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# The Aldersgate Experience

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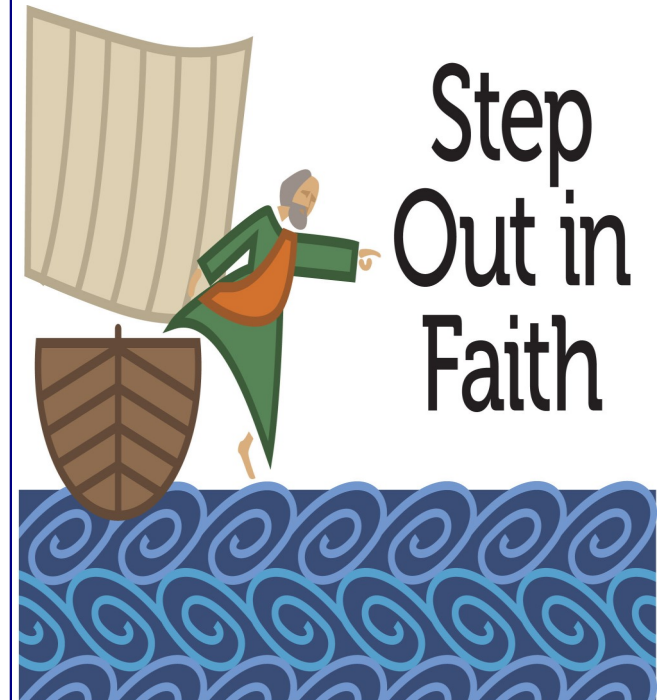
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**Invite a stranger to church**

August  
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## ***“Living Water”***

A few years ago, I went on a mission trip to Haiti. Two members of our team were RN's who worked in a clinic there. One day, a mother carried in her young child that was too weak to walk. He was dangerously dehydrated. The nurses could not get him to drink and they could not get an IV in his veins. The situation looked grim. But then we got together and prayed over him. Within ten minutes, he began to drink juice and eat some fruit. For an hour or two, he was being held in the arms of one of the RN's who slowly gave him more juice and fruit. The boy soon became strong enough to walk on his own two feet. We watched his mother take him by the hand as they walked home together.

What we were unable to do in our own strength, God showed up, and we witnessed a miracle. It is a great reminder of what God has done for all of us. Sin had dehydrated our souls. And we realize we are unable to do anything about it. Our circumstances were grim. But when we cried out to God for help, he came to our rescue. Jesus came into our world, and into our lives; and he filled our parched souls with living water. What a great God we serve! May the Good News of Jesus Christ always fill our lives with living water like an eternal spring. And may we therefore be a fountain of living water to others wherever our paths may cross.

**In His Grip,  
*Pastor Lee***



### **Welcome Reception for Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby**

**A welcome reception for our new pastor and his family was held on Sunday, July 17th immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service.**

**The food was plentiful and the fellowship was divine.**

**Pastor Lee we welcome you and your wife, Cindy to the family of Aldersgate.**



**May your time with us be a  
productive ministry for all.**

District Superintendent..... Rev. M. Wayne Snead  
Pastor..... Rev. Lee Crosby  
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper  
Music Director..... Cindy Crosby  
Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Worship Service...11 AM  
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM





## Charge Conference Time is Here!

Pastors and Secretaries of the district will be attending the annual Charge Conference set-up training on Wednesday, 8/24, at 10 AM. Please note that the office will be closed during that time.

**Virginia Beach UMC is having a "Senior Summer Camp" -  
Come to the Rock  
August 9-11- 8:30 am - Noon \$20.00 per person**

Some of the workshops offered will be The Basics of Golf; Chef Secrets for Seniors; A Gift of Art; Living Safely in a Dangerous World; Golden Age of Privacy; Scams and Schemes and How to avoid them and much, much more.

### VBS

Although summer is almost through there are still plenty of VBS's around the district for the children to attend

The Gathering at Scott Memorial - 409 1st Colonial Rd  
Cave Quest 8/8-12 9-11:30 AM

Heritage UMC - 815 Baker Road, 8/15-19 6 PM  
toddlers through middle school are welcome

A complete listing is available on the bulletin board across from the church office.



**Friday  
August 19th  
7 PM**

**Rock Church, Virginia Beach  
"An Evening with Casting Crowns"**



**Tickets available - See Cindy Crosby**



News from the Pews

## Updates on our family and friends in the congregation -

Christian sympathies are extended to

**Grace Mahone** and her family for the loss of her husband, father and grandfather, James Mahone.

The **Thrasher family** - Randy, Randolph Jr., Morgan and Taryn for the loss of their wife and mother, Tammy. She will be dearly missed.

Shirley Henley, Gary, Cindy and Nick Albertson for their loss of Earl Henley on 7/19/16. He will be missed by us all, especially the choir.

The family of Aldersgate has had a number of losses in the past month. Take a moment and pray for all of our members as this affects us all.



Directory updates:



Add the following numbers to your church directory

**Kathleen O'Hara - 757 461-5252**

**Bill Bunch - 757 461-2438**

**Pastor Lee and Cindy - 757-461-3201**

Email addresses: [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org)  
Cindy - [crosby10@verizon.net](mailto:crosby10@verizon.net)

**Billy Thrasher now resides at Georgian Manor, 651 Riverwalk Pkwy, Chesapeake VA..**

During the month of September we will be updating the directory/membership information. A sheet will be available in the Narthex for each family to complete.

If you have no changes - you do not have to fill one out. I will try to get a list together of which families need to complete the form.

Thanx





## Parsonage Update

If you didn't get a chance to see the parsonage, here's what was done as a part of the renovation



### Out with the old:

removed carpet/padding from 6 rooms/hall  
removed 3 bathroom vanities/sinks/medicine cabinets/light fixtures  
removed kitchen cabinets/sink/disposal  
removed vinyl flooring from foyer/kitchen/breakfast room  
removed island between family room and breakfast room  
removed wallpaper  
removed 6 outdated appliances  
removed rotted sub flooring in hall/master bedroom  
cleaned out attic  
pulled out/sprayed poison ivy!!

### In with the new:

laminated wood flooring in 7 rooms/foyer/hall  
vinyl flooring in kitchen  
6 new appliances  
replaced 5 broken ceiling fans  
replaced outdated smoke alarm  
kitchen cabinets  
3 bathroom vanities/sinks/mirrors/hardware/light fixtures  
6 light fixtures in foyer/dining room/halls/stairs/family room  
replaced sub flooring in hall/master  
painted entire interior/exterior (wood) of house  
power washed exterior of house/patio/sidewalks/driveway  
painted front and back porch railings/light post  
I'm sure I've missed some things, but you get the idea!

### Now, here's the financial info:

Expenses turned in for reimbursement:	\$ 13,758.67
Cash donations received:	\$ 13,500.00
deficit:	- \$ 258.67

DONATED SUPPLIES	\$ 8,405.00
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**So, we spent \$22,163 to do an almost COMPLETE renovation of the parsonage!** Through the LOVE, INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY, the blood (yes, there was some blood shed), sweat (lots!), muscle power, dedication of time, tools and knowledge we have a beautiful, safe, almost new parsonage!

Many were involved in a multitude of ways but I have to name a few...Vic Supper...he probably saved us \$10,000 in doing so much of the work! Neal Windley...the man in the "know"...and above all, GOD! The need was there, HE laid it on our hearts, provided the people and the money! GOD IS SO GOOD, ALL THE TIME!!

Blessings to all,  
Cynthia Stanley

# TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



### What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

### What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



# NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.*

What plants grow in ..... D I R \_\_\_\_\_

The opposite of play ..... W O \_\_\_\_\_ K

One-of-a-kind ..... N I Q U E

A hug and a ..... K I \_\_\_\_\_ S

Sour ..... T A R \_\_\_\_\_

To speak very loudly ..... Y E \_\_\_\_\_ L

Immediately ..... N \_\_\_\_\_ W

Bees live in a ..... H I \_\_\_\_\_ E

A dandelion is this ..... W \_\_\_\_\_ E D

I \_\_\_\_\_ in your unfailing \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed;  
I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV





Thank you so much for the "Going Away" reception for me after church on June 26th.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in preparing the reception. I enjoyed the reception and was touched by everyone's support as I venture to a new job. I will try to keep in touch, you may see me at the "Crab Pick" and "Game" Dinners!

Sincerely,  
Nancy (Redburn)

Thank you all for the delicious food and kindness during this difficult time. Thank you for honoring Jim's memory with your very meaningful tribute.

The Mahone Family

## Annual Conference Highlights

Imagine No Malaria Campaign surpassed its goal of saving over 100,000 lives - actual count 103,159.



Over \$14,000.00 was raised for the Bishops Foundation for Spiritual Leadership in Bishop Cho's name.

Cans 4 Conference collected 10,039 pound of food!

Total	Kits for Conference	
	Bedding	Aldersgate
	55	
	Birthing	
	2,634	
	Cleaning	
	303	
	Health	44
	29,625	
	Layette	15
	1,347	
	School	
	17,612	
	Sewing	
	359	



**Before  
and  
After**



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/10	Randy Thrasher	8/17	Guy Willis II
8/12	Pat Sauer	8/21	Norie Field
8/16	Ronald Field		Neal Windley



We currently have no anniversaries listed for the month of August. If your anniversary is in August we send best wishes. If you would like your anniversary listed - please contact the church office.

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Larkin and Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs, Owen Field,

The Ballentine—Ed Weddle  
Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette  
Sentara Village South—Shirley Henley  
Mila Home Care -- Jackie Wilkinson  
Sentara Rosemont Rd - Pat Sauer  
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.



## Altar Flowers

8/7	Communion - No Flowers
8/14	Sherry Williams
8/21	Neal and Marguerite Windley
8/28	Peggy Muse



## Ushers

Melissa Floyd and Sub

## Counters

8/7	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
8/14	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
8/21	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
8/28	Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood



## Lawn Maintenance



8/1	Team 2
8/8	Team 3
8/15	Team 1
8/22	Team 2
8/29	Team 3

## Suggested Scripture Readings

8/7	John 8:3-11
8/14	Mark 5:25-34
8/21	Acts 9:1-9
8/28	1 John 5:14-15



## Newsletter Deadline

Monday, August 15th at Noon





## Our school supply drive has gotten off to a great start!

Seems like the kids just got out of school for summer and yet, stores have begun their sales on school supplies. Each year we help support Poplar Hall Elementary by providing items for the children and teachers. So when you're out shopping pick up a few boxes of crayons, wide-ruled paper or notebooks, etc. and place them in the school display box located in the church narthex. The weekend of August 6-8 has been designated as TAX-FREE weekend for items costing under \$20.00.



Keep watch in your papers, on line and on the television for ads. Buy supplies, save money and bring the items to church.

### Poplar Hall Supply List for 2016-2017

Scissors  
12 pack # 2 Pencils  
Plastic Pocket Folders (2 pockets/3Prong) Colors:  
Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, and Purple  
Composition Books-Colors:  
Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, and Purple  
1 pack Dry Erase Markers- (low odor)  
Backpacks  
Boxes of Tissues  
Rulers cm/inches  
Highlighters-(various colors)  
Bottle Hand Sanitizer  
Colored pencils  
Quart size and gallon size zip-lock plastic bags

WIDE-Ruled Loose-leaf notebook paper  
Supply Bag or Box

24 Count Box of Crayons  
Bottles of White glue or Glue sticks  
Spiral Notebooks  
Index cards



### Food Basket Notes

We donated **166 lbs** of food to the local Food Bank in June.

The summer months are especially difficult for children. During the school year they receive nutritious meals provided (for free or at a nominal cost) at school but during the summer break that's not available. So your generosity is greatly appreciated especially at this time of year.

## Virginia Conference to get new bishop

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference met on July 13-14 and elected Rev. Sharma D. Lewis as the new bishop for Virginia.

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, the first African-American woman elected a bishop in the SE Jurisdiction, has been assigned to the Virginia Conference. She will begin her tenure on Sept. 1.

Rev. Sharma currently serves as District Superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District in the North Georgia Conference.



Bishop Cho will retire the end of August.



### Choir to go on vacation

**The Sanctuary Choir will be taking a short break during the month of August.**

**Choir takes Vacation!**

**They will be back in the pews again soon and ready to provide us with beautiful praises.**