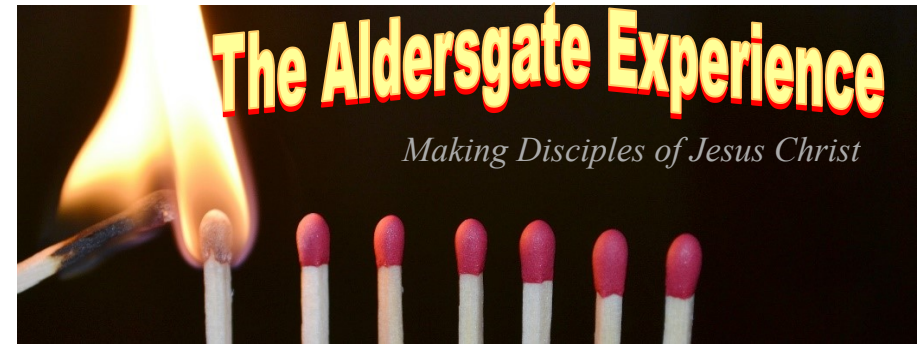
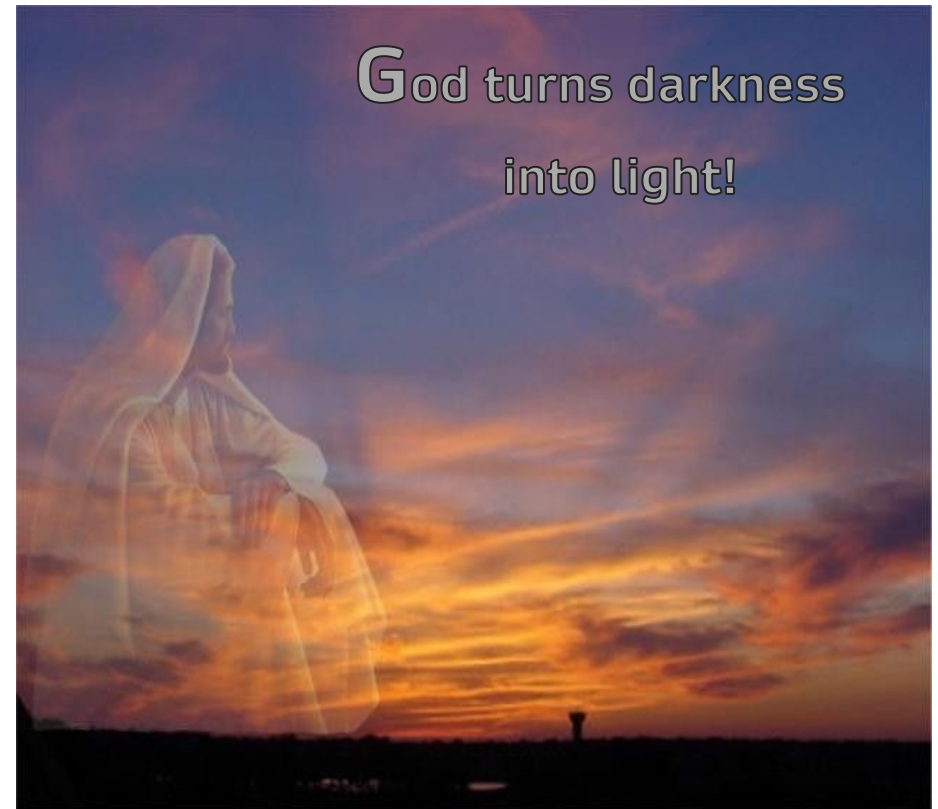




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The Future is as bright as your faith !



The Pastor's Corner

“Be Still and Move Forward”

By Pastor Lee

Our lives are changing in so many ways, it's hard to breathe. Technology changes so fast, we can't keep up with the latest methods of communicating with each other. Our denomination is getting a divorce, and we have to decide which parent we are going to live with. The whole world is trying to survive the pandemic, and then there will be the economic fall-out. Stress is high, morale is low, and if the coronavirus doesn't get us, cabin fever does. We don't know what's going to happen next. But we do know who does! So, in these crazy times, I invite you to return to the basics of our understanding of God.

1. God is perfect in knowledge. He knows what you need.
2. God is complete in power. He can provide it.
3. God is unconditional in love. He desires to give it.

During the times when you feel you can't take it anymore, I encourage you to deeply reflect on these three faith statements. They are much more than a quick fix. They are foundational truths that can rescue us from drowning and set our feet firmly on the rock. The world is changing at an accelerated speed. But the God who has overcome the world never changes. He gives us the firm footing to be still AND move forward.



Happy Father's Day

God took the strength of a mountain, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea and the generous soul of nature...

Satisfied He called it...

Dad

The Aldersgate Experience

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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

ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.

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Start at the SHIP.
Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.
Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.
Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.
Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Face to Face Worship has ceased but Aldersgate's desire for helping the community has not.

Cindy Crosby organized a food drive for the Wesley Community Center in Portsmouth.



Thanks to very generous church members, Cindy was able to deliver a carload of food.. This ministry struggles to provide for this great demand because of a lack of food and volunteers. So, thank you for serving an essential need.



Community Spaghetti Dinner Update



The Community Spaghetti Dinners are on hold until we know what date we are starting back to worship in the church house. At this time, we will only begin serving in June if we can hold four dinners since we do not meet in July and August. Stay tuned for more information.

A special THANK YOU to all the wonderful DESERT cooks who provided our dinner sweets until March!. We really do appreciate the extra effort of your busy hands!



Our Plan to Return to In-Person Worship

The Bishop has established a Phase 1, 2, and 3 plan for churches to return to in-person worship. After looking at the options and requirements, and after listening to the Administrative Council, I have decided that it would be in our best interest to wait until Phase 3 before opening the doors to in-person worship. Phase 1 began May 24th. Phase 2 will begin based on the progress of Phase 1. And Phase 3 will be determined based on the progress of Phase 2. I am asking you all to be patient a little while longer. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in our sanctuary as much as you are. But all things considered, I believe our best option is to wait until we have safer conditions. If it takes much longer than expected to move to Phase 3, I may reconsider opening at Phase 2. But for now, we will wait for Phase 3.

There will be some United Methodist churches willing to be “Pioneer” churches that will open sooner. Under strict protocol they will be a test run to determine when other churches can open their doors. Some churches may decide to try “Drive-in” worship. But I feel it is better to wait until we have safer conditions before we can whole-heartedly celebrate together in worship. It will be a great celebration when that time comes. In the meantime, we will continue to offer on-line worship.

The Administrative Board has formed a Healthy Church Team to help prepare us for a return to in-person worship. They will oversee the cleaning and transitioning guidelines established by the Bishop. The church building will be thoroughly cleaned and ready for our return. In the meantime, social distancing and face coverings will be required for any essential meetings held in the building (i.e. Administrative Board, SPR, Trustees, Finance, etc.)

As I receive updates from our Bishop about the progress of these phases, I will keep you informed. It’s important to know that the Bishop will determine the dates of each of these phases. It may or may not line up with our Governor’s plan.

Continue to pray for the end of this pandemic. Be calm in the midst of the chaos. Meanwhile, be ready to celebrate our return from “exile”. It will be an exciting time.

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-Pastor Lee



An amazing
SURPRISE for
Pastor Lee
on his birthday!



Drive-By Birthday for Pastor Lee—a huge success!

Thank you ALL so MUCH for participating!
My ole phone only got a few photos—yet it is a sweet
memory in our minds forever!



The Dinner Crew is searching for a volunteer to coordinate the desserts beginning in September 2020. The role includes serving others, coordinating with a team and church family, and being present at some of the dinners.

Please contact Cindy Crosby.



Virtual Birthday Celebration for Dewey and Millie Hanson



June...

What will this month hold for us???

Along with covid 19, unemployment, massive food pantry lines we now will add Hurricane Season to the list.

As most of you know the church has a disaster plan in place in the event of a major storm or evacuations.

With all of the new restrictions we may have to look at this plan and do some updating. In the meantime if you are relatively new to our church family, the church office will be glad to give you a copy. Just call or email and request one.

If you can't pick it up, I will be glad to mail it to you or I can even send it as a pdf to your inbox.

On the lighter side, the Care Response Team has continued to work diligently taking care of congregational needs as well as community outreach. For this we thank them. Aldersgate has indeed been blessed with a loving, caring church family.

Church office



BE PREPARED
HURRICANE SEASON

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Phyllis Day thanks everyone for all of their prayers and well wishes. She is feeling much better and off the prayer list.

Some interesting items from our final "Insider Trading"

I want to make an appointment for a haircut...

Can you guess who this is?



A funny Quote:

"Quarantine has me realizing why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside, going for walks, and car rides. ...I just barked at a squirrel."

Church family, we are collecting again for the Wesley Community Center Food Bank, in Portsmouth. They were very happy with our donations from May. If you would like to participate please leave your donations at the social hall entrance on either of these 4 dates.

**Sunday May 31st or Monday June 1
Sunday June 7, or Monday June 8**

Items:

**spaghetti noodles/small sauce (think dinner meal)
noodles
mac and cheese
applesauce (small individual containers)
peanut butter and jelly
canned goods (vegs, beans, tuna, pork n beans, etc)
juice boxes
box tissues
individually wrapped toilet paper rolls (good luck finding those)
pancake mix/syrup
brownie mix complete (nice to have)
cereal (individual boxes best)**

Blessings to you



Birthdays



6/6 Diane Willis
6/10 Melissa Floyd

6/24 Randolph Thrasher
6/29 Bella Hanson

Anniversaries

6/26 Dewey and Millie Hanson



Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins,

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
Shirley Henley

Dominion Village Asst. Living—
Cora Vernon



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



Ushers

Linda Crabtree, Steve Carter

Counters

6/7 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
6/14 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
6/21 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
6/28 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



Lawn Maintenance



6/4 Team 1
6/11 Team 2
6/18 Team 3
6/25 Team 1

Calendar Highlights

6/21 Happy Father's Day

6/28 3 PM CRT Meeting

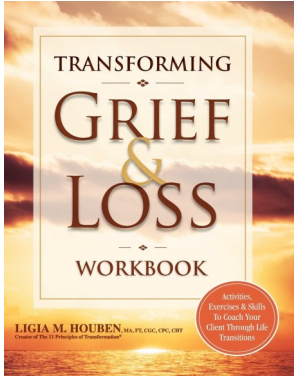
If all continues to go well and we resume face-to-face worship after 6/10..an updated church calendar will be sent out.



Newsletter Deadline
Monday, June 15th
for the July issue.



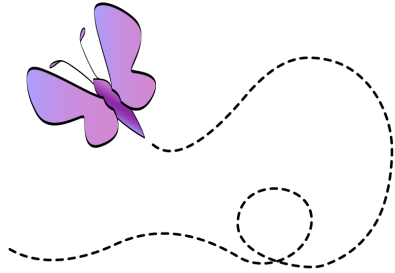
You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Managing Trauma and Grief Class

Wednesday Evenings
Dates to be announced
7-8:30 PM

Contact Leslie Garrett: 757-576-9110 or
LeslieG0939@gmail.com
If you are interested in attending or have
any questions.

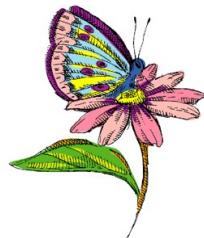


Care Response Team Meeting

June 28th

3 PM

in the Social Hall



Worship Team News

Proposed June Schedule

3 June tba	6:30 Rehearsal
10 June tba	6:30 Rehearsal
17 June tba	6:30 Rehearsal
24 June tba	6:00 Rehearsal



Welcome back everyone! We have certainly missed leading the congregation in songs of praise since early March. It feels good to be “home” finally! So jump in with happy hearts, hands, and voices to lift our praise to God!

