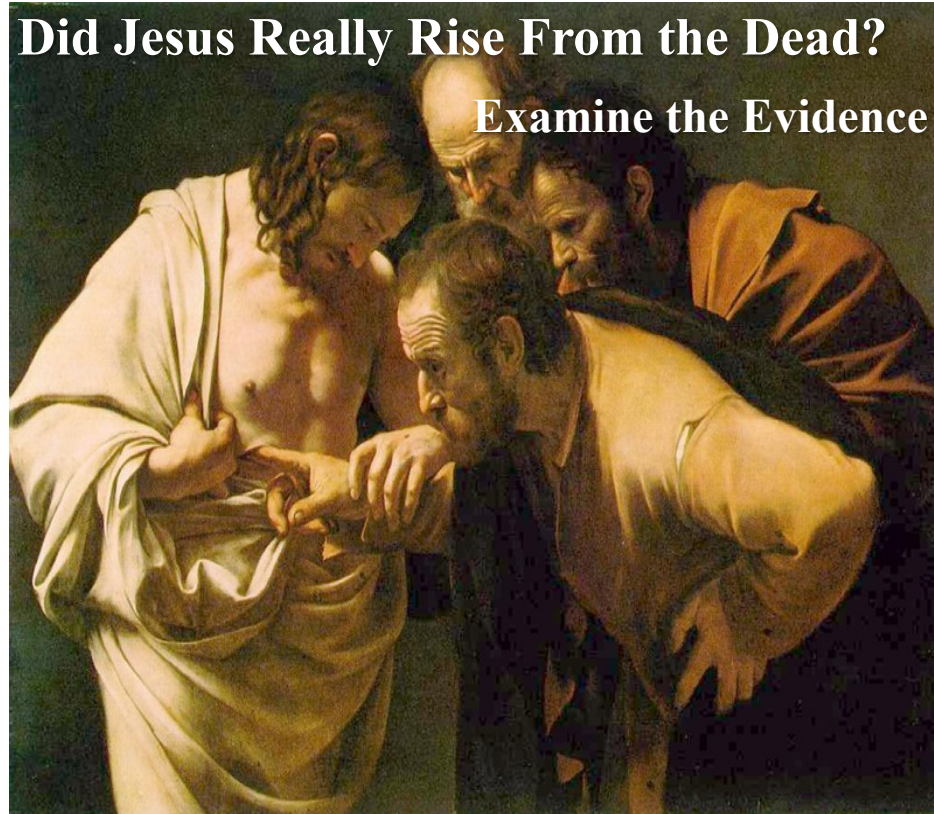




Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23502



Easter Sunday
11:00 AM



Is Our Faith Useless?

This year, Easter Sunday falls on April Fool's Day. What if the resurrection of Jesus was just an elaborate April Fool's joke? Then, we would be the fools. The Apostle Paul says that our faith would be useless.

(1 Corinthians 15:13-14) *If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*

This Easter Sunday, we will examine the evidence of the resurrection. Did Jesus really die, or was he just unconscious? Did he really rise from the dead, or did the apostles hide the body? These are questions many people have who are not yet followers of Jesus. Can you help them to discover the answers?

I encourage you to think of someone who might be wrestling with these questions. Invite them to Easter Sunday to examine the evidence of the resurrection. For two Sundays after Easter, we will continue to explore other questions. Is the Bible reliable? Is the Bible relevant today?

Who can you invite to hear the good news of Jesus? Don't miss the opportunity that God places before you. Begin today by praying and identifying someone to invite. Ask God to move in their hearts to accept the invitation. And invite them to come with you. Trust that God wants to work through YOU!

--Pastor Lee

In this issue - look for:

Our Pastor's Message
Ham and Cabbage Dinner Information
Easter Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt forms
Good Friday Service date and time and much more

HOMEMADE EASTER EGGS

4 Flavors 3 size choices -

Chocolate, Butter Cream, Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream



Small assortment (6 eggs) \$ 6.00

Large assortment (16 eggs) \$12.00

1/2 lb. Egg \$7.00 (can be personalized for \$1.00 extra)

See Joyce in the church office to place order -

Eggs are Hand made by the members of Heritage United Methodist Church. Deadline 4 orders is: TUESDAY, March 20

The Aldersgate Experience

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

5767 Sellger Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Phone: 757-466-8999 Fax: 757-466-8999

Parsonage: 757-461-3201

Email: joyce@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com

Web page: www.aldersgatenorfolk.org

"Like" us on Facebook

Bishop.....Rev. Sharma D. Lewis

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

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

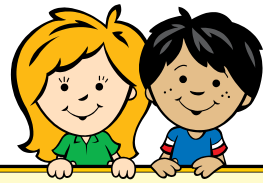
What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help

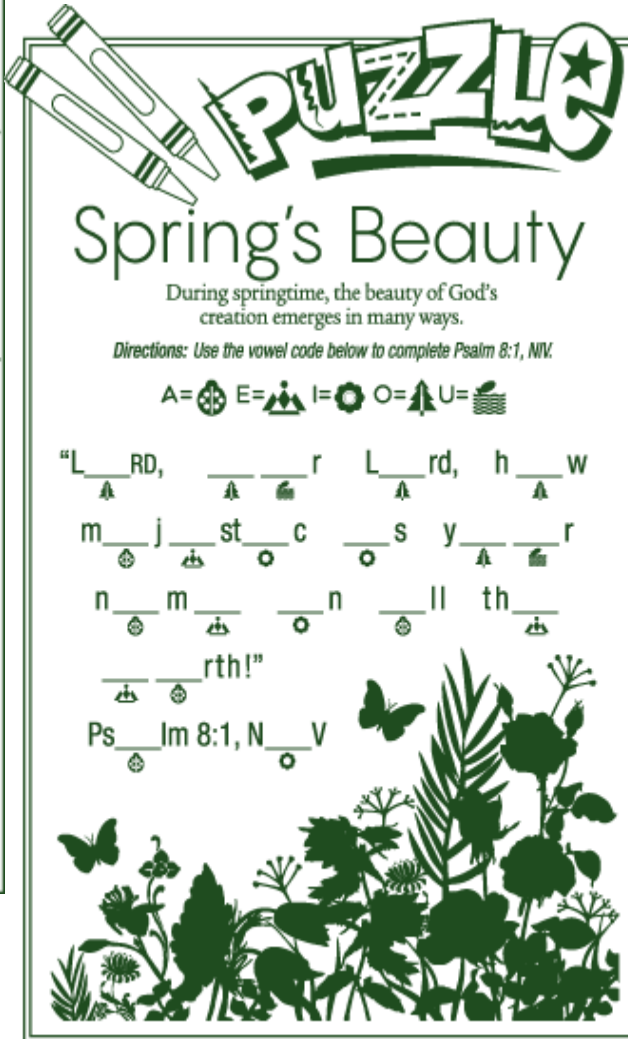


What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



KIDS PAGE



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Psalm 8:1, NIV

STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS



Good Friday, March 30th at 7 pm

Journey together as you experience the Stations of the Cross. It will begin in the upper room at the Passover Meal, and move through the Garden of Gethsemane. Stand before the judgment seat of Pilate, that leads to the cross, and then to the tomb. It's a pilgrimage you won't forget.

Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings Begins

**Saturday, March 10th
before going to bed**



Generosity... Aldersgate family definitely lives up to this

I would like to thank all of you for your donations of men's clothing for the Clothes closet at Heritage UMC and thanks to Claudia Ganaden and Lily Tipora for seeing that the donations were delivered. The response was overwhelming. I would also like to thank Cynthia Stanley and Linda Crabtree for the food donations for our pantry.

A special thanks to the Circle of Friends Sunday School Class for all of the study books you generously donated to our Bible Study Groups and Adult Sunday School Classes

Pastor Michelle Louk,
Heritage UMC



Winton Class Annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, March 17
5-6:30 PM



Menu: Ham and Cabbage, Jello Salad,
Green Beans, Oven-roasted Potatoes,
Corn Bread, Dinner Rolls and
assorted Desserts and Beverages

Tickets: Adults \$9.00
Children 4-10 \$4.50
Children under 4 - FREE



Thanks for making my job easier....

Since you have begun to use your newly numbered offering envelopes it has made inputting your donations a thing of joy. I just insert your number and your information automatically pops up and I just add the amount. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thanks to Greg Dziagwa for maintaining the church computers and for keeping them running in tip top shape. I know it took many hours to do the updates and scans.

A special thank you to my "valentine" and her surprise of a candy bouquet.

Joyce Russo



Heifer Project Animals Selected

The Children have chosen the animals for the Heifer Project

2 shares of a goat	\$ 20.00
honey bees	30.00
1 share chicks	20.00
1 share ducks/ geese	10.00
1 share pig	10.00
2 shares sheep	20.00
3 shares of rabbits	30.00

And 5.85 to use where needed total 145.85



thank all of you who helped with the heifer project by using the Aldersgate post office.

Barbara Harrell

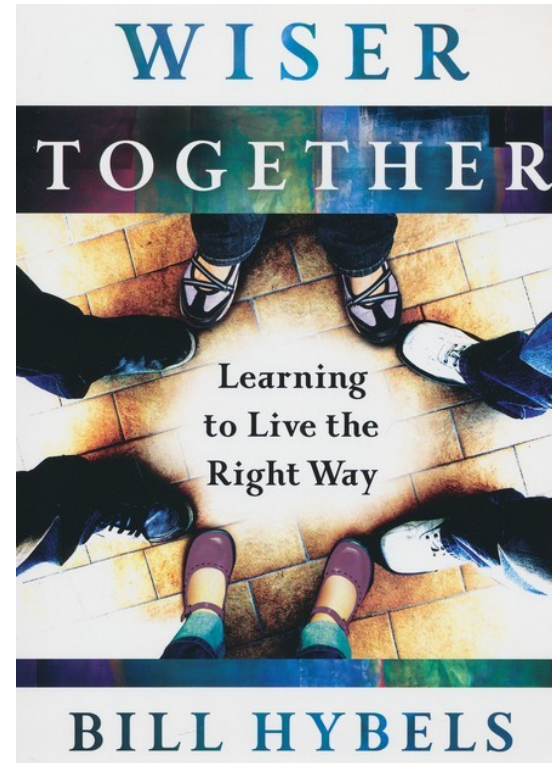


The 25th Annual Winton Class Valentine's Banquet was held on Saturday, February 10th.

As you can see from the pictures (taken by our pastor) the event was a hit!



Valentines Dinner Wrap-Up



My Heart Small Group

New Session
(6 weeks)

March 8th
7:00 pm

Sign up on
CONNECT
card



Explore the book of Proverbs and the importance of living in community in this small group, DVD-based Bible study.

Wise and Godly wisdom rubs off on us when we spend time with others who have the wisdom of God living inside of them. This study is designed to actively engage participants through daily readings and discussion questions.

Facilitator: Cindy Crosby

Aldersgate Worship Team News

March

7, 14, 21, 28 March	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30
30 March	Holy Friday Service, 7:00
4 April	Team Easter Break

We have begun our Easter music with uplifting new songs for the Easter season. The team met in January for a special appreciation dinner at Ruby Tuesday and enjoyed time together in fellowship. The team also met for a review in January to discuss last year and continue to build each other up as God's team.

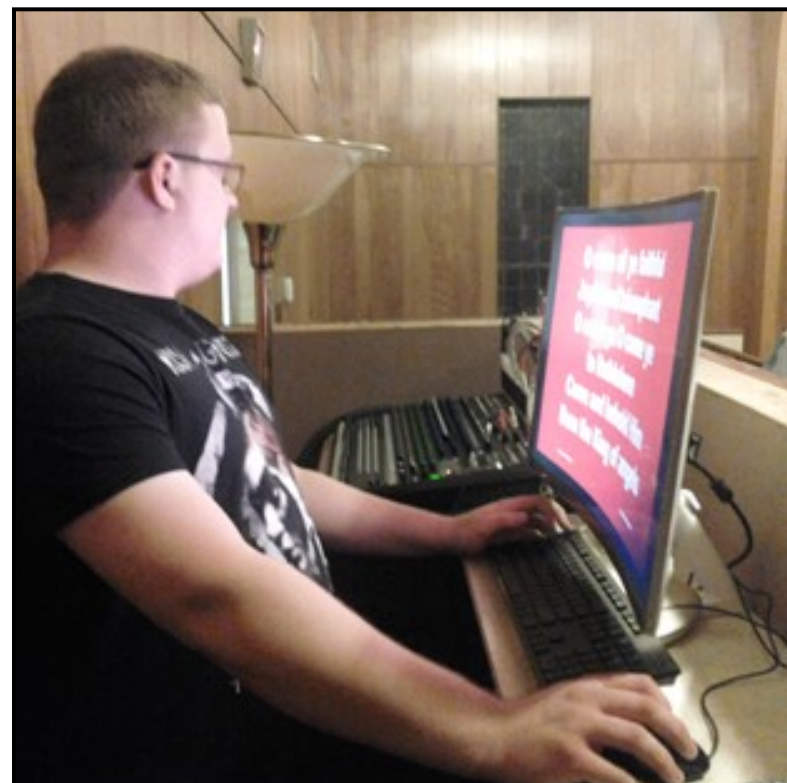
A new *Standards of Excellence* was introduced. Each team member was challenged to continue their faith journey working towards these standards.

Standards of Excellence for Worship Team Members

Daily pursuit of a personal relationship with Christ as witnessed by:

- * Daily devotional time with God and Bible reading
- * Desire to share the Gospel to the lost
- * Accountability of our behavior with other Christians
- * Strong motivation to serve God
- * Regular fellowship with the body of Christ
- * Selfless desire to see God glorified
- * Commitment to team members, rehearsals, and worship
- * Development of God-given gifts used for Worship

Sound Booth Updates



New updates are ongoing with the new sound booth, training, and software installation.

Most recently a computer change resulted in optimum sound. We are very pleased with the sound and video. Guy, Gary and Greg are working hard to implement all the new changes.

Where would we be without our Audio/Technical team! Thank you fellas!

The Care Response Team works to “keep an eye” on members and regular visitors who are hospitalized, sick or home bound! They take love and life to those who need our touch. The card ministry is a blessing filled with joy reminding the receiver that “they are loved.”

Consider joining the team.

**The CRT meeting:
March 11th, 3:00 pm.**

Contact: Cindy Crosby



Aldersgate Worship Team

Vic Supper, Cynthia Stanley, Dan Wolfe, Gary Albertson, Guy Willis III, Marguerite Windley, Sherry Williams, Veda Wolfe, Diane Willis, Ann Manuel, Greg Dziagwa (not pictured) and Cindy Crosby.

The team was recognized for their dedication and work for 2017—Thank you!

Consider joining us, vocalists and musicians welcome to check out the rehearsal and set up a time to meet!

Contact: Cindy Crosby

Kidz Worship Team

Kidz Worship Team is undergoing time and schedule updates. We will meet on 18 and 25 March, 10:00, worship room. Stay tuned for updates!

Kidz who love to sing are invited to see if this is the group for you musically— we're singing the most contemporary pop music designed just for them!

Contact: Cindy Crosby

**Deadline
Sunday
March 18**

ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 24
9:00 AM**

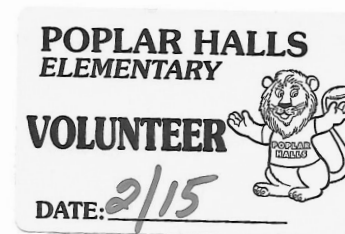
**All are invited—friends, relatives, neighbors
Infants—5th Grade -**

**Donations of wrapped candies, small toys, and
cash appreciated**

It's hard to believe but we need to start planning for the annual Bunny Breakfast. This event is the one of the times we can reach out to the community's children. They have such a great time hunting for the eggs and seeing the Easter Bunny(sometimes). So I hope you will help support this event. We will need volunteers to help with setting up tables, as well as helping to supervise the children when they hunt for the eggs. Consider VOLUNTEERING I promise you won't be sorry . I thank you in advance I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Barbara Harrell

New to Aldersgate-- What is the Bunny Breakfast? Our Bunny Breakfast is an annual event for the children of the community or anyone wishing to attend. There is no cost to attendees but donations are accepted (if you wish to make one). The menu is simple and has always been a big hit with everyone. We have Greg Dziagwa's famous pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Then the children go outside (weather permitting we have had snow but we never cancel this event) and hunt for the eggs. The children are grouped according to age. They fill their baskets and return to the social hall where they empty their bounty of eggs, can visit the Easter Bunny and receive a bag of goodies in exchange for the eggs (some of the children don't want to let go of their eggs) a great time is had by all --so please join us .



Aldersgate tutored at Poplar Halls School on Thursday, February 15th—then we shared our experiences over lunch! A great day in the hallway with 8 different students learning their “words and fine-tuning skills.”

Make a difference in the lives of our community!
Next tutor session is slated tentatively for March.
Contact Cindy to sign up!

Please Fill Out and place in offering plate

I/We plan to attend the Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th **Deadline for reservations -Sunday, March 18th**

Name _____

Adults _____

Children _____ Ages of Children _____

Birthdays and Anniversaries



3/12	Cynthia Stanley	3/25	Hazel Williams
3/18	Kevin Floyd	3/27	Rebecca Repass
3/22	Shirley Henley	3/30	Marguerite Windley
3/22	Shirley Henley		



We currently have no wedding anniversaries during the month of March. If you are new to Aldersgate and have an anniversary in March please let the church office know.

Remember in Prayer

Home: Marie Barker
The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village -Rosemont Rd. —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 Thursday, March 15

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

Jim Powers and John Floyd

Counters

3/4	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
3/11	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
3/18	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
3/25	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood



Lawn Maintenance

3/5	Team 1
3/12	Team 2
3/19	Team 3
3/26	Team 2

Notes:

Calendar Highlights:

3/8	7 PM	New Small Group Study Begins
3/10	Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour	
3/17	5-7 PM	Annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner
3/18		Deadline for Registering for Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt
3/19	7 & 7:30 PM	Finance and Administrative Board Meetings
3/24	9 AM	Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt
3/25	11 AM	Palm Sunday Service
3/30	7 PM	Good Friday Service (Stations of the Cross)
4/1	11 AM	Easter Celebration Service

