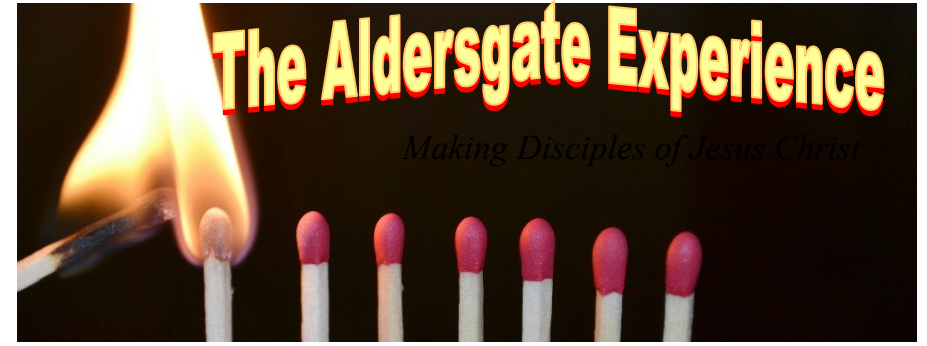


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Happy New Year



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When you look to God...



Rejoice in it




“A Flower for God”

By Pastor Lee

Harold was 7 years old. One day, he noticed his mother admiring the flowers in her garden. Harold said, “Mommy, how did you make those flowers?” His mother said, “I didn’t make them. God did.” Harold decided that he wanted to see God grow a flower. So, he put dirt in a pot and watched it for two weeks, but no flower appeared. He asked his mother and she asked, “Did you put a seed in the dirt?” Harold said, “No.” She said, “You have to put a flower seed in the soil if you want a flower.” So, Harold planted a seed. Two weeks later there was still no flower. His mother looked at the hardened soil and said, “You also have to water the soil so it can grow.” Harold became frustrated. He said, “I wanted to see God grow a flower. I didn’t know I had to do all the work.”

God is the ultimate source for our spiritual growth, but we have to do some of the work. Jesus followers don’t automatically grow to maturity just because they get older. We need to plant the seed of God’s Word in our minds and hearts. We need to water the soil of our souls through relationships with other followers of Jesus. That’s why small groups play such an important role. They water the seed to nurture spiritual maturity. We need God AND we need God’s family. How can we learn to love, encourage, and serve one another without being with one another. We grow through our relationships. We need God and we need each other to grow in our faith. If you are not already in a small group, join one now. Discover new depths of spiritual growth. Make your life a beautiful flower that one day you will present to God when you arrive in his Heavenly Kingdom.

Christians are like the several flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other’s roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other.

—John Bunyan

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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



WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

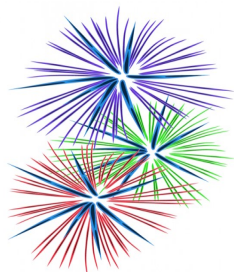
- Brush these daily
- Do this to your shoes
- This rises in the east
- Cold breakfast food
- Hot breakfast food
- Talk to God
- Morning meal
- Extend your limbs
- Fruit drink
- Waffle machine
- Eat these scrambled or fried

Because of the LORD's great love...

 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions



Charge Conference Training Event Date Set.

It's that time of the year again.

CHARGE CONFERENCE.

Those two words that spread anxiety throughout church offices. A fall tradition in the Methodist Church falling sometime after the summer breaks and prior to Advent.

This year is no different. The Pastor and Secretary will be attending this year's training on August 27th at one of the local churches. The office will be closed that most of the morning.

Committee chairs who have budget lines need to begin thinking about 2020 and planning your requests for funds. Our finance chair and treasurer will appreciate your getting request to them as soon as possible.

Thanks.



The news in brief

Pastor Lee's Message

Charge Conference Training

Lay Ministry Schedule

5 Talent Academy Information and Registration

Info for Rise Against Hunger Event

Mission outreach events





OR IS IT!

For many church ministries the summer means “break time”Choirs go on vacation; groups stop their meetings and many of the congregation visit families and other places.

However, the Outreach and Mission Ministries of Aldersgate are just beginning to heat up.

On Saturday, August 3rd, Aldersgate will host its 3rd annual “Rise Against Hunger” Campaign. Several members of the church, their families and friends will come together to pack bags of rice and other staples. These packets are then sent overseas to other countries and will help feed many, many people.

Although this event is only a one day thing, Gary Albertson and the church have been making donations all year to ensure this is successful.

Our Mission Team of ten will be embarking on their 1st mission trip. They will heading to Asheville, North Carolina for a week of serving others. This town experiences a lot of, “hippie nomads”, or homeless travelers during the summer months. Our team will help feed them, take care of any other needs and spread the “Good News” by showing acts of caring and sharing. We pray for safe travels, a spirit filled journey and a safe return to our church family.

So the all too familiar phrase “*nothing is going on this month*” definitely does not apply to us.



Ushers

Phyllis Day and Debbie Supper

Counters

8/4 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
8/11 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
8/18 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
8/25 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



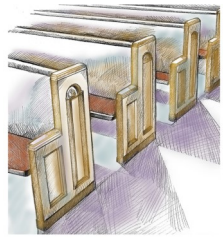
Lawn Maintenance

8/5 Team 3
8/12 Team 1
8/19 Team 2
8/26 Team 3

Calendar Highlights

8/3 9 AM Rise Against Hunger Event
8/5-8/12 Pastor on Vacation
8/15 Newsletter Deadline
8/19-8/24 Mission Team Away
8/27 Pastor and Secretary out of office for District Training





News from the Pews

We received an email from Lynn Pace, daughter of the late Bonnie Samuel, who passed away earlier this year.

Bonnie will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on August 5th @ 10 AM.. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers as they place Bonnie in her eternal resting place.



Just a Small Reminder!

We may not be ready to hear this but we only have a few more weeks before we plunge back into the fall planning time.

The church calendar will become full again—Committees will begin meetings, the Worship Team will resume, and events will be added to our weekends.

We have already begun scheduling events for September—and before we know it Advent will be here.

Please get all of your special meetings, indoor-outdoor events on the calendar as soon as possible.

We all love the special things that happen here at Aldersgate and we wouldn't want a single fellowship time to be missed.



LOOKING TOWARD FALL



Just a reminder

No Worship Team Choir rehearsals

August 7, 14, 21, and 28.



Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM

Anyone wanting information about the Worship Team and how to join us please see Cindy Crosby.

New voices and instrumentalists are always welcomed



Looking for something to do with your children this summer?

Don't forget the special movie clubhouse at Military Circle Mall Cinema each Wednesday and Thursday at 10 AM.

Cost is still just \$1.00 per child per show.



Movies for August

7/31-8/1 Sherlock Gnomes

8/7-8 Hotel Transylvania 3

8/14-15 Despicable Me 3

Elizabeth River District has new website

If you are looking for information about our district you will need to look in a new place.

The district website address has changed!

It is now: <<https://elizabethriverumc.com>>

Check it out.



Engage 2019:

Community Transformation

November 14, 2019 8:30—4 PM

Francis Asbury UMC
1871 N. Great Neck Road, Va. Beach

This is a training event to empower the local church in the 21st century.

Speakers include: Jacqueline Lewis, Senior Minister from New York; Michael Beck, Pastor from Florida; Andy and Anjie Woodworth, Co-Pastors from Georgia and Bishop Ken Carter from the Florida Conference UMC.

You must register on line at <www.vaumc.org/5Talent>
Cost: \$35.00 which includes snacks and lunch.

Most of us have heard of “Society of St. Andrew”. Their purpose has been to feed America’s hungry. One of their recent programs includes



Adopt a Bushel—Feed a Nation

For the cost of \$9.00 the Society of St. Andrew are share 100 pounds of potatoes (300 servings) to hungry people in need. (Normally this amount of food in the grocery store would cost \$.80 per pound for a total of \$80.00)

If interested please contact the church office for more information or visit EndHunger.org/ABFN



Birthdays

- 8/10 Randy Thrasher
- 8/11 Linda Roberson
- 8/17 Guy Willis II
- 8/21 Neal Windley

Anniversaries

We currently have no anniversaries listed for the month of August. If your wedding anniversary is in August please let the church office know and we wish you a “Happy Anniversary”



PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember in Prayer

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
Shirley Henley

Our Mission Team—safe travels and return

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



Newsletter Deadline
Thursday, Aug 15th
for the September 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....



August 3rd

9 AM

Come and join in this mission event.

See Gary Albertson for more information