



October 2023

# 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  
aumcmiffliintown@gmail.com  
9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

### Contact Us

Phone: 717-436-6750  
Web: [www.aumcmiffliintown.org](http://www.aumcmiffliintown.org)  
Find us on Facebook!

### AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street  
Miffliintown, PA 17059

### Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.  
Miffliintown, PA 17059



## From My Heart To All Of Yours

September brought us an array of God gifted weather, from hot highs to chilly lows, dry days and rainy dreary days too. But September is at its end and October is slipping right in to take its place. Fall is officially here and I know this season is going to be filled with beauty that only this time of year can bring. This is the time of year many farmers and gardeners are finishing up reaping the plantings that were sown. It's also the time of year that Autumn leaves decorate the landscape. The Master's paintbrush will turn the leaves from green to brilliant red, burnt orange and crisp yellow. The colors are so vibrant that I feel a sense of excitement for the change that lies ahead.

The color of the pretty fall leaves fills my heart with wonder as I breathe in the crisp fall air. My weary soul is refreshed in this season of beauty that God gives to us each year. Fall is also a time for new obligations to be fulfilled. The beginning of school for the kids, Home & School for parents, soccer practice, planning for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and so much more. And as much as we love doing all of these things, these new commitments can leave us feeling stressed out and just plain tired. Sometimes, it can be a little bit too much. So, during this busy time of year let's remember Galatians 6:9, " So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don't give up".

We all have times when we feel overwhelmed, discouraged, tired, and downright unappreciated. In these moments, it's easy to think no one sees the good work we do. God sees the effort we put in and He doesn't want us to give up and throw in the towel. We may feel like we're drowning in a sea of endless things to do. And we may feel down and out, but all is not lost. God is on our side and ready to offer our hearts the encouraging boost we need for the journey that lies ahead. But we must be willing to take hold of that encouragement and use it to carry us onward. Brothers and Sisters don't lose heart! Take hold of the encouragement that the Master gives! Lean in to Him and do your part and God will carry you through.

Leaning into Him and ready to do my part,  
Pastor Mindy





- ◆ Thank you for the cards sent to me for my birthday. I appreciate everyone who thought of me.

Sonn Woodling

- ◆ Norma & I want to thank the church for all their prayers & concerns and yes the cards. My wife just loves the cards she receives from people. Thank you!

Jim Abram



Aldersgate's snake Bob Billy has been growing. If you're interested in painting a rock to add to our snake, rocks are available on the back table.



Nurture Committee is collecting personal care items for the Homebound baskets. Please drop off at the church office.



The deadline for the November Messenger is October 24th.



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

- 11– Ron Watkins; Annabelle Bender
- 18– Zachary Marshall
- 21– Brandon Bennett
- 22– Shirley Schlegel



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

- 7– Greg & Barbara Watkins
- 9– Travis & Michelle Holler
- 10– Joe & Kristi Arbogast
- 11– Casey & Sherry Harper; Sam & Deb Sheaffer
- 13– Chad & Krissy Dressler
- 23– Marty & Kim Dreibelbis
- 26– Stephen & Courtney Beiler



We are purchasing a chair lift!

The Trustees are going to have a chair lift installed. The cost is \$15,000, so we started a fundraising campaign to pay for this. There are envelopes labeled Chair Lift Fund on the back table if you would like to donate or you can write chair lift in the memo line of your check. So far we have raised \$5,560.00.

## 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).



Charge Conference will be held on October 25, 7 p.m. at the Port Royal UMC.



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



There will be **no** choir practice this month.



If you have any changes to the church directory, please let the church office know.

\*Jack, Lisa & Ashley Kipp  
**155** Crestview Dr.  
Mifflin, PA 17058



Aldersgate will be having trick or treat night at the church on Oct. 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Donations of candy or Christian themed items are needed. We are also collecting cans of hot chocolate & apple cider. Please drop off at the church office.




The New Beginning's Group will meet on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. at the church. Sign up sheet is located on 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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. <b>Communion</b>	2 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	3 <b>No Bible study</b>  Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	9 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	10 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	11	12	13	14 New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. at the church
15 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	16 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	17 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom	18	19	20 Jean Goss - celebration of life, 1 p.m. at the church	21
22 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	23 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m.at the church	24 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom  Last day for newsletter submission	25 Charge Conference, Port Royal UMC, 7 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. <b>5th Sunday Fellowship meal</b>	30	31 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon at the church & on Zoom  Trick or Treat at the church, 6-8 p.m. 			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	