



April 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.

### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic

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**AUMC:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue., Wed.

**Trinity:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday

### Secretary—

**Heidi Brubaker-Aldersgate/Grace**

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Mifflin, PA 17058

### Grace Address:

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## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As the season of Lent draws to a close, we will soon step into the radiant joy found in the Easter Season. Our time of reflection and repentance will give way to the triumph of life over death, light over darkness. Just as the earth awakens with the beauty of spring—blossoms unfurling, birds singing, and the warmth of the sun returning—so too does our faith burst forth in celebration of our risen Savior. "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." — Matthew 28:6

Spring reminds us of God's promise of renewal. The barren trees now bloom, the quiet earth now sings, and our hearts, once burdened by the weight of Lent, rejoice in Christ's victory. As we witness the world around us transform, may we be reminded of the words of Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing!" Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19), and may we embrace the transformation Lent brought about in us.

Let us step into this Easter season with hearts full of gratitude, embracing the new life Christ has given us and sharing His love with the world. Hallelujah! He's alive!

"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 my transformation while allowing God to continue sanding away all of my rough spots,

Pastor Mindy

## Aldersgate UMC

- ◆ Thank you to the children at Aldersgate for the Valentines Day goody bag.

Sheron Bell

- ◆ Thank you for all the prayers & cards over the past several months during my stroke recovery. They brightened my day when I was feeling down.

Ann Ruczhak (Brandon Bennett's mom)

- ◆ Thank you very much for the Valentine good food. It was delicious. God Bless you.

Floe Hackenberger

- ◆ Thank you for the prayers, visits & cards during my hospital stay & my stay at Locust Grove Rehab. Since I've been home, I've also received visits & am very thankful for them. Please don't forget about me, I love the visits.

Sonn Woodling

- ◆ Thank you all for the goodie baskets, cards, prayers & newsletters that you have given to Elizabeth & I. It's so thoughtful of you all. God Bless.

Patti Tabb & daughter Elizabeth



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
- 23– Kayanna Kristula
- 26– Jim Abram (98)

### **Anniversary**

- 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](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).

We are looking for someone to be a member at large for church council. If interested, please let the church office know or see Pastor Mindy.



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.



HUB Kit Packaging will be held on April 26 at 9 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC. A sign up sheet is located on the back table to sign up for food & to help.



Aldersgate Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 19, 10 a.m. at the pavilion. You can drop off candy or small Christian toys/items to the office.

# Trinity/Grace UMC

## TRINITY:

**Easter Egg Hunt-**Trinity's annual egg hunt will be held at the Mifflin Ballfield on **Saturday, April 19th at 10am.** All children ages nursery to 12yrs are welcome to attend. In case of bad weather, egg hunt will be held at the church, same date and time.

**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, poparts, 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.

**VBS** at Trinity has been set for Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 6. More details and sign up sheets to help are forthcoming!

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!

## GRACE:

**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!

### **THANK YOU ALDERSGATE, TRINITY & GRACE!**

I was truly surprised and blessed by the amazing outpouring of love from the Charge for my birthday. Having a surprise birthday celebration in worship, with everyone singing my favorite song, will be etched in my mind forever. The basket full of gifts was so thoughtful, and the balloon spray was magnificent! Beautiful bouquets of flowers, special gifts, gift cards, and cards that encouraged me blessed me more than words could ever express. You all made my birthday unforgettable!

Thank you, God bless you, and I love you,

Pastor Mindy

The deadline for the May Messenger is April 22nd.



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

1– Susie Bell

2– Morgan Caraballo; Helen Leach

3– Dusty Weiland– (Grace)

4– Jan Hutchinson

11– April Hampton; Adam Stull; Rick Peters

21– Linda Bell

28– Jeff Brown



On Sat., Feb. 22, Grace/Mexico UMC sent 27 hats, 31 pair of gloves, 6 packs of socks & 4 blankets to Valley Strong Disaster Relief located in Black Mountain, NC. Many thanks to everyone who donated items & placed them on our tree. The tree will remain in the sanctuary for those who would like to place notes of answered prayer(s) and blessings on it.



4/2 Wed., Westminster Presbyterian, 7 p.m.

4/9 Wed., Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.



Ladies Lenten Teas are held at Port Royal UMC and continue every Tuesday morning finishing April 8, 2025. Time is 10:00 am-11:00am. Come for a time of music, devotions and refreshments.

The theme is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

\*\*Ladies Lenten Tea will be held on April 9 at **Aldersgate** at 9:30 a.m. Sign up sheet located on the back table for Tea food items.



4/16 Holy Wed., Grace UMC (Mexico), 7 PM

4/17 Maundy Thur., Trinity UMC, 7 PM

4/18 Good Friday Messiah Lutheran, 7 PM

4/20 Sunrise Service St Stephen's Lutheran Church, time TBA with a breakfast following.

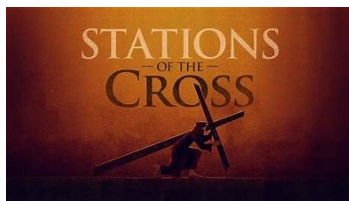
4/20 Easter Service's Times and places TBA



**2025 Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
7 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street

**April 5-** Rev. Nathanael Mowery– Oakland Mills Evangelical Methodist Church

**April 12–** Rev. Frank Swartz– New Beginning Com. Church



Held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church again this year:

Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16, 1:00 PM

Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am

Friday, April 18, 3:00 PM



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



# April 2025 – Aldersgate

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<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>		<p>1 Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>2 Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church</p> <p>Lenten service, Westminster Presbyterian, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3 Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p> <p>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Port Royal Community Building</p> <p>Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church</p>
<p>6 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m. <b>Communion</b></p>	<p>7 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>8 Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC</p>	<p>9 Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Aldersgate</p> <p>Lenten service, Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p> <p>Charge SPRC meeting, 6 p.m. at Trinity UMC</p> <p>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 P.Royal Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. at P.Royal Community Building -Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at AUMC -New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>
<p>13 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m. <b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>14 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Holy Wed., Grace UMC (Mexico), 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday, Trinity 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Good Friday service, Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19 -Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Port Royal Community Building -Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church -Easter Egg Hunt at pavilion, 10 a.m.</p>
<p>20 Sunrise service, St. Stephen's Lutheran, TBA with breakfast following Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m. <b>EASTER</b></p>	<p>21 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>22 Last day for Newsletter submission</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p> <p>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 HUB Hygiene Packaging, 9 a.m. at the church</p>
<p>27 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>28 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>29 Bible study, 10 a.m. at the church</p>	<p>30</p>			



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<p>6 Worship service Grace, 8:45 a.m.  Trinity, 10:45a.m.  <b>Communion</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC  <b>TRINITY:</b> Ad Council Meeting, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC  Lenten service, Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Charge SPRC meeting, 6 p.m. at Trinity UMC  <b>TRINITY:</b> Trustee Meeting, 7 p.m.  Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at <b>AUMC</b></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 P.Royal Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. at P.Royal Community Building  -New Beginning's Group, Aldersgate, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>
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<p>27 Worship service Grace, 8:45 a.m.  Trinity, 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Bible Study, 10 a.m. at <b>Aldersgate UMC</b></p>	<p>30</p>			