



October 2021

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,
pavilion & livestreamed on Zoom —
10 a.m.

Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic
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9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

Secretary— Heidi Brubaker
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9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

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109 N. Third Street
Miffintown, PA 17059

Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.
Miffintown, PA 17059

From My Heart To All Of Yours

September is coming to an end much quicker than I can comprehend and now another season has begun. Where has the time gone and why does it seem to be passing quicker than ever? Even though the days are flying by and fall is here, we still have much to thank and praise our magnificent Father for! He continues calling us to Him. He hasn't given up on any of us and He is waiting with His arms open wide for us to come and live our lives fully surrendered to Him.

Hebrews 10:37 says, "For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay" and Matthew 24:22 says, "In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones". Both of these Scripture passages share why the days seem to be flying by. Jesus Christ is coming again and He is coming sooner than later. God has shortened the days because of those who love and serve Him. Had He not mercifully done so, no one would survive the tribulation. God will choose to send His Son and our King when we least expect it. Saints we need to be ready and we need to help others be ready to meet The Great I Am!

We ready ourselves by putting God first in our lives which will require us to surrender fully to His will and His ways. Only after doing this will we be truly able to love our neighbors as Jesus Christ loved us, so much so that He laid down His life in our place. Do we love our God enough to lay down our wants, wishes and desires in place of meeting all others needs? Only God can grant us the ability to love like this. Brothers and Sisters, He is the potter and we are the clay, will we allow Him to remake and remold us His way?

" 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 Serving Christ,
Pastor Mindy

Kingdom Of My Heart

By Rhonda Watkins (Submitted by Marie Watkins)

I built a castle in the sand, but a wave washed it away, Just like my sins were today.

I found a new kingdom there in my heart, One that simply can't be torn apart.

I've a fortress that's strong enough to stand, That's built up more each day with God's loving hand.

Storms may come that pound at its door, But my kingdom still stands there on the shore.

At times it starts to crumble but will never all apart For God puts strength in the kingdom of my heart.

My castle has a keeper that's there every day, With Him to keep it up it will never wash away.

He watches over my castle through the day and night, When my castle is in darkness He provides a light.

He keeps its walls strong to fight off an attack, He heals the walls when they start to crack.

The longer He dwells there, the stronger my castle will grow; He's making my castle impossible to overthrow.
He helps me fight back when the enemy tries to tear it apart; Jesus built a mighty fortress in the kingdom of my heart.



A very heartfelt "Thank you" to my amazing church family. Your expressions of kindness through the gift bag was really appreciated during this difficult time. You all go the extra mile, take the extra time...and it really makes the difference. I praise God for your spirits and hearts. Thank you for being a wonderful example of God's love.

Rylie Cooper

I would like to thank my church family for the wonderful birthday cards, Facebook wishes, and prayers that I received for my birthday. I certainly do appreciate it. You helped to make my birthday bright and joyous. I love all of you very much. Blessings.

Mary DeLancey

Help Wanted:

Aldersgate UMC is seeking to fill a part time contract custodian position. Performs all weekly inside duties, weekly & monthly outside duties, ordering supplies, and other duties as needed. Send resume to Aldersgate UMC, Attn: BD 109 N. Third St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Juniata Agape Ministries is in need of a Secretary-Treasurer. Please consider sharing your time and talent with us. It is approximately 1 hour a week and attendance at board meetings, once a quarter. It is a volunteer position. If interested, please contact Tom (320-2180) or Linda Ernest (320-3165).

Also, we are looking for board members. Again it is once a quarter at the JAM House office, for approximately 1 hour. Contact numbers above if you can share a little of your time for this ministry.



Happy birthday to those celebrating in October!!



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

3— Pat Davis

11— Ron Watkins, Annabelle Bender

13— Patti Tabb

18— Zachary Marshall

21— Brandon Bennett

22— Shirley Schlegel

31— Evelyn Capobianco



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

7— Greg & Barbara Watkins

9— Travis & Michelle Holler

11— Casey & Sherry Harper,
Sam & Deb Sheaffer

15— Harry & Jen Heikes

23— Marty & Kim Dreibelbis

25— Bill & Anabel Conn



The Mission Committee has been very busy working on a big project of packing 50,000 meals! Thank you to everyone who has donated their time of sitting in the fair booth and selling/ buying R & K subs, and donating funds that are needed. We are working very hard at reaching our \$13,500 goal. The Meals of Hope assembling meals will be Oct. 30th at the Port Royal Fairgrounds beginning at 9 a.m.

The deadline for the November Messenger is October 25th.

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 is looking for decorative gift (coat) boxes that don't need wrapped for our Christmas Angel project. You may drop them off at the church office.

If you have any changes or updates in your address or telephone number, please let the church office know by emailing or calling.



K & C Fuel (Hilltop Oil Co.) is offering AUMC's parishioners an opportunity to help give back to AUMC. Just give them a call (717-436-2647) and set up an account with them (if you don't already have one). Let them know you attend AUMC, and order a minimum of 125 gallons of fuel oil. For every gallon you order, \$.04 will go back to the church. The ordering period is from October 1 and runs until the end of April 2022.

We are in need of Sunday School teachers. Please see Pastor Mindy if you're interested in helping.



Team AUMC




"The Aldersgate Prayer Team" will be meeting every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a time for prayer for the church, committees and congregation.

Our walking group has been pounding the pavement. We meet at AUMC everyday Monday – Friday at **4:15 p.m.** to stroll around Mifflintown. This isn't a couch to 5k group, just a get up and move family.

Everyone is welcome! Since this is weather permitting, call Louise Campbell at 717-527-4692 if you are unsure whether we are strolling.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>When Pastor Mindy is out of the office, please feel free to call the parsonage at 717-436-2237 or 717-513-7194</p> <p>For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194 or Mary DeLancey at 717-250-1523</p>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC, Zoom & pavilion, 10 a.m.</p> <p>*Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Work Day at Parsonage, 7:30 a.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC, Zoom & pavilion, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Charge conference, 6 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>Nurture Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m., at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC, Zoom & pavilion, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth group meeting, 6 p.m. at AUMC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m., at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC, Zoom & pavilion, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Newsletter contributions due</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m., at AUMC weather permitting</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather Permitting</p> <p>Set up for Meals of Hope, 5 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Daily stroll, 4:15 p.m. at AUMC weather permitting</p>	<p>30</p> <p></p> <p>Port Royal Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Worship service at AUMC, Zoom & pavilion, 10 a.m.</p>						