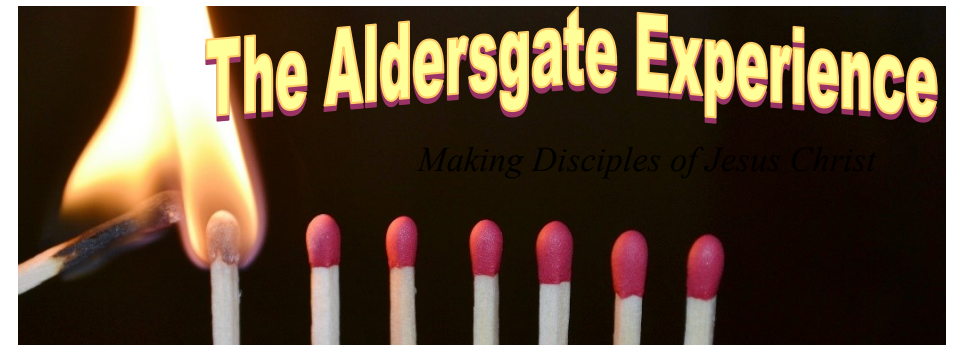




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This summer take a moment to

Enjoy the wonder of it all!



Pass It On!

When I was a Youth Director, I took teens on a weeklong retreat. The first night, after everyone went to bed, I was awakened by a soft tap on the window. But, it was not my window. It was the window next to some of the boys. I heard it, but the boys remained sound asleep. I learned later that the girls planned to meet with the boys in the middle of the night to wrap my car in toilet paper. So, while the girls were trying to quietly wake up the boys, I went outside, snuck up behind them, and said, “What are you doing out here!” They freaked. They ran back to their cabin. I laughed as I went back to bed. The next morning my car still ended up wrapped in toilet paper. I laughed again. Teenagers reminded me to laugh.

As adults, we sometimes forget to laugh, but it is good for us. Studies show that laughter is so greatly beneficial to our health. Laughter reduces stress. It builds your immune system. And it combats depression. Another blessing of laughter is that it’s also contagious. So, laugh...and pass it on!

—Pastor Lee



Charge Conference Orientation

The Pastor and Secretary will be out of the office on Wednesday, August 29th in order to attend the orientation for 2019 Charge Conference. Aldersgate’s Charge Conference has been scheduled for **September 23 at 2 PM**. Location to be determined.

The Aldersgate Experience

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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
Worship Choir - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM
Small Group Study—Thursdays...7 PM



It's that time of year again!

Planning the budget for year 2019!

All committee chairs, staff and mission groups need to submit your requests for funds no later than SEPTEMBER 1st.

Any questions please see Gary Albertson or Kathy Dziagwa.

The Finance Committee

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**Saturday,
August 4th
9 AM—Noon**



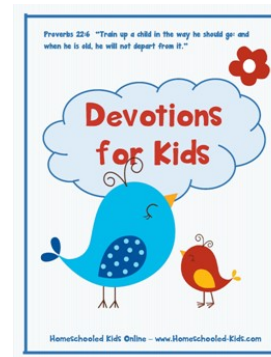
**Kick-off for
KidZone**

KidZone is a new worship program for kids ages 3 years to 3d grade. Each week we will worship through music, Bible-based devotions, and fun crafts to teach kids about God.

Come and see what fun we'll have!

Sunday, September 9th, 11:00 am

Contact: Barbara Harrell



**Arts
and
Crafts**

In this Issue:

- Budget Request Information**
- New Comedy DVD Showing**
- Meet the new members**
- New Worship Program for kids**
- Mission Week Update and much more.**





The Three-fold Gift of God's Grace

John Wesley described the grace of God in a threefold manner. It is prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace. Here is a very brief explanation of these forms of grace.

Prevenient Grace

Prevenient grace is when God stirs up in us a desire to know him and empowers us to respond to his invitation to be in relationship with him. God takes the initiative in relating to us before we even recognize our need for him.

Justifying Grace

Justifying grace is when God pardons, reconciles, and restores us into a right relationship with him. Through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, our sins are forgiven and the image of God is renewed within us.

Sanctifying Grace

Sanctifying grace is when God, through the Holy Spirit is at work in us, transforming us in character to be more like Christ. This is an ongoing process.

Through prevenient grace, we see a need to be right with God. Through justifying grace, we're instantly made right with God. Through sanctifying grace, we learn to live it more and more.

Kidz Worship Team

August News

The Kidz Team finished up the year with more Psalms and Psongs. A song from the Psalms 86:11-13, entitled, "An Undivided Heart."

⇒ soloists: JaiMarie, Chelsea, Bella and Jasiah

They are really awesome! I am VERY proud of them.

Have a great summer break!

Contact: Cindy Crosby



The Care Response Team met on July 15th. We discussed the many activities since May 2018. We send our deepest condolences to the families whose loved ones have crossed over to be with the Lord: Hazel Williams, Phil Floyd, Milton Midgette, and Jim Hudgins. Several cards and phone calls were made checking on our family.

Marie, Linda, and Barbara made it back to church recently and it was SO good to see them up and about.

The next CRT meeting is scheduled for September 23d, 4:30 pm, Social Hall. Join us!

Contact: Cindy Crosby

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



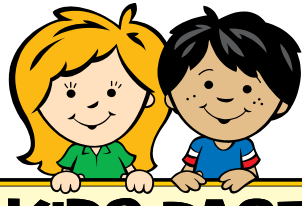
What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



KIDS PAGE



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

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|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| I | enemies | will | be | Judas |
| hate | a | Father | to | serpent |
| you | and | you | will | crucified |
| cursings | be | my | sons | and |
| sin | Golgotha | daughters | says | the |
| Lamentations | prison | Lord | Almighty | lost |

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



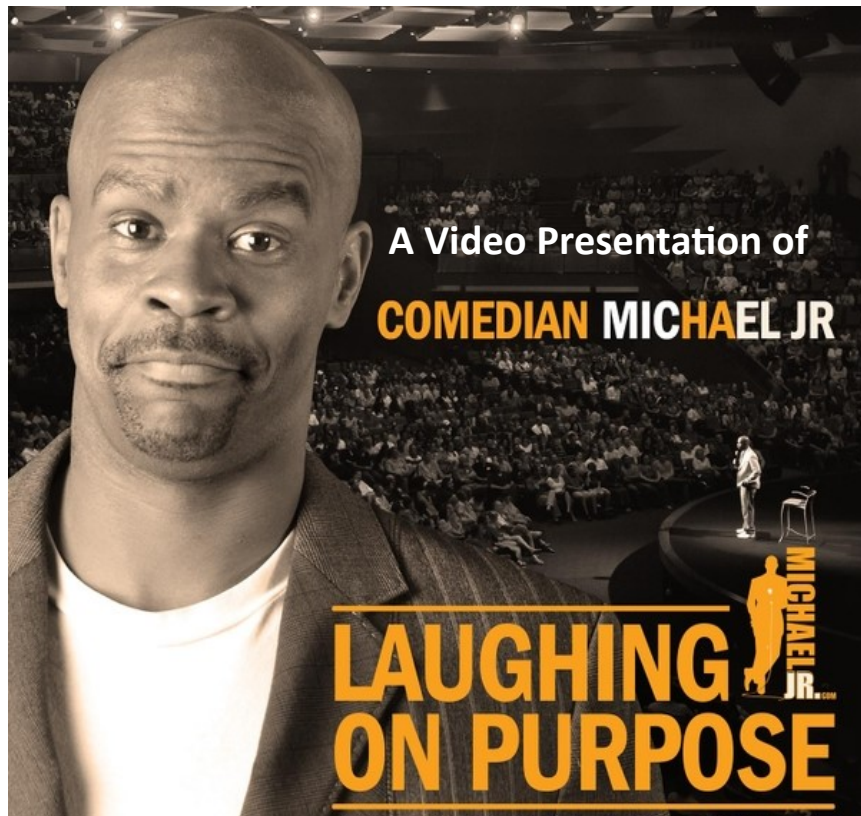
A Way Forward

The compatibility of the Christian life and homosexuality has become a stormy issue for the United Methodist Church today. It has raised some questions of whether the future of our denomination will be united or untied.

Beginning September 9th, Pastor Lee will preach a 4-week sermon series entitled "Open Doors". The series will address the struggle for acceptance of the LGBT community in the Church. Is there an open door for God's grace? Is there an open door for God's truth? How can we find a way forward in this polarizing culture?

During those four Sundays, Pastor Lee will also host an open discussion group in our Social Hall from 3:00-4:30 pm. Anyone interested in talking further about the issues is welcome. Participants are expected to be respectful of different opinions. Email Pastor Lee at leecrosby@vaumc.org for any questions or concerns.





(Sun.) AUG. 19th, 3:00 pm

Hear hilarious comedy edgy enough for Las Vegas and clean enough for church. Michael Jr. is a Christian, and his stand-up comedy will make you laugh and inspire you at the same time. We all could use more laughter in our lives. Come and fill up!

New Member Corner continued

Why did you desire to become a member here? (cont.)

“To come and worship our Lord and Savior with people of the same belief and faith. Aldersgate is the ideal place, nearer and safer to drive and the people are wonderful...*Claudia*”

A few fun facts about these ladies—all three of them are GREAT listeners.

Lily loves people and can easily get along with anybody. She is a quiet person.

Norma is quiet also. She is a firm believer that God loves us and wants us to repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

These ladies love to be outside in the sunshine. They are giving and kind—it is wonderful they decided to join the Aldersgate family!

Note:

The New Member Corner editor apologizes for not getting this article in the newsletter sooner! Many blessings and WELCOME Lily, Norma and Claudia!



New Member Corner



We welcome our newest members: Norma Tipora, Lily Tipora, and Claudia Ganaden. They have such refreshing spirits of love! Let's hear from them.

Why did you desire to become a member here?

"I felt the love that everyone has for one another, greeting each other with smiles and hugs—this is where the loving, nice and happy people are which helped me decide to join. I thank and praise God!....*Lily*"

"It's a blessing for me to become a member and join this congregation of a beautiful body of believers of our Lord Jesus Christ, a wonderful preacher and talented director of music. " Songs of praise raise our eyes to see God's faithfulness....*Norma*"

continued

Worship Team News



August Schedule

15, 22, 29 Aug 6:30 Rehearsal

The worship team small group starts back up in August. We have prayer, devotion and then rehearse music from 6:30-8:30 each Wednesday.

The team also has special outreach concerts to the community in our senior living locations. This year we are lining up a fall concert, location to be announced.

The music we learn includes contemporary, praise, gospel and the classic hymns.

Won't you consider joining us? We are seeking musicians and a few good singers if you are interested. Please stop by on a Wednesday night to check out the group!



Ushers

Phyllis Day, Debbie Supper

Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/10 Randy Thrasher
8/17 Guy Willis
8/21 Neal Windley



Counters

8/5 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
8/12 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
8/19 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
8/26 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
9/2 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



Currently, we have no Anniversaries on file for the month of August. If you have a Wedding Anniversary in August please let the church office know. We would love to celebrate it with you.

Lawn Care Schedule



Lawn Maintenance

8/6 Team 2
8/13 Team 3
8/20 Team 1
8/27 Team 2
9/3 Team 3

Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins
All of our families who have lost loved ones this past month; any who are ill and those who will be traveling for the summer


Sentara Village, Rosemont —Shirley Henley



Calendar Highlights

August 1-4 Mission Week
8/6 7 PM Staff Parish Meeting
8/15 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsals resume
8/19 3 PM Comedy Movie Presentation
8/29 9:30 AM Charge Conference Orientation—
Pastor/Secretary Out of the office





**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR
September EDITION**

Wednesday, Aug. 15th

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit articles. Articles may be emailed or left at the office at anytime.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

HIS MISSION. YOUR WORLD.

Aug. 1-4 (Wed. to Sat.)

**SERVE Teams in
mission to our community
are full!**

We will be

- * **feeding the homeless**
- * **visiting a Senior Center**
- * **assisting at the food Bank**
- * **cleaning up a park**
- * **giving Thank You cards to first responders**
- * **And concluding our week with packaging meals for a 3rd world country**

For more info: email Pastor Lee at

leecrosby@vaumc.org



News from the Pews

Updates, Notes and Words of thanks

Christian Sympathies are extended to the Midgette family for the loss of **Milton Midgette** on June 21st.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to **Vic and Debbie Supper** and the loss of Debbie's father.

Thank you for your prayers and cards during Phil's illness and subsequent death. Your kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

Love June Floyd



Thanks to the generosity of Beverly Cooper and her grandchildren, 3 young girls have some new clothes they love and enjoy wearing to church each Sunday.



Twitter is an online news and social networking service on which users post and interact with messages known as "tweets".

Registered users can post tweets, but those who are unregistered can only read them.

AUMC is embarking on Twitter social media on a trial basis to get the word out using short messages or tweets. Yes - it requires you to establish a Twitter account and to become a follower of Aldersgate UMC Norfolk. Give it a try to see if you like it and let Pastor Lee, Greg, or Kathleen O'Hara know what you think... You can always use the "Connection Card" if you prefer to let us know what your "take" is!

<https://twitter.com/NorfolkUmc>