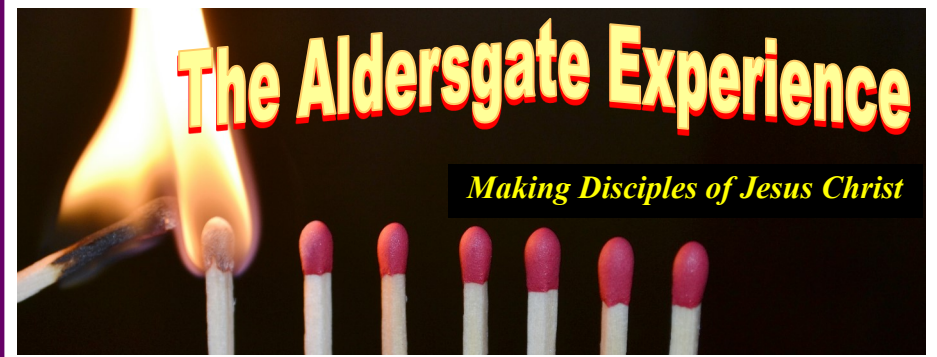




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5767 Sellger Drive
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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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Celebrate

You are invited to join us on

Mother's Day

Sun. May 14th

11 AM

**FREE Family Portraits
will be taken after the service**





“The Odd Couple”

In the Bible you will find a marriage of the world’s oddest couple. It was the most unlikely matrimonial match-up you’d ever imagine. And it was Jesus who performed the wedding. The names of these newlyweds are Grace and Truth.

(John 1:14) *The Word (Jesus) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Jesus did not come to mediate a compromise between grace and truth. He came to bring the fullness of grace and truth into this sacred union. As truth, Jesus declares us lawbreakers and deserving of God’s wrath. As grace, Jesus took the fullness of that wrath upon himself so we might live. Jesus once told a woman caught in adultery that he did not condemn her (grace), but told her to stop sinning (truth). Grace and truth are truly an odd couple, but Jesus made the marriage work. And so should we.

For some it is easier to emphasize grace over truth, but the danger is to minimize sin as if it doesn’t matter. Others may emphasize truth over grace, but the danger is to minimize our dependency on God. In either case, we cheapen both. For God’s grace is only as visible as God’s truth is revealed. Grace and truth belong together in the Church. We can stand for God’s truth and seek to live by it. And we can stand for God’s grace and be known for it. The tension between these two is necessary for us as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ. They are certainly an odd couple, but when united in marriage, God gets the glory.



This picture was on the Altar on Easter Sunday morning.

Worthy the Lamb

No words are needed-
This picture depicts the
spirit of Renewal and Hope

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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



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

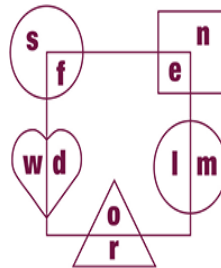


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even

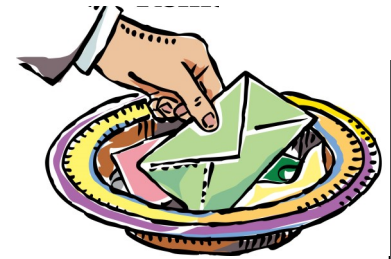
in all his splendor was

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV



Notes from the Office

Mrs. Ann Manuel has retired her post as financial secretary for Aldersgate UMC. We thank her for her many years of service.



Your contributions are now being posted and handled by the church office.

It would help tremendously, if you wish to continue to use your old envelopes, to please cross out any numbers. It seems that a few of the numbers are being used by more than one family. If your name is not on the envelope you may not get credit for your donation.

If you have old and new envelopes you may also bring your old boxes to the church and we will use them for pew envelopes.

Thanks



In this issue - check out the following:

- * Annual Lemons on the Lawn Flyer
- * Information on the RISE Against Hunger Mission Outreach
- Look for tear-out volunteer box
- * Ministry Outreach at local light rail station
- * Notes from the Church Office on email and finance
- * Updates on our congregation
- * Care Response Team Update
- * Annual Conference Information
- * lots and lots of pictures of Easter events



Updates

Christian sympathies are extended to the families of **Jackie Wilkinson**. Jackie passed away on April 15th.

Please keep her daughters and their families in your prayers as they cope with this loss.

News from the Pews

Over the past several weeks we have had some visitors to our services on Sunday morning.



Mother's Day and Father's Day are especially known for families and guests to visit our church.

If you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself, invite them to come and visit again.



Just a note of thanks to the members of the **CRT** who have spent many hours visiting our shut-in members and folks in the nursing facilities.

A special thanks to the **choir** for their visit to Sentara Newtown South to entertain the residents.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls. I am doing well and hoping to be back to feeling myself real soon.

Love **Barbara Harrell**

What a bunch of surprises I received on Secretary's Day in April. Flowers, cookies, calls, cards, emails --they all really made my day. My family is going through some trials and stress right now and my family at Aldersgate has been there for me through it all. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

From the bottom of my heart,
Joyce Russo



Volunteer for Our Meal Packaging Event

Date: 15 July 2017 **Time:** 9:00 a.m.

Meals goal: 10,000

Location: Aldersgate UMC, Norfolk, Social Hall

Your Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____



from your hand to their tummies



Aldersgate Church is sponsoring RISE Against Hunger formerly known as STOP Hunger Now on July 15, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall.

At this outreach event we will package 10,000 meals for families who have great need in other countries. There are many jobs for this event and ALL hands are needed to work together to accomplish this task. Even small hands can help to carry finished food bags, ring the bell, and help keep boxes moving.

We are taking sign-ups at this time from the Aldersgate Church family (see form) and are encouraging you to invite a friend to partner with us. Beginning in June, Pastor Lee will designate a few slots for other churches in the area to participate. We need 50 persons to make this event a success!

SIGN UP is required to participate—the cost of this outreach has been privately funded with no expense to participants.

SAVE THE DATE—and SIGN UP NOW! Don't wait.

Cindy Crosby crosby10@verizon.net 757-461-3201
Cynthia Stanley c.stanley1282@gmail.com
757-620-8798

St. Peter's Episcopal Church ASIAN NIGHT Tuesday, May 23rd 5-7PM

All you can eat:

Fried Rice
Lumpia
Pancit
Adobo Chicken



Tickets:

Adults	\$8
Children 4-10	\$4
Children under 4	Free

Call St. Peter's church Office at 466-9392

Do you have a *Graduate* in your family this May or June?

We will be honoring our graduates one Sunday in June.



Please let the church office know the graduate's name, level of graduation and future school, job etc.



We recognize the oldest to the youngest grads - from preschool through college and beyond.



Care Response Team Update

The new Care Response Team (CRT) met and reviewed its assignments for the past month on 30 April. Several visits were conducted for folks hospitalized, at home, and in recovery. Cards were sent with love! The special critters were presented at worship so they could be given to those who are home-bound! They came in all shapes and sizes—lambies, teddy bears, and a few bunnies!

If you see one on your pew please give them a hug! They will remain in the sanctuary until they find their permanent home through the CRT.

Interested in helping?...
contact Cindy 461-3201.

A little kindness goes a long way.

“Serving One Another In Love”

On Saturday, March 25 at 10 AM the commuters who take the Norfolk Light Rail were greeted with a special gift as they exited the car at the Newtown Station.

A chocolate candy bar was offered to them, along with a friendly smile and greeting.

There will be more opportunities like this in the coming months. Keep an eye on your bulletin and newsletters for the latest information.



Aldersgate in Action!



The Cast of the Good Friday Drama



A little help with my skirt, please

Jesus standing before Pilot



The “Consumption of all of our sins”

The climax of the Good Friday Drama presentation was awe-inspiring.

Notes written by everyone and pinned to a wooden cross was set afire to represent how our sins were taken away by Jesus’ death and resurrection.





Annual Bunny Breakfast

As you can see by the pictures there was a lot of noise, fun squeals, eating, socializing, egg hunting and children having tons of fun.



All of these things happened because of the wonderful volunteers who made more than 60 guests and their children have an inviting morning of food and fun at Aldersgate.

Thank you everyone for all of your help.
Barbara Harrell



Old and Young, New Friends and Familiar ones



It's that time of year again! - Annual Conference

This year conference is being held in Hampton at the Convention Center. June 16-18th.

All clergy and laity are again being asked to begin gathering up at least "4 Cans 4 Conference!"

The Peninsula Food Bank, which provides supplies for a great many agencies and ministries in the York River District Area, is at a "low ebb," at this time of year, like a great many groups, and at the same time, there is the "usual" summer spike in needs, with children home from school, and a great many other stressors on the system.

Please use the attached flier where/how/when you can, and consider bringing 4 paper-case-sized BOXES, or 40 Bags, or something outrageous and extraordinary to Conference this year.

As usual, please don't bring glass- or home-canned items, exotic delicacies, or cans that are dented or beyond their expiration dates.

In addition to the 4 Cans (soup/stew, veggies/fruit, meat/fish, pop-top), bring dry goods, eg, grits, cereals, pasta, soup mixes, flour, sugar, and easy to prepare "1 Pan" meals, like Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.

We are also in need of volunteers to help collect these good. There will be a Sign Up Genius page up in the near future, so if you, your church, youth group, UMW/ UMM, Choir, etc., would like to help receive the gifts, you "can" choose your "best" time!



We topped 10,000 pounds last year in Roanoke! Let's do it again in Hampton!

Rev. Jim Early



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“Lemons on the Lawn Sale”

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Yard Sale



Breakfast

Lunch

Bake Sale



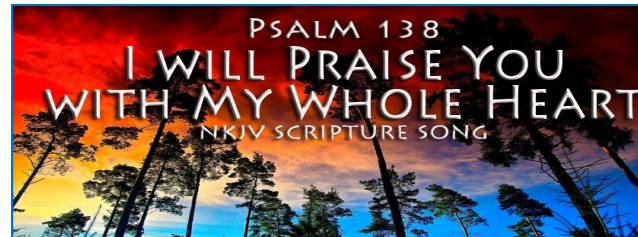
Spaces to Rent \$10



466-8999 For Details
<http://aldersgatenorfolk.org/>



Aldersgate Worship Choir May News



3, 10, 24, 31 May 6:30, Wed rehearsals
17 May, Team Off

The Worship Choir is growing and learning new music every week. We had a wonderful Easter and our rehearsals were full of great music, laughter, and hard work. Please consider joining us.

Musicians are wanted, especially guitar, flute and drums—contact Cindy 461-3201.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Nellwyn Beamon will be treating us to her music on May 21st while Cindy is away. Thank you Nellwyn!

Kidz Worship Team



Kidz Worship
Team praises again—*Create in Me a Clean Heart O God*—Psalm 51:10 and singing at Easter was a highlight also - *How Majestic is Your Name*, Psalm 8:1-9 by Word Kidz Psalms and Psongs!! They are truly amazing!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

5/9 Lee Crosby
Tyler Moore
5/15 Taryn Thrasher
5/16 Lucinda Williams



5/1 Kevin and Michele Floyd
5/7 Guy and Diane Willis
5/18 Ben and Barbara Hogwood
5/19 Bob and Courtney Dziagwa
5/24 Vic and Debbie Supper

Remember in Prayer

Home: Jane Jones, Shirley Briggs, Phil Floyd,
Magdalene Smith

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 Monday, May 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

John and Melissa Floyd

Counters

5/7 Mel Manuel, Ben Hogwood
5/14 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
5/21 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
5/28 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



Lawn Maintenance

5/1 Team 2
5/8 Team 3
5/15 Team 1
5/22 Team 2
5/29 Team 3

Notes:

With all of the current mergers with browsers - we are experiencing some problems with our members NOT receiving the weekly email blasts. The most affected are msn, yahoo, and Hotmail.



Calendar Highlights:

5/4-5/5 Set Up for Lemons on the Lawn
5/6 8 AM -2 PM Lemons on the Lawn Yard Sale
5/7 3 PM CRT Meeting
5/14 Mother's Day
5/15 7 PM Finance Meeting
7:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE
5/29 Memorial Day
5/30 10 AM Helping Hands Meeting