Transitions for New Creation

This June at the Virginia Annual Conference, Pastors Eric Song and Marc Rickabaugh received new appointments which took them to Winchester and Charlottesville. At the same time, Pastor Stephanie Kimec, newly commissioned as a provisional member of the Virginia Annual Conference, received her first appointment which has brought her to serve at New Creation. She is working closely with Pastor David Drinkard and takes partial leadership for the 8:30 a.m. service at Aldersgate and primary responsibility for the only Sunday service at Grace Harbor at 11:00. Shortly after arriving, Stephanie wrote this message to her new church:

My heart is overflowing with joy to finally be here with you all at New Creation United Methodist Church! There are not enough words to express my gratitude and thanks for all the ways I have been welcomed and loved by the wonderful members here at New Creation. Thank you for cleaning the parsonage so well and making it easy for me to move in. Thank you for the countless hours of yard work, trimming trees and cutting the grass and making the yard beautiful. Thank you for stocking my fridge and pantry with wonderful goodies. Thank you for ensuring I did not go hungry, for bringing me meals. Thank you for the many words of welcome, for the greetings, for the lovely cards. Thank you for the furniture, for the couch, for tables and lamps and helping the parsonage look a little more like a home. Thank you for the gift cards that will help the parsonage to continue to look like a home. Thank you for the beautiful reception last Sunday and the wonderful food and conversation. Thank you for all the prayers, for when you all first learned of the tentative appointment, when the bishop set the appointment in late June, when my sister and I were on our cross-country trip and for continued prayers. I have felt so much love from you and hope you all can feel the love I have for you as well. Thank you for the many things and ways you all have been caring for me that I’m not even aware of. I know God has big plans for us together here in the Western Branch community! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings,
Pastor Stephanie

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Standing on Firm Foundations
† Biblical Preaching
† Wesleyan Theology
† UM Social Principles
† Traditional Values
Tuesday Morning Prayer at Aldersgate
7-7:30 — Private Prayer in the Chapel
7:30-8 — Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
8-8:30 — Community Prayer in the Chapel

Gifts in Memory of...
In Memory of Bob Steorts’ sister
Joy Class
In Memory of Alan Lambert’s father
Morris & Nancy Gardner
Mark & Deborah Creamer
Buck & Betty Tysor
In Memory of Joy Axon’s mother
Morris & Nancy Gardner
Mark & Deborah Creamer
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ropp
In Memory of Bryan Axson’s grandmother
Morris & Nancy Gardner
In Memory of Dennis Gosey
Morris & Nancy Gardner
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Barbish
Arlyn & Barbara Winslow
Bill & Dawn Hinton
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kohanek
Rosemary Dorow
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Canady
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ratcliffe
Luke & Mimi McCoy
Buck & Betty Tysor
Denise Chernitzer
Kimberly Dills
William Barrett
Randy & Carol Musselwhite
In Memory of Karen Stricker’s mother
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Steorts
Kimberly Dills
Mary Sue Floyd
Morris & Nancy Gardner
William & Sally Reynolds
In Memory of Bob Ropp’s aunt
Mary Sue Floyd
In Memory of Bob Steorts’ sister
Mary Sue Floyd
Wanda Rowley
In Memory of Pat Capilongo’s brother
Buck & Betty Tysor

Gifts in Honor of...
In Honor of Terry & Kathy Rivenbark’s granddaughters
Kimberly Dills

Our Love and Sympathies to...
Jimmy Harrell on the death of his mother;
Susan Harrell on the death of her mother,
Mrs. Stoakes;
Karen Stricker on the death of her mother, Grace Madan;
Bob Steorts on the death of his sister;
the family of Dennis Gosey

The Cradle Crosses on the Altar were dedicated to...
Charlie Joan Heard, daughter of Tim & Haylie Heard; granddaughter of Valerie and Michael Heard...
Ellie Brielle Flenner, daughter of Brandon & Lakene Flenner; great granddaughter of Sandy Stapleton...
Katherine Lee and Elizabeth Grace Beaman, daughters of Robert P. Beaman, III and Betsy Rivenbark Beaman; granddaughters of Terry and Kathy Rivenbark.

Letters to Aldersgate

Dear Aldersgate,
Thank you to all of you who sent cards, called on the phone, made food, and offered condolences after the death of my mother, Grace Madan. My mom truly lived up to her name. Everything was so appreciated. We felt so blessed to be a part of such a caring church.
Thank you,
The Stricker Family
Trip to St. Simons Island, Georgia

Take an “Autumn Adventure,” September 23-26, 2013 to Epworth By The Sea. Curtain Call -- Encore! Encore!! is an event for older adults with entertainment and edutainment filling two days including singer/humorist/folk theologian Ed Kilbourne; “The Plantation Lady” Trisha Buie, who amuses while bringing the plantation era to life; a wildlife show; a shrimp boat cruise; a concert and a Hymn Sing; museum tours; a lecture with obscure stories about John Wesley; and a portrayal of Judas, the Betrayer by Lee Weaver -- all while enjoying the accommodations of this United Methodist Conference and Retreat Center. Informational brochures are on the table outside Pastor Dave’s office.

Susannah Wesley Circle

After our summer break from monthly meetings, The Susannah Wesley Circle will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of each month beginning on Tuesday, 17th September in Room 100 at 7:00 p.m.

During the summer months we have kept busy supporting the HER shelter by providing dinner for the mothers and their children of the shelter in July and we recently raised funds to help support the back-to-school program for the children to assist in purchasing new clothes.

If you have never been to a UMW meeting we invite you to come and join us for an evening of fellowship and learn more about the group and our mission.

Bible Sunday -- September 15th

We will be giving bibles to all our rising third graders at the 8:00 and 11:00 services on Sept. 15th.

If you have a rising 3rd grader, please call the church office (484-8217) so we will have a bible with their name in it to present to them on the 15th.

You Are Invited

Come to an all day “crop and crafting” event to be held in the Fellowship Hall and New Horizons classroom on Sat., Sept. 21 from 9 am - 10 pm.

Reservations requested by notifying Pattie Cartwright -- 757-582-0626 or e-mail her at modmate@aol.com, or look for their news on facebook on their "Aldersgate Crafters" page, moderated by Pattie Cartwright.
The New Horizons class invites all who yearn to understand the Book of Revelation to join us as we dive into *Breaking The Code (Understanding the Book of Revelation)* by Bruce M. Metzger. This exciting commentary series consists of eight DVD presentations, weekly home study and class discussions for 13 weeks, starting September 22\textsuperscript{nd} through December 15\textsuperscript{th}. Members of the class lead the discussions. (Teacher’s guide is provided).

Whether you fear the words of the Book of Revelation or just haven’t taken the time to study it, you will find that Bruce Metzger will break it down in such a way that you will come out of the class with a solid scholarly understanding of the End of Times and the New Beginning.

As an added bonus, we generally serve a light breakfast at each class! If you are considering coming to this lesson series, and would like us to order you a book, please let Marie Nesbit know. (Home phone, evenings, 484-7383). The New Horizon’s class is in Room 13 at the end of the Fellowship Hall. (Sunday School class times are 9:45-10:45a.)

**Remember the dates – September 22\textsuperscript{nd}-December 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.**

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**New Sunday School Class**

A new Sunday School Class is forming and their first study is “Single & Parenting” starting September 8th, 2013, Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 in Room 210. Facilitated by Donna Nimey.

This thirteen week, video-based study combines the knowledge and insights of over 30 top Christian experts and the testimonies of single parents to show how to handle common parenting challenges.

Contact Donna Nimey at donnaln@verizon.net or at 757-710-1415 for more information.

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**United Methodist Women’s News**

The United Methodist Women will be having a General Meeting at the church (Room TBA) on Tuesday, October 1st at 7 pm. All ladies are invited to participate. We will have an executive meeting at 6:30 prior to the General meeting.
United Methodist Men’s Fish Fry

Saturday September 28
5 -- 7 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
Adults: $8
10 & under: $5
Supports Mission Programs for the needy

Support Missions through RADA Cutlery Knife and Utensil Sale
Ambassadors Class
every second Sunday for the next several months!
They make great gifts, and easy work of daily kitchen chores. Visit the display in the hallway behind the Commons to see and order this high-quality cutlery for your needs.

All proceeds go to mission projects!

Church Picnic -- Sunday, Sept. 15
after the 11 a.m. service

Showcase your family’s favorite side dish and dessert. Bring recipes of these favorites to share with your church family. Fried chicken, dessert, and drinks are provided by the church. Free ice cream for all. Corn hole games, face painting, bingo with prizes, shaped balloons and more! Enjoy this fun time for fellowship and great food!

Holy Land Classic 2014

Come spend 10 Breathtaking Days of Biblical Understanding with Pastor David, Linda, and Stephanie Drinkard in the Holy Land, March 11 - 20, 2014. See the Holy sites and places where Jesus ministered, set sail on the Sea of Galilee and walk through the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Mount of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and more. Pick up your informational brochure outside Pastor Dave’s office.

Church Picnic

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Menu
- Trout
- Hush Puppies
- Baked Beans
- Coleslaw
- Beverage
- Optional: Chicken Nuggets for child’s meal
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**SERMON SERIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**JOURNEYS WITH JEREMIAH**

9/1 Plea for Repentance
Jeremiah 2:4-11
9/8 The Potter and the Clay
Jeremiah 18:1-11
9/16 Bob Cofield Preaching
8:30 and 11:00
9/22 Cry for Healing
Jeremiah 8:18, 9:1
9/29 Hope for the Future
Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month all year!

**Aldersgate campus**
Room 16
7:00 — 8:30 p.m.

If you have questions about this ministry, call the church office: 484-8217.

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**The Aldersgate Gateway**

Do you have information that needs to be announced in the November/December issue of this publication?

Submit articles by **October 15, 2013** to
aldersgate@ncum.org
with MONTHLY GATEWAY as the subject.