



October 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 Petrovcic

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

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

Secretary— Heidi Brubaker

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

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

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Miffintown, PA 17059

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Miffintown, PA 17059



From My Heart To All Of Yours

As September yields to October and we step into the crisp air and vibrant colors of fall, we're reminded of the beauty that comes with change. The changing of seasons is a powerful symbol of God's design and timing in our lives. Just as the trees release their leaves to prepare for renewal, we are called to let go of the things that weigh us down, trusting that God is preparing something new in us.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This fall, as we reflect on the changes around us, we are invited to embrace the changes within us. What areas of your life need to be surrendered to God? What new opportunities is He opening for you in this season?

Fall is also a time of harvest, a time to celebrate the fruits of labor and the blessings God has provided. Galatians 6:9 encourages us, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. "Just as farmers wait for the right time to gather their crops, so too must we trust in God's timing for the harvest in our own lives. We may not always see the fruit immediately, but with patience, faithfulness, and perseverance, God will bring forth blessings in due season.

As the season changes, may it be a reminder to draw near to God, to trust in His perfect timing, and to walk faithfully in the work He has set before us. May we find peace in releasing what no longer serves us and joy in embracing the new things God is doing.

"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)

Learning to Find Peace Through Letting Go,
Pastor Mindy



We are collecting a tower of toilet paper (TP) to bless the Food Pantry. You can drop your donation off at the church office.

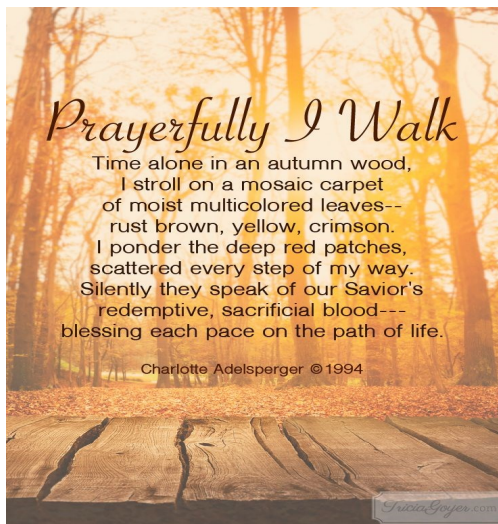
Electronic giving

Regular offering contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our secure electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our church.

Electronic giving, or E-giving, has many benefits:

- ◆ Freedom to choose the frequency of your giving, be it weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or another consistent basis;
- ◆ No writing checks or preparing envelopes—this could amount to 52 checks and envelopes per year. Saves time and benefits the environment;
- ◆ No postage costs for those who are homebound;
- ◆ No carrying cash to church;
- ◆ Offering can be given even when you are unable to attend services due to travel, weather, illness or other circumstances;
- ◆ Records can be kept accurately and giving statements issued in a timely manner.

Authorization forms are available from the church office.



The deadline for the November Messenger is October 22nd.



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

- 11– Ron Watkins, Annabelle Bender
- 13– Patti Tabb
- 18– Zachary Marshall
- 21– Brandon Bennett



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

- 7– Greg & Barb Watkins
- 9– Travis & Michelle Holler
- 10– Joe & Kristi Arbogast
- 11– Casey & Sherry Harper; Sam & Deb Sheaffer
- 13– Chad & Krissy Dressler
- 23– Marty & Kim Dreibelbis
- 26– Stephen & Courtney Beiler

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.



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



Candy & Christian themed items are being collected for the Halloween Trick or Treat Mission on Oct. 31st at the church.

PJ Sunday and Potluck Fellowship Breakfast

Aldersgate at 8 a.m. on Oct. 6, 2024



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.

**Movie Night/Sleepover at Aldersgate UMC
October 5, 2024**

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. & the movie begins at 6 p.m.



◆ Thank you to everyone that sent me the beautiful cards for my birthday.

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◆ Many thanks to my church family for prayers, cards, phone calls & visits during my recent surgery & recovery. Thanks to Pastor Mindy for her visits, phone call, & comforting prayers.

Marie Watkins



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church & on Zoom Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	2	3 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church	4	5 Sauerkraut Pack- ing, 9 a.m. at Don- nie & Barb L. Movie Night & Sleepover, 5:30 p.m. at the church
6 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m. PJ Sunday & Potluck Fellowship, 8 a.m. Communion	7 Mission Com- mittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	8 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church & on Zoom	9	10 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church	11	12 New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
13 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.	14 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church	15 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church & on Zoom	16	17 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church	18	19
20 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.	21 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	22 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church & on Zoom Last day for News- letter Submission	23	24 Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the church	25	26
27 Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.	28 Nurturing Congre- gational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom	29 Bagged Lunch Bible Study, noon at the church & on Zoom	30	31 Trick or Treat, at the church	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	