June 2022

The Methodist Messenger

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!
Energizing Alders gate 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.

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

As May ends and June begins may we continue to carry the Risen Savior with us as we live into our calling to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28: 19-20) In Matthew's story of Jesus, these are His parting words to His eleven remaining disciples. We have come to understand these parting words of Jesus as, "The Great Commission". And what a "Great Commission" it is!

Jesus' command is to make "disciples" and it wasn't a command left just for those 11 gathered there that day. It's a command passed down from one generation of followers of Jesus to the next and now we are the generation that has been sent forth to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"!

A disciple is someone who becomes like his or her master by living in a servant relationship to him. In order to go and make disciples we must each choose to continue to be discipled ourselves. Discipleship is only possible when we love God more than anything or anyone and when we love others as we love ourselves. If we are to make disciples like Jesus, we must possess love in all of our actions and in all of our relationships.

We must continue to grow in our relationship with God and each other so that we can learn to love as Jesus loves. Loving like Jesus will help the nations recognize who we are, sinners saved by grace; and whose we are, children of the King! May we all continually choose to be discipled ourselves so that others are transformed and there are generations of followers of Jesus after us to pass on what they have been commanded.

"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 my Jesus,
Pastor Mindy

Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Submitted by Brenda Lotz

Jesus called us to the difficult yet immensely rewarding work of following him and acting on his behalf in our world today. He warned us that the tasks we would be given would not always lead to a comfortable life, nor that disciples would be free from suffering. The work can be exhausting, as evidenced by Paul's encouragement to the churches of Galatia to "not get tired of doing good."

There are many saints who are tired of doing the work of ministry. They are worn down. There are others who have yet to participate as fully as they could or to help share the burden. You may fall into either category. If you are worn down, be encouraged, and invite others to participate. If you sense you have not yet engaged as fully as you should, go to your pastor and ask, "How can I serve?" Press on. Do the work. Celebrate the good. Be encouraged. Finally, don't quit. A harvest is on the horizon.

- Thank you to everyone who made it possible for the "Aldersgate New Beginning Group." The fellowship, the crafts, and a very delicious lunch was enjoyed by all who attended. If you have any spare time come and join us in July. Again thank you.

  Maryalice Ritter

- Thank you for all the cards, prayers and moral support you have sent. And a special thanks to Pastor Mindy for her visit. I also want to thank everyone for their cards, messages, and most of all, prayers.

  Rolf & Brenda Lotz

Aldersgate Newsroom Gal– Sharon McCahren

Please forward any upcoming missional opportunities, events, happenings or other news to Sharon for her weekly newspaper column. Sharon McCahren- 717-348-5840 or sharonmcc@embarqmail.com.

June 11th
8 a.m.— noon

AUMC will be starting a drama club. If you're interested, please sign up in the back of the church or call the church office.

Baby Bottle Boomerang bottles will be due on Father's Day. Proceeds will go to Crossroads Pregnancy Center.

The deadline for the July Messenger is June 21st.

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
11– Brody Noerr
12– Bill Conn (98)
15– Marie Watkins (90)
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– Brian & Mindy Petrovcic

The church has an Amazon Smile account that if the congregation uses smile.amazon.com as their shopping and then selects Alders gate as the beneficiary we will get a portion of the sales and the price to the buyer DOES NOT change!

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1472495

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.

"Fellowship & Fit"

The walking group is meeting at **7 a.m.** at the **Canal House**. Everyone is welcome! The group has walked 448.41 miles so far. Since this is weather permitting, call Louise Campbell at 717-527-4692 if you are unsure whether we are strolling.

VBS Help Needed! We will be holding Vacation Bible School again this year from 7/10 to 7/14. We are looking for helpers to be crew leaders, kitchen support, Bible story, recreation, photographer, Imagination Station, Opening/Closing Leader, technology help and floaters for extra set of hands. We will again be at Mifflintown Playground. Times will be from 6:30 to 8 pm. If you are interested, please either call or email Michelle Holler, mclyter@embarqmail.com or 717-436-0253. Any questions, please call Michelle.

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

Pastor Mindy will be on vacation from May 30– June 12.

Holler's 2022 project

BETHESDA MISSION

The Holler's picked Bethesda Mission (Men's shelter in honor of Father's Day) as their project for June. If you'd like more information, please see Michelle or Travis.

New Beginnings

This is a group of senior saints that gather for a time of fun, fellowship & FOOD! The next meeting is July 9 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at AUMC.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Aldersgate's chit-chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge	2 Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge	3 Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge	4 Mission Committee packing hygiene kits
5 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church Ecumenical Prayers for Ukraine service, 5 p.m.	6 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	7 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 Aldersgate's chit-chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom	9 Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary	10	11 Cleaning Day, 8 a.m.—noon
12 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.	13 Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom	14 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.	15 Aldersgate's chit-chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom	16 Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary	17	18
19 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. **Baby bottles due** 	20	21 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m. **Last day for newsletter submissions**	22 Aldersgate's chit-chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom	23 Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary	24	25
26 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Trinity UMC Mifflin Listening Session for Laity & Clergy, 6:30 p.m.	27 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom	28 Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.	29 Aldersgate's chit-chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom	30 Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary	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	