

The Pastor's Corner

Where Do We Go From Here?



My Loving Church Family,

Thank you for the spirit you brought into our recent admin/finance meeting. It was not just a meeting of minds; it was a meeting of hearts. There was honesty, there was care, and above all, there was a shared love for this church that has meant so much to so many for so long.

Moments like these remind us that Aldersgate is more than a building. It is a people shaped by prayer, perseverance, and the presence of God. And because of that, the question before us is not simply what will happen to the church, but rather what is God calling us to become next?

We are at a sacred crossroads. Across the life of the church, there are seasons. There are times of growth and expansion, times of stability, and times that invite us into deep reflection and courageous decision-making. This is one of those moments. Not a moment of fear, but a moment of faithful discernment. As we look ahead, several pathways have been placed before us:

- We can lean into revitalization, reimagining ministry, strengthening outreach, and becoming even more intentional about engaging our surrounding community. This path asks us to stretch, to try new things, and to see ourselves not just as a church that gathers, but as a church that is sent.
- We can consider becoming a more mission-centered or legacy church, focusing our energy on leaving a lasting impact—ensuring that the love, witness, and resources of Aldersgate continue to bless others for generations to come.
- We can explore what it means to partner or join with another congregation, not as a loss of identity, but as a multiplication of ministry—combining gifts, people, and passion to do more together than we could ever do alone.

Let me be very clear, none of these options are about giving up. Every single one of them is about faithfulness.

We are asking these questions not because something is wrong, but because we want to be right in the will of God.

The early church in the book of Acts constantly had to adapt, new communities, new people, new needs, new directions. Yet through every shift, they stayed grounded in prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit, and committed to the mission of Jesus Christ. That same Spirit is still guiding us.

So where do we, Aldersgate, go from here?

Pastor Donna