

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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Newsletter

Helping Hands Ladies Make Items for Local Children's Hospital



Several ladies in the church have been making Teddy Bears and Surgical Dolls for Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters for quite a few years now. The group was started by Ena Reed as part of an UMW Circle. It meets the last Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. You bring your brown bag lunch with you and after a couple of

hours of sewing, stuffing and cutting out teddies and dolls you enjoy a time of fellowship.

The group has gotten smaller but the work output has not. In September the ladies completed 43 bears, 1 surgical doll and 2 blankets. Each child who has surgery at CHKD's gets a Teddy to accompany them and ease the anxiety. The doll is used by the doctors to explain the more difficult surgeries.

HELPING



HANDS

All are welcome to come and join these amazing ladies.



Loads of Bears for Little Hands



“Inspired For Thanksgiving”

Sometimes the Thanksgiving holiday can be only the pre-season for the Christmas rush. We can exhaust ourselves with the preparations to the point that we only look forward to when it’s over. Maybe this year, we can live with less of the grief and more of the gratitude. So, why not prepare your heart before you prepare for the hurry. Why not let the Thanksgiving season inspire us to be thankful all the way to Christmas and beyond. Begin each day by thanking God for whatever comes to mind. It has a mysterious way of replacing our desperation with inspiration. Here are a few ways that giving thanks can inspire us:

1. Giving thanks inspires us to recognize God’s goodness. We can get so distracted by the bad, we can’t see the good. Giving God thanks reminds us that God is good in all circumstances.
2. Giving thanks inspires humility in us. It reminds us that we are truly dependent on God rather than ourselves. That is humbling.
3. Giving thanks inspires our faith. Thanking God for what He has done in the past inspires a confident faith for the future.
4. Giving thanks inspires contentment. It reminds us that God is the Provider of all our needs. So, we can be content in all situations.

Being thankful is a normal response of a healthy union with God. And the more we experience this union, the more thankful we become.

Pastor Lee

Nov. 6th	“Angels”
Nov. 13th	Guest Speaker
Nov. 20th	“How Reliable is the Bible”
Nov. 23rd	Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 27th	Advent - “The Sound of Christmas”



Office Updates

Thanks to Neal Windley, our new Disaster Coordinator, we have an updated version of our Disaster Preparedness and Relief Ministry Booklet. Guardian Angels, Phone Tree, emergency contacts, etc. have been changed. Booklets will soon be available in the Narthex.

The office is forever working on an updated member directory. With all of the changes this past year, we definitely are in need of a new one. Watch your bulletins for when they will be available.

We have several items in our little “lost and found” box. Keys, bracelets, sun glasses, etc. Check with the church office if you are missing any of these items.

Thanks, Joyce R

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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
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM





Updates on our church family

News from the Pews

Sadly we have lost one of our church family. **Mary Ruth Forstall**, received her wings on Thursday, September 29th. Mary Ruth came to



A Loss
in the Church
Family

Aldersgate as part of a package deal (wife of a Pastor). It was not long before she found her own niche and joined the choir, chaired the Bereavement Committee, sewed for Helping Hands and did whatever she could for the church family. Christian sympathies are extended to Pastor Tony, Charlotte, Joe and Elizabeth for their loss.

Prayers Needed: **Roy and Magdalene Smith**. Roy has become ill.

Phil Floyd is home and doing well. Please keep him and June in your prayers as Phil continues to improve.

Michele Floyd had knee surgery. Please keep Michele and her family in your prayers as she continues to recuperate.

Christmas Card Post Office

We will have the Christmas Post Office again this year.

The price will be 25cents each, we will open Nov. 27th and will be held before and after the 11:00 o'clock worship service each Sunday, we will accept cards through the end of Dec.

Donations will be given to a mission project.

The cards are a great way to reach out to each other and even thank them for the things they do for Aldersgate during the year. I thank you in advance for supporting our mission project. **Santa's Postmen are needed**—see Barbara Harrell.



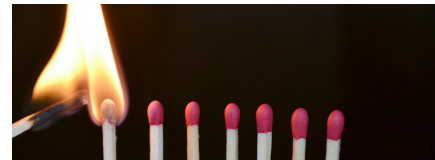
Class is scheduled for
Sunday, November 20th
3-4:30 PM

Come and explore what it means to be part of a movement. The *EXPLORE Membership Class* is a brief introduction to the meaning and expectations of joining our church family.

Whoever you are and wherever you came from, God is for you and wants to work through you as you get to know him. You are invited to explore for yourself what it's all about.

Deadline: November 15th

Complete the Connection Card in your bulletin or contact Pastor Lee.



All are welcome!

Come and count your blessings with your friends and neighbors.

Our
Annual Community
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, Nov. 23rd
7:30 PM
St. Peter's Episcopal
Church

This is a great way start the holiday season. Praising God and giving thanks.



**Don't Forget
to
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!
ONE HOUR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th
before going to bed.**

**Come and
Decorate the
church with us.
Nov. 26th at
6 PM**



**All are invited
to come and help
the church for
the holiday
season.**

**We always have lots of fun,
and fellowship.**

Toys for Tots—December deadline

It's hard to believe, the Christmas season is just around the corner. I know there are so many organizations wanting our help. The toys for tots organization helps put smiles on children's faces, by seeing that they have a toy or toys on Christmas morning. I'm sure we all remember the faces of our own children and grandchildren on Christmas morning. Their beautiful smiles of happiness. Think how great you will feel by donating a toy to this organization and help put smiles on those children's faces.

We will begin collecting the toys in November They will need to be at the church no later than **December 4th** I thank you in advance for all your help with this very special project.

Barbara Harrell



MISSIONS REPORT

I can hardly believe it's the beginning of November. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it!

It's such a special time of year spent with family and friends but let's remember...we're celebrating the birth of our savior and, many people have no family/friends to celebrate with, are possibly homeless. So give with a generous heart.

We will be participating in several mission projects this season to include:

Salvation Army Christmas stockings
Toys for Tots (see article for deadline)
Hat & Mitten tree

Watch for more specific information in the upcoming weekly bulletins.

We're continuing to collect food for the local food bank. Please place items in the grocery cart located in the Narthex.

Cynthia Stanley



BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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"All _____"

28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV



Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

Author unknown



I would like to have any donations for Seaman's House back by November 13th.

Suggested items:

Caps/Scarves Deodorant
Toothpaste Combs
Individually Wrapped
Candies
Disposable Razors Shampoo
Writing Paper
Shaving Cream Bath-size
Soap Envelopes
Pencils Playing Cards
Socks
Wash Cloths
Handkerchiefs
Gloves Christmas Cards
Videos (DVDs)

thanks

Lucinda Williams

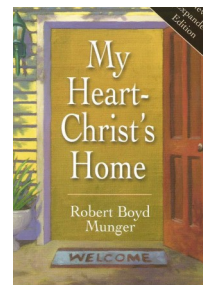


My Heart Small Group

A lively group came together on the first Thursday for the My Heart Small Group. We read and discussed "the library" which relates to what we put into our minds. Are those things Godly and wholesome? What direction can we find in God's Holy Bible for guiding us in our libraries?

It's never too late to JOIN us for warm fellowship, great conversation, and coffee too. Come be blessed!

My Heart Small Group
Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Social Hall



On 2/17/17 there will be changes to the flood zone maps of Norfolk. These new maps may affect your property. You can go online to www.floodsmart.gov to learn more information.



A Fireside Christmas

SIGN UP!

Sing a song, read a poem, play an instrument, get involved in a skit, make a video! Contact Cindy 757 461-3201.

6:00 pm, Saturday
10 December
AUMC Social Hall

Bring a friend to sit by a fireside and enjoy an inviting narrated Christmas program to honor Jesus Christ. This family oriented event is filled with the creative arts and is brimming over with love. Come find your Christmas spirit -- AND a few surprises are in store you won't want to miss! The evening delight begins at 6:00 pm and is followed with FREE scrumptious desserts.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

11/11	Greg Dziagwa	11/15	Joyce Russo
11/11	Henry Boelte	11/17	Grace Mahone
	Hunter Hogwood	11/21	Michael Hogwood
		11/29	Joshua Hogwood

11/5	Larkin & Jane Jones
11/18	Gary & Cindy Albertson
11/28	Ben & Barbara Hogwood
11/29	Jimmie & Carolyn Powers



Remember in Prayer

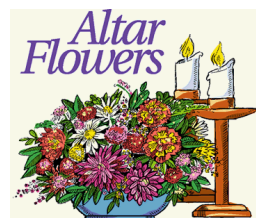


Home: Larkin & Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs, Roy Smith, Phil Floyd

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgett
Sentara Village S.—Shirley Henley
Mila Home Care—Jackie Wilkinson
Sentara Rosemont Road--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

11/6	Communion—No Flowers
11/13	Magdalene Smith
11/20	Jimmie and Carolyn Powers
11/27	Ben and Barbara Hogwood



Ushers

Dewey & Millie Hanson

Counters

11/6	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
11/13	Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
11/20	Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood
11/27	Debbie Supper, Vernon Williams



Lawn Maintenance

11/7	Team 1
11/14	Team 2
11/21	Team 3
11/28	Team 1

Scripture Notes for November

November 6	Luke 24:31-33
November 13	Guest
November 20	2 Timothy 3:16-17
November 27	Isaiah 7:14



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE **Tuesday, November 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



Stockings will be here soon. A notice will be emailed when they arrive and something will be in the bulletin as well. If you would like to get a head start on purchasing your items here are some suggestions.



Stockings are for children between the ages of 6-11

Sample items include:

key chains	hair accessories	small calendars
jump ropes	small books	color books/crayons
memo pads	water bottles	card games/jacks
stickers	watches	hygiene products
puzzles/chalk		socks/scarf/hat
address books	individually wrapped candies	

Choose goodies that allow us to distinguish boy's stocking from girl's and write in LARGE letters BOY or GIRL on the cardboard topper.

Deadline: November 27th

See Cynthia Stanley if you have any questions.

Annual Winton Class Spaghetti Dinner Was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew

**It has been rescheduled for
November 12th 5-6:30 PM**



**Adults \$9.00, Children 5-12 \$4.00,
Children under 4 - FREE**



Aldersgate Worship Choir – November News

Worship Him and RAISE the PRAISE. The worship choir meets regularly every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30. We are continuing to add new music. The anthems and special music over the next several months are also songs for congregational singing! Some of the titles include: How Great is Our God, The Power of Your Love, You Are My King (Amazing Love), to name a few. When we have music bulletin inserts, think about taking them home with you and singing the tune again to lift your spirits.

We are working on Christmas music what joy it is! Hopefully the children and youth of the church will participate – stay tuned.

STOP by to see what we're up too, you're welcome anytime at rehearsals!

2, 9, 16, 30 November
Wednesdays rehearsal
6:30 pm

23 November
Community Thanksgiving
Service 7:30 pm

Please contact Cindy if you have questions,
(757) 461-3201

