



December 2020

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

Worship service held at
Aldersgate UMC and also
livestreamed on Zoom— 10 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



As November winds to a close and December begins, the season of winter will be upon us. For some, winter is one of the darkest times of the year. Many people feel hopeless, lost and alone. Yet in the dead of winter, God gave us a celebration of hope and light! "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful- for He is truly wonderful, Counselor,- He guides us when we are in the dark and don't know what to do, Mighty God- He is the mighty One who speaks "peace be still" to the storms of life, Everlasting Father- He is the God who always stays and will never leave us, and He is the Prince of Peace." This is the hope we have found and this is the hope that we need to share, until the whole world hears!

Merry Christmas and may our Magnificent Lord bless you and keep you, shine His face upon you, and be gracious to you: may He turn His face toward you and give you peace,

Pastor Mindy

Joy To The World, The
Lord Is Come





Advent Daily Scriptures

Nov. 30— Isaiah 40:21-31
 Dec. 1— John 14:1-14
 Dec. 2— Rev. 21:10-14, 21
 Dec. 3— Isaiah 6:1-8
 Dec. 4— Isaiah 53:5-10
 Dec. 5— Hebrews 11:1-3, 39-40
 Dec. 6— Micah 5:2, Isaiah 61:1-2
 Dec. 7— Matthew 2:1-12
 Dec. 8— Luke 2:4
 Dec. 9— Isaiah 53:1-5
 Dec. 10— John 4:21-26
 Dec. 11— Luke 4:14-21
 Dec. 12— Luke 23:32-34a
 Dec. 13— Luke 2:8-11
 Dec. 14— Luke 2:10-11
 Dec. 15— Luke 1:5-25
 Dec. 16— Luke 1:26-38
 Dec. 17— Luke 1:39-45
 Dec. 18— Luke 1:46-56
 Dec. 19— 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
 Dec. 20— Matthew 1:23
 Dec. 21— Isaiah 7:1-9
 Dec. 22— Isaiah 8:7-10
 Dec. 23— Matthew 1:18-24
 Dec. 24— Luke 2:14 (1-20)
 Dec. 25— Matthew 2:13-18
 Dec. 26— Matthew 2:19-23
 Dec. 27— Luke 12:22-34
 Dec. 28— Jeremiah 29:11-14
 Dec. 29— Romans 5:1-5
 Dec. 30— Romans 5:6-11
 Dec. 31— Romans 15:1-6
 Jan. 1— Romans 15:7-13
 Jan. 2— Isaiah 43:19

Advent Bible Study

Join Pastor Mindy for an Advent Bible study, *Sent*, on Zoom every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. starting December 3rd. Please let the church office know if you'd like a book.

Happy birthday to those celebrating in December!!



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

2— Kristina Dressler

7— Betty Stimely

10— Audi Whitsel

15— Evelyn Switzer (106!!)

19— Emelia Capobianco

21— Pat Evans

22— Shirley A. Zeiders

24— Clara Whistler

28— Jim Whistler

29— Bob Davis



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

24— Jim & Clara Whistler

30— Den & Darlene DeLancey



* If you have any changes or updates in your address or telephone number, please call the church office.

- ◆ Kylee Whistler
317 Kelker St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102



- ◆ Kay Neusbaum's updated
telephone number is 717-994-4269



ZOOM INFORMATION- UPDATE

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website aumcmifflintown.org/worship and click on the underlined Zoom meeting link. 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.

Twilight Wish

Aldersgate UMC will be collecting donations for local residents in need. Donations include toilet paper, paper towels, pocket sized Kleenex, dish soap, laundry detergent, and slipper socks with the grippers on the bottom. Monetary donation deadline is 12/4 & item donation deadline is 12/14.

The deadline for the January Messenger is December 21st.

Electronic giving

Regular offering contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our secure electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our church. Electronic giving, or E-giving, has many benefits.

Authorization forms are available from the church office as well as on the back table. Please return completed forms to the church office or give them directly to Finance Chair Amy Marshall or Pastor Mindy.

- ◆ If you are not already signed up for e-giving, please remember to mail your offering to the church.



Holiday Meal Donations

(These are foods that are hard for us to get)

TURKEY, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS), canned sweet potatoes, and fruit cocktail

OR, A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

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Phone # 717-436-9718


Hours: Tues. 9-12 & 1-5, Sat. 9-12

Our vestibule is open to receive donations of non-perishable foods and supplies at any time! Please deliver perishable items when we are open. Donations of cash, checks or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot.



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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 717-527-2520.</p>		1	2 Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30) ♦ SPRC meeting at church and Zoom, 8 p.m.	3 Advent Bible study, <i>Sent</i> , 6:30 on Zoom	4 Money due for twilight wish donations	5
6 Worship service livestreamed on Zoom, 10 a.m. ♦ 2nd Sunday of Advent Unwrapped gifts are due for Angel gifts	7	8 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9 Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)	10 Advent Bible study, <i>Sent</i> , 6:30 on Zoom	11	12
13 Worship service livestreamed on Zoom, 10 a.m. ♦ 3rd Sunday of Advent Wrapped gifts are due for Angel gifts	14 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Deadline to drop donations off for twilight wish	15	16 Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)	17 Advent Bible study, <i>Sent</i> , 6:30 on Zoom	18	19
20 Worship service livestreamed on Zoom, 10 a.m. ♦ 4th Sunday of Advent	21 Deadline for Jan. newsletter Longest Night Service, 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)	24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m on Zoom	25 	26
27 Worship service livestreamed on Zoom, 10 a.m.	28	29	30 Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)	31		