

## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

May 2017

Dear Aldersgate Family,

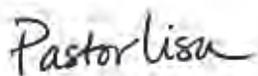
This is an exciting time to be a part of Aldersgate. This is a growing congregation! We celebrate that our ministries are vibrant and are providing meaningful experiences for people of all ages to grow in faith and service, and we celebrate the many people who make those ministries possible each week. As we gather for education and worship, it is clear that our numbers continue to be strong, with new people coming through the doors nearly every week. In a world where people are citing dire statistics about the church, Aldersgate continues to be a thriving church.

We recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary and took time to reflect upon where we have been...thankful for those who stepped out in faith to create this church we love. And we shared our hopes and dreams for God's work through Aldersgate in the future. The overwhelming response was, "We need to be here for the next 50 years and beyond!"

Our Vision Implementation Team prayerfully reflected on all the input we received during our neighborhood meetings and has recommended a capital campaign to help us live into the future we believe God has for us. This brochure outlines that campaign, "Restore, Renew, Rejoice."

Our scripture for this campaign is from John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches...If you abide in me you will bear much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing." We know that when we are rooted in God's love and grounded in Him, all things are possible. We have seen it happen before, and we are excited about the new possibilities that will emerge as we dream new programs for this time in our church's life and tackle some large projects to care for our facility. We ask that you begin to pray, even now, for the leadership of this all-church campaign. We know that God will provide for our needs when we offer our hopes to Him and listen for His guidance. It will take us all working together, giving, sacrificing, sharing so that we can be the church we are called to be for the next 50 years and beyond.

In faith,



Rev. Lisa Bruget-Cass, Pastor

