



October 2025

The Methodist Messenger

Juniata Charge

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!
Energizing Aldersgate 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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From My Heart To All Of Yours

The hills and hedgerows are doing what God intended: putting on a glorious show and reminding us that change can be beautiful. As the air cools and the light shifts, creation invites us to slow and notice the hush of fields after a harvest, the soft gold of a maple, and the beauty found in trees letting go of their leaves. In that quiet turning, we are gently reminded: “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts; use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10, NLT.) These gifts are not meant to be hidden away or hoarded for our private comfort. God gives them to be used in loving service to Him and to our neighbors.

May our lives move in that holy rhythm, from receiving to offering, from being called to being sent. Let's not continually look for fanfare or dramatic signs because God's work is often done in the small, faithful tending: a meal brought, a hand offered, a word spoken at the right moment.

May our worship be the place we practice that movement. May we sit together in the hush and listen for the slight stirrings of God's voice. May we give thanks for the gifts already at work within us, and may we be gentle with ourselves as we learn what stepping forward truly means. There's no need to rush, because what's needed most is the steady, faithful work of showing up and letting God shape us by grace.

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)

Continually being shaped by grace,
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.



Just a note to say "thank you" for the beautiful flowers & Bible that was presented to me. Making the switch to a new church was a hard decision to make for me. Everyone has been so welcoming since coming there. Thank again.

Peggy Sholly

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.
11- Ron Watkins, Annabelle Bender
18- Zachary Marshall
21- Brandon Bennett



Happy Anniversary. May God continue to bless your marriage.

7- Greg & Barbara Watkins
9- Travis & Michelle Holler
10- Joe & Kristi Arbogast
11- Sam & Deb Sheaffer
13- Chad & Krissy Dressler
26- Stephen & Courtney Beiler





We will be having a homemade sauerkraut sale and taking orders. 1 and 2 lb will be available.



Garage painting and fall yard work at Aldersgate.



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.



We will be contributing to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child with filling boxes with items for needy children. Please sign up on the back table if you'd like a box to fill.

The deadline for the November Messenger is October 21st.

CHARGE



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



Charge church potluck will be held at Trinity UMC at 12:30 p.m. on October 12th. Place setting, drink and cake will be provided. Come help us celebrate Pastor Mindy for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thank you for the outpouring of love after Brian's dad's death. Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and the meal you so kindly prepared and delivered. Your care held us up in a season of grief and reminded us what it means to be a part of a connected church family. With heartfelt thanks,

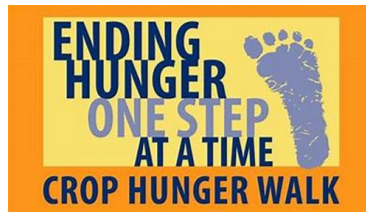
Pastor Mindy, Brian, and family.

CHARGE (cont.)



Aldersgate will be hosting a painting party on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! Cost is \$25. Sign up sheet located on back table.



Sunday, **October 12th** at the Walker Community Park. Participant envelopes are located on back table at Aldersgate or see Michelle Long at Trinity UMC for a participant envelope. Registration begins at 12:30; the walk will begin at 1:30.



Ladies Campfire Fun-Saturday, October 25 at 5:30pm-The Trinity Women's Group is hosting a campfire at Michelle Long's cabin and all ladies of the charge are invited to join us! A sign up sheet with more details and directions will circulate in October.

Trinity/Grace UMC

TRINITY:

Charge Covered Dish Lunch-October 12th at 12:30 (following the morning worship), everyone is invited to join us for a covered dish lunch! Sign up sheets are circulating~ see Becky, Michelle or Verna for more information.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday-October is Pastor Appreciation Month and the Trinity Women's Group is taking over the morning worship service on Sunday, October 12th! Everyone from Aldersgate, Grace and Trinity is welcome to join us for our morning service and show Pastor Mindy our love and appreciation!

Juniata Co Crop Walk-Sunday, October 12th at the Walker Community Park. See Michelle Long for a participant envelope. Registration begins at 12:30; the walk will begin at 1:30.

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

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Election Day Chicken & Waffle Dinner-Tuesday, November 4th. Take out only. We will be recruiting all potato peelers, bakers, kitchen help and side scoopers during October!~watch for the clipboard! Tickets are now available~see Michelle Long or Renee Fry.

Collecting Candy/Treats- for Trick-or-Treat night. Box for collections is in the Sunday School room.



Christmas Wonderland 2025

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3 PM

Play held at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill. Tickets are \$20 for adults & \$15 for students.

Meet at Trinity UMC at 11 a.m for carpooling and lunch. Sign-up by Oct. 1st.



2026 Charge Conference will be held on October 18, 2025, at 6 PM, at Port Royal UMC, 105 5th Street, Port Royal.

Trinity/Grace UMC (cont.)

GRACE:

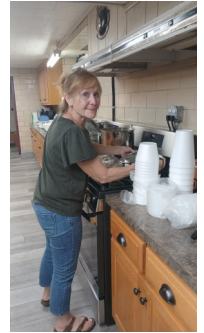
Grace/Mexico UMC donated \$650 to offset the cost of outstanding lunch accounts for seniors!



The Gift Tree at Grace UMC. Each Sunday, 2 to 4 people from our congregation are given the opportunity to pick a gift off of the tree. It's a way to show appreciation to our small, but beautiful, congregation. The tree is our Christmas tree without the needles.



The ladies of Trinity Church all worked really hard setting up the tables for the free clothing giveaway which was held on September 20th.



Thank you to all who supported the Trinity United Methodist Church soup and bake sale in any way! Those who baked, made soup, worked the sale and of course all of you who bought our goodies!



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

6– Kevin Long

13– Deb Palm

14– Letty Fraker

16– Gary Frantz (Grace)

20– Ronald C. Cisney



Happy Anniversary. May God continue to bless your marriage.

3– Tony & Mary Ann Willis

5– Vinnie & Carrie Evola; Luke & Addison Nanna

8– Scott & Shirley Henry

9– Ryan & Janet Hutchinson

28– Butch & Deb Hack (Grace)



October 2025– Charge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	3	4
5 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m Sauerkraut making at Donnie & Barb's, noon Change Confirmation Class, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate	6	7 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC Missions Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	8	9 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church AUMC Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity	10	11 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Charge Faithful Jesus Followers (formally New Beginnings), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate
12 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m Charge potluck, 12:30 p.m. at Trinity Crop Walk, 1:30 p.m. Charge Confirmation Class, TBD at Aldersgate	13	14 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC Council Meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity	15	16 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	17	18 Trinity Men's breakfast group, 8 a.m. at the church Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Paint party, 10 a.m. at AUMC Charge Conference, 6 p.m. at Port Royal UMC

Aldersgate UMC– Green

Grace UMC– Red

Trinity UMC– Blue

Charge Collaboration– Black



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

717-436-2237 or

717-513-7194

For Congregational Care needs, please call

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