



February 2022

The Methodist Messenger

Alders gate 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 — 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 January exited with cold temperatures and February roars in, may we be encouraged by the longer days and in knowing that Spring will soon be here! Christmas has long since past and as we struggle with the cold temperatures and winter weather, it may be hard to hold on to love, hope, peace and joy. Sometimes I wonder if that's why Valentine's Day falls right in the middle of winter.

Valentine's Day isn't a Christian holiday in particular but we can take the month of February to love God and love our neighbors because the very essence of the church is love. This month we can reflect on whether we are loving all others as God asks us too. The best way to celebrate is to selflessly give of ourselves and love others through our time, gifts and graces. A fitting Scripture passage to focus on this month is John 3:16, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." (NLT)

We must love all others so that they have the opportunity to see Jesus shining through us. We must love them so that they too know that God so loved the world, the whole world, so much that He gave us all His Son as a ransom in our place. The whole world needs to hear this! Brothers and Sisters share the love of Jesus wherever you go. Send cards, notes and emails, make phone calls and coffee dates, drop of little Agape gifts of love to the "least of these" among you.

"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 Christ,
Pastor Mindy

I Know Something Good About You— Unknown Author- submitted by Marie Watkins

Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say—
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance..
"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too!
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you?



- ♦ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes. They were much appreciated.

Pat Evans

- ♦ We appreciate all the prayers in Norma's case. She has good days and then some bad days. She remembers all the people and especially the ones that send her cards. She loves the Lord! Thank you so very much.

Jim Abram

- ♦ The Youth Group wishes to thank the congregation in the support of our sock collection. The socks were delivered to Bethesda Mission on 12/29. The total number of socks collected was 290 pairs! We are very grateful for the congregation's support of our mission project.

AUMC Youth Group

- ♦ I wish to thank my church family for my Christmas gift! This church is always so kind and generous to all. I feel very blessed to call you all my family.

Michelle Holler

The deadline for the March Messenger is February 22nd.



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

8— Rich Burkholder

12— Barb Lyter

17— Keith Whistler

18— Denise Abram

22— Bryson Royer

23— Paul Kristula

24— Casey Harper

26— Shirley L. Zeiders, Harold Kauffman



Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast

First meeting will be starting March 5, 2022 at 7 a.m at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th Street.

Cost is \$5.00 per person/ breakfast.

Speakers

March 5— Mr. Ken Kitzmiller (retired Pastor)

March 12— Rev. Jeff Henry (Lighthouse Community Church)

March 19— LeRoy Yoder (Shade Mt. Fellowship)

March 26— Rev. Nicholas Smith (Stony Run Mission)

April 2— Garrick Paden (Youth Pastor Cedar Grove BIC)

April 9— Sam Leister (Messiah Lutheran Church)

April 16— Rev. Don Walters (Thompsons town Methodist Church)



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

14— Jerry & Blossom Ranck





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>



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 125 gallons of fuel oil. For every gallon you order, \$.04 will go back to the church. The ordering period is from October 1 and runs until the end of April 2022.

Aldersgate Prayer Team will now be meeting on **Thursdays** at 6:30 in the sanctuary.



FAITH
matters

The Faith Matters Class will begin meeting on Sunday, February 6th at 9am in the church basement.

We will be following our regular format of using a book for the outline and then having great discussion of the subject matter. The title of our book for this round is Christianity, Cults and Other Religions. We look forward to studying the ways in which our beliefs differ from other religious teachings and why it is important to hold fast to Christian beliefs. This material is suitable for teenagers and adults alike. What a benefit it would be for our young people to find strength in what we're taught as Christians, for the world certainly offers them many options!

If you are interested in joining us on Zoom, please contact the church office so we can add you to the list and make arrangements to include you in our first class.

Hope to see you on the 6th!

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:

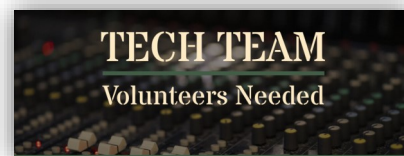
Call the church ahead of time at 717-436-6750 or email aumcmifflintown@gmail.com.



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



AUMC is partnering with Community Aid. If you have clothing to donate, just can drop them off at Community Aid and provide our partner #30108. AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing donated.



We are in need of some help with technology when Pastor Mindy is participating in a funeral at Aldersgate UMC. Please see Pastor Mindy or the church office if you are willing to serve in this area.





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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</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in chapel & zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m. *Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 in chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>					