



March 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

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9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

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9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

Contact Us

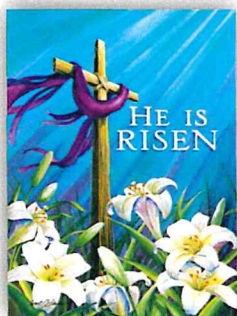
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Pavilion Address:

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Miffintown, PA 17059



From My Heart To All Of Yours

As February's fast comes to an end let us carry the Spirit of Easter with us into Spring. March provides us the opportunity to take in the rebirth and renewal that's happening all around us. Hidden underneath the brush of dried brown leaves and mulch little green tips will soon be appearing. In God's amazing way of creating the world, He created dormant plants to survive the harshest of storms and emerge at just the right time in Spring.

Like bulbs, we too were created to survive under suffering and pain. Faith in God means we take what looks dead in our lives, the dormant bulbs of loss and pain, and trust that if we plant ourselves in fertile soil, it can one day bring new life. Practices such as, talking to God when we want to be silent, opening His Word when we'd rather do something else, and gathering in community even when we'd rather stay away. Seasons of winter will come in this life, suffering is a guarantee. And while we won't know how often or how long our winter seasons will last, may the green tips that we see remind us that Spring is on the horizon and like the bulbs buried deep in the soil we will survive as long as we stay connected to the Master Gardener.

Only God can bring new life out of what was once dead. Isaiah 58:11 promises that, "The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. My prayer is that we will each allow God to tend to our bulbs (spirits) and trust that in spite of what we might now see, flowers will come from you and from me.

"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)

Trusting God for the flowers I don't yet see,

Pastor Mindy



The Nurturing Congregational Care Committee will be assembling Shut-In & Care-Giver Easter baskets. Items needed: Easter candy, small snack items, small gift items & baskets. You can drop off items at the church office.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
March 6	Trinity UMC	Linda Groninger (994-3226)
March 13	Westminster Presbyterian	Connie Benner (436-2304)
March 20	Aldersgate UMC	Pastor Mindy (513-7194)

*Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments followed by Bible Study at 10 a.m.

*If you have any questions or concerns please call Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 or 717-363-6144.



◆ Thank you so much for the birthday wishes & cards.

Barb Lyter



Aldersgate's Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the pavilion. We are collecting donations of Easter candy & Christian themed items that'll fit in plastic eggs. You can drop off at the church office.

The deadline for the April Messenger is March 26th.



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

- 1- Dawson Harper
- 3- Nancy Zimmerman
- 9- Rachel Whistler
- 11- Mary Scharf
- 12- Travis Holler
- 13- Sherry Harper
- 14- Pastor Mindy
- 18- Ashley Bennett
- 21- Chris Ernest
- 26- Sherry Burkholder
- 27- Courtney Beiler
- 30- Bailee Lyter & Kash Lyter



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

20- Pat & Karen Evans



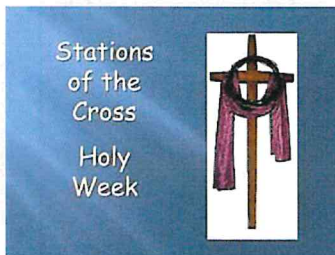
Aldersgate UMC follows Juniata County School District delays and closures. If you need to speak to Pastor Mindy, please call her cell phone during these times.

*Sunday in person worship will not be canceled unless we have an ice event.


 Mid-Week
Lenten
 Worship

Time: 7 p.m.

Date	Location	Pastor	Topic
3/6	Messiah	Pr. Mindy	Crown of Thorns
3/13	Aldersgate UMC	Pr. Sam	Hands
3/20	St. Stephen's	Pr. Mindy	Feet
3/27	Messiah	Pr. Rick	Side
3/28	Messiah	Pr. Sam	Breakfast
3/28	Aldersgate UMC	Pr. Mindy	Maundy Thursday
3/29	St. Stephen's	Pr. Rick	Good Friday



Located at St. Stephen's

- Mon. 3/25 Noon, 4 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Tues. 3/26 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
 Wed., 3/27 10:30 a.m., Noon & 2 p.m.
 Thur., 3/28 10 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
 Fri., 3/29 11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.



We are planning on going to the Winter Jam Christian concert on March 9, 2024. If you're interested, the sign up sheet is located on the back table.

ZOOM INFORMATION-

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website aumcmiffintown.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 aumcmiffintown@gmail.com.



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



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.



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



March 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</p> <p>For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity UMC</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>New Beginning's Gathering, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church</p> <p>Winter Jam, 6 p.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24/31</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday- 24</i></p> <p><i>EASTER- 31</i></p> <p>Sunrise service, 6 a.m. TBD followed by breakfast at AUMC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom</p> <p>Last day for Newsletter submission</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lenten Worship, 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran</p>	<p>28</p> <p>-Maundy Thursday breakfast, 7 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran</p> <p>-Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>-Packing Easter eggs, 6 p.m. at AUMC</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. at the pavilion</p> 