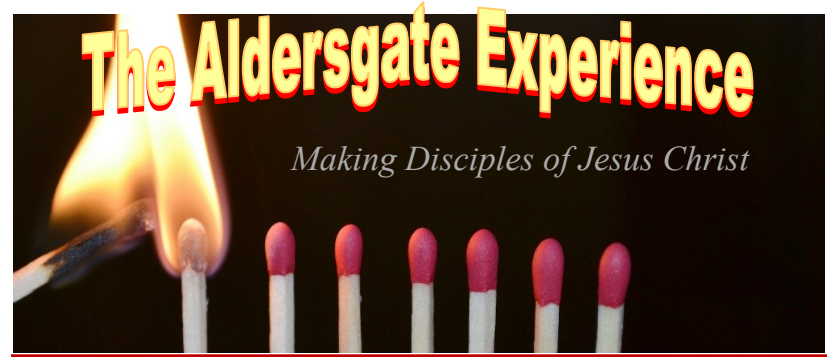


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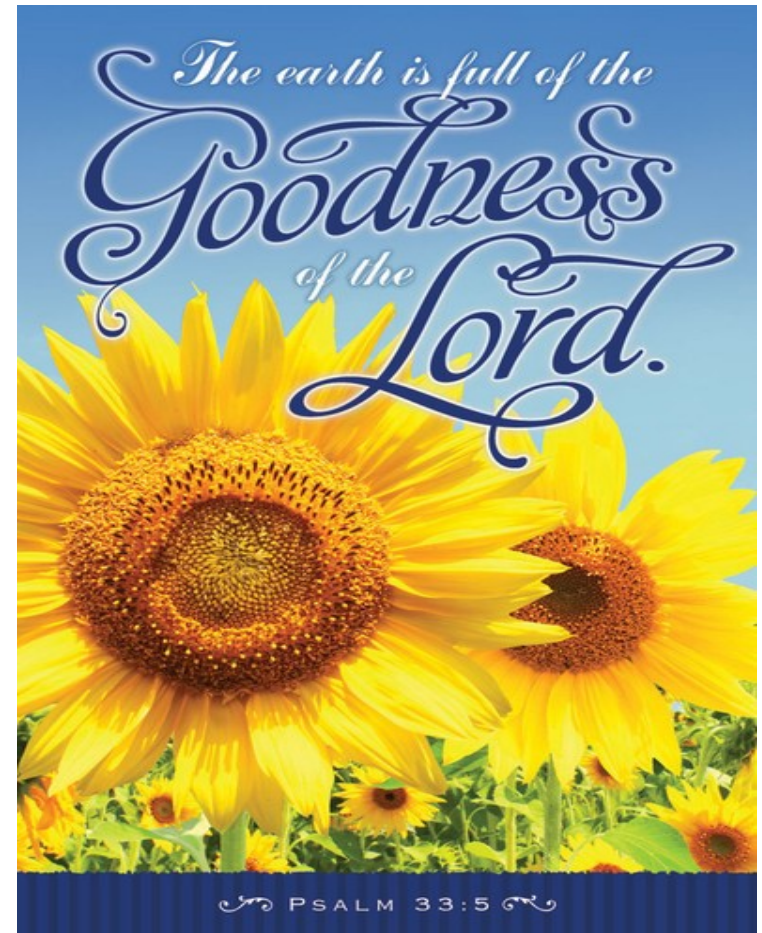


# The Aldersgate Experience

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ*

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*The earth is full of the  
 Goodness  
 of the  
 Lord.*

PSALM 33:5

*Join us for worship this summer...  
 Adult Sunday School —9:30 AM Worship at 11 AM*



### We Need Another Revival!!!

Back in June, on Pentecost Sunday, I preached about whether we need another Pentecost. The answer was no, because what God does, He does perfectly and Pentecost accomplished what God desired. God gave birth to the church as He gave birth to creation millennia before.

WE cannot duplicate the events of Pentecost. We cannot go to Jerusalem, enter the upper room and wait to be filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit has already come, and done a mighty move of God in that moment. We cannot duplicate the miracles of that day. The miracles are God’s doing and God’s alone.

But while we cannot duplicate the events of that day, we can duplicate the conditions that existed among the people of God on that day. We can see the Lord move in our midst in power and glory in these days, just as He moved in those days. When we create an atmosphere like the one that existed in the church on that day, we will see Him move in power among us in these days.

That is why we DO need another revival! As the song says, “Revive us again.” This month, I will be sharing about revival and why it is so vitally important to be renewed, refreshed, revived by the Spirit of God! Revival allows us to grow closer in our walk with God and our neighbors. It also allows us to go into our communities and stand boldly for justice and be in service with our neighbors.

In July, our sermons revolved around “Justice – What Does God Want?” Now we will explore how God will accomplish justice, unity, peace and all of the desires God has for His creation, REVIVAL!!!

Revival primarily involves repentance, healing and prayer. With these and other elements, a move of God makes it clear that we are going in the direction that God is showing. So, the answer is a resounding YES that we need a revival! The last verse of “Revive Us Again” says, “Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled with the fire from above.” Fill us with the fresh anointing of your Holy Spirit, O God! Revive us again!



Pastor Bert



The members of the Finance Committee hope you are enjoying your summer.

We appreciate your continued giving support so that our ministries are ever growing.

Thank you for your commitment to the church and to its needs.

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9:30 AM-1:30 PM—Friday  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM  
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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# Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



**What you need:**

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

**What you do:**

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!



## Fruit or false

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.

*Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.*

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_e, j\_\_\_, pea\_e,  
 pa\_ie\_ce, \_\_ind\_ess, go\_dne\_s,  
 fait\_ful\_ess, gen\_leness, sel\_-cont\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control.



**NEW!!!**

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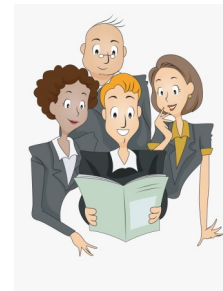
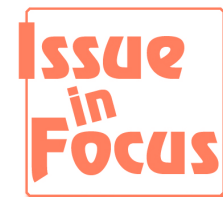
### Pastor's Message

### Vacation Bible School 8/1-8/5

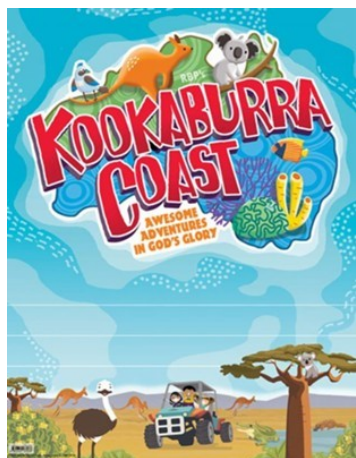
### Lay ministry

### District contact updates

### News from the Pews







### Vacation Bible School

August 1-5

5:30—8:30 PM

Children ages 2-11

Class available for Adults



August 3rd—NO CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Regular Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday,  
August 10 at 6 PM.

### From the Trustees



The church has recently experienced excessively high water and electrical bills because of the lack of oversight upon exiting the building after the worship service and other assorted meetings at the church for the past 3 months. This includes lights left on, doors unlocked, and empty rooms being cooled needlessly because of general oversight. Additionally, with the age of our facility, this places a needless strain on dated heating and cooling equipment.

With the hot summer months and various groups meeting at the church on a semi-regular basis, please ensure that there is a designated person(s) to accomplish the following at the conclusion of any groups meeting at the church:

- \*Ensure that the thermostats have been restored to 78F – 79F if they were lowered prior to the meeting.
- \*Make sure all lighting is turned off. This includes both sets of restrooms on either side of the social hall.
- \*Ensure that there are no toilets or faucets continuously running which leads to excessive water usage due to a stuck flapper valve.
- \*“Walk the Square”...check that all doors are locked by the narthex, hallways, administrative offices and the door leaving the social hall.

With everyone’s awareness of properly checking all the items noted above prior to vacating the building, perhaps we can begin to save on utilities or prevent an unlawful entry into Aldersgate. Thanks for your assistance with this.

### Donations Needed

The Helping Hands Group is in need of scrap cotton fabric to make their little surgery bears. Minimum of 1/2 yard is needed. These little bears are still putting the smiles on a lot of children’s faces. Over 112 were donated so far this month. Please see Lucinda Williams if you are able to help.



Note: Helpings Hands are hoping to begin meeting this September– watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.



**Coastal Virginia**  
DISTRICT

**New District Logo....  
Lots of changes coming in  
the next few months.**

**We will keep you up-to-date as to the many new beginnings by our new District Superintendent, Dr. Brooks.**

**Remember to check you emails and bulletins for any upcoming events that may be of interest to you.**



**Welcome Eastern Shore Churches to our side of the water..**

**All God's Childrens Camp—Mentors Needed....**

**AGCC is a summer camp experience for children of incarcerated parents. Ages range from 7—teenage. Only 20 campers are registered for each session.**

**This year All God's Childrens Camp is being held at Camp Occohonock, July 24-29 and at Camp Chanco August 14-19.**

**Check out the conference website: [www.vaumc.org/agcc/](http://www.vaumc.org/agcc/) or visit our Facebook page at All God's Childrens Camp for more information.**

**As always, you can email the directors at any time at [agcc@vaumc.org](mailto:agcc@vaumc.org).**

**Rev. Tizzy von Trapp Walker**



**Saturday, August 13th  
9 AM**

The time has come!

To pack food for Rise Against Hunger.

Watch your email and bulletins for time....

Gary Albertson, Chair



## Birthdays

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



## Anniversaries



No Anniversaries listed for August. Please notify the church office if your anniversary has been missed.

## Remember in Prayer

Home: Ben Hogwood,

Any of our church family who are at home and still not able to attend worship in-person

Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

Those who have lost family or friends.

The United Methodist church international;  
Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions with our safety in mind.

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, 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....



## Ushers

Phyllis Day and Debbie Supper

## Counters

8/7 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson  
8/14 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd  
8/21 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis  
8/28 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers  
9/4 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch



## Lawn Maintenance



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

Trash Cans—Guy Willis

## Calendar Highlights

Aug 1-5 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

Wed. Aug 3—NO Choir rehearsal

Wed. Aug 10, 17, 24, 31 6 PM Choir Rehearsals

Thur. Aug 11—6 PM Vision Team Meeting

Sat. Aug 13—Rise Against Hunger

Sun. Aug. 21-Sat. Aug. 27—Pastor Away



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

A special thank you to everyone who came and helped with the church wide clean up day.

Neal Windley, Chair of Trustees

Looking Ahead ...

### Aldersgate Christmas Special

**When:** December (date to be determined)

**Who:** Aldersgate members, family, and close friends

**Where:** Aldersgate United Methodist Church

**Why:** This will be a glorious opportunity for loud laughter, fabulous fellowship, and terrific family focus. Therefore, prepare, now, to showcase one or more of your various talents and/or gifts. All are welcome from the young and the older, from the amateurs and the skilled, from the innovative and the extraordinary!



Let's have some FUN!!!

More details are forthcoming.

Christina Pinkston



Welcome back to Jo Beth and Eric. It is so nice to see Jo Beth back with the music ensemble.

Special thanks to Kathy Dziagwa for assisting with ordering of building supplies....

Christian Sympathies are extended to Vernon Williams. Vernon's brother passed away.

If you have any news you would like to share...please let the church office know.

### Are we closet Christians?



Recently I was listening to one of those Sunday Sermons on the radio and the Pastor asked "Are you a closet Christian?"

What did he mean by that statement? He went on to elaborate. Are you someone who goes to church on Sunday but the rest of the week church is not in the picture or talked about?

One of the analogies he used was "Are you like some squirrels?" You find a nut and instead of enjoying its fruit you dig a hole and bury it for later? Are we guilty of that?

We enjoy the message on Sunday, the music is uplifting, the fellowship is refreshing but do we talk about it to our friends, neighbors or other family members. This is a real challenge but if one person takes something away from your discussion you will have done your job.

Another question was "When was the last time you took your Bible to church or actually opened it to read a scripture?"

As a child, we earned points if we had our Bible with us in Sunday School. It was a great incentive. How many of our children own a Bible? Some are given a Bible in third grade Sunday School class, others at the completion of their confirmation journey. Can they find their Bible? Or has it joined yours on a shelf somewhere gathering dust?

This summer take time to read that Bible, begin to carry it to church with you and then maybe we will become more comfortable talking about Jesus with people we meet. Evangelism is not easy, but necessary.

Enjoy your summer, JR