

April 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 — 9:55 a.m.

Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovcic
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9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tue-Thurs.

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9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday

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109 N. Third Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.
Mifflintown, PA 17059



From My Heart To All Of Yours

March is closing with the promise that Spring is here and the cold, dark nights of winter are behind us once again. April will give us an opportunity to continue our journey to the cross where we will remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf and after a time of mourning we will celebrate the risen Savior!

Spring is a time when all things are awakening from their slumber and soaking up what they need to blossom and grow. I love most of the spring season with one exception, mud! As the winter snow and ice melt and the rain of spring falls there is an abundance of mud and muck. This abundance of mud and muck, yard preparation and spring cleaning reminds me of our Lenten journey. Right now many of us are fasting, denying ourselves of worldly pleasures and praying for God to clean us from the inside out. Many of us may even have tried a new spiritual discipline or taken on something we've never done before as part of our cleanse. We have faith that as we do this challenging and necessary "spring" clean, we will have grown to look more like our Savior. We too will blossom and grow like creation all around us is.

Psalm 25:4-5 says, "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." On our Lenten journeys, as we seek God's ways and follow Christ's path we will be met by the God who loves us and sacrificed everything to save us from him who seeks only to destroy us. Brothers and sisters, chins up and press on for the season of rejoicing is on the horizon! We serve a risen Savior and He's represented in the world today in each and every one of 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)

Journeying closer to Christ,
Pastor Mindy



April 10— Palm Sunday at AUMC & Zoom

April 14— Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion & foot washing, 7 p.m. at AUMC & Zoom

April 15— Good Friday service, 7 p.m. at AUMC & Zoom

April 17— Easter sunrise service held at the pavilion & on Zoom, 6:30 a.m. followed by bring a dish breakfast/ fellowship. Easter service with Holy Communion held at AUMC & Zoom at 9:55 a.m.



- ◆ Thank you so much for the goody bag that was on my door. It was very nice of you.

Kay Benner (Tuscarora Acres)

- ◆ Thank you to my church family for my gift bag. I really appreciated all the gifts. A special thank you to Nancy for bringing it. May god bless all of you.

Annabelle Bender

- ◆ We want to thank all of you kind loving people for all the food, and beautiful Valentine cookies. They were delicious and the pasta & oatmeal were very good also. The red rose made my day. I had it in the living room window. Thank you to Marie for bringing it to our home. God bless all you beautiful people.

Harold & Sue Kauffman

- ◆ We would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and wishes in January & February. Also, thank you for the sympathy cards and prayers after my fathers passing.

Angie & Keith Whistler

- ◆ I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and wishes.

Rachel Whistler

- ◆ Thank you all for the prayers, cards and condolences for the passing of Lloyd.

Clara Whistler

- ◆ A heartfelt thank you to the entire AUMC family for my 50th birthday celebration. You have all simply taken my breath away once again.

Pastor Mindy



The Kitchen Committee is taking orders for R & K Subs/Sandwiches. Orders are due by April 11 and delivery date is April 26th. Money is due by April 21 to Heidi in the office. If you'd like to order you can call the church office. If you'd prefer to sell, the church office has order forms.



The deadline for the May Messenger is April 19th.



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

6– Sheron Bell, Lori Jacques
17– Kathy Hockenberry
20– Denise Leister
21– Norma Abram (92)
22– Chris Heidenreich
23– Kayanna Kristula
26– Jim Abram (95)



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

5– Harold & Sue Kauffman
14– Don & Barb Lyter
15– Russ & Amy Marshall
22– Keith & Angie Whistler





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.



AUMC will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 16th at 10 a.m. at the pavilion. We are looking for donations of candy. You can drop off at the church office.



"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.

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.

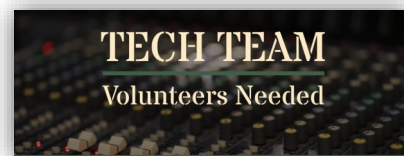


Pastor Mindy's Sabbath Day of rest is on Mondays. She will still be available if there's an emergency.

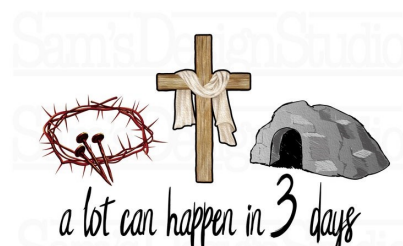


Holler's 2022 project

The Holler's picked Girls on the Run as their project for April. If you'd like more information, please see Michelle or Travis.



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>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service w/ communion at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 in chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Trustee & Land Development Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Maundy Thursday service w/ communion & foot washing, 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Good Friday service, 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. at the pavilion</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Easter Sunday Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. at the pavilion followed by bring a dish breakfast. Easter service w/ communion at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Last day for newsletter submissions</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the chapel & Zoom</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bagged lunch Bible study, noon-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Aldersgate's chit-chat night, 7 p.m. (Zoom room opens at 6:30)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Aldersgate Prayer Team, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary</p>	29	30
						<p>Equipping God's People class, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.</p>