

A New Chapter of Grace and Growth at

Aldersgate UMC



Dear Aldersgate Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is with deep joy and sincere humility that I write to you as the newly appointed pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. From the moment I learned of my appointment, I began praying for this congregation—its history, its present witness, and its unfolding future. Now that I have officially begun this journey with you, I am filled with hope and anticipation for what God will do among us.

As I walk through the doors of Aldersgate, I am reminded that every church has a story—rooted in faith, shaped by people, and guided by God’s Spirit. I come not to erase what has been, but to build upon it. I believe that God honors every chapter of our lives, and I trust that together, we are turning the page to a season of renewed purpose, deeper discipleship, and vibrant community engagement.

My heart beats for the local church because I believe it remains one of the most powerful tools God uses to transform lives. I’m passionate about preaching and teaching the Word in ways that speak to both the head and the heart. I care deeply about hospitality and making space for those on the margins. I also believe that laughter, lament, and learning all have a place in the life of the church.

I recognize that change can bring both excitement and uncertainty. Some of you may be wondering what this new season will look like. To that, I offer this: we will walk forward in faith—together. My leadership style is collaborative and rooted in listening, and I am eager to get to know your stories, passions, and dreams. In the coming weeks, I look forward to sharing coffee, conversations, and worship moments with many of you.

My commitment is to love you, serve you, and walk alongside you with integrity and compassion. Let’s seek God’s guidance together, rediscover our purpose as a church, and revive the joy of being Christ’s hands and feet in this community.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly. Let us be bold in love, generous in grace, and steadfast in mission.

With expectancy and peace,
Rev. Donna R. Tucker Pastor

“...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...” – Philippians 1:6

