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Dear folks,

In April, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet.

The Conference meets every 4 years and it is this group that writes our Discipline and Resolutions. They are the official teaching authority of the church. What they say is the official version of what United Methodists believe. (However individual United Methodists are free to believe as they choose.)

As a way of supporting the Conference as they work, each Annual Conference has been asked to take one day of General Conference to pray all 24 hours of the day!

The Bishop has assigned the Elizabeth River District Sunday, April 10th as our day of prayer. The District has assigned Aldersgate 8 AM-9AM as our time of prayer.

Accordingly we shall meet prior to Sunday School on April 10th for a time of prayer. We will meet at 8 AM in the Social Hall and go to 9 AM.

Please consider participating in this important event. If you would like to participate you could write a prayer, read a scripture lesson or lead one of the 15 minute segments. Please see the pastor if this appeals to you.

Thanks for your interest and effort in this matter.

Blessings,

Pastor Tony



Is Your Life Expanded??

In a fascinating, kid-friendly science experiment, a bar of Ivory soap heated in a microwave writhes and expands into a unique, billowy shape. The change is due to Charles' Law, which describes how a gas, such as that contained in pockets inside a bar of Ivory, expands as its temperature increases. The soap can still be used as normal, though it's now fragile and flaky.

When the Holy Spirit enters us, we expand as well. Our Spirit-enlarged lives may seem misshapen to some, no longer conforming to the world's expectations. But our uniqueness reflects the creativity of our Triune God, who reveals himself to people in many different ways.

Our hearts expand and soften too, opening to other people's needs and concerns, while our God-created purpose remains: to be a force of love and care — of cleansing and renewal — in the world.



Pastor.....Rev. Walton "Tony" Forstall
Music Director and Organist...Nancy Redburn
Lay Leader.....Beverly Cooper
Youth Director.....Guy Willis
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



Annual Conference - "Thy Will Be Done"

June 17-20, 2016

Va. Annual Conference will be held in Roanoke this year. This means that it is time to collect items for our Conference kits.



Baby Birthing Kits, Layette Kits, Bedding Kits and Health Kits are put together by Lucinda Williams and her loyal group of ladies.

Lots of different items are needed for each kit and they must all be alike.

A list of the kit contents is located on the bulletin board across from the church office. If you can't go shopping, you may donate cash and someone else will do the shopping for you. Prices for this year's kits are as follows:

\$50 bedding kit; \$8 birthing kit; \$55 cleaning kit; \$12 health kit; \$35 layette kit; \$11 school kit and \$18 sewing kit.

Please see Lucinda Williams if you have any donations or questions.



Youth Group Small but Committed

The Youth Group has shrunk but the remaining members still continue to be active and help feed the staff and children of the Cooke Elementary Program. In March 2 youth and 4 adults from Aldersgate fed 23 children and 10 teachers and assistants. This community outreach continues to be the highlight of their ministry.

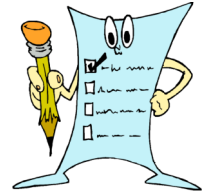


Blessing Bags

On February 21st several members of the adult Sunday School Classes made up 30 more blessing bags. These bags are taken by members and given out to the homeless in our area.

What's new!

Have you noticed the little **blue slips** of paper on the table in the Narthex? If not, take a look.



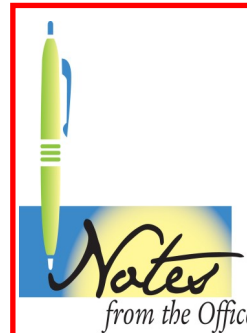
These slips are "**Connection Cards**". This card will be used for a variety of reasons to help the church office, church committees and the Pastor keep track of new visitors, prayer requests, changes in membership status, members interest in joining committees, etc.

These cards are not just for visitors. Regular members can use them too. So the next time you come to worship service- stop by the long table and pick one up.

Connection Table - what is that you say, we don't have one of those. Yes you do. It is any table where a visitor, member or other can pick up a current bulletin, newsletter, blessing bags, welcome bags, offering envelopes or other pamphlets offering information to the reader.



We are lucky in our narthex there are two. Stop by any Sunday and check out all of the items available: Upper Room, Heart Havens information, newsletters (current and past) and other booklets.



The church office will be closed on Friday's during the month of April.



Lemons on the Lawn

Saturday, May 6th
8-2 PM



The Winton Class Annual Yard Sale, Bake Sale,
Breakfast (8-10:30) and Lunch (11-1:30)
and much more

Start cleaning out those attics, garages
and closets now.

Spaces will be \$5.00—Please see Barbara Harrell to
reserve yours now! Spaces are going fast.....



SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and
told us to care for it. Remember that
by making a unique
painting.



What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing
planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the
Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



The _____ is _____, _____, and
_____, the
_____, and
_____.
24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all
who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

Here are some events that are happening in our own back yard.



FREE GOSPEL CONCERT

Saturday, April 16th—7 PM Heritage UMC—815 Baker Road, Va. Beach Free will offering will be taken.

Gaither Vocal Band - Saturday, May 6th - 7 PM at London Bridge Baptist Church. Ticket Prices: \$35.00, \$25.00, \$22.00 - call 757-486-7900 M-F 9 AM- 5PM.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has invited all 131 annual conferences of the U.M.C. world-wide to take one day to spend 24-hours in prayer for the General Conference which begins on May 10th. Just so happens there are 131 days from Jan. 1 to May 10. Bishop Cho selected Sunday April 10, to be the day for the Virginia Conference prayer vigil. Our Elizabeth River District staff is coordinating the schedule and has begun contacting all our churches to sign up for one-hour increments so there will be 24-hours of continuous prayer beginning at 12 a.m. April 10 and continuing until 12 a.m. April 11.



Va. Conference
24 Hours of
Prayer

In addition, there will be two workshops during the afternoon to make Prayer Bead Strands for the General Conference delegates. The district is providing the supplies. The first workshop is at Community UMC (VB) at 2 pm. Please contact Ellen Clements, ellen-clements@vaumc.org, if you are interested in participating. A second workshop is at New Creation/ Aldersgate. Please contact Stephanie Parker, stephaniekimec@vaumc.org for New Creation. Open to people around the district, these workshops will each make 29 Bead strands. Sign up today! Childcare will available upon request. If you would like to join with others around the district, McKendree UMC, on N. Military Hwy in Norfolk, will hold a Prayer Service from 5 pm to 6 pm on April 10. Everyone is invited.



Lay Servant Training -April 22& 23 Community UMC - VB
For more information please visit the Elizabeth River website.

Come one, Come All

Sunday, April 10th
Immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service

BAR-B-QUE LUNCHEON!
With all the fixins'



Sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Classes
All donations will be given to missions.

Saturday, April 23rd
9 AM - Noon





Birthdays

4/2 Lewis Hogwood	4/23 Milton Midgett
4/3 JaiMarie Washington-Martin	4/24 Morgan Thrasher
4/7 Ann Manuel	4/26 Barbara Hogwood
4/8 Ben Hogwood	Jamie Washington
4/11 Marge Boelte	4/27 John Floyd

4/21 Oliver & Barbara Harrell



Remember in Prayer



Home: Larkin and Janes Jones; Jim Mahone; Shirley Briggs;
Ski and Beth Watzlavick; Joyce Thompson

The Ballentine--Ed Weddle
Gardens of Va. Beach--Milton Midgett
Chesapeake Place--Beulah Eatmon
Sentara Village S--Shirley Henley
Pacifica Nursing Facility--Betty Reid
Lake Taylor Rehab--Billy Thrasher, Pat Sauer
Sentara-Rosemont Rd--Norma Richardson

If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.

Altar Flowers

4/3	Communion— No Flowers
4/10	Cindy and Gary Albertson
4/17	Henry and Marge Boelte
4/24	Lindell and Maria Davidson



Newsletter Deadline will be

Friday, April 15th



Newsletter Deadline



Ushers

Neal Windley, Gary Albertson

Counters

4/3	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
4/10	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
4/17	Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
4/24	Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood



Lawn Maintenance

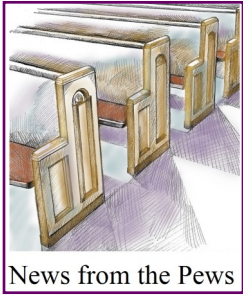


4/4	Team 2
4/11	Team 3
4/18	Team 1
4/24	Team 2

Scripture Notes for April

4/3	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-31
4/10	Acts 9:1-6	John 21:1-19
4/17	Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30
4/24	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35





Updates on some of our members...

Christian Sympathies are extended to:

Lucinda Williams and the extended Williams family for the death of husband and father, Charles Williams.

Joyce Thompson and the death of her husband, Richard. Richard's memorial service will be held in his home state of Oklahoma.



The family of **Bob Bloxom** who passed away on the Easter Shore on Tuesday, March 15. Please keep his daughter Dr. Karen White and her family in your prayers.

Pat Sauer wanted to let everyone know that she is now at Lake Taylor in Beechwood 7B and phone is 461-5001 X2515. She would love to have a visitors.



A **special thanks** to the bereavement committee for the wonderful reception following Charles' interment. It was a great comfort to know that the family would be taken care of. Lucinda Williams

Thanks to our church family for the outpouring of love, prayers and fond memories. Hearing the stories of how Charles touched so many lives was very comforting and a real blessing to us.

Lucinda Williams and family

I especially want to thank all the people at AUMC who have extended their love and support to us over the past 10 years.

Joyce Thompson

Visitors

You may have noticed a couple of new faces in our congregation lately. Please welcome

Mr. and Mrs. Milton and Sheila Beaton and Ms. Patricia Irby.



Bunny Breakfast



The temperature on Saturday March 19th was 40 degrees with a cold wind but inside ALDERSGATE'S social hall all was warm and toasty with delicious smells coming from our kitchen.

Thanks to Greg and Kathy Dziagwa, Jimmy Powers, Gary Albertson and Barbara Hogwood who helped serve those famous pancakes. (If you have never tried Greg's pancakes you are really missing out.)

As our guests enjoyed breakfast (there were a total 64 present) our youth and their friends hid all of the eggs.

Our youth and friends were: JaiMarie, Haley, Mason, Melissa, Taylor, Cody, Kiara, and Stephen.

When it was time for the children to go hunt for the eggs to fill their baskets Linda Crabtree and Michele Floyd help guide them.

When the children came in and emptied their baskets they had a special visit with E.B.(better known as the Easter Bunny). Each child received a bag filled with the goodies the congregation donated.

A wonderful time was had by all. Some of our younger children had to be carried out crying (they weren't quite ready to go or give up playing with the eggs.)

I would like to thank Bill Bunch, Kathy O'Hara and the Civic league for setting up tables and chairs for the Bunny Breakfast. You were a great help --thank you so much.

A special thank you to our youth listed above. Not only did they hide the eggs they helped clean up after the event.... Thank you Thank you.



I won't leave out my sign guys I can always depend on them Ben Hogwood, Jimmy Powers and the church office for the many copies you ran off.

I have said many times before Aldersgate is The BEST.

Thank you all so much

Barbara