



May 2023

The Methodist Messenger

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

*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 livestreamed on
Zoom— 9 a.m.

Worship service @ AUMC &
livestreamed on Zoom — 9:55 a.m.

Office Hours

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9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

April's weather was a smorgasbord of highs and lows, rains and droughts and everything in between. It had all four seasons of weather wrapped into a single month so that many of us had at least a day of weather we especially enjoyed. That really got me thinking about how absolutely marvelous our God is. He truly does provide all that we need. Now that May is on the horizon, I can't wait to see what our Great God will do!

Philippians 4:18-20 says, "And now I have it all—and keep getting more! The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God to no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity." Paul penned this joyous thank you to beloved siblings in Christ while chained in prison. Jehovah Jireh met Paul's needs through Paul's siblings in Christ.

God will always be there when we need Him because He understands our needs better than we do, and He truly cares for us. God often chooses to use our siblings in Christ to step in and provide some of what we need. Are we willing to sacrifice some of what we have been blessed with to provide our siblings with what they need and in doing so send up a sweet aroma of sacrifice to the throne of our magnificent God? Can others joyfully say "and now I have it all-and keep getting more" because the sacrifices we continually give are more than enough to meet their needs? As siblings in Christ how sweet is our aroma that ascends to the throne?

"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)

Joyfully learning to send a sweet-smelling
sacrifice to God's throne,
Pastor Mindy



- ◆ Thank you to the Nurture Committee and Marie Watkins for the delivery of the Easter basket. Everything was useful & what I couldn't use, I ate! God Bless you!

Sonn Woodling

- ◆ We can't thank our church family enough for all the cards, prayers, & phone calls while Donnie was in the hospital & home and all the Anniversary cards for our 50th Anniversary! We love you all.

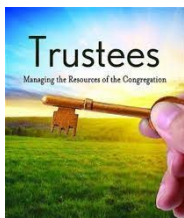
Barb & Donnie Lyter

- ◆ I received a card with a gift card given on behalf of the church welcoming me back home and wishing me a happy Easter holiday. Thank you for the generous gifts and messages you all send just to remind me that I'm always surrounded by loved ones. I really appreciate and cherish each message, and I wanted to let you know how much it means to me. Thank you Aldersgate!

Zach Marshall

- ◆ Thank you to members of the Aldersgate family for the prayers, cards, and calls about my recent surgery and recovery. These have made the process less difficult.

Rich Burkholder



The Trustee meeting will be held on May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom. Dent Hawthorne will be going over Aldersgate's Audit Review. All are encouraged to attend.



The Family Fun Fair will be held at the Port Royal Fairground on Thursday, May 4, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to setup/tear down, help make and hand out popcorn & hand out VBS flyers. Sign up sheet is located on the table in the back of the church.

The deadline for the June Messenger is May 23rd.



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

3– Brian Petrovcic

6– Sue Page

8– Tami Bell

12– Milt Page

17– Carolyn Heidenreich

21– Margaret Lowrey

24– Renee Dowling

25– Michelle Holler

26– Linda Ernest, Lisa Kipp

28– Maryalice Ritter(91!)



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

1– Butch & Sharon McCahren

20– Russ & Lori Jacques



We have decided to take a break from Chit-Chat on Thursday evenings.



We are still in need of ushers & greeters. Sign up sheets are located on the table in the back of the church.



"Fellowship & Fit"

The walking group is meeting at **Aldersgate Church**. Everyone is welcome!
Call Louise Campbell at 717-527-4692 for more information.

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.



We are purchasing a chair lift!

The Trustees are going to have a chair lift installed. The cost is \$15,000, so we're starting 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 \$2,505.00



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



2023 AUMC directory is now available.
If you have any changes, please let the church office know.

*UPDATE: **Michelle Holler's** new email address is:
thehollers109@gmail.com
Kay Neusbaum's new address is:
40 West Spanogle Ave. #204
Lewistown, PA 17044



Rose Tea

Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 1 p.m.
at the church.

There is a sign up sheet located on the back table to attend the tea and also a sign up sheet to sponsor a table.



The New Beginning's Group will meet on Saturday, May 13th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the church. Sign up sheet is located on back table.



Our next Mission Committee HUB event will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m. at Matamoras UMC church.



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.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	2 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	3 Spanish Class, 7 p.m.	4 Family Fun Fair at Port Royal Fairgrounds, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	5 Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.	6
7 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Communion	8 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	9 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team	10 Spanish Class, 7 p.m.	11 SPRC, 6:30 p.m. at the church	12 Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.	13 Mission Committee HUB, Matamoras UMC, 9 a.m. New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the church
14 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Baby Bottle Boomerang begins	15 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	16 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team	17 Spanish Class, 7 p.m. Annual Conference Pastor out of office	18	19	20
21 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Heritage Day	22 Nurturing Congregational Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	23 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team Last day for Newsletter submission	24 Spanish Class, 7 p.m.	25	26 Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.	27
28 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	29	30 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team	31 Spanish Class, 7 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		