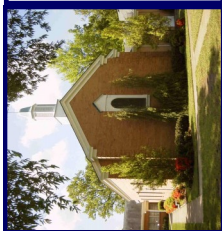




Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5767 Sellger Drive
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August 13, 14, and 15

*Join us on Sunday morning at 11 am
for more information..*



MEET OUR NEW PASTOR....

A Servant of Faith and Compassion

“When the Lord spoke, I listened.”

Tyrek was born to Tujuana Williams and Cleveland Person. His journey of faith

began early, as he sat alongside his

grandfather in the deacon section of their local church. His grandfather, recognizing a divine calling, prophesied that Tyrek would become a mighty servant of the Lord.

After graduating from Oscar F. Smith High School with an advanced diploma in 2018, Tyrek pursued higher education at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. There, he delved into the study of psychology, focusing on child and family counseling. But it was within the walls of the church that Tyrek’s true purpose unfolded.

In his late teens, Tyrek embarked on his ministry at a Baptist church. However, it was when he joined the Pentecostal Church in 2022 that his calling truly took flight. As one of the youngest members, Tyrek found himself in a considerably different spiritual environment—one that resonated deeply with his soul.

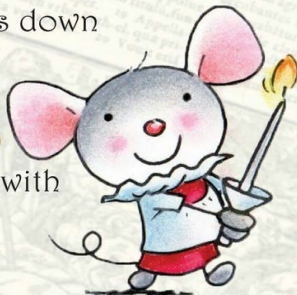
During his college years, Tyrek received a profound message from God in a dream. The divine directive was clear: there was work to be done, and Tyrek needed to be prepared and attuned to God’s voice. This experience became the catalyst for his passion and purpose—to assist those who might otherwise go unnoticed.

Now, at the age of 24, Tyrek continues to serve faithfully within the church. But beyond its walls, he seeks solace and connection in nature. It is there, away from distractions, that he most often hears God’s voice—a gentle reminder of his unwavering commitment to compassion, service, and faith.

GOD GIVES HOPE
to those who dream,
gives miracles to those who believe.
God never lets down
those who trust
and God never

LEAVES
those who walk with

GOD.



A little message from our church mouse for your enjoyment

Little Church Mouse
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The Aldersgate Experience

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“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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Bishop.....Rev. Susan Hauptert-Johnson
District Superintendent...Rev. F. Elizabeth Givens
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
Choir Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays



PUZZLE

BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



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BHECA
LALUBMER
WRTEA
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How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them _ _ _ _ ;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the _ _ _ _ , vast and spacious,
teeming with _ _ _ _ _ beyond number —
living things both large and small.
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

School Supply Drive

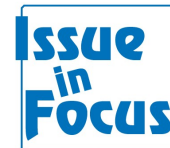
Deadline: August 4th

1. We will be helping the children of Riverside Station Apartments (RSA) and W.T. Cooke Elementary. In the complex across the street are many families who could use the assistance. RSA is a mixed use complex which means that many of the residents receive some form of public assistance because of financial challenges. As for Cooke Elementary, many of the children who attend this school are homeless because they have no permanent, fixed address.
2. The start-up of school is just around the corner. The first day of school in Norfolk is August 19 and the first day of school in Virginia Beach is August 26. This means economically challenged families are facing a large initial expenditure, especially if they have multiple children. For many it is a difficult challenge to manage.
3. It is important children start off school in a positive manner. Having the necessary supplies in hand lessens the stress children face when returning to school.

Remember we are collecting through August 4. There will be receptacles in the foyer for that purpose.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Kathy O'Hara



Welcome New District Staff

Lay Ministry for the month

VBS information and registration form

Financial Updates and information

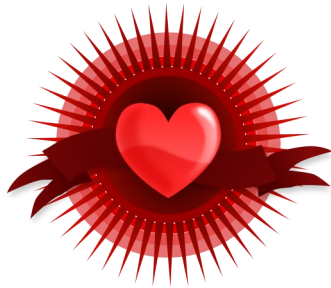


VBS Time is Here!

August 13, 14, and 15

6-8 PM

Invite your friends, neighbors and family



“Let Your Heart-light Shine”

Volunteers are always needed—a sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. See Barbara Harrell if you have any questions

Call the church office for registration forms

Please save your empty Gatorade bottles (12 oz size)



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Prayers of Christian Sympathy

go out to the Whitehead family. Many may remember Jay Whitehead as our Choir Director from 2000-2006.

Jay passed away in early July, I am sure he is singing with God's choir now.

It's great to see Jimmie and Carolyn Powers back with us once again. We're happy that Carolyn is feeling much better.

We would like to welcome all of the many visitors who have attended our services recently. We hope you enjoyed your visit and will come again.

**Thought you would like to know:
Virginia Annual Conference —June 2024
Statistics**

UMCOR Kits donated by Virginia Churches: 11,455 Hygiene Kits; 656 cleaning buckets; 2316 menstrual kits total—14,427 kits.

13 churches closed only two from Coastal Virginia District

Currently we have 876 churches, 257,777 members. Average worship attendance is 85,568. We had 1,864 new members; 1,172 baptisms and 43,458 small group participants (Bible Study, Sunday School, etc.) Over 39,000 people participated in missions reaching over 1,400,000 people. Even though we had 227 disaffiliated churches from the Virginia Conference the results which affected the conference were minor. 8.2% local church revenues, 11.2% apportionments, 10.6% membership, 14.4% average attendance and 10.9% new membership.

On a high note Bishop Sue recognized/ordained: 26 Local License Pastors, 3 Provisional Deacons; 11 Provisional Elders; 2 Ordained Deacons and 9 Ordained Elders. 31 pastors retired.

Report submitted by Conference Statistician and Treasurer,
David Domnisse



Coastal Virginia DISTRICT

Aldersgate United Methodist Church Music Ministry



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"I'm all ready for Sunday school.
I have my Bible and thinking cap."

That's GREAT, BUT ...
**Music is "laughter" of the
soul!**



Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the
church's sanctuary (6:00-7:30 P.M.)

"PRAISE GOD MORE in 2024!"

Dr. Christina Pinkston, Director

VBS Registration Form



Child(ren) names _____

Age(s) _____

Medications, allergies, or medical conditions

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Custodial Parent _____

Contact Information Cell Phone: _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Information

Responsible Adult for Pick Up

Drop completed into the offering plate or call the church
office at 757 466-8999 Monday—Thursday 9 am—Noon

We are asking all children who attend to donate a school
supply item.

The Neighborhood Widows' Bible Fellowship meets in a home
in the neighborhood each Thursday from 10 AM –11:30 am.
We have just begun a new study "The Battlefield of the Mind"
by Joyce Meyer.

If you know of a widow who would be interested in joining us
please let me know. Call 757-515-8194. Please leave a
voicemail if I do not answer. Joyce Thompson

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





AUGUST Birthdays

8/10 Randy Thrasher 8/17 Guy Willis
 8/17 Wilma "Billie" Young 8/26 Tyrek Person, Pastor

Anniversaries

We currently have no anniversaries for August.
 Let the office know if we missed you.



Remember in Prayer



Home: Barbara Hogwood, Maria Davidson and her son, Leslie, members 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.

Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions through their cabinet meetings and conferences

For Peace throughout the world

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, Aug 15th
 for the Sept. 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

Phyllis Day, Debbie Supper

Communion Servers

Vic and Debbie Supper

Counters

8/4 G. Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
 8/11 D. Supper, B. Bunch
 8/18 M. Hanson; G. Albertson
 8/25 K. Floyd, D. Willis



Lawn Maintenance



8/5 Team 2
 8/12 Team 3
 8/19 Team 1
 8/26 Team 2
 9/2 Team 3
 Trash—Randy Thrasher

Team 1—Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch

Team 2—Dewey Hanson

Team 3— Kevin and John Floyd

Calendar Highlights

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

Deadline for School Supply Drive—8/4

Vacation Bible School 8/13-8/15 6-8 PM

Helping Hands Mtg- 8/27—10 AM

Choir rehearsals 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28—6 PM



Financial Stats for June 2024:

Income: \$12,854.50

Expenses: \$12,646.84

Difference: \$ 207.66

Remaining

Balance: \$ 3,011.76

**Year to Date Income/
Expenses:**

Income: \$ 76,459.21

Expenses: \$ 75,927.95

Difference: \$ 531.26

Dedicated Offerings:

Communion \$ 10.00

Memorials \$ 30.00



**A Message from your
Treasurer:**

As your treasurer, I wanted to share some important updates regarding our finances.

During the month of June, our donations exceeded expenses by a small margin. While we're currently holding steady, it won't take much to tip the balance.

We have several upcoming expenses: three heat pumps need repairs, there's a leak in the roof, and the outside office brick steps require attention.

Your continued support is crucial. Please remain vigilant in your giving, and keep our church in your prayers. Together, we can ensure Aldersgate thrives.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment.

Blessings,
Kathy Dziagwa

Aldersgate UMC Treasurer



Second Chances



Don't we wish that sometimes we could get a second chance for something we said or done? I know I do.

Well, the good news is, God always gives out second chances, even thirds and fourths. All you have to do is ask. Sounds simple doesn't it? For many it is not that simple.

For most of us asking God for forgiveness is a real hard thing. We aren't sure of what to say, how to say it or even if we are worthy of that second chance. Many of us have doubts of our worthiness.

In God's eyes we are all worthy, His forgiveness is never ending. We never run out of chances for a do-over if we are sincere and humble enough to ask. We may not always like His answers. We may not like the fact that we have to apologize to someone or seriously rethink our view on something, but second chances are "a new opportunity" for all of us.

If we want God to give us a second chance we also have to be willing to give others a second chance. The next time you are faced with a situation that may need forgiveness from your friends, family or life in general—remember that do-overs are for all of us. God's grace is our model. We can offer second chances to others the same way God offers them to us.

JR

