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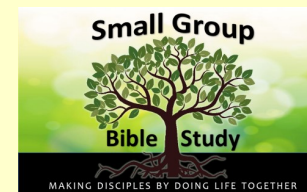


The Aldersgate Experience

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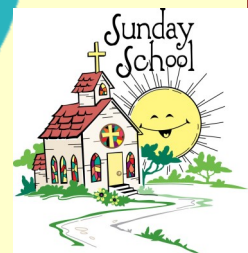
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WORSHIP
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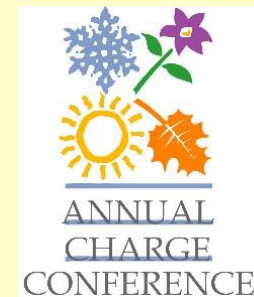
COMMUNITY
FUN DAY



Upcoming
Events



These are just a few of the Happenings at
Aldersgate this fall.





Take Fun Seriously

When I was a Youth Director, I took a group of teens to *Logan's Restaurant*. We had just ordered our meal and while we were waiting, I gave a brief talk on the importance of thinking and acting like Jesus. The teens were munching on peanuts while I was speaking, and one teen tossed a peanut at me. Everyone got quiet. I was thinking, "Okay, what would Jesus do?" A few ideas came to mind that involved lightning strikes and turning over tables...but then, I envisioned Jesus sitting next to me...with maybe a mischievous look in his eye, and a grin on his face. Then he picks up a peanut, tosses it back...and laughs about it. So, that's what I did. I tossed a peanut across to the other end of the table. Just as the teen picked up his glass to drink, the peanut bounced off his forehead and dropped in his glass. Everyone laughed and we had a good time.



Later that night, I thought more about how I was a teacher to teenagers, but they were also a teacher to me. It's one thing as we mature, to put away childish behavior. But that doesn't mean we put away child-like fun. Sometimes, as we mature into adults, we forget to have fun. I realized I don't want to be a person who takes everything too seriously. I encourage you, don't take *yourself* too seriously. Take *fun* seriously. Schedule some fun into your calendar.

Pastor Lee



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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
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



Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, nip, pie, sit, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, nud, npe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fishes, rinsed, shining, finish, shiner, insider, hinder, inspired, refinish, finished

Exploring the World Religions

What is similar between Christianity & other religions?

What are the differences?

What can we learn from other religions?

Sept. 10 – Hinduism & Christianity

Sept. 17 – Buddhism & Christianity

Sept. 24 – Islam & Christianity

Oct. 01 – Judaism & Christianity

Invite some friends!



In this issue - check out the following:

- * Annual Charge Conference Date and Location
- * New Small Group Study Begins
- * Update - Vision Team
- * Family Fun Day
- * Crab Pick Cancellation
- * New Sermon Study begins

And lots more



The Aldersgate Vision Team

The Vision Team started in October 2016 with the task of discerning a 3-year vision statement. The team met several times throughout 2016-2017. Completing its assigned task, the team's final meeting was held on July 23rd. Our vision is...

"A vibrant and diverse church devoted to challenging people in spiritual growth, building relationships, and meeting needs in the community."

The team also chose three strategic thrusts from an extensive list developed at a retreat.

1. Plan outreaches to build relationships with our community
2. Support widows/senior citizens
3. Provide Wi-Fi and space for college students to study

The Care Response Team and the Outreach Team already established the first two areas. And the Administrative Board has approved the Wi-Fi routers for the college students. Future plans will be defined at the Ministry Team meetings.

Thank you team members for your hard work and dedication for Aldersgate Church: Pastor Lee and Cindy Crosby, Gary Albertson, Guy Willis, Guy Willis III, Cynthia Stanley, Kevin and John Floyd, Barbara Harrell, Vic and Debbie Supper.



How to Structure Your Church for Evangelism
Featuring: *Jacob Armstrong*

Thursday, October 19, 2017/ 9:00-3:00PM*

*Please plan to arrive by 8:30 AM for Registration, the event will begin promptly at 9

Francis Asbury UMC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Everyone who has a heart and desire for reaching people who feel disconnected to God. Bring a team from your church who want to learn about and participate in adaptive change.

CEU: .5 Lunch Provided

Event Cost: \$35.00 per person - Registration Deadline 10/6

Early Bird: \$25.00 pp - must register by: 9/14

Group pricing discounts are available.

To register visit: vaumc.org/5talent

Jacob is the founding pastor of Providence Church, a 8 year old United Methodist church plant in Mt. Juliet, TN., reaching 1,600 people each week. Providence's vision is to see those who are disconnected from God and the church to find hope, healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ. Jacob's passion in ministry is what he likes to call "Worship Without Walls", which is taking God's love beyond the walls of a building to places of need in the community and world. Jacob is the author of *The New Adaptors: Shaping Ideas to Fit Your Congregation and Renovate: Building Your Life With God*



Food for Thought: A Job or A Ministry

Some people have a JOB in the church; others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What is the difference?

- *If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.
- *If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY.
- *If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a JOB.
- *If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.
- *If you do it only as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a JOB.
- *If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY.
- *If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it is a JOB.
- *If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your effort, it is a MINISTRY.
- *It's hard to get excited about a JOB.
- *It's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

An average church is filled with people doing JOBS. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY. Where do you fit in? What about you?

If GOD calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB. If you have a JOB, give it up and find a MINISTRY. God does not want us feeling stuck with a JOB, but excited and faithful to Him in a MINISTRY.

An encouraging poem by James N. Spurgeon tells it all:

*A job is at your choice;
A ministry is at Christ's call.
In a job you expect to receive;
In a ministry you expect to give.
In a job you give something to get something;
In a ministry you return something that has already been given to you.
A job depends on your abilities;
A ministry depends on your availability to God.
A job done well brings you praise;
A ministry done well brings honor to Christ.*



The Rev Tan Cheng Huat is the Senior Pastor of True Way Presbyterian Church.

The Annual Don Munsey Crab Pick

has been cancelled and will not be held this year. The Winton Class thanks everyone for their many years of support and asks that you keep a look out for plans for next year.



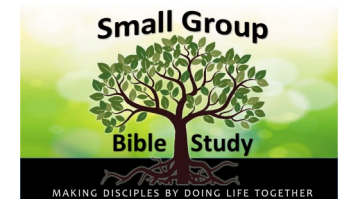
Plans are underway for our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day.

The date has been set -
Saturday, September 16th

Watch your bulletins and emails for more updates and details.

If you would like to help ---see Guy Willis -

Wednesday, September 13th is the kick off for a new Small Group Bible Study
"Engage Life"



The study will be led by Pastor Lee at his home from 7 PM - 8:45 PM each Wednesday evening.

If you are interested in attending please email Pastor Lee at <leecrosby@vaumc.org> or fill out a connection card and place in the offering plate.

**LAST
CHANCE!!!**

Sunset Sailing Cruise (Sat.) Sept. 2nd at 6 pm

Join us for a sunset sailing cruise on the American Rover, a Three-Masted Top Sail Schooner. It will be a 2-hour cruise on the smooth waters of the Elizabeth River from the Waterside Marina to ODU and back. Both fun and romantic, the sunset cruise is the perfect way to spend an evening. After the captain does a short tour of some of the sights in the harbor entertainment will be provided by our Ship's Musician. There ample seating, rest rooms, a shaded top deck and climate controlled below-deck lounges.

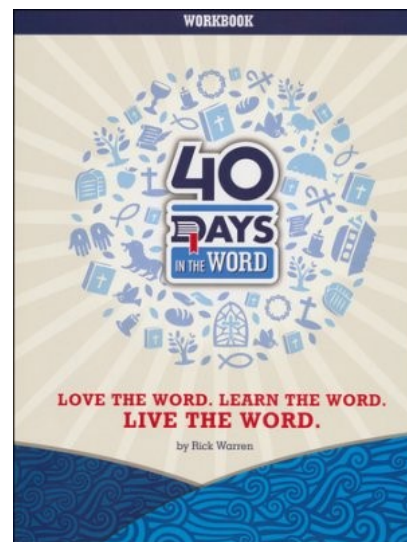
Cost: \$28 Adults / Seniors \$27 / Children \$18

To Register: You must register online at www.americanrover.com At the right side of the website, click on *Get Tickets*, click to the September calendar, and click on the Sunset Cruise on Sept. 2nd. There are limited spaces, so book early. Invite a friend...or 10. It will be a fun time together.

There is parking at the Waterside Parking Garage. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before cruise time. For questions, see Pastor Lee.



My Heart Small Group New Beginnings



40 Days in the Word

by Rick Warren

**Pronounce It! Picture It! Probe It! Paraphrase It!
Personalize It! AND Pray It!**

You will be inspired by this video series. *40 Days in the Word* is a journey of eternal significance. We will learn how to be not only "hearers" of the Word, but also "doers" of God's Word.

My Heart small group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Lots of time for great conversation, learning, and making friends too. This series begins on **September 7th** in the social hall.

Please contact Cindy to sign up to ensure a participant book is ordered for you!

Contact:
Cindy Crosby
(757) 461-3201.





**Saturday
October 28th
11:30—until
Aldersgate
Church**

Corn-hole Tournament and Picnic

Its that time again!
Hotdogs and other protein
foodies will be provided,
please bring a side dish or
dessert to share. A
fire-pit, marshmallows and
fun will be served too! **Get
your team together** and
watch for updates!

Bring most of all -
your smile and a friend—also
your lawn chair, your sun-
screen, your camera!

Helpers needed: Sign up on a “connection card” or call
or email crosby10@verizon.net or 757 461-3201.

Rain date: 4 Nov



News from the Pews

Please update your directory

Christian sympathies are extended to the
family and friends of **Shirley Briggs** who passed
away on July 25th.

It is with deep sadness that we bid farewell to
Melvin Manuel. Mel passed away on Aug. 9, 2017.
Please keep Ann, her family and the congregation of
Aldersgate in your prayers and we try to fill the void this
man has left.



THANKS
from the
HEART

My family and I would like to express our sincere
thanks for all our church family did during Mel's
illness and passing. It is a real comfort to know
how much everyone cares.

Ann Manuel and family

Marie Barker had a fall recently. She is at Lake Taylor
Rehab Center in Room A 27. She will be there for 2 more weeks.
Her spirits are high and she loves getting visits, calls and cards.

CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE SET

**Sunday, September 24th at 3-5 PM-location to be
Announced**

**Reports have to be uploaded on line this year. The office
will be glad to do this again for you this year.**

**Reports are not yet available but the Pastor and office will
attend a meeting on August 29th.**

**Please make sure to check your boxes and email for these
reports. There will not be much turn-around time.**

Thanks for your cooperation



Worship Corner—Vic Supper

Vic has been singing at AUMC for 11 years. Vic loves the Lord; he has a gentle soul and is making strides to improve his gift of singing. Lets hear what Vic has to say about worship.

“Worship music is very important to me. It brings God in the mix of music and worship. It helps me to understand the word better. I feel better when I'm singing in praise to the Man that made me and keeps me going. I wish others could feel, what I feel when I'm praising Him through music. I think the new praise music is going to help change AUMC for the good. I think it will get people out of there seats — as we really enjoy the new music which is trying to take shape in our church. I believe it will open up new areas of ministry.”

Thanks Vic, keep singing for the Lord.



**September 26th
10 AM**

The Helping Hands group will have their first meeting of the season on Tuesday, 9/26.

If you like working with your hands making, stuffing little teddy bears and surgical dolls for the sick children of CHKD --this group is for you. Not to mention the fellowship you will receive as a bonus.

Bring your bagged lunch and come join this lovely group.



Aldersgate Worship Choir

September Worship Schedule

**5, 13, 20, 27 September
6:30 rehearsal, Wednesdays**

⇒ **Musical outreach event in the fall, stay tuned for more details**

We are still seeking musicians, if you play an instrument please see Cindy! Musical instruments are biblical and greatly enhance the praise and worship we give to God each Sunday. We need you!

Contact: Cindy, (757) 461-3201.

⇒ **Guitar, drummer, bass guitar, brass and more!**



Birthdays and Anniversaries



9/16 Marie Barker
9/19 Jimmie Powers
9/21 Bonnie Samuel

9/25 Vic Supper



9/17 Greg and Kathy Dziagwa
40th Anniversary

Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Bonnie Savage, Marie Barker

The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgett
Sentara Village S.—Shirley Henley
Georgian Nursing Facility--Billy Thrasher

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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Friday, September 15th

You do not have to wait for the deadline to submit your information you can email it anytime during the month, or just call the church office



Ushers

Gary Albertson, Kevin Floyd

Counters

9/3 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
9/10 Ben Hogwood, sub
9/17 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
9/24 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



Lawn Maintenance

9/4 Team 2
9/11 Team 3
9/18 Team 1
9/25 Team 2

Notes: Calendar Highlights

9/4 Office Closed - Labor Day

9/7 Thursday Evening Small Group Begins
New Study - 40 Days in the Word by Rick Warren

9/10 NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS - WORLD RELIGIONS

Secretary Anniversary Recognition

9/13 Engage Life - Bible Study begins

9/16 COMMUNITY FUN DAY 8 AM - 2 PM

9/24 CHARGE CONFERENCE 3-5 PM

