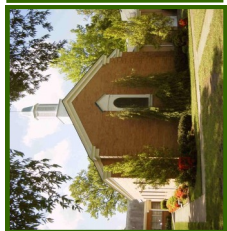


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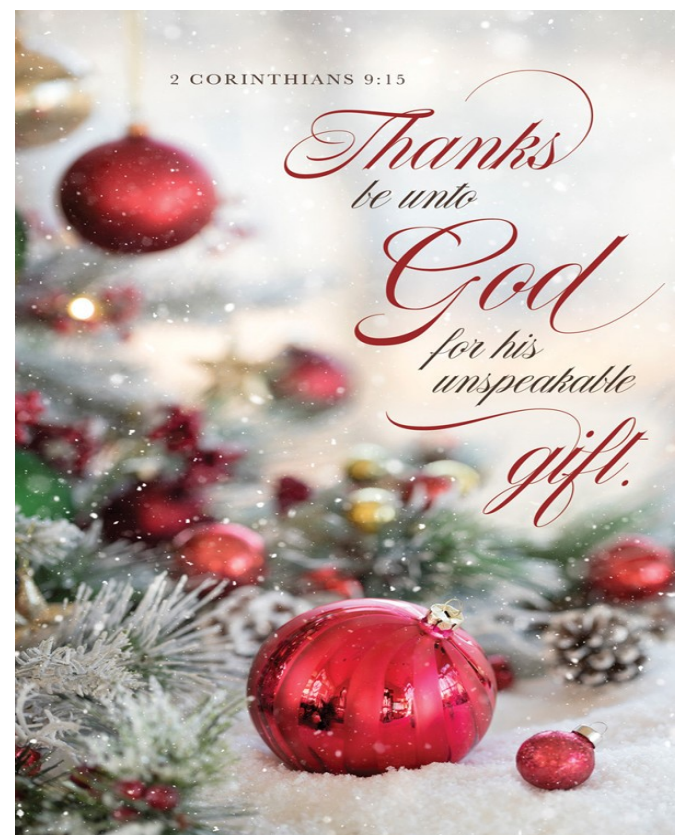


The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

*Thanks
be unto
God
for his
unspeakable
gift.*

Come, celebrate this special season with us.
Sunday mornings at 9 AM



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

We are pleased to share some exciting news about a new opportunity for ministry and fellowship. After prayerful consideration, conversation and investigation, we have decided to enter into a partnership with Impact Worship Center of Hampton Roads, who began holding their worship services in our facility Sunday, November 16, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We initially voted upon the start date of Dec. 1, but due to the church's need, we agree to the Nov. 15th date, pending signatures on the lease.

In meeting with their pastor and leadership team, it is clear that this will be a wonderful working relationship rooted in mutual respect, shared faith, and a common commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe this partnership will not only strengthen our financial stability but also broaden our reach in ministry and community impact.

We look forward to this new season of shared ministry and ask that you join us in extending a warm welcome to our brothers and sisters in Christ from Impact Worship Center. Together, we continue to proclaim the good news and embody the love of God in our community.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Donna Tucker



Fellowship

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 09:00 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.



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Pastor..... Pastor Donna Tucker
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

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

Worship Service/Kid Zone...9 AM
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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Make Jesus a Birthday Card.. Cut out the picture, color and hang on your tree.

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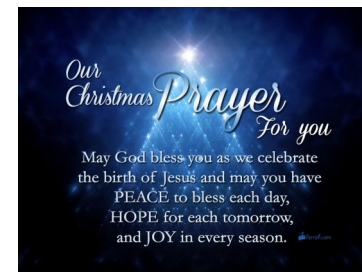
NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Barbara Hogwood is home from her visit to the hospital and doing well.

You will notice a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers for picking up Lucinda Williams and bringing her to a service or Thursday evening spaghetti dinner. If you are able to go and pick her up and take her back to her home-please sign up.

Please look for sign up sheets for the Living Nativity and Santa Breakfast reservations. They will be in the Narthex soon.

If you know of any other congregational concerns please either let the office know or contact Pastor Donna.



Issue in Focus

- *Pastor's Corner
- *Important Financial Updates
- *News from the pews
- * Lots of Calendar Highlights
- *Lay Ministry Schedules
- and much, much more



CHRISTMAS CARDS



Annual Christmas Card Post Office will open
Sunday, December 7th at 8:45 AM.

Cost \$.25 per card

Please address member's cards as if the card is being
mailed.

The last Sunday the Post Office will be open is

Sunday, December 21st.

Free cards are available this year. See Barbara
Harrell

Please see Michele Floyd if you would like to help

Our Aldersgate Duo continues to enrich our weekly
Sunday morning service.

If you would like to join us (new voices are always
welcome) see Dr. Christina Pinkston for more
information. Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6-7:30
PM.

December rehearsals are:

12/3; 12/10; 12/17



Wednesday, December 24th
6 PM



Sign Up Now!
Come and be a part of the greatest story
ever told..
Saturday, December 20th
5-6 PM

See Michele Floyd

Church Office will be closed

Wednesday, 12/24; Thursday,
12/25, Friday, 12/26; Wednesday,
12/31; Thursday, 1/1/26 and Friday, 1/2/26 in
observance of the Christmas Holidays





Weekly Bible Study

Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship (NWBF)

The Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship is a wonderful group that meets in a home in our neighborhood (almost) every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. (We won't be meeting on Christmas, December 25th.)

Our December fellowship will continue our study and discussion based on "Widow to Widow" by Genevieve Davis Ginsburg. "This book explores every aspect of the challenges facing widows: Shock, grief, guilt and anger; Surviving the special days; Emptying his closet; Appliance repairs; Making decisions; Dating and sex; Money matters; Traveling and eating alone; Keeping a journal; Family relationships; Special needs of young widows; Special needs of widowers; Survival checklist; and How to start a support group."

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.

"Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalms 37:4



Treasurer's Update

Dear Aldersgate Family,

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the past 26 years. It has been an incredible honor to contribute to the mission and vision of our beloved church. Throughout these years, I have been blessed to witness the dedication and generosity of our congregation, and I am truly thankful for the trust you placed in me to manage our resources. Each financial decision has been a reflection of our collective commitment to our faith and community, and I am proud to have played a part in supporting our ministries and outreach efforts. I look forward to seeing how God continues to work through Aldersgate in the years to come.

With warmest regards,

Kathy Dziagwa

Financial Stats for Oct. 2025

Income: \$ 7,108.00

Expenses: \$ 8,157.58

Difference: \$ -1,049.58

Year to Date Stats for 2025:

Income: \$100,668.04

Expenses: \$90,936.68

Difference: \$ 9,731.36

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year

From the

Staff of Aldersgate





Birthdays

12/27 Nicky Albertson

Anniversaries

We currently do not have any anniversaries for the month of December. Contact the church office if we have missed yours.



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, and Arthur Wallace.

Those who are celebrating prayers answered, healing, and new life.

The United Methodist church international; our sister church, Heritage. 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
Monday, Dec. 15th
for the January 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

Randy Thrasher, Sub

Counters

12/7 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
12/14 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
12/21 Greg Dziagwa
12/28 Bill Bunch



Lawn Maintenance



12/1 Team 3
12/8 Team 1
12/15 Team 2
12/22 Team 3
12/29 Team 1

Trash Collection— Randy Thrasher

Calendar Highlights

12/2 7 PM Eliz. Park Civic League Mtg.

12/3;12/10;12/17 —6 PM Choir Rehearsal

12/4; 12/11; 5:30 PM —Spaghetti Dinner

12/4; 12/11;12/18 10 AM —Thompson Bible Study

12/13 9 AM—Breakfast with Santa

12/15—Newsletter Deadline for Jan. Issue

12/20 5 PM—Living Nativity

12/24 6 PM-Christmas Eve Service

1/3/26—10 AM—Undecorate the Church for the new year.





**Saturday,
December 13th
9:00 a.m. to
10:30 a.m.**

**Come and enjoy
breakfast with**

**Santa. Have your picture taken with him and make
a special craft to take home.**

**Deadline for registrations is
Sunday, December 7th.**

**Register in person at the church office or by calling
757 466-8999 Monday-Thursday 9am-1 pm.**

You can also email us at aumcnorf@gmail.com



Registration Form

Santa Breakfast

Sat. Dec. 13th

9 AM

Name/contact information

No. of children attending _____

Adults _____

Ages of children _____



What is your reason for the season??

**Its that time of year again– when we get
so busy with decorating, shopping,
wrapping gifts and visitations.**

**The stores have already skipped from
Halloween to Christmas with Valentine’s Day waiting in
the wings. For several of my friends and I this is a real
issue for us. How do you feel about this?**

**Has Christmas become another day in which we really do
not take the time to celebrate the real reason for this
season? How many of us have Nativity scenes in our
homes. Do you ever take the time to just sit and look at it
or is it just an afterthought?**

**When I was little our family would put the crèche
underneath the tree but there would not be the baby
Jesus in his cradle. On Christmas Eve after we were
nestled in our beds, my mom would place the baby in the
manger and we would wake up to see his little face first
thing.**

**Does your family have a tradition like this? It taught me
to realize that is why we were celebrating –not just the
toys and such. The manger became a symbol for my
siblings and I as the main focus for Christmas.**

**This year take time to stop and just look at that manger
scene and ponder all that it brings for us. A small child
with such a big job before Him.**

**Something to think about this year: Who is this child in
the manger? What difference has he made in my life?**

JR

