



July 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

Sunday School— 9 a.m.— Aldersgate

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

As we turn the page from June to July, I find myself marveling once again at the beauty of God's creation in this summer season, sun-drenched days, firefly-lit evenings, and the sound of laughter echoing from backyard gatherings. There's a holiness in the ordinary moments of July if we're paying attention. It's a time of blooming gardens, growing children, and, perhaps most importantly, a time to reflect on the blessings we so often take for granted.

This month, as our nation celebrates its independence, I'm especially grateful for the freedom we have to worship openly and joyfully. What a gift it is to gather in the name of Jesus without fear, to lift our voices in praise, to open the Bible together, and to live out our faith in community. In many parts of the world, such freedom is still only a dream.

As Scripture reminds us, "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free" (John 8:36, NLT). True freedom is found not just in political liberty, but in the life-giving grace of Jesus Christ. He frees us from sin, from shame, and from the fear that once bound us. And with that freedom, we are called to love boldly, serve humbly, and worship God with hearts full of joy.

May we never grow weary of thanking God for both our earthly freedoms and our eternal one. Let's keep singing, praying, and serving together in His name, come heatwave or high water!

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)

Living into the freedom I've found in Christ,

Pastor Mindy

Aldersgate UMC

- ♦ Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and offers of help during the time of Butch's sickness. Also, thank you for the shut-in baskets we received over several years. We always had fun deciding who got each treat. Butch especially liked Pastor Mindy's visits, hearing her voice on Zoom and singing along with her by silently mouthing the words. He was well blessed by the members of Aldersgate, and I will be forever grateful for the care we received. God bless.

Sharon McCahren

- ♦ Thank you all for the phone calls, cards, and the basket of flowers given to me in honor of my 93rd birthday. God bless you all.

Maryalice Ritter

- ♦ I would like to thank everyone who helped out and participated in Vacation Bible School this year. I would not be able to do it without you guys. The kids really enjoy attending Bible School and learning about Jesus. God bless.

Kristi Arbogast

- ♦ I would like to thank everybody for the prayers, food cards, and phone calls during the death of Blanche Shellenberger. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

The Shellenberger family

- ♦ Thank you to the church for the beautiful flowers for my 93rd birthday and for all the lovely cards that I received.

Marie Watkins



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.

- ♦ I just want to say how very thankful I am for all your prayers & support during this journey that began on August 29, 2024, when I left Mifflintown.

I have been truly blessed by my church family. I only pray that folks will visit and that God will permit me to return to see you all again as well.

It hasn't been an easy journey, but God has been with me every step of the way and helped me to grow and learn what it is to truly trust in Him.

Much love and blessings to all,
Brenda Lotz

353 Knollwood Drive, Wilkesboro NC, 28697



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

1- Kaylyn Brown
7- Loma Saner
10- Donnie Lyter
18- Fred Powell
20- Deb Sheaffer
21- Vickie Stine
22- Kali Turner
27- Nancy Chrismer

Aldersgate UMC



We are in need of teachers and helpers for Children's Church. If you are interested, please see Ashley Bennett.

Charge



New Beginning's Group will now be called "Faithful Jesus Followers." All are welcome to attend. We will meet on July 12th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC.



Orders have to be into the office by July 8th and delivery date is July 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Order form is on the back table.



Charge Collaboration Meeting will be held in July. Please see Pastor Mindy or call the church office if you feel called to brainstorm and implement ways to collaborate in fellowship, ministry, and mission with your Sister Churches.



If you're interested in volunteering your time counting donations, stocking shelves & filling grocery orders, please sign up on the back table.



Charge Confirmation Class will be held on Sundays at Aldersgate UMC at 6 p.m. There will be NO class on Sunday, July 6.



There will be a Charge SPRC Meeting on July 17, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC.

Trinity/Grace UMC

GRACE:

Breakfast– We will be meeting at IHOP for breakfast on July 5 at 10 a.m.

Church Council Meeting– will be held on July 23 at 6 p.m.

TRINITY:

Women's Group- Not Meeting in July. Next meeting at Michelle Long's cabin on August 2nd @ 9:00 A.M. Please see Becky Wilson or Michelle Long to RSVP and for details/directions.

Men's Group- Meeting August 16th @ 9:00 A.M. for breakfast at Harling's Hoagie Shop. All men from the charge invited.

- ♦ The Ladies' Group invited all men from the charge and hosted a breakfast for sixteen in honor of Father's Day. Thanks to all who attended to help serve and those who showed up to eat!

Ladies pictured left to right are:

Pastor Mindy, Mary Ann Willis, Verna Dell, Becky Wilson & Michelle Long



The deadline for the August Messenger is July 22nd.



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

7– Dean Hutchinson

11– Alexis Rhine

12– Luis Caraballo

30– Shirley Henry



5– Gary & Jayne Frantz (Grace)

22– Rick & Audrey Peters

“Jesus Heals” Vacation Bible School took place at Trinity June 2 thru June 6. Kids enjoyed a week filled storytelling, crafts, games, snacks, singing and dancing. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!





July 2025– Charge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC AUMC Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	2	3 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church	4 	5 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Grace- Breakfast at IHOP at 10 a.m.
6 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m. NO Confirmation Class	7 AUMC Mission Committee Meeting, 6: 30 p.m. at the church	8 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC R & K orders are due Trinity Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	9	10 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Trinity Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.	11	12 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Charge Faithful Jesus Followers (formally New Beginnings), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate
13 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m. Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate	14 AUMC Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	15 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC	16	17 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Charge SPRC Meeting, 6 p.m. at AUMC	18	19 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church

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Grace UMC– Red

Trinity UMC– Blue

Charge Collaboration– Black



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20 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m Charge Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate	21 AUMC Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	22 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC R & K delivery, 9:30 a.m. at the church Last day for Newsletter submission	23 Grace Church Council Meeting, 6 p.m.	24 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church	25	26 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church
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When Pastor Mindy is out of the office,
please feel free to call the parsonage at

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717-513-7194

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