



March 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 February slips by, March begins the season of Lent. We are all invited to join Jesus on the journey to the cross. Jesus says to us all, "Pick up your cross and follow me," because we too are His disciples. The Scripture passage quoting Jesus' call to us is found in Matthew 16:24-25 and reads, Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

So how do we pick up our crosses and follow Jesus and what will we be doing on this journey? The cross that Jesus asks each of us to pick up is a cross of love, discipleship, faithfulness, devotion, repentance and renewal. Picking up our crosses will require each of us to reflect on our relationship with the Lord and this is so important that we have been given the whole season of Lent, six and a half weeks, to take this deliberate journey of self reflection and examination.

We are journeying toward a deeper relationship with the One who gave His life as a ransom for us. Many of us will be abstaining from certain foods and activities as a way to remind us of the journey that we're on. As we spend time examining our lives during this Lenten journey we will be praying and asking God to help us see our sinfulness, our brokenness, and our need for a Savior. Here are a few spiritual disciplines we might consider practicing as we journey toward the cross: meditation, prayer, fasting, simplicity, fellowship, journaling, chastity and stewardship.

This journey will be long and hard because seeing ourselves as we truly are is always difficult. Just remember that we are not on this journey alone and all the hard work we do on the way will draw us into a deeper relationship with the God who loves us so much that, "He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." May our journey lead us to the foot of the cross where Jesus is waiting with arms open wide to receive us just as we are!

"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)

Journeying closer to Christ,
Pastor Mindy

These are some sayings that were actually printed in church bulletins!



- ♦ Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- ♦ Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- ♦ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.





- ◆ 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 the prayers, concerns & condolences for the deaths of my two sisters.

Clara Whistler

- ◆ Thank you so much for all the presents. I can use all of them. Hope I can one day join you in church. You are so kind.

Your friend, Floe Hackenberger

- ◆ Thank you for all the goodies delivered by Jen Heikes. All the items are what we usually run out of. They are most wonderful! Some Sunday I'd like to come visit your church and get to know you. God bless all of you.

Jean Goss

- ◆ On behalf of our family, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of your expressions of love and support to us before and following Tom's passing. Grief is something we all at some time have to go through and how to live with. All of your prayers, calls, cards, food and gifts have helped ease our pain in allowing us to feel your love surrounding us. It's a blessing to be part of the Aldersgate Church family. God bless you.

Linda, Bunne, Tom, and Chris

- ◆ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes. They were much appreciated. God bless you all.

Barb Lyter



Secretary/Treasurer for the JAM House

We are still very much in need of a secretary/treasurer for the JAM House. It is approximately one hour a week, and attendance at the JAM meetings, once a quarter. Please consider serving in this way. If interested, please contact Linda Ernest

The deadline for the April Messenger is March 22nd.



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

1- Dawson Harper
3- Nancy Zimmerman
9- Rachel Whistler
11- Mary Scharf
12- Travis Holler
13- Sherry Harper
14- Pastor Mindy (50!!!)
18- Don Whitsel, Ashley Bennett
21- Chris Ernest
26- Sherry Burkholder
30- Bailee Lyter & Kash Lyter



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

20- Pat & Karen Evans
27- Greg & Shirley Zeiders





The church has an Amazon Smile account that if the congregation uses smile.amazon.com as their shopping and then selects Aldersgate 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.



Equipping God's People Lay Servant Class



Modules 1-4 on March 26th & April 30th from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC and on Zoom

*Cost is \$15 per individual

*Bring a bagged lunch

*You need to order and read 3 books for this class

Please call the church office for more information. Deadline to register is March 15th.



The Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 2, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the church and on Zoom.

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.

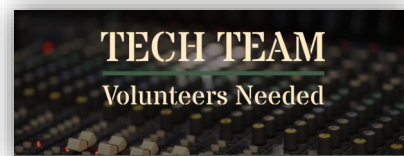


Pastor Mindy's Sabbath Day of rest is on Mondays. She will still be available if there's an emergency.

Holler's 2022 project-



The Holler's picked Soles for Souls as their project for March. Our shoes can become a blessing to those that don't have. Let's see how many we can collect! You can drop your shoes at AUMC at the office or in the vestibule.



We are in need of some help with technology when Pastor Mindy is participating in a funeral, ect. 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 & Land Development Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in chapel & zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p></p> <p>Service at 7 p.m. in the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	4	5
<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>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>	11	12
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m.</p> <p></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</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></p>	18	19
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 10 a.m.</p> <p></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>Last day for newsletter submissions</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>	25	26
<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>	<p>29</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>		

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