



May 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.

### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic  
mpetrovic@susumc.org  
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

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

### Contact Us

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Find us on Facebook!

### AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

### Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As April ends and May begins may we carry the Risen Savior with us everywhere we go! Spring rains will be falling and the temperatures will be rising and both will help pave the way for glorious spring beauty! As creation awakens may the beauty that surrounds us remind us that "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it", Psalm 118:24. Every morning when we rise we should recognize that each day is a rich and precious gift from God, full of new grace and new opportunities.

Jesus says that we have only this one day to focus our attention and effort on. He asks us not to be anxious for tomorrow. Tomorrow will come at its appointed time and it too will be a completely new day.

God's Holy Word says, "Let us be glad and rejoice over each day". It is the Lord who has made our day and planned it for us. He is faithful and takes care that today we will not be tempted and tried beyond our ability to bear. He will make the temptation and the way of escape so that we can bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13) We also know that today all things will work together for our good, and His glory. (Romans 8:28) Today good works are being prepared for us, and we will have abundant grace and strength to walk in those good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

We must learn to number our days and live as if each day were our last. Today could be the only day, the last day we have, to show all the goodness and love we have to each other. Today we are to glorify Jesus' name in everything we say and do and let the sun of our love shine over the evil and the good alike.

It is today that we shall endure, suffer, and bear everything with joy, fully believing that God is in control. Today we shall be bold and not lose courage, but rather look to the things that are not seen, because then our tribulations will be light and temporary and will work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Brothers and sisters let rejoice all of our days!

"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)

Rejoicing with you all,  
Pastor Mindy

## Planting Your Spring Garden— For The Garden of Your Daily Living— submitted by Mary Scharf

Plant Three Rows of Peas	Plant Four Rows of Squash	Plant Four Rows of Lettuce	No Garden is Complete Without Turnips	To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme
1. Peace of Mind	1. Squash Gossip	1. Lettuce Be Faithful	1. Turnip For Meetings	1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Peace of Heart	2. Squash Indifference	2. Lettuce Be Kind	2. Turnip For Service	2. Thyme For Family
3. Peace of Soul	3. Squash Grumbling	3. Lettuce Be Patient	3. Turnip To Help One Another	3. Thyme For Friends
	4. Squash Selfishness	4. Lettuce Really Love One Another		

Water freely with patience & cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



- ◆ We would like to thank our congregation for the get well cards, prayers & continuing prayers for Jim during his hospitalizations & healing. And I would also like to thank everyone for my cards and best wishes for my birthday. All were very much appreciated! It is so heart-warming to belong to a church like ours that is so loving and caring. May God Bless.

Love, Jim & Kathy Hockenberry

- ◆ Thank you so much for my Easter cross, precious bookmark (I am always looking for one) & the 3 teas & darling container to carry them in. God bless all of you with a Happy Easter. Thanks again & God bless!

Loving you, Jean Goss

- ◆ Thank you church family for your expression of love and support in the way of the Weis gift card. I appreciate it so very much.

In Christian Love, Linda Ernest

- ◆ Thank you for all of your prayers & kindness. Happy Easter to all.

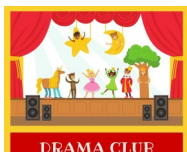
Jim & Norma Abram

- ◆ To my church family, thank you for the gift cards given to me as my time as your treasurer has come to an end. Over the last five years serving as treasurer, I have learned so much and enjoyed working with each committee within the church. While the gift cards were not necessary, I know they certainly will be put to good use. You all are kind, generous and caring people that I am so glad to know.

Thank you again! Michelle Holler

- ◆ Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent me cards when I had my back surgery and during my recovery. It's nice to know I'm thought of even while I'm away at school.

Caleb Dowling



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 will be starting on Mother's Day and bottles with your change will be due on Father's Day. Proceeds will go to Crossroads Pregnancy Center.

The deadline for the June Messenger is May 24th.



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

3– Brian Petrovcic

6– Sue Page

8– Tammy Bell

12– Milt Page

17– Carolyn Heidenreich

21– Margaret Lowrey

24– Renee Dowling

25– Michelle Holler

26– Linda Ernest, Lisa Kipp

28– MaryAlice Ritter (90)



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

1– Butch & Sharon McCahren

20– Russ & Lori Jacques





The church has an Amazon Smile account that if the congregation uses [smile.amazon.com](https://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>



### "Fellowship & Fit"

The walking group has started back up. We are meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. Everyone is welcome! 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, [mclyster@embarqmail.com](mailto:mclyster@embarqmail.com) or 717-436-0253. One other date to note is 5/7. We will be holding a planning meeting at the church from 9 am to 12 pm. (Please come for the time you are available during those hours.) Any questions, please call Michelle.



## ZOOM INFORMATION-

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website [aumcmifflintown.org/zoom](http://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](mailto:aumcmifflintown@gmail.com).



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

### Holler's 2022 project



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

### Children's Church Shoppers



We are in need of shoppers for Children's Church supplies for weekly lessons. If interested, please call the church office.

### *New Beginnings*



This is a group of senior saints that gather for a time of fun, fellowship & FOOD! First meeting is May 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at AUMC.



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service w/ communion at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel &amp; Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.  Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. In the chapel</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>VBS Meeting, 9 a.m. at AUMC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.  </p>	<p>9</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel &amp; Zoom</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>New Beginnings Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at AUMC</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel &amp; Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel &amp; Zoom</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.  <b>Last day for newsletter submissions</b></p>	<p>25</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-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</p> <p>For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>	