



June 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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*Congratulations to all the
graduates!
The Lord will guide you always.
Isaiah 58:11*

From My Heart To All Of Yours

May is slipping out of view and leaves behind a time that actually felt and looked like the “Springs” of old and June will emerge with summer just begun with all its beauty and hopefully will usher in a time of growth, fun and rest. As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with the joy of time spent with family around the campfire and summers filled with deep sadness and pain as the lawn chairs that once held loved ones now sit bare because they’ve either moved away or reside in their forever homes. The common thread though is that every summer is unique and has its own tale to tell.

Summer is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. It’s also a time to relax, have fun, celebrate, and spend time being thankful for the blessings that God provides us each and every day. Summer is a season known for growing and bearing good fruit. Our spiritual fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also grow and ripen so they become a beautiful part of us.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven", so embrace this summer and all of its goodness and yes, even its pain. Start each day with a prayer of gratitude to our Father no matter our circumstances, and then go and enjoy the sunshine! Go to the beach, savor an ice cream cone, run through a sprinkler, and tend to your garden. Do whatever brings you summer joy knowing that this summer will also have its own story to tell. Tend your spiritual garden this summer so that you're ripening into the likeness of Jesus the Christ.

"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)

Spending the summer tending the garden of my spirit,
Pastor Mindy



a big
**thank
you**



- ♦ Thank you for thinking of me. You helped take my mind off my situation. Thank you for the nice cards, but more, thank you for thinking of me.

John Ruczak

- ♦ Norma & I want to thank you for the kindness, prayers, baskets, cards and the baskets of flowers sent to both of us. Norma may not remember every little thing, but she smiles and it brightens her day when she hears the name "Aldersgate." The church even yet is a big part of Norma's life. She remembers teaching and being a part of the life of the church. We love you all and we know it is the people that make up the church. We became members of Aldersgate in 1963. Thanks to Bob & Marie Watkins for introducing us to the church.

In Christian Love,
Jim & Norma Abram



Dear Lord,

You have called us to be together, to gather as your people and to be formed as your disciples. I need so much to meet you in the gatherings and to experience you in the presence of others. Please teach me how to be a brother or a sister who opens myself to others and to the world. I ask this in the name of our risen and ever-present Lord Jesus. Amen.

Commissioner Phil Needham, The Salvation Army



RECIPES WANTED

AUMC would like to include recipes in the future newsletters. You can submit your favorite recipe to the church office.



The deadline for the July Messenger is June 20th.



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

2– Karen Evans

4– Leslie Kauffman, Kacie Wood

5– Carolyn Lyter

7– Russ Marshall

9– Cynthia Miller, Russ Jacques, Sophia Beiler

11– Brody Noerr

12– Bill Conn (99)

15– Marie Watkins (91)

18– Dan Lyter

21– Wayne Chrismer

22– Craig Baillie III

23– Levi Harper

28– Lawrence Beale



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

13– Jim & Norma Abram

25– Wayne & Nancy Chrismer;
Dan & Carolyn Lyter

26– Pastor Mindy & Brian Petrovcic



"Fellowship & Fit"

The walking group is meeting at **Aldersgate Church**. Everyone is welcome!

Call Louise Campbell at 717-527-4692 for more information.



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 \$2,785.00.

Children Are . . .

Amazing, cherish them.	Noble, esteem them.
Believable, trust them.	Open-minded, hear them.
Childlike, let them.	Precious, treasure them.
Divine, respect them.	Questioners, encourage them.
Energetic, nourish them.	Resourceful, support them.
Fallible, embrace them.	Spontaneous, enjoy them.
Gifts, unwrap them.	Talented, believe in them.
Here Now, be with them.	Unique, affirm them.
Innocent, delight in them.	Vulnerable, protect them.
Joyful, appreciate them.	Whole, recognize them.
Kindhearted, join them.	Xtra Special, celebrate them.
Loveable, love them.	Yearning, notice them.

We need volunteers to teach and also helpers for children's church. If interested, please sign up on the back table, or let Ashley Bennett or the church office know.



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.



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



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




The New Beginning's Group will meet on Saturday, June 10 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
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				1 Pastor on vacation	2 Pastor on vacation	3 Pastor on vacation
4 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Communion Pastor on vacation	5 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	6 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10 New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. at the church
11 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	12 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	13 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team	14	15	16	17 Rose Tea, 1 p.m. at the church 
18 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Baby Bottle Boomerang ends FATHER'S DAY	19 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	20 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team Last day for Newsletter submission	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	26 Nurturing Congregational Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	27 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon, followed by Aldersgate Prayer Team	28	29 Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	30	