

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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The word "repentance" in the Bible truly means the act of changing one's mind. Now, true biblical repentance goes beyond regret, remorse or feeling bad about our sins. What our mindset should be is changing how we relate to our past transgressions and concentrate on living a mature future under the canopy of Christ.

Here we have our fellow brother, John the Baptist, telling us in today's scripture to "repent" because the Kingdom of God is near. We'll read more of this impact and the profound changes in our lifestyle when we change our mindset -
read Luke 3:8-14.

True repentance has three elements.

- 1) Being aware of your sins, guilt and helplessness
Psalm 51:4-10 & 109:21-22.
- 2) Clinging to God's mercy in Jesus - Psalm 51:1 & 130:4.
- 3) Radically pursue to live, act, and talk like, and obey God in everything that we do - 2 Tim. 2:19-22 & 1 Peter 1:16.

The focus of Christ's mission was as He said in Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." So beloved, the Bible is clear that repentance involves a change of heart, mind, attitude and actions. Be encouraged and know that we can do all these things through Christ who strengthens us.

Blessed to be a blessing to others, Pastor Bert.



The Aldersgate Experience

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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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Lay Leader..... Kathleen O'Hara
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday
Sunday School.....9:30 AM-resuming soon
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM –resuming soon
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays



FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

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| ⑤ $\times 3 =$ | ⑥ $\times 6 =$ |
| ⑦ $\times 4 =$ | ⑨ $\times 3 =$ |
| ④ $\times 6 =$ | ③ $\times 8 =$ |
| ② $\times 10 =$ | ⑩ $\times 4 =$ |
| ⑨ $\times 5 =$ | ⑪ $\times 8 =$ |

KEY

A = 28 J = 50 S = 88
B = 35 K = 21 T = 45
C = 14 L = 63 U = 64
D = 25 M = 15 V = 32
E = 33 N = 24 W = 80
F = 72 O = 77 X = 56
G = 40 P = 54 Y = 20
H = 36 Q = 9 Z = 48
I = 27 R = 16

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

Happy Thanksgiving to All!



All Saints Day Service

November 7th

11 AM

Join us as we remember the saints who have passed away.



Issue in Focus

Pastor's Message

Lay Ministry for the month

Special Services

11/7—11 AM

11/28—11 AM

Happenings around the District

Upcoming Events

And a whole lot more!



If you really would like to see how Aldersgate has changed over the years you need to check out this special presentation by Greg Dziagwa.

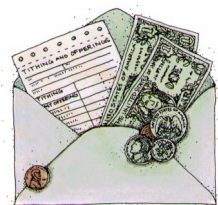
(<http://www.aldersgatenorfolk.org/>

56th Anniversary of Aldersgate...

for a special presentation (8 years ago) celebrating Aldersgate's founding from a special worship service and luncheon afterwards.



If you are in need of a new box of offering envelopes—please let the church office know.



**"The prophet
declares a child will
be born ..." Isaiah 9:2,**

Hanging of the Greens Worship Service

Sunday, November 28th

11 AM

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Choir Rehearsals for November 6 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 3
Wednesday, Nov. 10
Wednesday, Nov. 17

No rehearsals on the 24th.

Come, join us—Singing relieves stress!



**Coming soon Aldersgate
Christmas Card Post Office!
Only 25 cents per card**

Look for details in next month's newsletter
**All proceeds will go towards a new sanctuary Christmas
Tree**



Update...
Post Office will open at 10:30 am on
Sunday, 11/28

Merry Christmas



Christmas is just around the corner!

Come, Help Decorate Our Church

for the Holidays!

Saturday, Nov. 27th

5:00 PM

After you have eaten all that turkey, you might
need to get a little exercise...we have the perfect
thing for you—come and help decorate the church
for the holiday season.



Birthdays

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| 11/1 | Lily Tipora | 11/11 | Greg Dziagwa |
| 11/8 | Claudia Ganaden | 11/14 | Michael Jenkins |
| 11/10 | Chelsie Richburg | 11/15 | Joyce Russo |
| | 11/24 | Steve Carter | |



Anniversaries

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| 11/18 | Gary & Cindy Albertson |
| 11/28 | Ben & Barbara Hogwood |
| 11/29 | Jimmie & Carolyn Powers |

Remember in Prayer

Home: Bonnie Savage, and Barbara Jenkins

Any of our church family who are at home and still not able to attend worship in-person

Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

Those who have lost family or friends.

The United Methodist church international;
Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions with our safely in mind.

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



Newsletter Deadline
Monday, Nov. 15th
for the December issue.



You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Ushers

Dewey & Millie Hanson

Counters

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| 11/7 | Neal Windley, Michele Floyd |
| 11/14 | Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis |
| 11/21 | Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers |
| 11/28 | Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch |



Lawn Maintenance



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| 11/1 | Team 2 |
| 11/8 | Team 3 |
| 11/15 | Team 1 |
| 11/22 | Team 2 |
| 11/29 | Team 3 |

Calendar Highlights



11/2 Election Day
7 PM Eliz. Park Civic League Mtg

11/3; 10; 17; 6 PM Choir Rehearsal

11/6 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK

11/8 7 PM RFS/WM/EP Civic League Mtg.

11/16 7 PM Finance & Admin Board Meeting

11/25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday

11/27 5 PM—Decorate the Church

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| 11/28 | 10:30 AM—Post Office Opens |
| | 11 AM—Hanging of the Greens Service |

Recently I began attending a Sunday Night Bible Study focusing on the Book "Some feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet". We are now in week 5 of that study and beginning to get what the writer may mean.

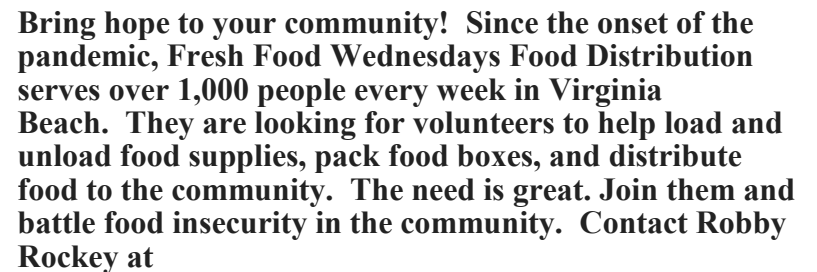
Many times we have been told by our Sunday School teachers that "God is with you always. He will never leave you." Do not be afraid to ask Him to give you strength to face whatever it is.

Which one are you?? Do you reach out to God for strength and comfort or do you just complain.



Charge Conference (Zoom) for Aldersgate is today (Oct. 31st) at 2 pm.

**Community Thanksgiving Service at
Enoch Baptist Church (Baker Road)
on Wednesday, Nov. 17th at 7 PM**



office@gatheratscott.com or
call The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC office in
Virginia Beach at 757.428.3720.

No news is good news....

**Our church family is well
Blessings and Praises abound**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS