



August 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 we turn the page from July to August, the sun still hangs high, but there's a whisper of change in the air. The dog days of summer stretch long and warm, yet we sense the shift; earlier sunsets, school supplies on store shelves, and calendars filling up once again. July lingers behind us with its parades, picnics, and slower rhythms, and August steps forward, asking us to return, refocus, and recommit.

This is a month of movement, a season of transition. The cicadas sing their end-of-summer song, and golden light slants differently through the trees. God has designed creation to move in seasons, and we, too, are called to move toward growth, toward community, toward Him.

In worship this month, we are embracing the call to rekindle the fire. Life may have scattered our sparks, through busyness, grief, fatigue, or distraction, but the embers are still there. The Spirit is stirring. And Scripture urges us: "Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord." (Romans 12:11). What better time than now to fan the flame?

Whether we are students preparing for a new year, parents adjusting to shifting schedules, or simply believers seeking deeper purpose, this season invites us to tend what matters most.

Let's press into August with holy anticipation. Let's gather in worship, not just out of habit, but out of hunger. Let's seek the One who never changes, even as everything around us does. I'm thankful for the faithful journey we're walking together. Here's to an August full of rekindled joy, renewed strength, and the steady warmth of God's presence leading us on.

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Mindy

Aldersgate UMC

- I wish to thank those that reached out, prayed, and sent cards during my recent hospital stay. I am blessed to have you all in my life.

In Christ's Love,
Michelle Holler

- Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers from the church in honor of my 101st birthday & for the phone calls and birthday cards. I am fortunate to be a member of a loving church family.

Bill Conn



Thanks to all who helped in any way with this year's VBS- "True North: Trusting Jesus in Every Season."



Aldersgate will be collecting clothing in the month of August to donate to Community Aid. AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing. You can drop off items at the church office.

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.



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

3- Louise Campbell; Drew Bennett

4- Kristi Arbogast; Robert Page

5- Matthew Bennett

7- Roger Nearhood

9- Sharon McCahren

15- Sharon Harlan

17- Laurabelle Lowrey

18- Robert Wert

22- Sondra Woodling; Ben Petrovcic

29- Brenda Lotz

30- Barb Dysinger

31- John Abram



21- Rich & Sherry Burkholder



Chris Ernest

24 Lingle Lane

Lewistown, PA 17044

Island Grove Campmeeting

Mexico, PA @ 7:30 p.m.

8/3/25- Hymn Sing w/ Bunkertown Men's Chorus

8/4/25- Rev. Bob Graybill

8/5/25- Sam Leister

8/6/25- Mindy Petrovcic

8/7/25- Stephanie Rupert

8/8/25- Carrie Bumgardner

Trinity/Grace UMC

TRINITY:

Women's Group- At Michelle Long's cabin on August 2nd @ 9:00 A.M. Please see Becky Wilson or Michelle Long to RSVP and for details/directions.

Men's Group- Meeting August 16th @ 9:00 A.M. for breakfast at Harling's Hoagie Shop. All men from the charge invited.

Trinity Tots Preschool is looking for a teacher's assistant for the upcoming school year. The position would be September through May, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, approximately 20 hrs per week. If you or someone you know would love to serve the children of our community in this position, please contact Linda 717.436.8038 or Michelle 717.953.4887.

Clothing Give Away- Tentatively planned for September at Trinity. More details to come!

Afghans Covered In Prayer- On Sunday, July 27th, Trinity church family members gathered around a collection of beautiful hand crocheted afghans as Pastor Mindy prayed for the children who will receive them. The afghans were created by Verna Dell and her mother, Ellen Dell. They will be presented to the Juniata County Foster and Adopt Group to be given to local children placed in foster care.

Trinity/Grace UMC (cont.)

GRACE:

Breakfast- We will be meeting at Spruce Hill for breakfast on Aug. 2 at 10 a.m.

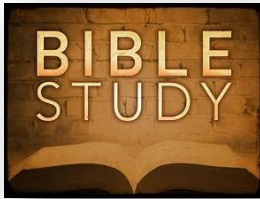
Afghan Blessing



CHARGE



New Beginning's Group will now be called "Faithful Jesus Followers." All are welcome to attend. We will meet on August 9th from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC.



Charge Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC. Everyone is welcome!



Pastor Mindy will be on vacation 8/10/25-8/16/25.



National Night out will be held at Myers Park in Mifflintown on Aug. 5 beginning at 5 p.m. We will be meeting at 4 p.m. to set up for this fun night playing games and handing out prizes & flyers.

The deadline for the September Messenger is August 26th.



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

- 3– Deb Hack (Grace)
- 5– Ryan Hutchinson
- 7– Jayne Frantz (Grace); Victoria Baer
- 12– Judith Nace
- 13– Sis Long (Grace)
- 15– Fran Gutshall (Grace)
- 18– Jack Fry
- 21– Darlene Minick
- 22– Vicki Ehrenzeller
- 23– Tessa Fry
- 26– Ronnie G. Cisney
- 30– Michelle Long



- 12– Dean & Jan Hutchinson
- 13– Luis & Morgan Caraballo
- 22– Martin Sr. & Linda Ehrenzeller
- 27– Adam & Renee Fry
- 28– Rob & Angie Snyder



May you experience a time of renewal, allowing God to strengthen and refresh your spirit as you soar on wings like eagles.



August 2025– Charge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Women's Group, 9 a.m. at Michelle Long's cabin Breakfast at Spruce Hill, 10 a.m.
3 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate Island Grove-Campmeeting, 7:30 p.m.	4 AUMC Mission Committee Meeting, 6: 30 p.m. at the church	5 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC National Night Out, 4 p.m.	6 Pastor Mindy speaking at Island Grove Campmeeting, 7:30 p.m.	7 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church	8	9 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church Charge Faithful Jesus Followers (formally New Beginnings), 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate
10 Pastor Mindy on vacation Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m	11 Pastor Mindy on vacation	12 Pastor Mindy on vacation	13 Pastor Mindy on vacation	14 Pastor Mindy on vacation	15 Pastor Mindy on vacation	16 Pastor Mindy on vacation Men's Group, 9 a.m. at Harling's Hoagies (all are invited)

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Trinity UMC– Blue

Charge Collaboration– Black



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17 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m. Charge Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate	18 AUMC Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	19 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC AUMC Nomination Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	20 AUMC Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	21 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church Trinity Nomination Meeting, 7 p.m.	22	23 No Discipleship Class
24/31 Grace, 8:45 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. Trinity, 10:45a.m. Charge Confirmation Class, 6 p.m. at Aldersgate	25 AUMC Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	26 Charge Bible Study, 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC Last day for Newsletter submission	27	28 Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. at the church	29	30 Discipleship Class, 8:30 a.m. at the church

When Pastor Mindy is out of the office,
please feel free to call the parsonage at

717-436-2237 or

717-513-7194

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