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Alice Kunka is the Pastor of Christian Formation and is an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church. Having grown up in Winston-Salem, NC, she moved back to her native state in 1991 after a wonderful 13-year sojourn in Pittsburgh and Chicago. She and her husband Bob have two grown children, Emily and Ben, and recently welcomed a daughter-in-law, Jenn.

After graduating from UNC Greensboro, Alice earned a Masters of Education from UNC Chapel Hill and went on to complete her Ph.D. in Educational Communications and Technology from the University of Pittsburgh. Her graduate theological studies were completed at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C. Her passions include speaking Spanish, singing and making spiritual pilgrimages.

Alice served at St. Francis UMC in Cary, Sunrise UMC in Holly Springs, and Avent Ferry UMC in Raleigh before coming to First UMC. She enjoys serving with the Heart of Carolina Walk to Emmaus, a movement for spiritual formation and renewal. One of the highlights of Alice's spiritual journey since she has been at FUMCC has been the two-year Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation in Baltimore, MD.

According to Alice, "My life's mission is to translate God's love, especially to people who don't know they are loved by God. Serving at FUMCC gives me the incredible opportunity to help others connect with God and with people, as well as equipping folks for the natural extension of that: connecting through service.

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