



May 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  
aumcmiffliintown@gmail.com  
9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

### Contact Us

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

### AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street  
Miffliintown, PA 17059

### Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.  
Miffliintown, PA 17059

## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As April showers end, May flowers, trees and plants continue to burst forth with splendid colors. We do have much to thank and praise our heavenly Father for. We praise Him for the gift of new life found in creation and for the gift of new life Jesus purchased for us on the cross. What joy should fill our hearts as we take in all the beauty that surrounds us and the beauty found in our Savior's sacrifice. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "Do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

For many of us the trials of this world have robbed us of our joy and cause us grief upon grief, but according to Nehemiah it is the joy of the Lord that grants us our strength to continue on. Joy comes from God; from deep inside us. Sometimes we have to make a choice to rejoice. We have to remember that God is Sovereign. He is working for our good and He loves us no matter what! Yes sometimes our sin comes between God and us but as we confess our sins He is faithful, grants us mercy and forgives our sins because of the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Just in case you find yourself asking, How do I receive the joy of the Lord? The answer is simple. If you believe in Jesus and have accepted Him as your Savior, then the joy of the Lord is already within you and His joy is the strength you need to defeat the enemy. Brothers and Sisters, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and claim His joy for your life!

"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)

Jesus is my Lord and King and daily I claim His joy as my strength,

Pastor Mindy



- ◆ Thank you very much for my wonderful Easter basket. It made me very happy and full.

Floe Hackenberger

- ◆ Thank you so much to the Nurture Committee for the Easter basket and to Lori Jacques for delivering it and visiting with me.

Sonn Woodling

- ◆ Thanks so much for the cards, prayers, and your presence at the viewing and funeral of Norma. I'm still getting used to a new schedule and activities. I plan to come to church soon. I think of you all often. I received a very nice Easter basket from the church. Thanks again. Pastor Mindy did a very impressive service for Norma. Wonderful!

Jim Abram

- ◆ Thank you to the ladies who signed up to make cakes for Meals On Wheels. Your contribution of dessert will be very much appreciated by those receiving meals.

Sharon McCahren

- ◆ Thank you for the generous Easter basket that Butch and I received. What a special treat it was with all the goodies and special little religious reminders from our church family. It was very much appreciated. We love and miss you all.

Sharon and Butch McCahren



Baby Bottle Boomerang will be starting on Mother's Day, May 12 and ending Father's Day, June 16.



The deadline for the June Messenger is May 21st.



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

3– Brian Petrovic

6– Sue Page

8– Tami Bell

12– Milt Page

24– Renee Dowling

25– Michelle Holler

26– Linda Ernest, Lisa Kipp

28– Maryalice Ritter (92)



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

1– Butch & Sharon McCahren

20– Russ & Lori Jacques



### Designated gifts for special purposes

Aldersgate will use all designated gifts for their intended purpose and once the amount is reached, the remaining balance will be deposited into the general fund account.

If you have a prayer request and would like to place it on our prayer chain, please call Clara Whistler at 717-436-6567 or Marie Watkins at 717-436-6491.



Kristi Arbogast will be coordinating the Rose Tea which will be held June 22, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall from 1-2:00 p.m. Please let the office know if you'd like to bring your own table setting or if you would like the Nurture Committee to provide the setting for you.

## 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).



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



## Sound System Scheduler



- Make sound system rotation schedule.
- Email and print copies of schedule for volunteers.
- Make adjustments as needed (additional scheduled services, vacations, new sound volunteers).
- Email, text, call if a mid-week need arises such as a funeral.

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.



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.



AUMC is partnering with Community Aid. If you have clothing to donate, you can drop them off at Community Aid and provide our partner #30108. AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing donated.



# May 2024

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 For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> 	<p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</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>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. 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>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m. <b>Heritage Sunday</b></p>	<p>Church 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 Last day for Newsletter submission</p>		<p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Parade w/ popcorn &amp; drinks</p> 	<p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p><b>Pastor at Annual Conference</b></p>	<p><b>Pastor at Annual Conference</b></p>	<p><b>Pastor at Annual Conference</b></p>	