



May 2025

The Methodist Messenger

Juniata Charge

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!
Energizing Aldersgate 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 the blossoms continue to bloom and the days lengthen, May invites us to remember the beauty of beginnings and the power of presence. It is a month bookended by mother's nurturing love and the Holy Spirit's fire.

On Mother's Day, we honor those who have shaped our lives with tenderness and truth, whether they be mothers by blood, by heart, or by circumstance. Women who raise children, guide churches, or whisper prayers in the quiet hours of the night reflect the nurturing character of God. Just as Paul reminded young Timothy, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Faith often begins in a cradle and is passed down like a treasured heirloom. It's lived before it's spoken, and carried by those who love deeply.

Later in the month, the winds shift as we turn our faces to Pentecost. We remember the rush of wind, the tongues of flame, and the Spirit descending not upon buildings but into hearts. The church was born not in bricks and mortar but in breath and fire, and it has never been the same since. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:1, 4). This is no quiet flame, it's a wildfire of grace, blowing open doors and propelling us outward into a world that needs hope.

So this May, as we celebrate the women who have walked before us, and among us, and the Spirit who walks beside us, may we ask ourselves: What legacy of love are we leaving behind? What winds of change is God stirring within us? May our hearts be both cradle and candle, welcoming the warmth of God's love and carrying the light of Christ into every corner of our community.

"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)

Welcoming the Spirit to fan my flames into a wildfire,
Pastor Mindy

Aldersgate UMC



New Beginnings will be held on May 10th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. We will be having a Mother's Day Brunch theme.



If you are graduating this year, please let the church office know.

If you are interested in helping to count money on Sunday's please sign up on the back table. We will be having counter training on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.



Silent Auction to Help Cleanout Garage

- Ask a trustee if you would like to view the items
- Please submit a separate bid for each item to the office
- Sealed Envelope
- Item
- Bid amount
- Your name and best contact method
- Bids are due to the church office by noon on Sunday, May 11th



June 16 to 20th (Monday thru Friday this year) held at Mifflintown playground.

*There will be a VBS meeting on **Tuesday, May 15** at 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom

If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the back table or you can contact Kristi Arbogast at 717-994-9033 .



Confirmation classes will begin in May. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

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.

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



An updated church directory has been placed on the back table.
If any changes, please contact the church office.

There are blank envelopes on the back table if you need them for your offering.



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

3- Brian Petrovcic

8- Tami Bell

12- Milt Page

24- Renee Dowling

25- Michelle Holler

26- Linda Ernest, Lisa Kipp

28- Maryalice Ritter

Anniversaries

1- Butch & Sharon McCahren

20- Russ & Lori Jacques

Trinity/Grace UMC

TRINITY:

Donations of non perishable food items are needed for the Blessings Box at **Trinity**. Dry cereals, soups, and pastas, powdered milk and hot chocolate packets, canned fruits, veggies, oatmeal, cereals plus kids friendly items like granola bars, single serve snacks, pop tarts, and single serve pasta/soups are all greatly appreciated. They can all be placed in the shopping cart in the Sunday school area at Trinity.

Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the Sunday School Room outside the choir door.

Coffee & Fellowship Time- Join us the last Sunday of each month beginning at 10:15 a.m. See Michelle Long if you would like to contribute anything!

Pill Bottle Ministry- Ongoing collection for Matthew 25 Ministries. Please note that there are specific preparation instructions we must follow before we can send them!

Mother's Day Refreshments-Sunday, May 11th beginning at 10am. Everyone is invited to a time of refreshments and fellowship before the morning worship service on Mother's Day. Come and enjoy some cake and punch with our church family!

Jesus Heals VBS- Monday, June 2nd thru Friday, June 6th from 6:30pm- 8:30pm. All kids nursery to 12 years are welcome to join us for a fun filled week! To pre-register or for more information please call 717.953.4887.

Calling all fun loving, hard working VBS volunteers! A clipboard is being circulated to sign up to be a VBS helper and/or help provide supplies for bible school. See Barbie Brown, Michelle Long or Becky Wilson with any questions!

Women's Group- May 24th Meeting @ 9:00 A.M. @ Harlings for Breakfast (Please RSVP Becky Wilson if you plan to attend).

The deadline for the June Messenger is May 20th.



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

- 1- Scott Henry
- 3- Tom Rhine
- 4- Adam Fry
- 5- Becky Wilson
- 8- Bob Renninger (Grace); Angie Snyder
- 10- Josie Casner
- 13- Evelyn Swartz (Grace)
- 20- Lucy Beward
- 22- Andrea Baer
- 23- Madelynn Rhine
- 25- Bobbi Baer
- 28- Jeanette Haubert; Becca Rhine; Rob Snyder
- 30- Chase Hartland
- 31- Luke Nanna

Anniversary

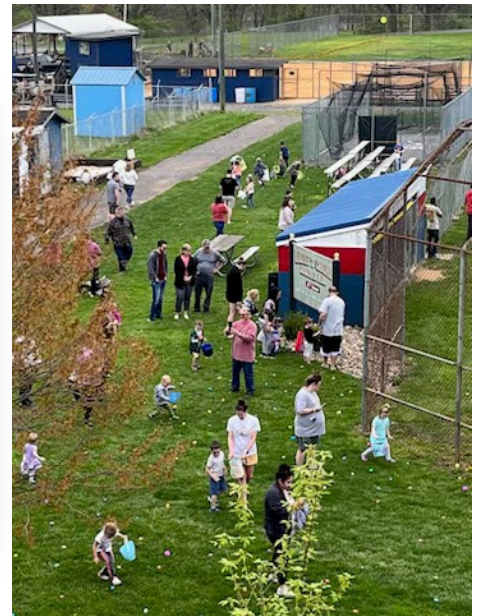
- 13- Andrew & Bobbi Baer

Women's Group will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast for all men on June 14th. A sign-up clip board will circulate closer time.



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

Easter 2025





May 2025 – Aldersgate

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Communion	5 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	6 Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	7	8 Money Counter Training, 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church -New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
11 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. -Silent auction bids due	12	13 Bible study, 10 a.m. at the church	14 Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	15 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church VBS meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	16	17 Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church
18 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.	19 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	20 Bible study, 10 a.m. at the church Last day for Newsletter submission	21	22 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church	23	24 Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church
25 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.	26 Memorial Day	27 Bible study, 10 a.m. at the church	28 Pastor Mindy at Annual Conference	29 Pastor Mindy at Annual Conference	30 Pastor Mindy at Annual Conference	31 Pastor Mindy at Annual Conference



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						GRACE: Fellowship Breakfast, 10 a.m. at The Little Store
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship service Grace, 8:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m. Communion				TRINITY: Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.		New Beginning's Group, Aldersgate, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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