



November 2024

# 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 — **9:45 a.m.**

**Trinity— 10:45 a.m.**

**Grace— 8:45 a.m.**

### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic

[mpetrovic@susumc.org](mailto:mpetrovic@susumc.org)

**AUMC:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue., Wed.

**Trinity:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday

Secretary— Heidi Brubaker

[aumcmiffintown@gmail.com](mailto:aumcmiffintown@gmail.com)

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

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

### Contact Us

Phone: 717-436-6750

Web: [www.aumcmiffintown.org](http://www.aumcmiffintown.org)

Find us on Facebook!

### AUMC Address:

109 N. Third Street

Miffintown, PA 17059

### Pavilion Address:

1145 Cedar Springs Rd.

Miffintown, PA 17059



## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As October yields itself to November, I feel we've been gifted with many opportunities to take in all that the Creator is at work creating. Many of us crossed experiences off our bucket lists as we gazed at the Northern Lights and watched a comet jet across the evening skies. As we pause to reflect on the blessings in our lives, let's not overlook the wonder of God's creation. From the brilliant colors of the changing seasons to the vastness of the night sky, the beauty of nature is a constant reminder of God's creativity and care. The world He crafted is a gift that reveals His majesty and power.

In Psalm 19:1 the psalmist declares, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Every tree, mountain, and ocean speaks of God's greatness, inviting us to give thanks for His incredible handiwork.

In this season of thanksgiving, may we express our gratitude not only for the material blessings we enjoy but for the breathtaking natural beauty that surrounds us. In a world that often emphasizes what we lack, cultivating a spirit of gratitude can transform our perspective and deepen our faith. Gratitude is more than just saying "thank you" when things go our way; it's a spiritual discipline that helps us recognize God's constant presence and provision, even in challenging times. Gratitude shifts our focus from our struggles to God's faithfulness, reminding us that He is with us every step of the way.

A spirit of gratitude doesn't ignore the difficulties we face; rather, it invites us to look for how God is working through those challenges. It opens our hearts to His grace and helps us see the blessings that may otherwise go unnoticed.

As we move into this season of reflection, let's commit to being intentional about gratitude. Start by taking time each day to notice and give thanks for even the smallest blessings. Perhaps keeping a gratitude journal, or ending each day with a prayer of thanksgiving are good places to start. Doing so will enrich our walk with God, and foster a deeper sense of peace, contentment, and joy.

Gratitude has a way of transforming us from the inside out. This season, let's allow a spirit of gratitude to shape the way we see the world, trust in God's plan, and live in His abundant grace.

"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)

Striving to cultivate a spirit of gratitude,  
Pastor Mindy



- ◆ Canned sweet potatoes
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Canned Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Brownie or Cake Mix



It is time for our Christmas Angels; please consider sponsoring a child. These are children from our neighborhood from families in need that could benefit from some extra help with presents this year. Take any number of tags as you are able to fulfill the wishes of these children. Please remove all price tags and do not add any bows/ribbon. We need all wrapped gifts by Sunday, Dec. 8th. If you are unable to wrap your gifts, please bring them to the church by Sunday, Dec. 1st. We will be distributing the gifts on Dec. 13th and 14th. Thank you for your generosity and love toward our neighbors.

The tubs are available for Samaritan's Purse. Inside you will find suggestions on what to place inside for either a boy or girl. There's also a label inside that you place on the lid identifying whether the items inside are for a girl or a boy. Tubs are due to the church by Nov. 3.

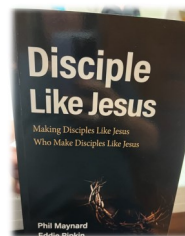


The deadline for the December Messenger is November 19th.



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

- 5– Greg Watkins
- 7– Shelly Royer, Judy Carter
- 8– Joe Arbogast
- 20– Heidi Brubaker
- 21– Terri Waters
- 24– Stephen Beiler
- 26– Darlene DeLancey



We will be starting a new class, *Disciple Like Jesus*. Please sign up in the back if you are interested and would like a book.



Poinsettia order sheets are located on the back table. Please give sheet and money to Heidi by Nov. 14th. Poinsettia's will be available to take home on Christmas Eve.



We are taking orders for sauerkraut!

1 lb is \$4

2 lb is \$8

Pick up will be in December.

Sign up sheet is located on the back table.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Pastor Mindy has begun worship services at 3 churches. Worship at Grace UMC is 8:45 a.m., **Aldersgate UMC 9:45 a.m.** and Trinity UMC at 10:45 a.m.

Her office hours at **Aldersgate** are Tue. & Wed. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The office will still be open Thursday 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.

Pastor’s office hours at **Trinity** is Thur. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



◆ Siblings in Christ,  
Thank you for all the blessings you showered upon me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The video was something I never would have expected but will treasure always. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the cards, the gift cards, the prayers, and the funds that you so generously showered me with. My cup is overflowing! I am so blessed and I love you all dearly.  
Pastor Mindy

◆ AUMC Church Family,  
Thank you for your prayers, support, and cards during Sue’s passing and to all who prayed for and showed love to Sue during her time with Alzheimer’s. Many thanks also to the Kitchen Committee for hosting the funeral meal.  
-The Page Family



CPR and AED training will be offered at AUMC. Cost will be \$35 per person. A sign up sheet is located on the back table to determine when it will take place.

**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 **Fridays**. She will still be available if there’s an emergency.



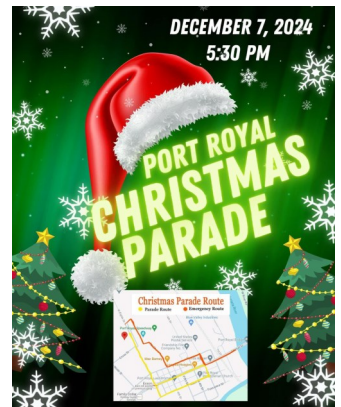
AUMC is partnering with Community Aid. If you have clothing to donate, you can drop them off at Community Aid and provide our partner #30108. AUMC will receive \$.06 per pound of clothing donated.

**Mark your calendars**

John Henry of JPH Enterprises, LLC is providing a trailer again this year for our float.

Nelson King of King Bros Logistics Inc is providing the square bales for seating on the float.

**We need your help in decorating, singing, and throwing candy!**





# November 2024

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 For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>						1	2
<p>3 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Communion</b></p>	<p>4 Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>5 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom  Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	6	<p>7 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church</p>	8	<p>9 New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>	
<p>10 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>11 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>12 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	13	<p>14 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church</p>	15	16	
<p>17 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>18 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>19 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom  Last day for Newsletter Submission</p>	20	<p>21 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>22 Kiwanis Food Packing, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>23 Kiwanis Food Packing, 9 a.m.</p>	
<p>24 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>25 Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	<p>26 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>	27	<p>28  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	29	30	