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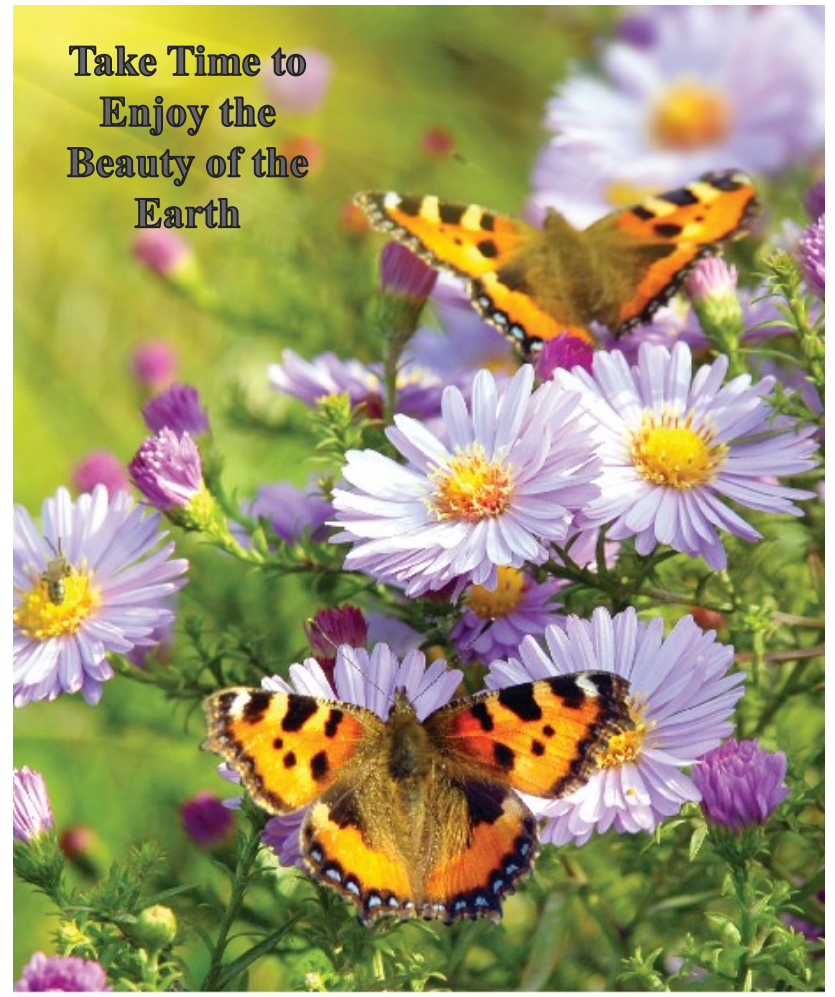


The Aldersgate Experience

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ



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Pastor Griffin re-appointed for one more year at Aldersgate

Congratulations to Pastor Griffin and welcome back.

Congratulations also to our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks, Ph.D.



Have a Safe Holiday



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Bishop.....Rev. Sharma D. Lewis
District Superintendent...Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks, Ph.D.
Pastor..... Rev. Bertrand Griffin, II
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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Popcorn POWER



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

PUZZLE

A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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“But you will receive _____ when the _____”

Holy _____ comes on you; and you _____

will be my _____ in Jerusalem,

and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the _____.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

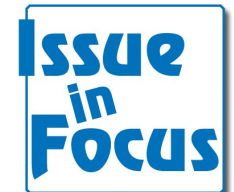


Service and Reception for New District Superintendent

Sunday, July 17th

4 PM

Heritage United Methodist Church
815 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462



Vacation Bible School News

Lay ministry for July

District News

Some Annual Conference Highlights



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Prayers of healing for Vic Supper as he recovers from back surgery.

Prayers for Ruth Crosby as she continues to recover from her fall around Easter.

Welcome back to Dr. Pinkston. We also welcome back Joyce Thompson.

Most of you will remember Rev. Larry Davies, DS—retired. Rev. Davies has been appointed to be the pastor of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church for at least the next year. We welcome him back to our area.

Remember some of our shut-ins this summer—drop them a card or give them a call to let them know they are missed....

Congratulations to Guy Willis and his completion of the Kitchen Manager course for Aldersgate.

Neal Windley would like to thank our gentlemen who have been helping with the trash cans each week. Mr. Windley has set a schedule for the next 6 months. Contact Neal if you would like to help.



We're back....

VBS—
Aug 1st-5th evenings

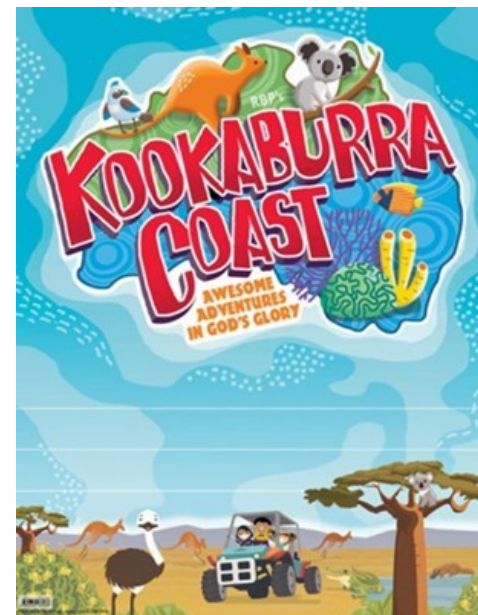
Classes for children and adults.

Registration required—
deadline 7/27. Forms
will be in the Narthex
beginning Sunday 7/3

Sign Up sheet for the
adult class will be in the
Narthex 7/3

Volunteers needed—
See Anna Lee Long.

Check emails and church website for times....



Name _____ I/We plan to a
attend VBS 8/1-8/5/22—

Children _____ Ages _____

Adult Class _____ (place name on Sign-Up Sheet)

Fill out complete form (found in the Narthex)

Deadline 7/27/22....



Annual Conference Highlights

Here are just a few of the highlights from the Virginia Annual Conference held 6/16-6/18. There will be more updates coming in the district newsletters.

42 Pastors retired effective 7/1

5 Active Pastors passed away since 2020 and 37 Retired Pastors. Among them was Rev. Dabney Walters who use to be DS for Norfolk (Elizabeth River) District.

The District Initiative Committee has been working very hard on the combining of the 16 districts in the Va. Conference. Effective July 1st we will be 8 districts and the Elizabeth River District will now be known as Coastal Virginia District.

Lay Delegate, Kathleen O'Hara, will be giving some further updates in the next coming weeks.

For a complete synopsis of events for the Conference go to <vaumc.org> click on news and then click on ac2022. You can scroll down for each sessions brief summaries.



The Choir will be back to their regular schedule this month. They were missed and hope they are now well rested.



Mark your calendars now to join us on

Saturday, August 13th
(will be here before you know it)

to pack food for Rise Against Hunger. Make sure to check your bulletins and emails for more information as to time, etc.

Thanks to those who have already donated to this special cause but more funds are needed. Make checks (or cash) donations out to Aldersgate UMC and note

Rise Against Hunger on the envelope..

thanks again, Gary Albertson, Chair



Birthdays

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| 7/2 Maria Davidson | 7/17 Saige Floyd |
| Jasiah Washington-Om | 7/20 Mary Ellen Gillispie |
| 7/4 Chase Dziagwa | 7/22 Debbie Supper |
| 7/7 Eric Cramer | 7/30 Guy Willis, III |

Anniversaries

No July Anniversaries listed. Please notify the church office if your anniversary has been missed.



Remember in Prayer



Home: Ben Hogwood, Vic Supper

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 our safely 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
Friday, July 15th
for the August 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

Guy Willis, Michele Floyd

Counters

- 7/3 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
- 7/10 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
- 7/17 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
- 7/24 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers



OFFERING COUNTERS



Lawn Maintenance

- 7/4 Team 2
- 7/11 Team 3
- 7/18 Team 1
- 7/25 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

- 7/1—church office closed
- 7/4—church office closed
- 7/5—secretary out of the office
- 7/6-6 PM Choir Rehearsals resume
- 7/15—Newsletter deadline
- 7/19-7PM Finance and Admin. Board Meeting
- 7/27—Deadline for VBS Registrations



Successful Weekend for District Collection of UMCOR Kits

As of Friday at Annual Conference
18,560 total kits valued at \$298,724. Some
12,611 pounds have also been collected for
food banks across the conference.

District Collection:

United Women in Faith President and ERD Kits
Coord., Marta Pizzeck reports the following
from the June 4-5 collection of UMCOR kits on
our district:

21 Churches participating
1390 Hygiene / Health Kits
14 Cleaning Buckets
205 School Kits

Thanks so much to Rev. David Jimenez-
Cardenas and Memorial UMC for allowing us to
have the collection site at their church! Also
thanks to Jeff & Allen for picking up our kits on
June 6 which ended up being 3 pallets 4 x 4
about 6ft high.

Memorial UMC collected 48 pounds of food for
their Food Pantry.



UMCOR
Board of
Global Ministries



The Cost of Freedom.....

As we enter the month of July we are reminded of summer vacations, picnics, hot humid days and visits from friends and family. This July we need to also remember those who have fought for our freedom throughout the world. Recent events, here and abroad have been heavy on our minds and souls. Prayers are lifted high.

Let us remember that we celebrate July 4th because our fore-fathers fought for freedom to be able to worship as they wanted. Yes, a few tax issues were also involved but the main reason was religious freedom. We are reminded every time we see a dollar bill or coin with "In God We Trust" or say the Pledge of Allegiance.

As we ooh and aah over fireworks this holiday remember that the greatest cost for freedom was made so that we could be forgiven for sins...The life of our savior Jesus Christ.

Sing a song of praise, say a prayer of thanks for all that He sacrificed for us.

Enjoy your holiday....

JR

