



The Pastor's Corner

Dear Aldersgate Family,

A new year has begun, and with it comes a sacred opportunity to pause, reflect, and listen for what God is doing among us. January is more than the turning of a calendar page. It is an invitation to begin again, to realign our hearts with God's purpose, and to step forward with renewed faith and expectation.

As we look ahead, many of us carry both hope and uncertainty into this new year. Some are grateful for what has been left behind. Others are still holding concerns, prayers, and questions about what lies ahead. The good news is this: we do not step into a new year alone. God goes before us, walks beside us, and continues to shape us, even when the path is not yet clear.

For Aldersgate, this season is about intentional growth. Growth in prayer. Growth in faith. Growth in our willingness to follow where God is leading. We are learning that being the church is not limited to what happens within these walls, but is revealed in how we live, serve, and love beyond them. God continues to call us to courage, to compassion, and to deeper trust.

As we move through January, I invite you to stay deeply rooted in prayer. Prayer grounds us when life feels uncertain. Prayer opens our hearts to God's wisdom. Prayer reminds us that every step forward is guided not by our own strength, but by God's grace. When we pray together, we listen together, and when we listen together, we discern God's direction as one body.

This year, may we be a church that does not rush ahead of God, but also does not shrink back in fear. May we be willing to try new things, to step outside our comfort zones, and to meet our community with open hearts and open hands. God is still at work, still calling, still renewing.

My deepest prayer is that this new year will be one that brings clarity, courage, and deepened faith for you and your family. May God strengthen you for the journey ahead and remind you that what God begins, God is ever faithful to complete.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Donna

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