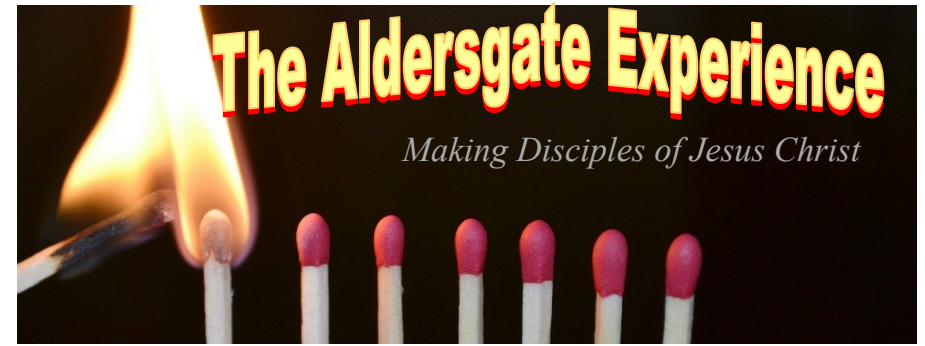



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In-Person Services to Resume

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11 AM



“Who Are You?”
By Pastor Lee

A little boy ran to answer the phone for his mother. His mother called from the other room, “Who is it?” The boy answered, “I can’t tell who it is, Mommy. The holes in the phone are too small.”

As followers of Jesus, we are given a new identity. But it can be difficult to see that identity in ourselves. It is like looking through the small holes in a phone to see who is on the other side. And although you may not be able to see your new identity yourself, God promises that it is true. So, it is good to remind ourselves of who we are in Christ.

1. You are a child of God & heir to his kingdom. (Rom. 8:17)
2. You are a temple of God’s dwelling. (1 Corinthians 3:16)
3. You are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
4. You are a member of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:27)
5. You are a citizen of heaven. (Philippians 3:20)
6. You are a holy priest. (1 Peter 2:9)
7. You are an Ambassador of Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

This new identity took effect immediately when you became a believer. The actions of this new identity is one you seek to live up to in your life, but it is who you are right now. Trust God in this new identity he has given you by his grace. And honor him by living up to it.



Annual Charge Conference Date Set
Sunday, November 1st
2 PM
This year it will be a virtual meeting
more information to follow

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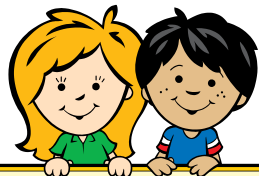
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Pastor..... Rev. Lee J. Crosby
Lay Leader..... Beverly Cooper
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM



KIDS PAGE



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

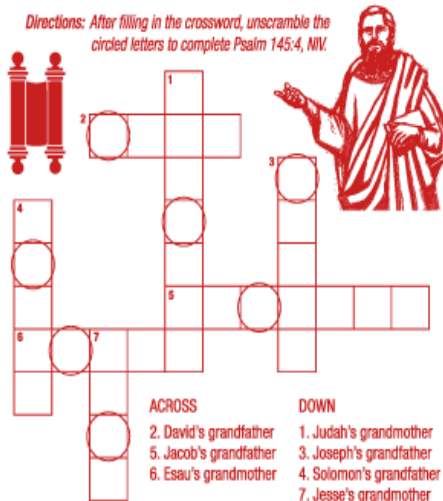
1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth; Generation

September 13th is Grandparents Day....

Send a card, give them a call or if you can a kiss and a hug will do.



Church Office to extend hours

If all goes well, the church office will reopen for extended business hours, the week of Sept. 14.



PENCIL IT IN

The news in brief

Pastor Lee's Message

Information for:

- New Pen Pal Program
- In Person Worship Services
- Food Donations Needed



Schedules for:

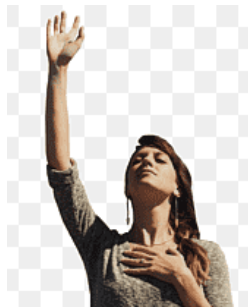
- Counters (if needed)
- Lawn Maintenance



The regular rehearsal schedule will resume as soon as we are released for singing. In the meantime, we can participate in other ways of “voicing” our praise and thanks! We can participate with instruments, special types of clapping, waving our hands, liturgical sign, video and more.



Stay tuned for how the worship team and congregation can still participate in music!



If Aldersgate’s reopening plan is approved we will reopen for in-person services on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11 AM.

In order to attend the service each Sunday, you will have to pre-register your intentions to attend.

You will have to email or call the church office no later than NOON on Wednesday each week.

In accordance with safety guidelines we are required to limit capacity.

Questions??? Feel free to call the church office, or email.

Thanks

BACK TO SCHOOL

This has been a hard year for many of our school districts. Trying to decide if face to face learning should continue or if the online classes are safer.

We would like to express our thanks to all of the school teachers, administrators and parents who have had to make these decisions.

We also offer our prayers for a safe and happy school year ahead.



Dessert Volunteer Coordinator Needed for the Spaghetti Dinner

The Dinner Crew is searching for a volunteer to coordinate the desserts beginning in the fall, date to be determined. The role includes serving others, coordinating with a team and church family, and being present at some of the dinners.

Please contact Cindy Crosby.

Community Spaghetti Dinner Update

Yes, Aldersgate, we are going to resume the spaghetti dinners when it is safe to do so. This is a wonderful community outreach.

Hang in there its coming!





Ministry Opportunity

We are supporting the Wesley Food Pantry again. If you would like to provide food items, the collection dates and information are below. Thank you for helping other!

Drop off dates:

Sunday Sept 6 and Monday Sept 7

Food Items:

Canned food, peanut butter and jelly, mini-cereal boxes, applesauce, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, other types of boxed pasta, mac and cheese, canned tuna, separately packaged individual chips or snacks.

Please place all items on the table in the social hall only on these days. The office is open on Mondays until noon.

Contact: Cindy Crosby

Did you know that over the summer, the Trustees have been working on updating our disaster booklet information??

This booklet is available from the church office upon request. Just give us a call.



The church office is also offering hard copies of a booklet of writings from our Lay Leader, Kathleen O'Hara. Throughout these hard times, she has continually given us words of encouragement and some delightful stories.

Please call the church office if you would like a hard copy—there are a few in the hallway on the information stand.

The booklet is titled:

From a Lay Leader's
Perspective.



If our reopening plans are approved by the District—here is a brief listing of some of the must-dos before you can attend each Sunday.

Pre-registration of your intention to attend—either by email or by phone.

Required—If a person is not able to wear a face covering, the person cannot attend an in-person service in this stage or any stage where a face covering is required. If a person has breathing difficulties and cannot wear a face covering, the person cannot attend an in-person service or any stage where a face covering is required. If you do not wear a face mask or if you remove it you will be asked to leave the building.

Required—Individuals must do a pre-attendance temperature check (temperature must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit—means no fever). If you have a fever or you are sick without a fever, stay home.

Entryway Health Acknowledgement. An entryway version of the Health Acknowledgement Form can be found at www.vaumc.org/return. Churches may print the form in poster-size and post it at the entryways used for each in-person gathering. Persons entering must read the form, acknowledge that they can affirm ‘yes’ to all of the statements on it to a volunteer posted at the door, and provide their name and contact information, which the volunteer will record and the church will keep. Persons who cannot affirm ‘yes’ to all the statements on the form will not be able to enter. If you wish to view this form ahead of time please see www.vaumc.org/return.

No Nursery or Kid Zone available. No children under age two. Children must wear a face mask. No Sunday School Classes for children.

Physical Distancing Plan (6 feet or more)

No handshakes or hugging.

Your Health Care Team and Ministry are making it as safe as possible for you to return to services. We thank them for all of their hard work.



2 GREAT Upcoming Opportunities Fairlawn Elementary School

School Supplies for Kids in September!

We will collect school items for Fairlawn Elementary School kids stay at home program. The list for supplies was sent to the church congregation via email.



Pen Pal Program

Aldersgate is going to have an opportunity for pen pals with Fairlawn students this year.



We are designing an on-line program which will require everyone to send their letters to their contact. We are coordinating details now.

If you are interested in being a pen pal, please send your email, phone and name to Cindy at both of the following email addresses.

crosby10@verizon.net

director@aldersgateumcnorfolk.hrcoxmail.com



Birthdays

9/19 Jim Powers
9/24 Phyllis Day

9/25 Vic Supper

Anniversaries

9/17 Greg and Kathy Dziagwa



Remember in Prayer

PRAYER MINISTRY

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd— Shirley Henley

All of our children who are returning to school

If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.



Ushers

Melissa and Kevin Floyd

Counters

9/20 Kevin Floyd, Ben Hogwood
9/27 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers



Lawn Maintenance

Lawn
Care
Schedule



9/7 Team 2
9/14 Team 3
9/21 Team 1
9/28 Team 2

Calendar Highlights

9/8 Labor Day—Church Office closed

9/14 7 PM Finance and Administrative Board Meeting

9/20 In Person Worship Resumes at 11 AM



Newsletter Deadline
Thursday, Sept. 15th
for the October 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....



Come Celebrate

September 20th, 11:00

Our first Sunday back to in-person worship is happening in September. Our hearts will celebrate being able to gather with safety measures in place back into God's house.

Yes, we will have our masks and some furniture will be rearranged—yet we are so grateful that we can return to worship in the sanctuary.

Once again we can enjoy Pastor Lee's sermons live, be with church family and friends, praise the Lord with scripture, pray together, view exciting praise videos and more.

When we return, the sermons on Sundays will be video'd and posted to the website just in case you're not quite ready to be in the building.



Budget Requests

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Please see Kathy Dziagwa or Gary Albertson with your requests or to answer any questions.

