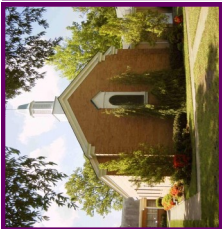


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The Aldersgate Experience


Making Disciples of Jesus Christ



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gift of GOD

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.
—Ephesians 2:8



Join us for Worship—God has many gifts for you.



*Most Gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.*

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life.

Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday

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

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Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top. Let dry.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ _
2. (O) _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _
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5. _ _ _ _ _
6. (O) _ _ _ _ _
7. _ _ _ _ _
8. (O) _ _ _ _ _
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10. _ _ _ _ _

ono your _ather and _our mo_h_r,
so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answers: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Christian Sympathies are extended to the Dixon family and the Jenkins family for their recent losses of family members. Barbara Jenkins and Roland Dixon were faithful members of our church family and they will be missed.

It is nice to see Mary Ellen Gillispie back with us after being a little under the weather earlier in April. We welcomed a great number of guests at our Sunday Services in April. Prayers for continued growth.

Check out the district website for new information and upcoming zoom meetings. There are several changes coming to our district..you don't want to be left in the dark.

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Pastor's Message "A Poem for Mothers" - unknown author

Special Kids coloring page for Mom

Schedules for Music Ministry and Lay Ministry

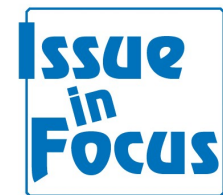
Pictures from our Easter Egg Hunt

Instructions for announcements for the bulletin

Information on upcoming mission



Don't forget to wear RED
On Sunday, June 5th—
Pentecost Sunday



THANK YOU, my darling choir members, for your marvelous portrayal of the "Crucifixion" of Christ, yesterday (**Good Friday**, April 15). You are truly AWESOME!!! Your portrayals were SUPERB! Thank you soooooo much for your willingness to work closely with me, to follow my "vision" which, I believe, came directly from God Himself! Most definitely, I feel certain that our dramatization was very powerful, extremely thought-provoking, and quite emotionally stirring. I pray that all who attended the service departed the sanctuary (and Aldersgate) with a deeply Christ-focused spirit and with a far greater appreciation for the ABSOLUTE SACRIFICE of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus--the Spotless Lamb of God who shed His precious blood for us sinners that we may have Eternal Life.

Gary - "Jesus" Didn't you DO IT!!!!!! OMGGGGG! Spot ON! You made my heart bleed with sorrow!!!!!! I struggled to continue singing and playing the organ; I was so moved.

Vic - Roman Soldier #1 WOW! You put me THERE, man . . . yes, you took me back a couple thousand years!!! Mmph!!!! What a performance!! BELIEVABLE!

Eric - Roman Soldier #2 GOODNESS GRACIOUS! You were incredible!!!! Your portrayal was EXCELLENT in every way: Harsh, Merciless, Totally REAL!!!! I am terrifically PROUD of YOU, Eric. Thank you for participating in your role.

JoBeth - "Mother Mary" SWEET JESUS!!! Oh My, Oh My, OH MYYYYY!!! You put tears in my eyes, Dear One! How wonderfully well you did! I think the mothers in the audience could personally relate to the GRIEF you exclaimed loudly; I surely did!!! My heart broke.

Pastor Bert - Worship Leader, Sound and Video Technician -- THANK YOUUUUUU for all you did to help make the Good Friday service and mini-drama a GRAND success!!!

GREG D. - Cinematographer, Videographer, Transposer/Downloader (of the online clips to jump-drive readiness for the live program) PERFECT FILMING!!!! Absolutely FANTASTIC! You captured everything superbly! THANK YOU for being YOUUUUUU!!!!!! Much love to you!!!

Again, THANK YOU, to each of you, for being entirely gracious to my vision, my guidance, and my directorship. You BLESS my heart! I am entirely grateful to work with you in our "ministry of music" at Aldersgate. Ours is an important role; let's always give the Good Lord full PRAISE, GLORY, and HONOR with our music. I LOVE YOU FOREVER *plus three years!* 🙏❤️🙌👍

Christina P.

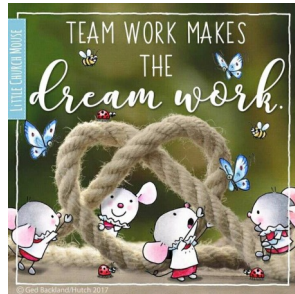
Thank You!
THANK YOU!

KIDS....Coloring Page for you to color, cut out and give to that special someone.



Were you Aware?

Are you aware of all of our little church mice who work each month to keep our building up and running? We have cleaning mice, gardening mice, mice who do repairs, mice that change signs and bulletin boards. They cut grass, replace light bulbs, vacuum carpets and do a lot of other things you many not be aware of.



We have little friends who work behind the scenes to make each Sunday's worship an experience we will carry with us throughout our week.

Most of the time we don't think about all the little things that are done here. The next time you are saying your prayers, have God bless all of our little mice for without them we would not be able to enjoy our little building.



Announcements at Church Service on Sunday Mornings

Beginning May 1 we will no longer be asking for announcements from the congregation during the worship service. We would like to have them printed in the bulletin instead.

Please submit any special announcements to the church office by phone or email no later than Wednesday am for printing.

thanks



For May

Wednesdays at 6 PM

May 4, 11, 18, 25

New Members are always welcome...contact Dr. Christina Pinkston at

director@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com



Adult Sunday School got off to a great start. We had 19 attendees. Pastor Griffin is teaching a curriculum based on the book of Acts. Check it out—each Sunday at 9:30 am.

Once again we will have the opportunity to participate in the “Rise Against Hunger” event.



The cost for the August 13th event is \$4,000.00. We In the next 3 months we need to raise more than \$2,100.00. Please make checks (or cash donations) out to Aldersgate and note “Rise Against Hunger” when making a contribution. Please note that this would be in addition to your contribution that you are currently giving to the church.

Thank you,

Gary Albertson





Birthdays

5/2 Cindy Albertson
 5/3 Millie Hanson
 Dewey Hanson

5/16 Lucinda Williams

Anniversaries

5/1 Kevin & Michele Floyd
 5/7 Guy & Diane Willis
 5/19 Bob & Courtney Dziagwa
 5/24 Vic & Debbie Supper



Remember in Prayer

Home: Ben Hogwood, Nia Griffin, Beverly Cooper

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 safety in mind.

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



Ushers

John and Melissa Floyd

Counters

5/1 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
 5/8 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
 5/15 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
 5/22 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
 5/29 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



Lawn Maintenance



5/2 Team 2
 5/9 Team 3
 5/16 Team 1
 5/23 Team 2
 5/30 Team 3

Calendar Highlights

5/3 7 PM Eliz. Park Civic League
 5/4; 11; 18; 25 6 PM Choir Rehearsals
 5/5 6 PM Vision Team Meeting
 5/9 7 PM RFS/WM/EP Civic League
 5/11 7 PM Appalachian Trail Club Meeting
 5/12 Secretary is out of the office
 5/17 7 PM Finance and Admin. Board Meeting
 5/19 6:30 PM Healthy Journey
 5/21 9 AM—4 PM Social Hall is use by E. R. District
 5/22 Noon—SPRC Meeting
 5/30 Church office Closed for Memorial Day



Newsletter Deadline

Monday, May 16th
 for the June 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....

Egg Hunt 2022



Saturday, April 9th was a great day for a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The children had a great time hunting for the hidden eggs, spending time with our wonderful bunny and having some great pics taken.



Thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

(check out website for more pictures)



A Mother's Love

I recently completed a Lenten Bible Study on the "Women of Easter". One of the women we learned more about was Jesus' mother, Mary.

We were asked by our teacher,

"What did we think about Mary having to see her child crucified?"

"Could we have stayed at the cross and watched?"

It must have been anguish for Mary to see her little boy beaten, stripped and nailed to a cross and all she could do was be there, helpless.

With Mother's Day celebrated this month, have you ever taken the time to wonder about your mom and the sacrifices she may have had to make for you. Did she have to stand by and just watch as you went through something knowing she could not help because she knew you have to figure it out for yourself.

A Mother's love is one of the strongest bonds a child can have. If you are still lucky enough to have your Mom—give her a hug and let her know how much you thank her for just being there. If your Mom has passed on, take comfort in knowing she is still in your heart and that is where she always will be.

One of Jesus's final words was to James—"Take care of your mother" It was his way of thanking her for just being there.

JR