



February 2024

# The Methodist Messenger

## Aldersgate United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!  
Energizing Alders gate to connect Christ and the Community  
by engaging, educating, empowering, and encouraging.*

### Sunday Services

**Sunday School** livestreamed on Zoom— 9 a.m.

**Worship service @ AUMC &** livestreamed on Zoom — 9:55 a.m.

### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovcic  
mpetrovcic@susumc.org  
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

Secretary— Heidi Brubaker  
aumcmiffintown@gmail.com  
9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

### Contact Us

Phone: 717-436-6750  
Web: [www.aumcmiffintown.org](http://www.aumcmiffintown.org)  
Find us on Facebook!

### AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street  
Miffintown, PA 17059

### Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.  
Miffintown, PA 17059



## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As January's bitter cold and blowing snow come to an end, February's days grow longer, warmer and the birds begin to sing again giving us glimpses of what lies ahead, glorious Spring. Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, contrasts and colors, and hopefully warmer sunny days too. But before we enjoy Spring and its rebirth and renewal, we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection that encourages us to return to the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and body. The Lenten Season is about more than what you're going to give up for Lent. The question we should be asking ourselves and each other should be, How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?

Lent is a season to figure out the attitudes, practices, and habits in our lives that lead us away from God and learn what we can do to help us find our way back to following Him with all of our being. Joel 2:12-13 offers us wise instructions, That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish."

Maybe living this Scripture passage out looks a little like this:  
1. Determine in our heart to return to God wholeheartedly. 2. Allow God to seek and sort and sift out all that is not of Him through fasting and prayer. 3. Weep and mourn over what He reveals to us and repent and turn, choosing to run away from any sins He reveals instead of just being sorry for them. 4. Ask our merciful Father to forgive us and provide His healing touch and His strength to draw us wholly to Him.

As serious as the Lenten season is, it is also a time of great hope as we experience God's steadfast love for us as seen through the shadow of Christ's cross. It's through His resurrection we are assured that there is forgiveness and cleansing for all who turn to Him. The power to pass from death to life in all the places where we ourselves are in need of resurrection comes solely from Jesus our Savior, the resurrected King!

"May our magnificent Lord bless you and keep you, shine His marvelous face upon you, and be gracious to you; may He turn His face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Allowing God to seek, sort and sift me,  
Pastor Mindy



The Nurturing Congregational Care Committee will be assembling Shut-In & Care-Giver Easter baskets. Items needed: Easter candy, small snack items, small gift items & 12 baskets. You can drop off items at the church office.



## 2024 Ladies Lenten Tea Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
Feb. 14	St. Stephen's Lutheran	Kathy Whitesel (363-6144)
Feb. 21	Messiah Lutheran	Linda Leister (348-1248)
Feb. 28	St. Jude Catholic	Ginger Best (734-3048)
March 6	Trinity UMC	Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 13	Westminster Presbyterian	Connie Benner (436-2304)
March 29	Aldersgate UMC	Pastor Mindy (513-7194)

\*Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10 a.m.

\*Bible Study books will be given to the hosting church several weeks ahead of time.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 or 717-363-6144.

The list for supplying cakes once every two months for Meals On Wheels needs updated. We have lost several of those willing to bake cakes, and are asking for your help for this important mission. Cakes are due the first Friday of every other month to Cedar Grove Church and should be there by 8:00 a.m. or shortly after. Our new list of volunteers will start this month. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please mark if you are willing to make more than one cake per year or if you have a preferred month that you would like to bake a cake. Thank you.



The deadline for the March Messenger is February 20th.



May God bless you on your special day and in the years to come.

- 8- Rich Burkholder
- 12- Barb Lyter
- 13- Bunne Heimbach
- 17- Keith Whistler
- 18- Denise Abram
- 20- Ty Dressler
- 22- Bryson Royer
- 23- Paul Kristula
- 24- Casey Harper
- 26- Harold Kauffman

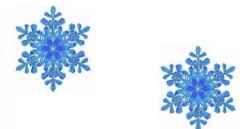


Evening Bible Study on Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season begins Thursday, Feb. 1st, 6 p.m. at the church (weather permitting) & on Zoom.



### Walking Group

Aldersgate's Fellowship & Fit Group walked an amazing 1,043 miles so far!! If you are interested in joining, please call Louis Campbell to see when the group will be walking.



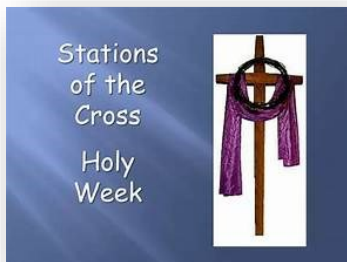
Aldersgate UMC follows Juniata County School District delays and closures. If you need to speak to Pastor Mindy, please call her cell phone during these times.

\*Sunday worship will not be canceled unless we have an ice event.



All services begin at 7 p.m.

Date	Topic	Where	Pastor
2/24-	Ash Wed.	Messiah	Bishop Miller
2/21-	Introduction	Aldersgate	Pr. Rick
2/28-	Scourging	St. Stephen's	Pr. Sam
3/6-	Crown of Thorns	Messiah	Pr. Mindy
3/13-	Hands	Aldersgate	Pr. Sam
3/20	Feet	St. Stephen's	Pr. Mindy
3/27-	Side	Messiah	Pr. Rick
3/28-	Breakfast	Messiah	Pr. Sam
3/28-	Maundy Thursday	Aldersgate	Pr. Mindy
3/29-	Good Friday	St. Stephen's	Pr. Rick



Located at St. Stephen's

Mon. 3/25	Noon, 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Tues. 3/26	1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Wed., 3/27	10:30 a.m., Noon & 2 p.m.
Thur., 3/28	10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
Fri., 3/29	11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

## ZOOM INFORMATION-

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website [aumcmiffintown.org/zoom](http://aumcmiffintown.org/zoom). You can also call toll free at 888-475-4499 Meeting ID 827 5363 0265

OR

Let us call you on the phone one Sunday or every week:

Call the church ahead of time at 717-436-6750 or email [aumcmiffintown@gmail.com](mailto:aumcmiffintown@gmail.com).



Pastor Mindy's Sabbath Day of rest is on **Mondays**. She will still be available if there's an emergency.



The 2024 church directory is located on the back table. If you have any additions or changes, please let the office know.



We are in need of Ushers & Greeters for Sunday Worship. Sign up sheets are located on the back table.




AUMC is partnering with Community Aid. If you have clothing to donate, just can drop them off at Community Aid and provide our partner #30108.

AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing donated.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>When Pastor Mindy is out of the office, please feel free to call the parsonage at 717-436-2237 or 717-513-7194</p> <p>For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> <p><b>Communion</b></p>	<p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		<p>New Beginning's Gathering, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the church</p> <p>*Weather permitting</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church</p> 	<p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p> <p>Last day for Newsletter submission</p>	<p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		
25	26	27	28	29		
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran</p>	<p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		