



Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23502



The **William G. Winton Sunday School Class** has been a part of Aldersgate almost as long as the church has had a charter. An Adult Sunday School Class with a team of teachers changed when a retired Methodist Minister came to

Aldersgate and took over teaching. Rev. Winton's name was given to the class after he passed away. His Bible is displayed in the classroom in a glass case.



Over the years the class has held Bible Study in different members homes, sponsored fund-raisers for different community missions and ministries, held leadership positions in the church and participated in several community projects.

Today, the class is still very active in the "life" of Aldersgate. Currently it is taught by Jim Powers and Lucinda Williams. They still have monthly meetings, host special celebrations, i.e. Valentine's Day; (see article and pictures elsewhere in this newsletter); St. Patrick's Day, with delicious meals and proceeds going to different missions in the community, hold flea markets, help with Children's activities and works with the Circle of Friends Class on church projects.





A Vision of our Future

I am so proud of our Vision Team. They worked hard at all the monthly meetings, as well as a full day retreat. They devoted time in prayer to discern God's will for Aldersgate. They dreamed big, shared ideas, and formed a united Vision

Statement to direct the church into an exciting future. The Vision Statement is this:

We envision a vibrant and diverse church devoted to challenging people in spiritual growth, building relationships, and meeting needs in the community.

Can you envision that for Aldersgate? I know I can. I envision us being a church diverse in generations and race. I envision us actively building relationships with those who don't go to church, and inviting them to follow Jesus.

I envision us serving the needs of our community in ways that people can see the God's love, grace, and power. So, I look forward to seeing that become to reality. God loves to work through ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

The next step for the Vision Team is to recommend specific activities and events that will move us forward. A vision without action is only a dream. Let's work together as a church to transform that vision into tangible actions that produce fruit. So, join us on this exciting new direction in our faith journey.

Pastor Lee



In this issue - look for:

Information on Bible Study for Lent
Ash Wednesday Service
Community Outreach Event
Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt
Ham and Cabbage Dinner and lots more

HOMEMADE EASTER EGGS

4 Flavors

3 size choices -

Chocolate, Butter Cream, Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream

Small assortment (6 eggs) \$6.00

Large assortment (16 eggs) \$11.00

1/2 lb. Egg \$7.00 (can be personalized for \$1.00 extra)



See Joyce in the church office to place order - Eggs are Hand made by the members of Heritage United Methodist Church.
Deadline 4 orders is: Friday, March 31 -----

The Aldersgate Experience

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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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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

PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.

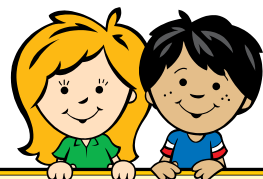


What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



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The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.



(Sat.) March 25 at 10 am

Join us in a fun way to serve our community with God's love. We will give away free tickets to passengers getting *on* the Tide Rail Newtown station, and give away free chocolate bars to those who are getting *off*. I know, it's crazy! But, so is God's love! And it's a simple way to demonstrate that love. Watch the look on people's faces when we offer them something that is 100% free with no strings attached. Be part of the team that puts smiles on those faces. If you want to be part of this outreach, contact Pastor Lee by email at leecrosby@vaumc.org, or call the church office at 466-8999. Come experience the joy of giving away God's love in a simple way.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -
All You Can Eat

Tuesday - 2/28 5-7 PM



Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Spiced Apples and Sausages

Adults - \$7.00
Children 4-10 \$4.00
Children under 4 years - FREE



Continued Prayers for:

Farrell Harrell who is recovering from knee replacement surgery at home and is doing very well with his physical therapy.

News from the Pews **Phil Floyd** - continued health issues

All of our shut-ins and Nursing Facility members. Drop them a note or a card to let them know they are not forgotten.

Christian Sympathies to: **Family of William Halsey** who passed away on February 14.

Prayers for **Henry Boelte's sister, Sarah Monroe**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Thanks for all the cards and calls following Ollie's (**Oliver Harrell**) knee surgery. He is doing well and hopes to be out and about soon.

Barbara Harrell



Saturday, March 11th

Check your smoke alarm batteries too!



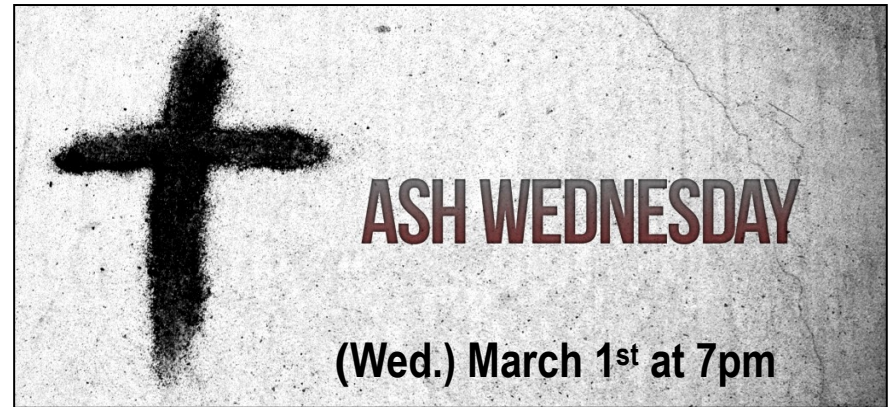


Valentines Dinner Wrap-Up

The Valentines Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to the Winton Class for sponsoring this heavenly evening and Barbara Hogwood for heading up the team! The meal of baked chicken and ham, down home country green beans, roasted potatoes, and topped off with cake, ice-cream and a cherry on top — it was delicious.

A beautifully decorated room, smiling faces, happy hearts, great food, videos, music and dancing...yes dancing!

Red was the color for the night: fluffy decorations, napkins, ladies sweaters and dresses, tablecloths and carnations—oh my!



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, study, and reflection on spiritual growth. *Ash Wednesday* is an ancient form of worship reminding us to turn from our sin and turn to God daily. Join us in a renewed focus on our journey of faith.



EXPLORE Membership Class (Sun.) March 12 at 3 pm

Jesus started a movement called Church. Come and see what that means to us at Aldersgate. Explore what it means to be United Methodist and the expectations of being a member. We will meet from 3-4:30 pm. To sign up for the class, contact Pastor Lee by email: leecrosby@vaumc.org, You can note it on the Connection Card in worship, or call the church office at 466-8999.



The Worship Choir Team is singing for our seniors in March. This ministry brings joy and love through music concerts in the local area especially for long-term care residents.

You are INVITED to join us! Come and meet some new folks, put a smile on someone's face, give a hug and bring some joy!

Date: 29 March, Wednesday
Time: 6:40 pm
Where: Sentara Village Assisted Living, S. Newtown Rd, Nor.



Worship Corner



Sherry Williams has been singing at AUMC for 10 years. Let's hear what she has to say about worship.

"Music in worship is important. It gives me a chance to sing praises literally to God. It is uplifting and gives people a chance to vocalize feelings about God while giving thanks to Him for our blessings. I thoroughly enjoy the choir/praise team and singing. It is a real challenge to find my notes with the new music Cindy is playing; and I am struggling a bit; eventually I will get comfortable with the changes. I thank her for showing such confidence in us and her encouragement with true belief that we are doing a great job which makes this challenge worthwhile."

Thank you Sherry for using your beautiful voice to honor God. You are a true blessing!

Easy Outreach Class a Success!

The *Easy Outreach Class* in February was a huge success with 17 folks in attendance. They learned that outreach to the community can be many things and most importantly is about building relationships with our community. The session focus was how to demonstrate God's love in the community with no strings attached. To recap on the Sunday sermon, Pastor Lee recommended we begin having "God parties" in our homes or at restaurants or wherever you might invite friends to join you. Get involved in the church-wide outreach events to see what its like to bring joy and serve others.



It is so important to share God's love in this world where there is so much hurt, loneliness and despair. Everyone agreed



Aldersgate Church is onboard and wants to begin participating with a new perspective.



Watch for future details on outreaches being held—and then JOIN in!!



My Heart Small Group Update

My Heart completed Rick Warren's "What on Earth Am I Here For" in February. We learned timeless principles to guide our life related to purpose, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and more. Everyone agreed it was a great session where we were refreshed and renewed with what God has in mind for us personally and Aldersgate Church too.

We are joining the "Life in Community" study for Lent beginning on 9 March at 7:00 pm. Pastor Lee will guide us through this book on Thursday night. You may still join us - we can share our books if needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in what God is doing at AUMC—don't miss out. Need a ride? Have questions? Contact Cindy (757) 461-3201.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Social Hall



Winton Class Annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner



**Saturday, March 18, 2017
5-6:30 PM**

**Menu: Ham and Cabbage, Jello Salad,
Green Beans, Oven-roasted Potatoes,
Corn Bread, Dinner Rolls and
assorted Desserts and Beverages**

**Tickets: Adults \$9.00
Children 4-10 \$4.50
Children under 4 - FREE**

Saturday, March 11

St. Peter's "Feeding the Homeless"

Meet at St. James Episcopal Church
(off Brambleton Ave and exit 11 of 264) at **10 am.**

Food is prepared and bagged and taken to Martin Luther King Park and delivered.

For more information you can call Pastor Lee or St. Peter's at 466-9392.



**Deadline
Thursday
April 6th**

ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th
9:00 AM

All are invited—friends, relatives, neighbors
Infants—5th Grade -

Donations of wrapped candies, small toys, and
cash appreciated

It's hard to believe but we need to start planning for the annual Bunny Breakfast. This event is the one of the times we can reach out to the community's children. They have such a great time hunting for the eggs and seeing the Easter Bunny(sometimes). So I hope you will help support this event. We will need volunteers to help with setting up tables, as well as helping to supervise the children when they hunt for the eggs. Consider VOLUNTEERING I promise you won't be sorry . I thank you in advance I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Barbara Harrell

New to Aldersgate-- What is the Bunny Breakfast? Our Bunny Breakfast is an annual event for the children of the community or anyone wishing to attend. There is no cost to attendees but donations are accepted (if you wish to make one). The menu is simple and has always been a big hit with everyone. We have Greg Dziagwa's famous pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, coffee and juice. Then the children go outside (weather permitting we have had snow but we never cancel this event) and hunt for the eggs. The children are grouped according to age. They fill their baskets and return to the social hall where they empty their bounty of eggs, can visit the Easter Bunny and receive a bag of goodies in exchange for the eggs (some of the children don't want to let go of their eggs) a great time is had by all --so please join us .

Please Fill Out and place in offering plate

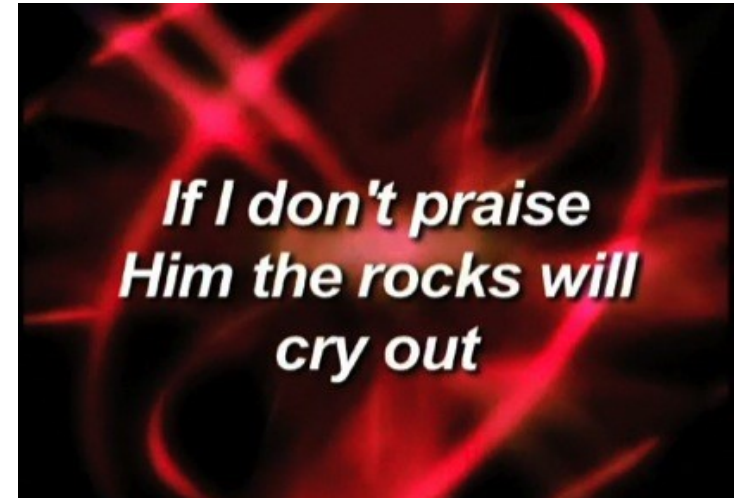
I/We plan to attend the Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th **Deadline for reservations - Thursday, April 6th**

Name _____

Adults _____

Children _____ Ages of Children _____
(children ages infants– 5th grade)

Aldersgate Worship Choir – March News



Welcome New Singers

A special welcome to new singers who recently joined the worship choir—Dan and Veda Wolfe and Michelle Jones. They have wonderful voices and other musical gifts as well. Stay tuned for the Worship Corner to learn more about worship team members.

songs contain about our living God whom we worship everyday.

We still have room for vocalists and musicians. Reading music is NOT required to join this music group.

1, 8, 15, 22 March
6:30 pm
Wednesday rehearsal

29 March, 6:40 pm
Sentara Village Concert

Please contact Cindy if you have questions,
(757) 461-3201.

We are gearing up for Easter, learning new music such as Jesus Messiah and refreshing older musical selections such as River of Judea and Offerings! What a powerful message these

Birthdays and Anniversaries



3/4	Robin Janser	3/25	Hazel Williams
3/12	Cynthia Stanley	3/27	Rebecca Repass
3/18	Kevin Floyd	3/30	Marguerite Windley
3/22	Shirley Henley		



We currently have no wedding anniversaries during the month of March. If you are new to Aldersgate and have an anniversary in March please let the church office know.

Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs, Phil Floyd, Farrell Harrell



The Gardens of Va. Beach—Milton Midgette
Sentara Village S.—Shirley Henley
Mila Home Care—Jackie Wilkinson
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

Wednesday, March 15

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

Jim Powers and John Floyd

Counters

3/5	Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
3/12	Kevin Floyd, Randy Thrasher
3/19	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
3/26	Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood



Lawn Maintenance

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

Notes:

This month's Sermon Series - "Lent"

Calendar Highlights:

March 1 -	7 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
March 2 - 4/6	7 PM	Lenten Small Group Study
March 5-4/9	9:45 AM	Lenten Bible Study in Lounge
March 11	10 AM	Help St. Peter's feed the homeless
March 12	3 PM	Explore Membership Class
March 18	5-6:30 PM	Ham and Cabbage Dinner
March 20	7 PM/7:30 PM	Finance Mtg. and Admin. Board Mtg
March 25	10 AM	Servant Outreach at Newtown Light Rail Station
March 29	6:30 PM	Worship Choir sings at Sentara Nursing Ctr.

