



# November 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.**

##### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic

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**AUMC:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue., Wed.

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

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**Heidi Brubaker-Aldersgate/Grace**

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10 a.m.-? - Thur.

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304 Juniata St.

Mifflin, PA 17058

##### Grace Address:

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Mexico, PA 17076

## From My Heart To All Of Yours

November has a way of slowing our steps. The air turns crisp, the light grows golden, and creation itself seems to whisper, “Remember.” As we gather for All Saints Sunday, we remember those who carried baskets of blessing before us. The men and women whose quiet acts of faith and love still ripple through our churches and our lives. Their generosity reminds me of Paul’s words, “You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous, and when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11) That’s the heartbeat of this month’s theme. Every time we share a basket of food, a prayer, a visit, or a word of encouragement, heaven receives it as worship.

So as we move through this season of gratitude, may our remembering lead to renewing, and may our thanksgiving become “thanks-living.” May we fill our baskets not just with what we have, but with who we are: offerings of time, care, and compassion poured out in Jesus’ name. Together, we are the living saints of today, still carrying the blessings forward.

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)

With love and a spirit bursting with gratitude,  
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 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.

## Poinsettia Sale



If you'd like to place a poinsettia in the church for Christmas, please see the back table for order form. Deadline for orders is Nov. 20th.

Sharon Harlan  
147 Orchard Hills Dr.  
Apt. 91  
Mifflin, PA 17058



## **ZOOM INFORMATION-**

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website [aumcmifflintown.org/zoom](http://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](mailto:aumcmifflintown@gmail.com).



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

2- Teresa Nearhood

5- Greg Watkins

7- Shelly Royer

8- Joe Arbogast

20- Heidi Brubaker

21- Terri Waters

24- Stephen Beiler

30- Sharon Moser



- Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers and all cards. God bless you.

Floe Hackenberger

- We can't begin to say how much we appreciate everyone who helped with the sauerkraut project. We had an amazing day spending time in fellowship. There will be an order form on the back table. Feel free to pick up a form if you feel led to help sell.

Donnie & Barb Lyter



We are having a homemade sauerkraut sale and taking orders. 1 lb is \$4.00 & 2 lb. is \$8.00. Please sign up on back table. Extra sign up sheets are available if you feel led to help sell.



Have a fundraising idea?

Share it with us by dropping your idea on a slip of paper & placing it in the box on the back table.



The youth are looking for donations of premade cookie dough to bake for Thanksgiving shut-in baskets and for college students. Please no peanut butter or nuts. Please have them to the church by Nov. 11th.



Aldersgate will no longer be collecting shoes for Soles4Souls.

The deadline for the December Messenger is November 25th.

## **CHARGE**



Faithful Jesus Followers Thanksgiving gathering will be held on November 8th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate. Sign up on back table. Come have fellowship, fun, games and food! All are welcome!



### **A special event for the whole family!**

Singer-Songwriter, Ventriloquist, and Author-Illustrator Brent Vernon and his pal, Sam will be in concert on November 13 at Aldersgate UMC at 6:30 p.m. Come and have a fun-filled evening!

## CHARGE (cont.)

Charge Advent Bible Study, Experiencing Christmas, begins Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10 a.m. and Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC.



Dear Church Family,



Words feel small beside the tender love and care you poured out on me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The service, the laughter, the thoughtful words, the skit, the meal, the poem, the handmade cards and gifts, gift cards, and funds from your own reserves thoroughly wrapped my heart in the warmth of Christ's love. Your agape gifts reminded me that ministry is not a solo calling, but a shared journey, one we walk together with joy, faith, and plenty of laughter. Your generosity, your creativity, and your affection were a beautiful reflection of the body of Christ in motion. I am so grateful to serve among you and to witness the way you care not only for me, but for one another. You have filled my spirit with renewed strength for the road ahead. Thank you for being the blessing you are.

With a full and humble heart,  
Pastor Mindy



Paint Party held at Aldersgate was a great time for all!

Faithful Jesus Followers gathering in October.



## Trinity/Grace UMC

### TRINITY:

- **Election Day Chicken & Waffle Dinner**– Pickup Tuesday, November 4th from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Take out only.
- **Retirement**- After many years of dedicated faithful service as our Church Secretary, Linda Groninger has made the decision to retire. If anyone is interested in the secretarial position, please see Becky Wilson or Pastor Mindy before November 18th. "Thank you Linda for all your years of hard work!"
- **Christmas Angel Tree Program**– Purchasing a designated gift will make a child's Christmas a little brighter. List of gifts will be on the Angel tree on Nov. 2. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the church by Sun., Nov. 30. If you have questions, please contact Letty Fraker at 717-436-8055 or 717-994-1603.

## Trinity/Grace UMC (cont.)

### October Birthday Celebrations



Linda Graybill and Kevin Long with Pastor Mindy singing along.



Letty Fraker, Katie Skinner and Deb Palm with Michelle Long singing along.

### Highlights from "Pastor Appreciation Sunday Celebration"



### GRACE:

**Breakfast** - County Line Restaurant, November 1 at 10 a.m.



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

5- Michael Rhine

6- Aiden Stull; Rebecca Leiter

10- Andrew Baer

13- Virginia Haubert

17- Ellen Beward

21- Martin Ehrenzeller, Jr., Tony Willis

22- Tony Burd (Grace)

23- Becky Koller (Grace)

28- Dominic Evola

29- Ruth Cisney; Donna Lockard (Grace)



Happy Anniversary. May God continue to bless your marriage.

9- Lee & Donna Lockard



# November 2025– Charge Calendar

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                   | Mon | Tue                                                                                                                                | Wed                        | Thu                                                                                                                       | Fri | Sat                                                                                                                                                |
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|                                                                                                                                                                       |     |                                                                                                                                    |                            |                                                                                                                           |     | 1<br>Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church<br><br>Grace- Breakfast at County Line, 10 a.m.                                                   |
| 2<br><b>All Saints Day</b><br><br>Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m<br><br>Change Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate | 3   | 4<br>NO Bible Study<br><br>Chicken & Waffle Pickup, 2 p.m.– 7 p.m. at Trinity<br><br>Mission Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church | 5<br>Pastor Out of Office  | 6<br>Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church<br><br>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church                                 | 7   | 8<br>Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church<br><br>Charge Faithful Jesus Followers Thanksgiving theme gathering, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate |
| 9<br><b>Communion</b><br>Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m<br><br>Change Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate          | 10  | 11<br>NO Bible Study<br><br>Collaboration Meeting, 6 p.m. at Trinity<br><br>Council Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity                     | 12<br>Youth making cookies | 13<br>NO Bible Study<br><br>Brent Vernon & Sam concert at Aldersgate, 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity | 14  | 15<br>Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church                                                                                                  |

Aldersgate UMC– Green

Grace UMC– Red

Trinity UMC– Blue

Charge Collaboration– Black



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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                             | Mon | Tue                                                                                                                        | Wed                 | Thu                                                                                                                             | Fri | Sat                                               |
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| 16<br>Grace, 8:45 a.m.<br>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.<br>Trinity, 10:45a.m<br>Assemble Shut-In baskets, 2 p.m.<br>Charge Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate | 17  | 18<br>Charge Advent Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC<br>SPRC, 6 p.m. at Trinity<br>Charge SPRC, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity | 19                  | 20<br>Charge Advent Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church<br>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC<br>Deadline for poinsettia order | 21  | 22<br>Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church |
| 23/30<br>Grace, 8:45 a.m.<br>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.<br>Trinity, 10:45a.m<br>23- Charge Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate<br>30– NO Confirmation Class | 24  | 25<br>NO Bible Study<br>Deadline for Newsletter submissions<br>Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC                          | 26<br>Office Closed | 27<br>Office Closed<br>                     | 28  | 29<br>NO Discipleship Class                       |

When Pastor Mindy is out of the office,  
please feel free to call the parsonage at

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717-513-7194

For Congregational Care needs, please call

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