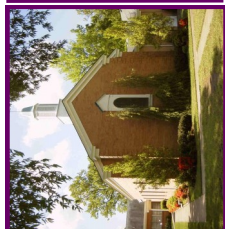




2025

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
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The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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Join Us at 11 am for
Sunday Worship

Be still
and know that
I am God

PSALM 46:10

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For your light summer reading...how many can you complete?

Bible Reading Plan
THE GOSPEL IN 45 DAYS

WEEK 1
Introduction and Early Ministry

☐ Day 1: Matthew 1-2 Date: _____
☐ Day 2: Luke 1-2 Date: _____
☐ Day 3: Matthew 3; Mark 1 Date: _____
☐ Day 4: John 1 Date: _____
☐ Day 5: Matthew 4; Luke 3 Date: _____
☐ Day 6: John 2-3 Date: _____
☐ Day 7: Matthew 5 Date: _____

WEEK 2
Jesus' Early Ministry Continues

☐ Day 8: Matthew 6 Date: _____
☐ Day 9: Matthew 7 Date: _____
☐ Day 10: John 4 Date: _____
☐ Day 11: Mark 2; Luke 4 Date: _____
☐ Day 12: John 5 Date: _____
☐ Day 13: Matthew 8; Mark 3 Date: _____
☐ Day 14: Luke 5 Date: _____

WEEK 3
Teachings and Miracles

☐ Day 15: Matthew 9; Mark 4 Date: _____
☐ Day 16: Luke 6 Date: _____
☐ Day 17: Matthew 10 Date: _____
☐ Day 18: Mark 5; Luke 7 Date: _____
☐ Day 19: Matthew 11; John 6 Date: _____
☐ Day 20: Matthew 12; Mark 6 Date: _____
☐ Day 21: Luke 8 Date: _____

WEEK 4
Further Teachings and Challenges

☐ Day 22: Matthew 13; John 7 Date: _____
☐ Day 23: Matthew 14; Mark 7 Date: _____
☐ Day 24: Luke 9; John 8 Date: _____
☐ Day 25: Matthew 15; Mark 8 Date: _____
☐ Day 26: John 9-10 Date: _____
☐ Day 27: Luke 10-11 Date: _____
☐ Day 28: Matthew 16; Mark 9 Date: _____

WEEK 5
Toward the Passion

☐ Day 29: Matthew 17; Luke 12 Date: _____
☐ Day 30: Matthew 18; John 11 Date: _____
☐ Day 31: Luke 13-14 Date: _____
☐ Day 32: Matthew 19; Mark 10 Date: _____
☐ Day 33: Luke 15 Date: _____
☐ Day 34: John 12; Matthew 20 Date: _____
☐ Day 35: Mark 11; Luke 16 Date: _____

WEEK 6
Path to the Cross

☐ Day 36: Luke 17-18; John 13 Date: _____
☐ Day 37: Matthew 21; Mark 12 Date: _____
☐ Day 38: Luke 19; John 14 Date: _____
☐ Day 39: Matthew 22; Mark 13 Date: _____
☐ Day 40: Luke 20; John 15-16 Date: _____
☐ Day 41: Matthew 23; Mark 14 Date: _____
☐ Day 42: Luke 21-22; John 17 Date: _____

WEEK 7
The Passion and Resurrection

☐ Day 43: Matthew 24-25; John 18 Date: _____
☐ Day 44: Matthew 26; Mark 15; John 19 Date: _____
☐ Day 45: Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 23-24; John 20-21 Date: _____



Welcome to Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Norfolk, Virginia!

We are a vibrant faith community dedicated to worship, prayer, and learning. Join us every Sunday at 11:00 AM for our uplifting services.

Our church offers a range of ministries and outreach programs to help you grow in your faith and serve others.

Located at 5767 Sellger Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502, we are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Greg Dziagwa

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“Aldersgate..a catalyst for God’s call through fervent prayer, active compassion and meaningful outreach”

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Pastor..... Tyrek Person
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday

Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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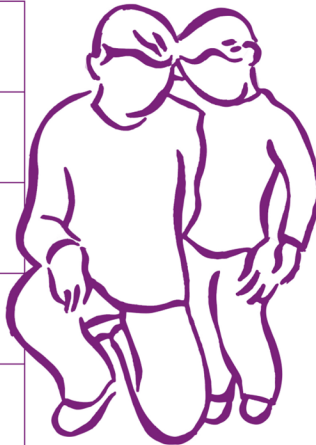
FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks.
Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



_____, _____, _____,
_____; _____
_____.
_____.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Tammy, MaryEllen's daughter, is home from the hospital but is still quite ill. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.



Update: Kathy Dziagwa's mother, Martha Davies has recovered enough from her fall that she has returned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Nursing Center from rehab. Blessings.



Special thanks to Bill Bunch and Randy Thrasher for keeping the building maintenance up to date. Thanks also to the great job our lawn crews do keeping our grounds looking neat and tidy.

If you would be interested in joining our lawn crews or assisting the Trustees with building issues please see Bill Bunch or Randy Thrasher.

Issue in Focus

Summer reading plan

Important Financial Updates

News from the pews

Lay Ministry Schedules

and much, much more



Our Aldersgate Trio will be on vacation the month of June. But don't fret they will be back in the loft soon.



We thank Dr. Christina, Gary and Vic for all their hard work throughout the year.



The **Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship** is a wonderful group that meets in a home in our neighborhood every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

During June, we will continue to study and discuss the book "Boundaries, When to say Yes and How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr John Townsend. Discussions focus on the boundaries Jesus used in His earthly life and how we can apply that wisdom to our lives. The overall objective is to have joyful and useful lives that honor God! It's only through establishing and maintaining proper boundaries that we will have a solid operating base from which we can help others.

Upon completion of "Boundaries", we plan to study and discuss the book "Widow to Widow, Thoughtful, Practical Ideas for Rebuilding Your Life" by Genevieve Davis Ginsburg, M.S.

If you are a widow and would enjoy fellowship with other Christian widows, please call the number below and join us.

If you know a widow who might enjoy such a fellowship, please pass this announcement on to her so she can join us. .

If God has put on your heart that it's time for **you** to start your own group, be it for widows or widowers, parents of young children, couples, adults singles, or other groups, please call: **757-515-8194 for more information. If there is no immediate answer, please leave a voicemail.**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Don't Forget



<joyce@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com> no longer exists. Cox communications closed this email account and on June 15 all data will be deleted. Please make sure you have updated the church email to

aumcnorf@gmail.com

Please make sure to check your emails regularly so you will be able to make the change and not miss any notices from the church office.

Thanks

Celebrations!!

Congratulations go out to Chase Dziagwa on his graduation from Elementary School. Chase will be attending Larkspur Middle in the fall.

We would also like to congratulate McKenzie Wiggs on her graduation from 5th grade and will also be attending Larkspur Middle.

Paisley and Brantly Wiggs will be graduating from kindergarten and going into 1st grade.

Lastly, we congratulate Bella Hanson on her graduation from High School. Plans for attending college are in the future.



The calendar looks empty...

As we enter the summer season most of the church activities have come to an end until fall.



Thanks to Debbie Supper and Cindy Albertson and all of the volunteers who helped with the community spaghetti dinners. Enjoy the vacation.

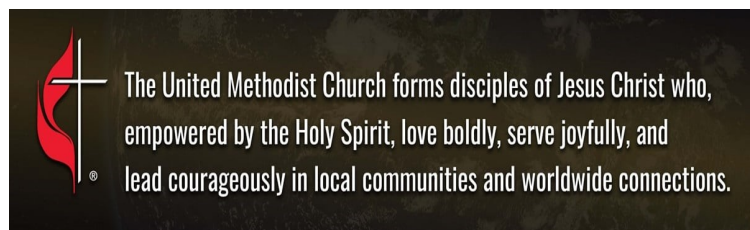
The Adult Sunday School class will be ending soon and hopefully will start a new study in September. Thanks Pastor Tyrek for leading this class.

If you have something you would like to see happen this summer, a Bible Study, crafting class or anything—let the Pastor know.

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday—Sunday, June 8th



**Council of Bishops introduce
new vision statement for UMC.**



In other news Annual Conference dates are: June 11—June 14th in Roanoke, Virginia. Michele Floyd will be attending as representative for Aldersgate. Safe travels for Michele, Kevin and Pastor Tyrek.



Treasurer's Update

Dear Aldersgate Family,

I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to provide some important updates regarding our financial situation.

Thanks to your generosity, April's donations exceeded expenses by \$355.84. However, this figure reflects the fact that we did not pay apportionments to the conference or district during this time. Additionally, the mild March weather helped keep our energy costs lower, contributing to the positive balance.

However, when comparing our giving from January through April of this year to the same period last year, we've experienced a \$6,315 decline. This is a noticeable drop, and I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they can continue supporting Aldersgate's ministry.

Your faithfulness makes a difference. Your generosity allows us to grow, serve, and thrive as a community. Please keep Aldersgate in your prayers and thank you for all you do!

Blessings,

Kathy Dziagwa,
Aldersgate UMC
Treasurer

Financial Stats for

April 2025:

Income:	\$ 9,427.06
Expenses:	\$ 9,071.22
Difference:	\$ 355.84

Year to Date Stats for 2025:

Income:	\$43,062.70
Expenses:	\$41,067.01
Difference:	\$ 1,995.69



Birthdays

6/6 Diane Willis
6/10 Melissa Birge
6/25 Axel Floyd

6/26 Dr. Christina Pinkston
6/29 Bella Hanson

Anniversaries

6/26 Dewey and Millie Hanson



Remember in Prayer

Home: 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.

Those in our church family who are no longer with us in attendance but always in our hearts, Lucinda Williams, Maria Davidson and Barbara Hogwood, Pastor Lee on his retirement.

The United Methodist church international;
Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions with the denomination 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 Sunday June 15th for the July 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

Debbie Supper, Steve Carter

Counters

6/1 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
6/8 Greg Dziagwa,
6/15 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
6/22 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
6/29 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis



Lawn Maintenance

6/2 Team 2
6/9 Team 3
6/16 Team 1
6/23 Team 2
6/30 Team 3

Trash Collection—Kevin Floyd

Calendar Highlights



6/5; 6/12; 6/19; 6/26 10 AM Thompson Bible Study

6/8 Pentecost Sunday—Wear something red

6/9 7 PM RFS/WM/EP Civic League Meeting

6/11-6/14 Virginia Annual Conference

6/15 Guest Speaker at 11 am Worship Service

6/16-6/18 Norfolk Board of Elections has use of the Social Hall for Primary Elections.



On April 25th we said goodbye to one of our longstanding members of 60 years. Lucinda Williams has moved and will not be worshiping with us on a regular basis.

A farewell potluck lunch was held by her church family. Gary Albertson (left) presented Lucinda with a certificate for her services to Aldersgate.



Lucinda's family was in attendance. They came from as far away as Florida. Known for her hugs and smile she will be truly missed.



Spiritual Check-up?

When was the last time you had a spiritual check-up?

As a senior, like me, we are constantly visiting doctors of all sorts for check-ups so that we stay healthy.

Do we need spiritual check-ups? What is a spiritual check-up? Simply, it is evaluating our spiritual well-being, because Christian life is meant to be one of growth. Wondering if you are growing in your spiritual life? Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

Are you loving your neighbors as Jesus instructed?

Do you ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit each day?

Do you trust Him and walk with Him daily?

Do you want to spend more time with God than you did last year?

Are you praying, reading or meditating on His word?

We need to truly evaluate areas of our Christian life so that we know which area we are strong in and which ones we are weak. The ultimate goal is to be more Christlike in our daily lives. Take some time to fully examine how strong your faith is and if you need a spiritual overhaul. Sometimes our behaviors, emotions cause us to get stuck in our old ways.

We live in a very chaotic world and we need to check in with God on a daily basis, praying on our knees, looking up to God and asking Him to walk by our side. JR

