



Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
5767 Sellger Drive  
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November



# The Aldersgate Experience

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"Be joyful always; pray continually;  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus." | Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Happy Thanksgiving*



## “Dig In and Go Deep!”



Imagine two different flowers. One is a cut flower in a vase. The other is a planted flower in a pot. The potted flower will last much longer than the cut one because it has roots. The cut flower will only last a few days because it has been cut off from its roots. Roots are the way that the flower receives nourishment needed to live and grow. It is the same for followers of Jesus. We need to be rooted in a living relationship with Him.

(Colossians 2:6-7) *And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.*

We all face times of trials and trouble. We need to grow roots deep into Jesus, to nourish our lives when the heat of the day beats down on us. Otherwise we will wilt. Ways to develop a strong root system is to spend time daily with the Lord in Bible study and prayer. We also grow roots when we make corporate worship a priority each week, and seek community with fellow believers in a small group. When these spiritual disciplines become a priority in our lives, we develop a strong root system that can withstand any trial or trouble. In addition, we will bear much fruit.

What area of your life needs to develop stronger roots? Which of the spiritual disciplines listed above do you need to start or strengthen? Don't wait until you are wilting. Make the investment that will give you strength before the next heatwave. Then, let that heat only nurture healthy fruit!

So, dig in and go deep!

Pastor Lee



To our Veterans we say thank you.



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or “truce” day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when “nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4, NIV)

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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





Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



#### What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

#### What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

*Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.*



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,

K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,

S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ name in \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_"



## EXPLORE Membership Class (Sun.) November 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.

Three ways to sign up for the class,  
contact

Pastor Lee by email: [leecrosby@vaumc.org](mailto:leecrosby@vaumc.org),

or

you can note it on the Connection Card found in your bulletin and place in the offering plate during worship,

or

call the church office at 466-8999.

### In this issue - you will find:

- Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service Information
- Updates for Worship Choir, Small Group and Kidz Worship Team
- Bingo Night - information
- Decorating the church for the holidays - date and time





## **My Heart Small Group Update Celebration and Outreach!**

My Heart Small Group will finish out 2017 with a celebration at the conclusion of our study *40 Days in the Word*. Then we have a planned outreach at the Union Mission in Norfolk in November to serve our community.

The group will continue to meet for study and great conversation on 9, 16, and 30 November. We will take a break during the Christmas season until January. Stay tuned for more information on our next study group! There's always room for one more...join us Thursday nights at 7:00, social hall.

Need info? Contact: Cindy (757) 461-3201.

## **Attention Youth**



## **MAN HUNT**



**When: November 5, @ 2pm**

**Where: Aldersgate 5767 Sellger Dr.  
Norfolk**

**Join us in man hunt through  
MacArthur Mall. Transportation  
will be provided to Mall**



**See John Floyd or Pastor Lee for  
more information**

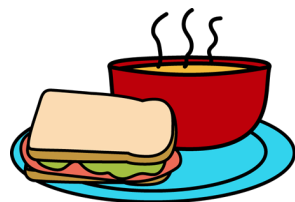
**Church Social Hall**  
**Saturday, November 11th**  
**5 PM until.....**

**Soup, Sandwich and White Elephant**



**FREE food----**  
**FREE prizes and great fellowship!**

**Bring your neighbors and  
friends  
for an evening of fun.**



**\*\*\* \*\*We're in need of White Elephant gifts!** If you have an item/items at home that are in good condition please consider donating to our prize selection! Place donations on the designated table in the Social Hall.

Contact Cynthia Stanley 757-620-8798 with any questions, donations or if you'd like to volunteer.



Sign up with your act for **"A Fireside Christmas"** to be held in December. Sing a song, read a poem, perform a skit and more!

Contact Cindy TODAY  
461-3201



The Kidz Worship Team is offering a special selection in November to honor and give thanks to God! It is a new song from Psalms and Psongs 2.



**Care Response Team meeting:**  
**Sunday, 19 November, 4pm**

**Come enjoy...**  
**"The Joyful Christmas  
Concert"**

**Aldersgate  
Worship Choir**

**29 November, Wednesday, 6:45pm**

**Sentara Village  
Newtown**

**Come join us to give encouragement to our senior citizens at Newtown Sentara. A warm hug always brings a smile to their faces. Information? Contact Cindy 461-3201.**



**Help us decorate  
the church for  
Christmas**

**Nov 25th**

**6 PM**

**Sponsored by the Winton Class -**

**ALL are invited!!!!**

**Bring your favorite goodie to share -**



**FALL BACK**



**Don't forget to  
set clocks back  
one hour at  
2 a.m. Sunday**

**CHANGE your fire alarm's batteries!**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK 1 HOUR**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4**

**BEFORE YOU GO TO  
BED.**





**Wednesday, November 22nd  
7 PM**

**Host: Riverside Baptist Church  
5768 Sellger Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23502**

**Come, Join Us... A great way to start your  
family holiday.**

**Pastor Lee Crosby  
Rev. John Eidam  
Pastor Fred Williams**

**Music by: Combined Choirs of Aldersgate,  
St. Peter's and Riverside Baptist.**



News from the Pews

A special thanks

I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, calls and visits I received during my recent hospital and rehab stay. It is so comforting to know I have such a caring church.

**Marie Barker and Linda Roberson**



Congratulations to **Bob, Courtney and Chase Dziagwa** on the birth of another little boy. Shawn Gregory arrived a little early much to the surprise of everyone. He made his debut on Oct. 17th at 7:23 PM-weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz and 19 inches in length. Grandparents, Greg and Kathy now have 2 little boys to bring to church.

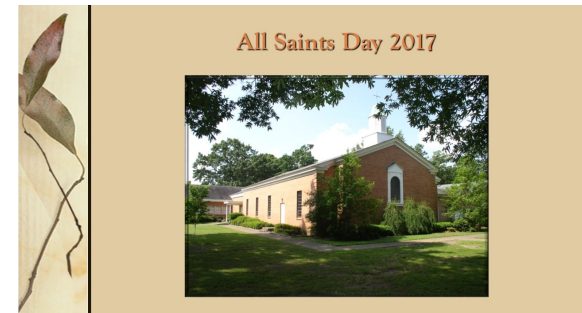


Congratulations also to **Joe and Samantha Dziagwa** as they begin their new life as a couple.



Remember our Shut-ins

Remember our shut-ins this holiday season- send them a note, card or give them a call. Not sure of an address call the church office. A listing of the local nursing facilities and hospitals are in the back of your directory.



**Sunday, November 5th  
11 AM Worship Service**

**A special video presentation is shown to remember those  
in our church family who have passed away during the  
year.**



Please join us for a warm and intimate fireside Christmas celebration in honor of Jesus Christ. This family-oriented event is filled with song, drama, readings and more -- brimming over with love. If you haven't found your Christmas spirit yet, we guarantee you will at "A Fireside Christmas." Evening begins at 6:00 pm with a "free" scrumptious dessert and hot beverages to share immediately afterward. For additional information please contact  
Cindy 757-461-3201.

**Sign up TODAY with your act—don't wait!**

## Aldersgate Worship Choir

### November



1, 8, 15 November, rehearsal 6:30 Weds  
22 November, 7:00 Joint Thanksgiving Service  
Riverside Baptist, 5768 Sellger Dr.  
29 November, 6:45, Outreach,  
Sentara Newtown Nursing Center

The worship choir is joining ranks with three other churches to provide music for the joint Thanksgiving Community Service...what a joy!







## Birthdays and Anniversaries

11/4	Mason Harrell	11/15	Joyce Russo
11/10	Chelsie Richburg	11/17	Grace Mahone
11/11	Henry Boelte	11/21	Michael Hogwood
	Gregory Dziagwa	11/29	Joshua Hogwood
	Hunter Hogwood		

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



## Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Bonnie Savage

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

Wednesday, November 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

Dewey and Millie Hanson

## Counters

11/5	Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
11/12	Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
11/19	Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
11/26	Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



## Lawn Maintenance



11/6	Team 1
11/13	Team 2
11/20	Team 3
11/27	Team 1

## Notes: Calendar Highlights

11/5	11 AM Worship Service - All Saints Day Video
	2 PM Youth Event at McArthur Mall

11/10 OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY

11/11 5 PM Soup/Sandwich White Elephant Bingo

11/12 3 PM Explore Membership Class

11/22 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

11/23-24 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

11/25 6 PM Decorate the Church for the Holidays

Monthly regular events are: 6:30 PM Wednesday- Worship Choir Rehearsal and 7 PM Thursday - Small Group Study

