



November 2023

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

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9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

October's fall beauty has paved the way for November's spectacular color finale. We've enjoyed cooler days and cooler nights but cold days and even colder nights lie ahead. This change in temperature reminds me of the chill that can settle into our spirits and the church without us being aware that it's happening. The Bible constantly reminds us of the importance of unity. In Psalm 133:1, David described "How good and how pleasant it is for brothers (sisters) to dwell together in unity". Jesus taught His disciples that their unity was central to their effectiveness. In John 17:23 He prayed that His followers "May be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me".

The only thing that keeps us from being united is ourselves. Each individual has to determine in their own hearts to be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the whole world. No one else can decide that for you and no one else is responsible for your choice but you.

Brothers and Sisters, as you face life's challenges, remember the importance David, Paul and our Lord Jesus Christ put into the teaching of unity. My prayer is that we all come to know that we can accomplish more and have a bigger impact on this world when we have a "unified purpose" and work together with other believers to further God's Kingdom. We will face trials, tribulations, overwhelming problems and these giants will threaten to tear us apart, but if we each determine to be one as Jesus has called us to be one, these giants will not cause us to fall. The only way to conquer division within the church is to look inside yourself first. Amen.

"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)

Determining in my heart to be one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world,

Pastor Mindy



- ◆ A big thank you to everyone who supported the Mexico Market coupon fundraiser for the chairlift. We raised \$224.25. The chairlift was installed on Oct. 9th.

Barb & Donnie Lyter

- ◆ A special thank you to the Aldersgate family for the prayers, cards and other acts of kindness shown during & following my brother's illness & passing.

Mary Scharf

- ◆ How can I ever express my appreciation for the love and support you all have showered us with during this past year while Rolf was so ill? A week didn't go by without our receiving cards, messages, phone calls, or visits. During this time we received flowers and food, and folks even weeded my garden, drove Rolf to or from dialysis when I just couldn't be there, and a ramp was even built to make it easier for me to get him from the house to the car in his wheelchair. It has been a very difficult journey, but you all held me up through your prayers and concern. I feel truly blessed, and love you all so much! I rejoice in knowing that... "this light momentary affliction is preparing (me) for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Brenda Lotz



Nurture Committee continues to collect personal care items for the Homebound baskets. Items still needed are chap stick, lotion, toothpaste, travel size Kleenex, large print puzzle books, shampoo, conditioner and diabetic candy. You may drop off at the church office.

The deadline for the December Messenger is November 21st.



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

- 5– Greg Watkins
- 7– Shelly Royer, Judy Carter
- 8– Joe Arbogast
- 20– Heidi Brubaker
- 21– Terri Waters
- 24– Stephen Beiler
- 26– Darlene DeLancey



Congratulations and our very best wishes for many more happy and blessed years together.

16– Milt & Sue Page

Bob Billy continues to G-R-O-W!!

If you would like to paint a rock to help Bob Billy grow, they are available on the back table.



Let's see how long Bob Billy can grow!



We purchased a chair lift!

The chair lift has been installed! The cost was \$15,000, so there's a fundraising campaign to pay for this. There are envelopes labeled Chair Lift Fund on the back table if you would like to donate or you can write chair lift in the memo line of your check. So far we have raised \$7,266.25.

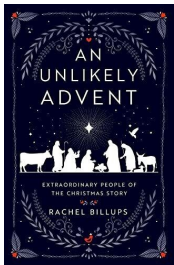


Aldersgate Kitchen Committee is doing a sauerkraut & scrapple fundraiser that will be available the end of November. Please sign up on the back table if interested.

Saurkraut - \$4 for 1 lb

\$8 for 2 lb.

Scrapple - \$8 per pan



"An Unlikely Advent" will be the Advent Bible Study offered. If you'd like to participate, there is a sign up sheet on the back table.



There will be a fraud prevention training held at AUMC on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. This will be held for our church and also open to the public.



Aldersgate UMC is looking for a Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact the church office, Barb Dysinger or Pastor Mindy.

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.



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



If you have any changes to the church directory, please let the church office know.

*Bob Davis

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Perkiomen Valley
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Schwenksville, PA 19473



The New Beginning's Group will meet on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. at the church. Sign up sheet is located on back table.



If interested in placing flowers on the altar, please sign up on the flower calendar in the vestibule or call the church office. The cost is \$25. You can pay the church office by cash or by making out the check to the flower fund.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 All Saint's Sunday Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Communion	6 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	7 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. at the church
12 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	13 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	14 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	20 No Kitchen Committee Meeting	21 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom Fraud Training, 6:30 p.m. at the church	22	23 Office Closed 	24	25
26 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	27 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	28 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	29	30	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 Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194	