



January 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.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

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9 a.m.-4p.m., Tue., Wed.
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

December is almost over and will soon be forgotten as January ushers in visions of a New Year full of endless possibilities. Many ad campaigns will be focused on pushing the idea of a New Year and a New You. Many of us will make resolutions like the Top 10 New Year's resolutions made in 2022. Resolutions to lose weight, eat healthier or change our diet, get fitter and try to exercise more, spend more time with family and friends, be more aware and take care of our mental health, sort out our finances and cut back on spending, travel more, take up a new hobby, sport or other interest, and go someplace we want to see. All of these are very good resolutions but for me there is something very important missing from 2022's Top 10 Resolution List. Growing closer to God and living like Jesus Christ should be a part of any Christians plans for a New Year and a New You! Our focus should be on becoming more Christ-like.

In 2 Corinthians 3:18 the Apostle Paul says, "But we all with a face having been unveiled, while reflecting the glory of the Lord as a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just-as from the Lord, the Spirit. (DLNT) As we begin this New Year may we remember that part of being a new you is keeping watch over what we are reflecting as we mirror the image of Jesus Christ. If our reflections are dimmed or blurry it may be because we aren't fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ and if our mirrors are dirty and fail to shine it may be because they are smeared with reflections of who we used to be. May we take the time this New Year to dust off and polish our mirrors by spending more time with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that we shine out the forgiveness, mercy and grace that has been reflected on us so that others actually see Jesus living in you and in me! My prayer for us all is that we shine so brightly with the reflection of Jesus Christ, that the whole world will see!

"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)

Still learning to shine brightly for the Master,
Pastor Mindy



NEWS

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.



- * Thank you very much for all the good food and pretty basket. I love you.
Floe Hackenberger
- * Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, Thanksgiving “goodie” bag delivered by Pastor Mindy and especially the lovely card made by Kash. During the past year I have been in hospitals, rehabs, and nursing home. Now I am able to live in Brookline Assisted Living. I am truly blessed to have come so far. Wishing all of my wonderful AUMC family a very blessed holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.
In Christian Love,
Shirley Schlegel
- * I would like to thank my church family for the beautiful Thanksgiving basket of goodies. I also want to thank the youth group for the lovely cards.
Annabelle Bender
- * Thank you for the lovely basket at Thanksgiving time. The cakes, cookies, candy, and the fruit were delicious! Thank you for all the prayers, cards and concerns directed to my wife Norma. She appreciated them so much. Merry and a blessed Christmas to all.
Jim & Norma Abram
- * Thanks to the children for their Thanksgiving card & thanks to the church family for the Weis gift card. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, generosity & your Christian love.
Milt & Sue
- * Thank you to our church family for Stephen's birthday cards he received!!!
Stephen & Courtney Beiler

The deadline for the February Messenger is January 24th.



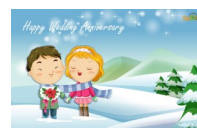
May God bless you on your special day and in the years to come.

19– Angie Whistler

24– Sally Bomgardner

27– Blossom Ranck

30– Jennifer Heikes



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

23– John & Denise Abram



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 100 gallons of fuel oil. For every gallon you order, \$.04 will go back to the church. The ordering period runs until the end of April 2023.



View of 47 bags of gifts packaged for our neighboring children.

Picked up by parents on Friday and Saturday.

An expression of love for those who have less than us and who are different from us.





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>



The walking group is meeting at **10 a.m.** at **Aldersgate Church**. Everyone is welcome! Since this is weather permitting, call Louise Campbell at 717-527-4692 if you are unsure whether we are strolling.



Conversational Spanish Classes are offered every Tuesday at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. at AUMC.



Aldersgate Chit Chat will be offered on Zoom on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. starting this month. Join in and keep in touch with your friends from Aldersgate!



We are in need of Ushers & Greeters for Sunday Worship. Sign up sheets are located on the back table. We are also looking for a coordinator for both of these positions. Please call or email the office if interested.

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.



*Address or Phone
Number Change?*

A church directory is placed on the back table to update any address or phone number. Also, if you are not added to our birthday or anniversary list and wish to be, please call or email the church office.

New Beginnings




The New Beginnings Group will be meeting January 14, 2023 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come out and enjoy food and fellowship!



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.



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m. Communion</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>No Bible study/ Prayer time</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Spanish Class, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No Bible study/ Prayer time</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Spanish Class, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>New Beginnings Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p> <p>Spanish Class, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 1:30 p.m. Last day for Newsletter submission</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p> <p>Spanish Class, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Aldersgate Chit-Chat, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Confirmation Class, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 1:30 p.m.</p>			<p>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</p>	