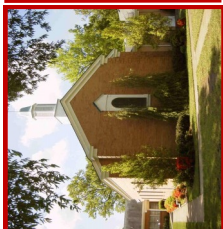


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THERE IS
Always
SOMETHING TO BE
Thankful
FOR

**Join Us Each Sunday at 9 AM for
Our Worship Service..**



Pastor's Corner

What Does Ministry Movement Look Like in This Season of Thanksgiving?

As we enter this beautiful month of November, a season marked by gratitude, reflection, and giving, my heart has been reflecting on what ministry movement truly looks like. For some, it's the hustle of church activities, meetings, and preparations for Advent. But for me, ministry movement in this season of Thanksgiving isn't just about doing more; it's about being more: more present, more prayerful, more compassionate, and more attuned to where God is already moving among us.

Ministry movement happens when we pause long enough to notice the ways God's grace is stirring in quiet places. It's seen in the gentle conversations over coffee, the shared laughter during fellowship, the hands that serve in the spaghetti dinners, and the prayers whispered for those who are struggling. It's the church not just gathering, but going, not just worshipping, but witnessing, not just talking about gratitude, but living it out.

This Thanksgiving season, I invite us all to consider how we might keep moving with God rather than simply for God. Movement without presence can lead to burnout, but movement with the Spirit leads to renewal. When we serve from gratitude instead of obligation, our ministry becomes not just active, but alive.

Let's take inventory of how we've seen God move through our ministries this year. Who have we encouraged? Who have we welcomed? Who has experienced Christ's love because of something we said, gave, or did? And as we give thanks for what has been, let us remain open to what God is still unfolding among us.

So, what does ministry movement look like to you this Thanksgiving? Maybe it looks like open hands. Maybe it sounds like heartfelt prayer. Maybe it feels like a community leaning into hope ... TOGETHER.

Whatever form it takes, may our collective movement be a reflection of gratitude and grace, reminding the world that the Church is still alive, still serving, and still moving by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With a grateful heart,
Rev. Donna R. Tucker, Pastor
Aldersgate & Heritage United Methodist Churches

**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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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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Thanksgiving Blessings One and All

Not Just for



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		



_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 _____ his _____.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, LORD, proclaim, name, make, ruin, nations, known, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

NEWS FROM
THE PEWS

A Smile from a Familiar Face.



This pic was taken during a recent visit with Lucinda Williams by Pastor Donna. She really enjoys her visits with the pastor and never wants her to leave.



Congratulations to Laci Mae Birge and her recent Baptism into the family of God. More smiles all around. Grandmom, Grandpa and parents were so proud.

Special All Saints' Day Service, Sunday, November 2nd at 9 AM.

Happy Veterans Day to all of those who have served, are currently serving. We thank you for that service.



Issue
in
Focus

*Pastor's Corner

*Important Financial Updates

*News from the pews

* Lots of Calendar Highlights

*Lay Ministry Schedules
and much, much more



Some Upcoming Events at Heritage

Joint Thanksgiving Service—
Wednesday, November 19th. Time
not set yet but usually 7 PM

Mark your
calendars

Aldersgate family has been invited to join Heritage for their Christmas Party—**Saturday, Dec 13th** 6-10 PM. Cost of tickets has not been set yet. Office will send email when tickets become available. Cost is usually around \$25.00 each. “Nacho” Average Christmas Party.—*Come out for fellowship, karaoke, dancing and lots of laughter.

Saturday, Nov. 7th 6 PM Heritage Movie Night—Sing 2. bring your own chairs, blankets...snacks provided. Everyone is invited!

We are off to great beginning!

Weekly Community Spaghetti Dinners

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

35 attendees
on 1st Thurs.



If you are interested in volunteering for set-up, serving or clean-up—see Cindy

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.

November rehearsal dates are:

11/5; 11/12; and 11/19



Annual Charge Conference

Monday, November 24th

6:30 PM

Miles Memorial UMC

Reports have been given out to those who need to submit information back to the office.

This year charge conference will be a little different. All reports will be submitted on line prior to the actual conference. Churches will pick up booklets at the conference already signed. All reports have to be in to the District Office (including Budget) no later than November 14th.

Don't Forget to



Set your
clocks
BACK
one hour
before
going to
bed
tonight.



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 Thanksgiving, November 27th)

Our November 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

Financial Stats for Sept. 2025

Income: \$ 9,250.00

Expenses: \$ 8,438.58

Difference: \$ 811.42

Year to Date Stats for 2025:

Income: \$93,560.04

Expenses: \$82,779.10

Difference: \$ 10,780.94



Dear Aldersgate Family,

Your unwavering support has been a blessing as we keep moving forward together. Your continued dedication allows Aldersgate to grow, serve and keep making an impact on this community. Remember the church in your prayers and thanks for all of the ways you support.

Playdate at the Playground

Saturday, November 8th 9 AM– 11 AM

Open to the community.

Hot Coffee for the adults, and playtime for the children.

Sponsored by Aldersgate UMC and

RFS/WM/EP Civic League





Birthdays

11/1 Lily Tipora
11/8 Claudia Ganaden
11/24 Steve Carter
11/11 Greg Dziagwa
11/13 Kathy O'Hara

Anniversaries

11/18 Gary and Cindy Albertson



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
Saturday, Nov. 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

Dewey and Millie Hanson

Counters

11/2 Bill Bunch
11/9 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
11/16 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
11/23 Greg Dziagwa
11/30 Bill Bunch



Lawn Maintenance



11/3 Team 2
11/10 Team 3
11/17 Team 1
11/24 Team 2
12/1 Team 3

Trash Collection– Kevin Floyd

Calendar Highlights



11/1 Turn Your Clocks BACK
11/2 9 AM All Saints' Service
11/3-11/5 Norfolk Board of Elections in Social Hall
11/4—6:30 PM Finance and Admin Board Meeting
11/5 7 PM Elizabeth Park Civic League
11/6; 11/13; 11/20— 10 AM Thompson Bible Study
11/5; 11/12; --6 PM Choir Rehearsals
11/6; 11/13; 11/20— 5:30 PM Community Spaghetti Dinner
11/10— 7 PM RFS/WM/EP Civic League Meeting
11/24 —6:30 PM Annual Charge Conference
11/29—10 AM Decorate the Church

Cooke Elementary Feeding Program

We will once again supply dinner to the students, teachers and parents of the Cooke Elementary School. This program is done the 1st Wednesday of the month, during the school year.

Our first date for this year is
Wednesday, November 5th.



Come One, Come All..

Saturday,

November 29th at 10 AM.



For the Holiday Season

The Holidays



Thanksgiving traditionally begins the holiday season for most of us. Those of us who have lost family members, friends or relatives not so much.

All Saints' Day kicks off the season for us. It is great to remember and honor those who have gone before us, to see pictures, relate stories and other memories. For others, especially during the first year of loss, it is difficult. I always thought about how others feel but this year I can really relate.

The missing chair at the Thanksgiving table, the one less gift under the tree, the unlit birthday cake —this can be extremely depressing for some. Having faith and knowing that God is always near has become such a comfort.

As you celebrate this season, remember those in your family, friends or church family who are having to face those holidays for the first time without their loved one.

Give them a call, send a card, or most of all say a prayer. Knowing that you are thinking of them at this time may just be the support they need. God hears all our prayers and is only a thought away.

Have a blessed holiday season and remember Thanksgiving is only the beginning to the greatest "Good News" of our lives. The birth of Jesus Christ!

JR

PRAYER
is the
GREATEST
POWER