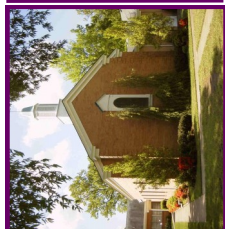




2025

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



The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

May 2025

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Join Us at 11 am for

Sunday Worship

god said, "Let the earth
produce every kind of living thing."
... And that's what happened.

GENESIS 1:24





To the Aldersgate UMC family
and community,



I greet you in the name of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one who
intercedes on our behalf.

As I reflect on how God has blessed this church and
community over the years it warms my heart to know that
this is just the beginning of that he has in store for the
church. As we look around at this ever growing and
changing continue there is hope for new memories to be
made.

In these times of uncertainty and change, it is easy to become
overwhelmed by the challenges we face. But let us be
reminded of the unshakeable truth that God is with us
through the highs and lows, through joy and sorrow, He
walks with us, guiding and comforting us. I encourage you to
hold on to this promise, to support one another in prayer, and
to remain steadfast in faith.

As we move forward I ask that you would continue to pray
for the church and its leadership. We are entering a new
season of ministry, and there are many opportunities for
growth and outreach ahead.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to connect
with me personally, please don't hesitate to reach out. My
door is always open to you, and I am here to walk alongside
you in any way I can.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the love of
God fill your home. Let us continue to be a shining light in
our community, sharing the hope that only He can provide.

Love and peace,

Tyrek Person, Pastor



**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 11:00 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.**

Greg Dziagwa

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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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Pastor..... Tyrek Person
Minister of Music..... Dr. Christina Pinkston
Church Secretary..... Joyce Russo

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

Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be _____ty is fl _____eting; but a
woma _____ w _____o f _____rs the Lo _____d is to be prais _____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, husband, women; Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Exciting News!!

Corbin and Melissa Birge are expecting. Grandparents Kevin and Michele Floyd have announced the blessed event.



Baby Birge will arrive some time in July.

Also we are doubly blessed, Grandmom Mary Ellen Gillispie let us know that granddaughter, Taylor and her husband are also expecting. Congrats to all.



Update: Martha Davies, Kathy Dziagwa's mom—had another fall, broke her hip and required surgery. She is currently in a rehab center and hopefully will return to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Center soon.



Issue in Focus

Message from the Pastor

Important Financial Updates

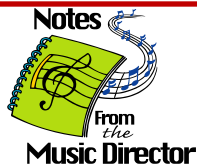
News from the pews

Lay Ministry Schedules

and much, much more



Our Aldersgate Trio will only have one rehearsal in May. There are NO rehearsals on 5/7; 5/14; and 5/28. The only rehearsal is on May 21st at 6 PM.



No worries they will still be in the choir loft each Sunday morning bringing us their special selections for our worship experience. We thank Dr. Christina, Gary and Vic for all their hard work throughout the year.



The **Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship** is a wonderful group that meets in a home in our neighborhood every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

We continue to study and discuss the book "Boundaries, When to say Yes and How to say No to Take Control of Your Life" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr John Townsend.

Discussions focus on the boundaries Jesus used in His earthly life and how we can apply that wisdom to our lives. Topics include: Boundaries and Your Friends, Boundaries and your Spouse, Boundaries and Your Children, and Boundaries and Work. The overall objective is to have joyful and useful lives that honor God! It's only through establishing and maintaining proper boundaries that we will have a solid operating base from which we can help others.

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.**



IMPORTANT NOTICE - Don't Forget



Beginning May 1st

The church will no longer be able to send or receive emails from

<joyce@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com>

Cox communications will close this email account and on June 15 all data will be deleted. Please make sure you have updated the church email to

aumcnorf@gmail.com

Please make sure to check your emails regularly so you will be able to make the change and not miss any notices from the church office.

Thanks

May and June are graduation months.

Please let the church know if you have any graduates in your family. We not only recognize High School and College grads but we also celebrate Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School grads. Send an email or call.



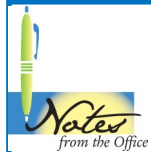
If You Didn't Know..

Aldersgate will be the new polling place for River Forest Shores and the surrounding community. The Norfolk Board of Elections visited our facility when looking for a new location, loved the Social Hall as a prospective place for voting.



After lots of emails, calls and paperwork the church has been approved by the City Council.

On June 17th (Primary Voting Day) Volunteers will arrive around 6:30 am and be here throughout the day. We will host lots of community residents at our facility. This is a great opportunity to introduce the community to who we are.



STAFF PARISH MEETING SET

Members of the Staff Parish Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 1st at 4 PM.

Please notify Cindy Albertson if you are unable to attend.

Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

Va. Annual Conference Dates set: Zoom Laity meeting on Sunday June 8th-more information coming.

Clergy Sessions begin June 11. Conference runs through June 14. Check emails for more information.



Treasurer's Update

Dear Aldersgate Family,

I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to provide some important updates regarding our financial situation.

In March, our donations were actually higher than expenses by \$2,171.07. Donations were up for the month and expenses were down. It was very nice to see that Aldersgate is in the black this month. Please continue to keep Aldersgate in your prayers.

Your continued financial contributions are essential for sustaining the ministry and facilities at AUMC.

Please remain steadfast in your giving and keep our church in your prayers. Together, we can ensure that Aldersgate will continue to thrive.

Blessings,

Kathy Dziagwa,

Aldersgate UMC
Treasurer



Financial Stats for

March, 2025:

Income:	\$12,039.15
Expenses:	\$ 9,868.08
Difference:	\$ 2,171.07

Year to Date Stats for 2025:

Income:	\$33,635.64
Expenses:	\$31,995.79
Difference:	\$ 1,639.85



Birthdays

5/2 Cindy Albertson
5/3 Millie Hanson
Dewey Hanson

5/16 Lucinda Williams

Anniversaries

5/1 Kevin and Michele Floyd
5/7 Guy and Diane Willis
5/24 Vic and Debbie Supper



Remember in Prayer

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

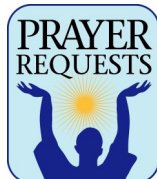
Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

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.

The United Methodist church international;
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

Thursday May 15th
for the June 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

John Floyd, Melissa Birge

Counters

5/4 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
5/11 Greg Dziagwa,
5/18 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
5/25 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson



Lawn Maintenance



5/5 Team 1
5/12 Team 2
5/19 Team 3
5/26 Team 1
6/2 Team 2

Trash Collection—Vic Supper

Calendar Highlights

5/1 4 PM—Staff Parish Meeting

5/7;5/14; and 5/28—NO Choir
Rehearsal 5/21 6 PM Choir

5/1; 5/8; 5/15; 5/22; 5/29—10 AM Thompson Bible Study

5/1; 5/8; 5/15; 5/22;—5:30 PM Spaghetti Dinners

5/20 6:30 PM Finance and Administrative Board Meeting

5/26 Church office closed for Memorial Day

We will host a guest speaker on Sunday 5/4



Easter Egg Hunt



The weather may have been chilly and damp but you would have never known it by these children's happy faces.

They were small in number but big on their spirit and enthusiasm. This was our first year holding just an egg hunt with out have the Bunny

Breakfast and the children did not seem to mind. The Easter Bunny was a big hit (thanks Vic) and they were delighted to meet him.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped hide the eggs and assisted in supervising the children.

Looking forward to next year.

Barbara
Harrell



"Trust in the Lord"



The year 2025 has been very hard for some of us. We would really like to delete it from our memory.

On Palm Sunday my church choir presented the cantata "The Power of the Cross" by Mark Hayes. One of the movements in this presentation is entitled "Trust in the Lord". I have not been able to sing this song in its entirety without tearing up. We have all experienced this at one time or another. Whether it be a movie, song or a book we have read. Here are some of the words.

"Trust in the Lord when the night is darkest.

Trust in the Lord when hope seems gone.

When you feel abandoned in your own

Gethsemane,

God has not left you. You are not alone.

When chaos threatens all that you hold dear,
a light still shines. The way is clear."

As we continue through this year of changes and uncertainty maybe these words will provide some comfort. We need to trust Him and speak with Him often, He loves hearing from His children—and just "Trust Him".

JR

