gifts to us.

The whole service was wonderful, the video, the
certificates and the signing just beautifully
done. We read each card together and cherish all
the kind sentiments you wrote.

We will dearly miss our church family at
Aldersgate. You have been so loving, kind,
generous and Christ-centered since the first day
we arrived.

Many many blessings to each one and God keep
you until we meet again.

In Christ Love, Pastor Lee and Cindy



Since the July newsletter published before Pas-
tor Lee and Cindy’s last Sunday here is the link
for viewing the farewell service

<https://youtu.be/zxjnl9SrnH8> Farewell