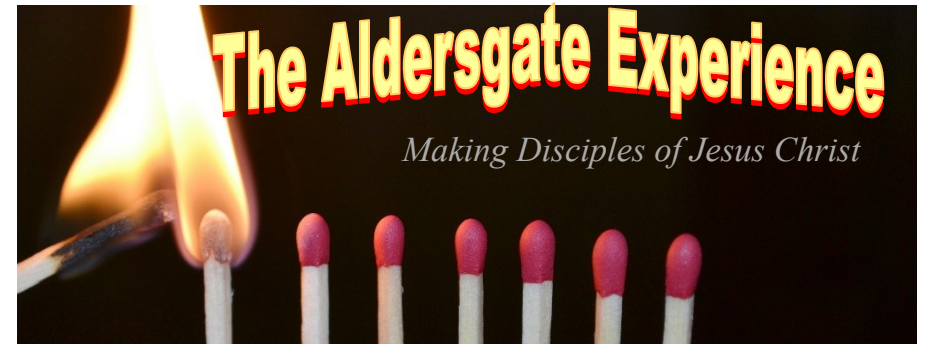


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Happy Valentine's Day



“Finding Certainty in an Uncertain Future”

By Pastor Lee

News about a potential split in our denomination has upset a lot of people. There is great concern for our future. In response, here are 5 things we know for sure about our future:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

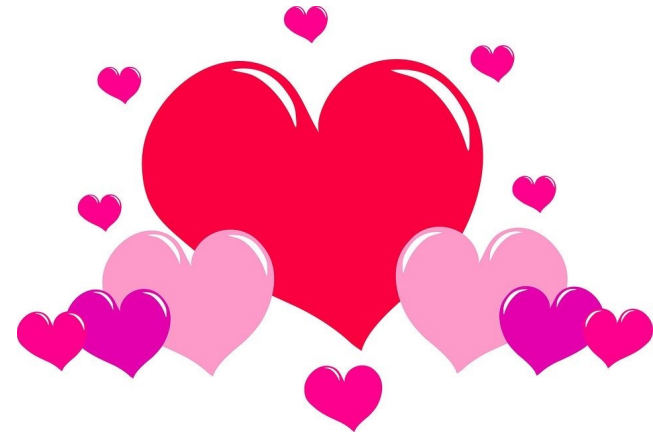
We don't know the future. We can try to predict, plan, and prepare for it, but we don't know how things will turn out. And contrary to what we'd like to think, we have very little control over it. Take comfort in a quote by the famous philosopher, Alfred Newman of MAD magazine, "What me, Worry?" Or maybe consider this quote from Jesus, found in Matthew 6:34. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Don't be overwhelmed by an uncertain future. Take time to draw near to God. Place your confidence in the One who does know the future...and is in control of it. Wade in the living water of his presence. Let that time refill and refresh your soul. It is in his presence that we find true peace. It is in his presence we find certainty in an uncertain future.



Happy Valentines Day....

Send a card, make a call—Let someone know you are thinking about them



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Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.

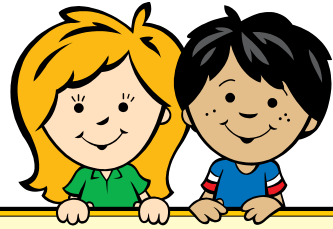


What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!



KIDS PAGE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

a	e
i	o
u	

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

Reminder to all Committee, Group or Meeting Leaders

Please make sure your meeting dates are on the calendar in the church office or submit them by email. This includes Union Mission, Cooke Elementary, Helping Hands, Worship Team, Community Dinner and all meetings i.e. Finance, Trustees, etc.

We also need to make sure any community groups using the facilities have their meeting dates on the calendar, River Forest Shores and Elizabeth Park Civic Leagues submit your meeting calendar for year 2020.

Having all of this information gives our mission and ministry groups a better idea of when to schedule special events or outings.



Ash Wednesday Service Lay Ministry Schedule

- Updates for:
- Community Spaghetti Dinners
 - Christmas Special Events
 - Coats for Kids Collection
 - 1st Responder Outreach
 - Ministry Team Schedule



New Lenten Sermon Series Congregational changes and update Prayer Listing and much, much more

Read inside for all the important information—you won't want to miss a thing...



Worship Team News

February Schedule

5 Feb	6:30 Rehearsal
12 Feb	6:30 Rehearsal
19 Feb	6:00 Concert, Leigh Hall Commonwealth Senior Living Poplar Halls—Join in!
26 Feb	6:30 Rehearsal



Join the team, we need a drummer and guitarist! Stop by any time to visit a rehearsal or contact Cindy, 461-3201.



Don't get
hooked
by an
email
scam.

In January's newsletter there was an article concerning this matter. Unfortunately, several church members are still received bogus messages. The latest one was "Help" I am stuck and need money. They are now coming from cell phones.

Please when you received an email that you think is suspicious DO NOT OPEN or CLICK ON ANY LINKS. Either delete or move it to your spam file. If you are not sure you can also note the email address immediately following the sender - An example would be:

(<windleyneal@hotmail.com> po@cnci.lk)

The po@cnci.lk is not an address used in the U.S. You would delete this email without opening. When in-doubt—toss it out.

Still not sure—call the church office for verification.

Greg and Joyce



Dates of Service Set

Several of our members have been going to the local Union Mission and helping to serve food once or twice a month. The dates for this ministry event are Feb. 18th and Mar. 17th.

If you are interested in signing up for one of these dates please see Bill Bunch or Kathy O'Hara.

Those who have served in the past say it is a unique and very satisfying experience.



FREE Weekly Spaghetti Dinner

Serving Neighbors
Seeking Friends

5:30 Thursdays Beginning Jan 9th

First week, great turn out from the community! Wonderful meal and very cozy discussions going on throughout the evening.

Won't you invite a neighbor or friend?

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30

Contact: Cindy Crosby



Thursdays Small Group evening out— Thursdays 7:00



Like to sew, or stuff teddy bears or baby dolls for the local children's hospital??



Come and visit the Helping Hands Group the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Group meets at 10 AM. Bring a small snack or a bagged lunch.

In 2019 this group donated hand made items to: CHKD; Ronald McDonald House; Samaritan House; several nursing homes; Newborns in Need; Conference Kits, Salvation Army and many other places.

See Lucinda Williams or Carolyn Powers for more

Christmas Event Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the recent Christmas events. They were each successful, enjoyable and served several in our community.



Some of our
Cast of
characters
and the Outdoor
Tree Lighting



Come on out for a FREE spaghetti dinner every Thursday night at 5:30pm at Aldersgate Church. Bring your friends and family.

There are casual small groups afterward for those who wish to join in. A place to get to know each other and share God's love.

**May this be a blessing to our community.
Contact: Cindy Crosby, 461-3201**



UNSHAKEABLE: The Life of Daniel



**NEW Lenten Sermon Series—
Begins March 1st**

Christmas Event Update cont'd



Making and hanging the ornaments on our community Christmas Tree, hayriding and the mother Mary.



**NEWS FROM
THE PEWS**

New Address available for Arthur Wallace

Please update your directory— Arthur Wallace c/o The Wallace Family; 148 Saddle Drive, Sparta, TN 38583. Take time to drop him a card or note every once in a while. I know he would love to hear from all of you.

Several of our members have been under the weather lately—some having hospital stays—Keep the church family in your prayers for continued healing.



Birthdays



2/7 Beverly Cooper
2/19 Michele Floyd

2/26 Magdalene Smith
2/28 Taylor Moore



Anniversaries

2/15 Neal and Marguerite Windley

Remember in Prayer



Home: Ben Hogwood, Barbara Jenkins,
Phyllis Day, Paul Keim

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd— Shirley Henley
Dominion Village Asst. Living—Cora Vernon

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



Ushers

Kevin Floyd and Neal Windley

Counters

2/2 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
2/9 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
2/16 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
2/23 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood



Lawn Maintenance



2/3 Team 2
2/10 Team 3
2/17 Team 1
2/24 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

2/5—5:30 PM Cooke Elementary

2/6—5:30 PM Community Spaghetti
Dinners continue followed by Small Group at 7 PM

2/15—Newsletter deadline for March Issue

2/18—Union Mission Event

2/25—10 AM Helping Hands Meeting

2/26—7 PM Ash Wednesday Service



Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, Feb. 15th
for the March 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....

Fire and Rescue—Happy New Year

We made a delivery to Station 4, Fire and Rescue House, Norfolk on January 15th. The folks were very happy to receive our gift for the new year!

They keep us safe and help when we need them; what a wonderful group of first responders. They put their lives on the line everyday! Thank you for your donations to this ministry.



Coats for Kids Update Fairlawn Elementary

Aldersgate collected 18 coats and a few hats and Heritage Church also donated several hats, mittens and scarves. Thank you Heritage. The items were delivered on Jan 14th.

The school staff were very pleased that we were providing winter apparel since there are students who come to school and do not have anything to keep them warm. To quote,



“ ... You are surely

obeying the greatest commandment – Showing Love! “

Thank you everyone who donated!



Service—February 26th

7 PM

