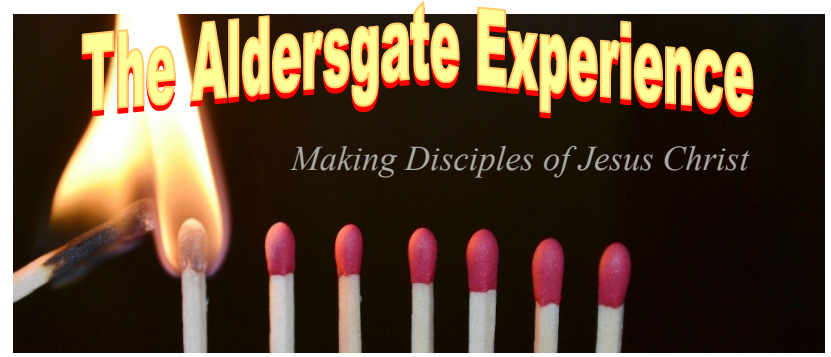




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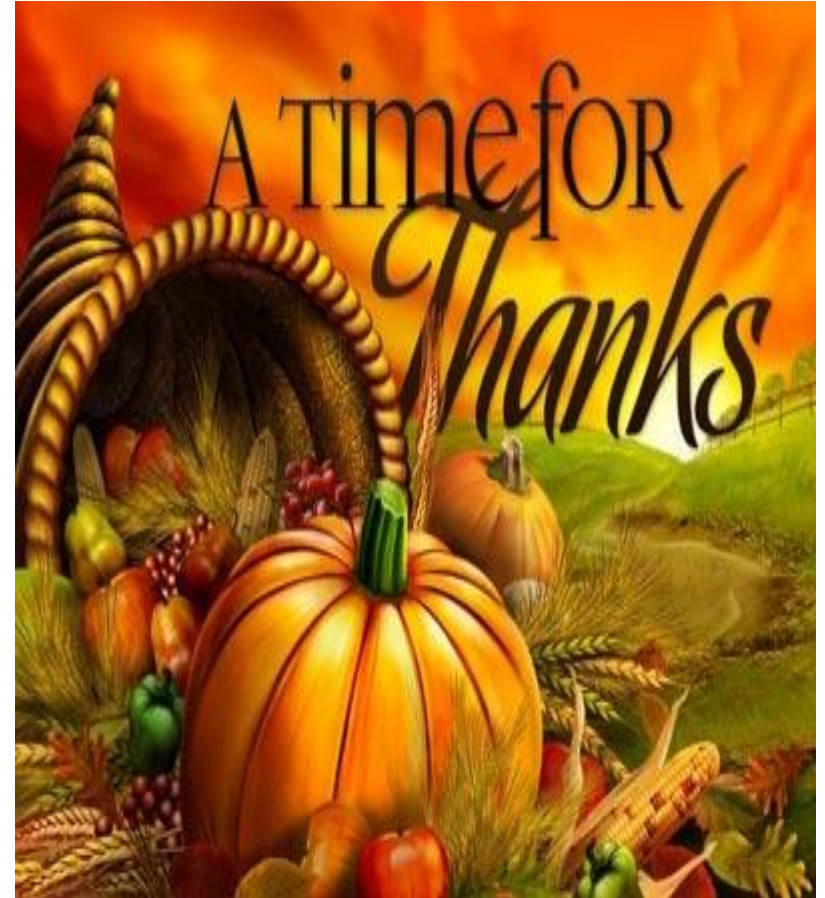


NOVEMBER



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Every day is...





Pastor's Message

The Holiday Season

We have arrived at the time of the year when we have so many holidays, that they somewhat jumble together. We have Halloween (All Hallows' Eve), quickly followed by All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day). Next, we honor our men and women who served this country with distinction on Veterans' Day. Then, we show and share all that we are thankful for on Thanksgiving. That's just in November! December has the honor of celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Then, we end the year on New Year's Eve and start the year off right with New Year's Day.

I share all of this to say we get very busy celebrating, eating, visiting family, and whatever else comes to our minds. But I don't want us to overlook this one thing. We always say Jesus is the reason for the season. But, Jesus in our hearts is of the utmost importance. This goes beyond any of the holidays. This goes beyond the candy of Halloween, or the pictures and memorials of All Saints' Day. This goes beyond the flags we pin on our veterans on Veterans' Day. This goes beyond the turkey and fixings for Thanksgiving. This goes beyond all the presents we give and receive on Christmas Day.

That is because the gift of Jesus in our hearts is the greatest gift that we can ever receive! With this gift, we can see eternity! With this gift, we will see the Lamb of God, who took away our sins and replaced them with a crown! With this gift, we see God in all His Glory and sing His praises forever and ever! HALLELUJAH!!! So, when someone asks what are you doing this holiday season, say I'm growing closer in my relationship with Christ. For only what you do for Christ, will last!

Pastor Bert



Friday, November 11th

special thanks to all in our church family who graciously served to protect our freedom.

The Aldersgate Experience

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Lay Leader..... Kathleen O'Hara
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo**

**Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday
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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Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

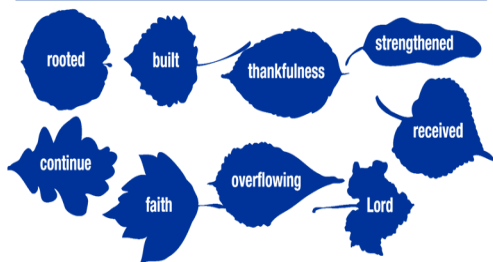


PUZZLE

Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness



Saturday,
November 5th

(Before you go to bed)

Adult Sunday School



No Adult Sunday School on Sunday, November 6th
and Sunday, November 13th

Issue in Focus

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Special Music

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News from the Pews,
Sunday School news and much more



Many thanks to Lucinda Williams for her participation in Heritage UMC's Annual Baby Shower for Newborns in Need on October 18th.

Her precious handmade items included: crochet blanket and sweater sets, changing pads and of course, many teddy bears.

Her presence and fellowship with our United Women in Faith were a blessing and Aja Wright of Newborns in Need is deeply appreciative of Lucinda's connection with this special ministry.



Again, thank you Lucinda for being a blessing to others.

Rev. Joyce Wilkerson,
Newborns in Need, Coordinator for HUMC

(Note: everyone is welcome to help with this ministry— want more information see Joyce in the church office.)



Rehearsals dates for November

Wednesdays 6 PM
11/2; 11/9; 11/16; 11/30
No rehearsals on 11/23

All voices welcome

"Music is God's gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven."



You Are Invited

Saturday, November 26th

10 AM

To join us for a grand time as we transform our church into a holiday wonderland of lights, wreaths, and candles.



Come
*Decorate
the
Sanctuary!*



Annual Charge Conference Date Set!

This year our Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, December 3rd – 10 AM—Noon.

The conference will be held at Great Bridge United Methodist Church. Watch your emails for more details.

Time is tight this year. All committee reports have to be uploaded to Vital Congregations site no later than 11/21. These reports have to be completed, and signed. Blank reports have already been distributed to the Chairs who have the job of completing their specific reports. Thanks for making this job such an easy one.

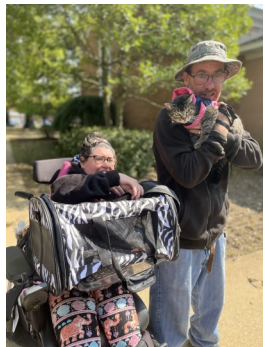
Joyce R



Blessing of the Animals Service
Huge success



Several of our furry friends were treated to a special blessing service on 10/8.



They were all well behaved and made a few new four footed friends.



This will be a new feature in the newsletter each month.

The Finance Committee hopes it will give you a better idea of our financial health.

Financial Stats for September, 2022:

Income:	\$11,265.35
Expenses:	\$10,334.92
Difference:	\$ 930.43
Communion:	\$ 15.00
Joyce's Gift:	\$ 690.00

You won't want to miss this special music presentation!

Sunday, November 13th

11 AM Worship Service

bring your family and friends with you to Aldersgate United Methodist Church to enjoy a marvelous worship service of special music as well as the talents of a guest musician who will join Dr. Christina Pinkston at the organ and piano.



Birthdays

11/1 Lily Tipora
11/8 Claudia Ganaden
11/10 Chelsie Richburg
11/11 Greg Dziagwa
11/15 Joyce Russo
11/17 Grace Mahone
11/24 Steve Carter



Anniversaries

11/18 Gary and Cindy Albertson
11/29 Jimmie and Carolyn Powers



Remember in Prayer

Home: Jimmie Powers, Sherry Williams

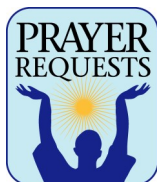
Any of our church family who are at home and still not able to attend worship in-person

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 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
Tuesday, November 15th
for the December 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

Millie and Dewey Hanson



Counters

11/6 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
11/13 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
11/20 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
11/27 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
12/4 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis



**OFFERING
COUNTERS**

Lawn Maintenance



11/7 Team 2
11/14 Team 3
11/21 Team 1
11/28 Team 2
12/5 Team 3

Calendar Highlights

11/2-11/15—Pastor Away—will be attending conferences—No Adult Sunday School

11/3-11/4—church office closed

11/6—11 AM Special All Saints' Day Presentation

11/11—office closed

11/13—Special Music Presentation during service

11/15—7 PM—Finance and Administrative Board Meeting

11/17— 7 PM Vision Team Meeting

11/25-11/25 Church office closed for Thanksgiving

11/26—10 AM—Decorate the Church for the holidays



Dr. Christina Pinkston **TRIPLE DARES YOU** to share your hidden talent, special skill, humorous wit, artistic project, competitive game-playing spirit, scrumptious baked treats, and "Heavenly" singing voice at the **ALDRSGATE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** on **Saturday, December 10, beginning at 6:00 P.M.**

Write your name on the "sign-up sheet" in the narthex just outside of the sanctuary to list what you will do and/or how you will participate. Categories include (but are not limited to) these fun-filled ventures:

- Baking Contest--a variety of cakes, pies, cookies, breads, tarts, cobblers, and brownies
 - "Name That Tune"--a musical game
 - "Musical Chairs"--a musical game
 - Christmas "Brain Teasers"--test your knowledge and quick-thinking skills
 - Comedy--mini-skit(s) and joke telling
 - Solo(s), Duet(s), Quartet(s), or Congregational "Sing-along" of holiday music
 - Competitive games
 - Poetry Readings and/or Spoken Word performances
 - Display of creative art projects—paintings, crocheted or knitted items, sculptures, quilts, etc.
Scavenger Hunt
- NEEDED and REQUESTED:
- Set-Up Committee (3-5 persons)
 - Clean-Up Committee (5-7 persons)
 - Judges (3 with 2 alternates)
 - Servers for Refreshments (4 persons)

The **ALDRSGATE CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** promises to be a fantastic event of **YULETIDE FUN!** Bring your family, friends, companions, and neighbors! Spread the word! Come prepared to showcase your specialty, to laugh loudly, to play fairly, and to enjoy wholeheartedly the "FUNTASTIC" activities. No "grinches" are allowed!



Giving Thanks for Family

As we look around we find there are many different kinds of families. We have immediate family, extended family, close friends who are like family and each one of those can be divided into two parent, one parent, step, etc.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and we look around our dinner table we can be thankful for our different families. However there is one family we are all a part of and that is the family of God. We are all children, brothers and sisters and beloved members of this special family.



I am reminded how lucky I am that I have two church families in my life. I was very fortunate enough to have been honored by Aldersgate's family recently.

The celebration was heart-warming, and humbling. I am very thankful for this "family" in my life. They have brought me closer to being a member of God's family by renewing my spirit daily. The outpouring of love and support has been rewarding to say the least.

Thanks for the cake, the plaque and the gift but most of all I thank my "family" for the love and support of 25 years as your secretary.
JR

