



April 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
aumcmiffintown@gmail.com
9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

Contact Us

Phone: 717-436-6750
Web: www.aumcmiffintown.org
Find us on Facebook!

AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street
Miffintown, PA 17059

Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.
Miffintown, PA 17059



From My Heart To All Of Yours

As March and its emotional roller coaster comes to an end, April grants us the opportunity to catch our breath and take in all the new life that's springing forth around us and within us. As we move from cold winter days to warmer days, I just sit in awe of the beauty God has awakening all around us. Life isn't perfect, but stopping to think about how blessed we are to celebrate the beauty all around us sure does help us deal with the life stresses that surround us. We worked hard during the Lenten Season so that some of the vines that held us back from living a life totally surrendered to God, have been pulled out by the roots granting us the opportunity for a fresh new start.

We walked with Jesus remembering His darkest days on earth, mourned at the foot of the cross, and then celebrated His victory over death on Easter, which was His new beginning!

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 says, "Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God."

Brothers and Sisters embrace the new creation you have become through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then go tell the world about it so that they can become new creations too! My prayer for us all is that we represent Christ well wherever we go so that others embrace the opportunity for a fresh new start too!

"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)

Embracing the new creation I am and praying my Siblings in Christ do too,

Pastor Mindy



- ◆ To Craig, Linda and everyone else who were part of contributing to the lovely Easter basket for Chris. He liked it and is enjoying the contents. We both appreciate very much your caring and thoughtfulness. God bless each of you.

Linda and Chris

- ◆ I would like to thank my siblings in Christ for the love, gifts, prayers, cards and well wishes I received for my birthday. Your thoughtfulness and tender loving care is something I will carry with me always. May God shower you all with abundant blessings for the Christian love you freely shower on others.

In Christian love,
Pastor Mindy

The Mission Committee is participating in a Health Kit packaging at Pine Grove Church.

9 a.m. is brunch & socializing & 10 a.m. assembly starts.



Time for a chuckle.....



The Perfect Job

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned....couldn't concentrate.

After that I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it... mainly because it was a so-so job.

Then I tried to be a chef— figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.

I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

The deadline for the May Messenger is April 23rd.



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

6– Sheron Bell, Lori Jacques

17– Kathy Hockenberry

20– Denise Leister

22– Chris Heidenreich

23– Kayanna Kristula

26– Jim Abram(97)



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

5– Harold & Sue Kauffman

14– Donnie & Barb Lyter

15– Russ & Amy Marshall

22– Keith & Angie Whistler





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.

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.



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.



Aldersgate will be holding a Rose Tea in the month of June. We are looking for a Rose Tea Coordinator. If interested, please let the church office or Pastor Mindy 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, just can drop them off at Community Aid and provide our partner #30108.

AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing donated.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	2 Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	3	4	5	6 Mission packaging event at Pine Grove, 9 a.m.
7 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. 	8 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	9 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	10	11 Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	12	13 New Beginning's Gathering, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church
14 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	15 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	16 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	17	18 Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	19	20
21 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	22 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	23 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom Last day for Newsletter submission	24	25 Bible study, 6 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	26	27
28 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	29 SPRC Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	30 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom			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	