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Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
Norfolk, Virginia 23502-5239



The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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*Join Us for a New Sermon Series
"Faith that Builds Us"*



Faith

*It does not make
things easy, it makes
them POSSIBLE*

Luke 13:7

*Worship Services each
Sunday morning at 9 AM*



The Pastor's Corner

Dear Aldersgate Family,

“Shift Your Purpose,” reminds us that God often meets us in unexpected places, even on difficult roads. Saul’s journey was interrupted by weather of a different kind ... a blinding light that changed everything.

Sometimes God uses interruptions to redirect us. Sometimes the pause, is the main point.

Today, in this moment of “pause” take time to read Acts 9:1–19 and then ask God:

“Is there anything in me that needs to shift?; Are my plans in alignment with God’s purpose for my life? Is it time for a shift?”

And remember, even when plans change, God’s purpose does not.

Pastor Donna



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

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Bishop.....Rev. Susan Haurpet-Johnson
District Superintendent...Rev. Elizabeth Givens
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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Not Just for



Puzzle!

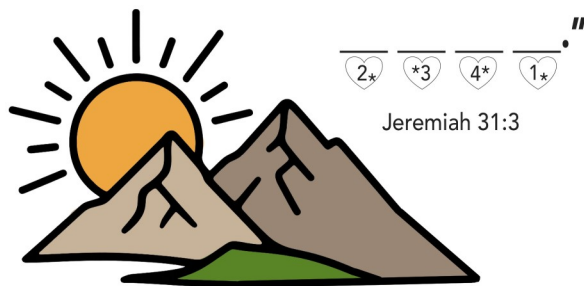
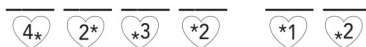
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:



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Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Prayers of Christian Sympathy are sent to the Ganaden and Tipora families for the loss of their sister, Edith.

Received a beautiful, thank you card from Arthur Wallace : "Dear Church Family, Thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas Cards. I miss all of you." Arthur.



Note: Beginning February 16th, office hours will be changing. We will be open each Monday, 9-1, however pending Staff Parish and Pastor decision a 2nd or 3rd day will be decided upon. New hours will be posted as soon as they are confirmed. Thanks

The "White Stuff" Union Mission campaign has been extended. Please continue to bring your items and place in the basket in the Narthex.

Issue in Focus

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





"Community UMC
(1072 Old Kempsville Rd)

is participating in the People In Need (PIN) Ministry Winter Shelter program, providing a place to stay the night, breakfast, and supper during the period of February 18-25, 2026.

They need volunteers to help with providing breakfast on:

- Thursday, Feb. 19
- Friday, Feb. 20
- Sunday, Feb. 22
- Tuesday, Feb. 24

If you can help, contact Dale Boeckman (757-408-2092; daleboeck@aol.com) if you or your group would like to provide a breakfast .

Sweetheart Banquet

The Methodist Men of Heritage are hosting a Sweetheart banquet on Thursday February 12th in the Fellowship Hall at Heritage UMC which is 815 Baker Road VB. There will be lively and entertaining music and a delicious Italian dinner.

The meal will be served at 6:30 PM. Gentlemen of the church, it's a great opportunity to show the important woman in your life a wonderful evening. And we encourage our single folks to attend as well!

Please make checks payable to Heritage UMC with the word "banquet" in the memo line. Tickets are \$25 each and it will serve as a fundraiser for the Methodist Men Projects and includes a corsage .



Our Aldersgate Duo (Dr. Christina and Gary) 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.

February rehearsal dates are:

2/4; 2/11; and 2/25



Drive Thru
Ashes at Heritage
UMC— look for
Times in your
Email.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th at 6 PM

Joint Service at Heritage UMC

815 Baker Road

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

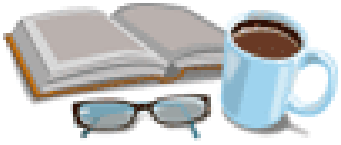


Heritage Food Pantry

Saturday, February 14

10 am– Noon

If you are interested in helping.



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.

Our February 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



End of Year Report

Financial Stats for Dec. 2025:

Income: \$ 6,729.75

Expenses: \$13,956.96

Difference: \$ -7,227.21

Year to Date Stats for 2025:

Income: \$123,998.56

Expenses: \$112,586.62

Difference: \$ 11,411.94





Birthdays

2/7 Beverly Cooper
2/19 Michele Floyd

2/20 Courtney Dziagwa

Anniversaries

We currently do not have any anniversaries for the months of February-April. Please 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.

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 Sunday, Feb. 15th for the March 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

Kevin Floyd, Melissa Birge

Counters

2/1 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
2/8 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
2/15 Greg Dziagwa
2/22 Bill Bunch



Lawn Maintenance



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

Trash Collection– Dewey Hanson

Calendar Highlights



2/3 7:30 PM Eliz. Park Civic Lea.

2/4; 2/11; 2/25; —6 PM Choir Rehearsal

2/5; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26—5:30 PM —Spaghetti Dinner

2/5; ; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26—10 AM —Thompson Bible Study

2/15—Newsletter Deadline for March Issue

2/28 6 PM– Ash Wednesday Service at Heritage UMC

2/7 Impact Worship Center in Social Hall & Sanctuary

Impact Worship Center may be using the facility on some Tuesday evenings. Will update when I get some dates.

Heritage United Methodist Church

Vendor & Crafter Fair

Virginia Beach, VA

Do you have a business or a craft you love?
Do you enjoy sharing your products with people who love buying local?

Bring your creativity and passion to our Vendor & Crafter Fair!

 **Saturday, April 25, 2026**

 Heritage United Methodist Church • 815 Baker Road

Vendor Details

- Table Fee: \$30
- Open to local vendors, artisans, and crafters
- Handmade goods, jewelry, art, home décor & more!
- A great community atmosphere!

Register Today!

Contact Sharon Stevens to reserve your table:

 Email: heritageumcvb@gmail.com

 Phone: 757-497-3943




What a Year So Far!

Well 2026 has really gotten off to a rattling start. The flu season is in full swing; the two churches have had a total of 5 deaths already and Mother Nature keeps playing “Guess What?” with us.

There is no better time than now to lean on our faith. How appropriate is it that Pastor Donna’s theme for February’s Sermon Series is “Faith That Built Us”. God must have whispered in her ear that we need to be reminded that our faith will get us through anything, if we just lean on Him.

Most of you know that I lost my nephew this past month to kidney failure. This was hard because he is the third son my sister has lost in less than 10 years. I have leaned on God more than ever to try to understand.

I have always relied on the adage “God does not give us more than we can handle”. However, sometimes God has a sense of humor, (I think) or He thinks our faith needs a little wake up call. I understand there is an new version of that old adage “God doesn’t give us any more than HE can handle if we lean on him”. What do you think??

During the month of February as we remember to love our neighbors as ourselves we also need to remember that our faith will get us through. As you pray, pray for others, our nation and most of all pray for a faith that is strong and a God who is loving and forgiving.

JR

PS. beginning in February I will regrettably be working less hours. I have some physical issues that I need to take care of and need some extra days available for appointments to do this. Getting older is not for the weak! (ha! ha!)