

Dear Aldersgate Family,

This month our worship series has centered on "Faith in the In-Between." Each of us knows what it feels like to live in those seasons where life is not quite what it used to be, and not yet what we hope it will become. The in-between can be uncomfortable, uncertain, and even discouraging at times. But it is also the place

where God does some of His most powerful work.

Throughout Scripture, we see God's people living in the in-between: Israel wandering in the wilderness, the disciples waiting in the Upper Room, and even our own journey of faith as we live between the "already" of Christ's resurrection and the "not yet" of His coming again. These stories remind us that the in-between is not wasted time, but it is sacred space where faith is stretched, patience is tested, and trust in God is deepened.

Here at Aldersgate, we too are in a season of the in-between. We are celebrating the roots of our history while also trusting God to grow new fruit for tomorrow. We are seeking revival and renewal, believing that the Spirit is still guiding us into fresh mission and deeper discipleship. And that means being willing to step outside of our comfort zones. Sometimes it may involve trying new things, or even doing things that we've seen other churches doing, but when we do it, it's not just a program, it becomes alive because it's us, God's people at Aldersgate, reaching our community in our own authentic way. True revival will never come from staying within the walls of the sanctuary; it comes when we carry Christ's love beyond them.

My prayer is that each of us will lean into this season with hope-filled faith, to trust that God is not only with us, but actively shaping us for His purposes. As Paul reminds us, "The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

So let us not grow weary in the waiting. Instead, let's walk forward together in faith, believing that even in the in-between, God is already at work, calling us to courage, creativity, and community.

And as we turn the page to September, I invite you to journey with us into a new series: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Together, we'll rediscover the power of prayer, not just as words we speak, but as a way of life that draws us deeper into God's presence and equips us to face the world with faith and boldness.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Donna