



September 2025

The Methodist Messenger

Juniata Charge

*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

Worship service—

Grace— 8:45 a.m.

**AUMC & livestreamed on Zoom—
9:45 a.m.**

Trinity— 10:45 a.m.

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Trinity: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

As September arrives, the air carries a crispness that whispers of autumn. Fields stand ready for harvest, school buses roll once again through our neighborhoods, and we sense a familiar rhythm returning after the long days of summer. The turning of this season reminds us that God is faithful in every cycle of life.

Jesus once said, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). We often hear these words as a call to mission, but they also remind us of God's abundance. The fields are not empty; they are brimming with what God has already nurtured. September is a time to give thanks for the fruits of the earth and for the fruits of the Spirit that have ripened within us through His care.

On a recent drive through the countryside, I noticed barns being filled and pumpkins beginning to dot the fields. What struck me most was the patience behind it all. Farmers plant in spring and wait through long summer days, trusting that growth is happening even when it's unseen. Isn't that the same with our faith? God is at work in us, in visible and hidden ways, bringing about a harvest of grace, kindness, and love.

This month, I encourage us to pause and notice the harvest in our own lives. Where has God been faithful? What blessings are you gathering in? And just as importantly, how might you share from your harvest to bless another? Whether it's through a kind word, a prayer lifted up, or service in our community, each offering of love is a seed planted for God's Kingdom.

May this season of gathering remind us of the One who provides, sustains, and multiplies beyond anything we could imagine. And may we, as God's people, be willing hands in His field, faithful to the work, joyful in the giving, and grateful in the receiving. "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

With gratitude for each of you and the harvest we share,
Pastor Mindy

Aldersgate UMC

VOLUNTEER
you can make a difference!



Helpers are needed on various committees that need willing workers.

Must be a member:

- SPRC, Council & Finance Committees

Can be non-member:

- Kitchen, Nurture, Trustee & Mission Committees



Aldersgate is having a "buy a brick" fundraiser for our upcoming brick repair purchase for the church. The brick can be in memory or honor of a loved one, or just given anonymously. The cost is \$25 per brick. If writing a check, please write brick in the memo line.

There will be a thermometer located in the front of the church to measure how much money we raise.



Thank you for sending me birthday cards, flowers, visits & food for my 90th birthday.
Sonn Woodling

ZOOM INFORMATION-

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website aumcmifflintown.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 aumcmifflintown@gmail.com.



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

1- Vicki Shellenberger

18- Derek Bennett

20- Emmy Dressler

21- Sue Kauffman

22- Chad Dressler

29- Floe Hackenberger(99)



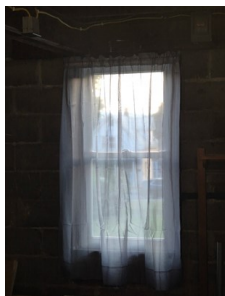
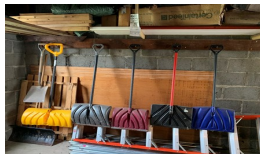
Happy Anniversary. May God continue to bless your marriage.

9- Ron & Cindy Miller

25- Tim & Renee Dowling

HUB Health Kit packaging will be held at St. John's UMC on **September 20**. We will have brunch starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers are welcome!

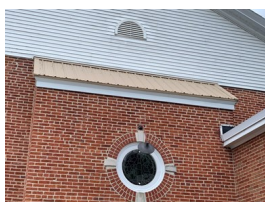
The AUMC Trustees have been busy!!



Cleaned & organized the garage



New blind in Chapel Room



New Roof



New handrail on small landing



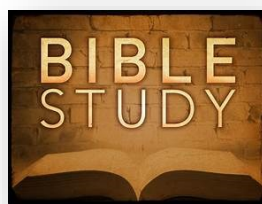
Submitted by Lee Lockard

The deadline for the October Messenger is September 23rd.

CHARGE



Faithful Jesus Followers gathering will be held on September 13th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate. Come have fellowship, fun, games and food! All are welcome!



Charge Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC. Everyone is welcome!

Juniata Charge at National Night Out

Everyone had a good time including T.U.M.C's very own Joyce Swartz!



News from Mountain Valley

District

Rev. Dr. Michelle R. Bodle's Installation will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025 at West Side UMC (317 Nichols Street, Clearfield, PA) at 4:00pm

For those joining in person, childcare will be available. Please RSVP to: wsumc317@gmail.com by September 8, 2025, and let us know if you are in need of childcare.

For those unable to join us in-person, the service will be live streamed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSUMCLive/>

Trinity/Grace UMC

TRINITY:

Men's Group- Meeting **October 18 @ 8:00 A.M.** for breakfast at Trinity UMC. All men from the charge invited.

Clothing Give Away Set Up- We will be setting up on **Thursday, September 18th** beginning at 1pm in the church basement, please come help if you are able. We are also accepting donations of new or gently used clothing items for men, women and children. See Michelle Long with any questions.

Coat & Clothing Giveaway- Saturday, **September 20th** from 9am - 1pm, will be set up in the church basement at Trinity. Children's, women's, and men's clothing of all sizes will be available. Please help us pass the word!

Soup and Bake Sale- Saturday, **September 20th** from 9am until 1pm at Trinity. Soup by the quart can be pre-ordered, all orders are due by Sunday, September 13th (clipboard to order is circulating). Pick up the day of the sale or before/after church on Sunday, September 21st. Soup options will be: ham & bean, chicken corn, chicken noodle and chili. See Becky, Verna or Michelle for more information.

GRACE:

Grace has sponsored a boy & girl through Children & Youth and gave backpacks full of school supplies!

Breakfast- We will be meeting at Old Mill Coffeehouse (Richfield) for breakfast on Sept. 6 at 10 a.m.



On August 2nd, The Women's Group enjoyed a serene morning brunch at Michelle Long's cabin along the Juniata River.



Celebrating birthdays.

As a wise woman once said "Every birthday is a milestone!"

Left to Right- Judy Nace, Vicki Ehrenzeller. (Pastor Mindy singing) Beth Leach, Sissy Goss and Michelle Long



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

1- Martin Ehrenzeller, Sr.

6- Josh Beward

17- Vinnie Evola

18- John Rowe (Grace)

25- Lilly Brown

30- Bob Graybill (Grace)



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18- Tom & Becca Rhine

20- James & Darlene Minick



September 2025– Charge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity	Pastor Mindy out of office	Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church		Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Breakfast at Old Mill Coffeehouse, 10 a.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m Change Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate		Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC Nomination Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. at the church Council Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity		Pastor Mindy out of office Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity		Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Charge Faithful Jesus Followers (formally New Beginnings), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate
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Aldersgate UMC– Green

Grace UMC– Red

Trinity UMC– Blue

Charge Collaboration– Black



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When Pastor Mindy is out of the office,
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717-513-7194

For Congregational Care needs, please call

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