



January 2025

The Methodist Messenger

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!
Energizing Aldersgate 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

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

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

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

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

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From My Heart To All Of Yours

As the lights of Christmas slowly come down and get put away, may we remember that the light of Christ within us is never meant to dull or dim. We've closed the chapter marked 2024 and a new chapter not yet written begins. Happy New Year 2025!

As I reflect on this season of new beginnings, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for each of you. Your faith, kindness, and commitment to our church family have been a source of encouragement and strength throughout the past year. The start of a new year always feels like a blank canvas for me because it's a chance to leave behind the challenges and burdens of the past year and look ahead with hope. I find such reassurance in the words of Isaiah, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" – Isaiah 43:18-19. This verse reminds us that God is always at work, doing something new in our lives. Whether we see it clearly or are still waiting to see it, His plans are unfolding with love and purpose.

For me, January is a time to pause, pray, and dream about what God has in store for us as individuals and as a church. I encourage you to take a moment to do the same. What new things might God be stirring in your heart? What burdens is He asking you to release and lay down?

Brothers and sisters, I'm excited to walk this journey with you. Let's commit this year to growing deeper in our faith, loving one another well, and being a light in our community. Whatever comes our way, we can trust that God is faithful and that His grace is more than enough.

Looking forward to writing a new chapter together,
Pastor Mindy



- ◆ I would like to thank the church for the care package I received. It's nice of the church to remember those of us away at college.

Caleb Dowling

- ◆ Thank you very much for all the good things in the basket. Thank you Drew for the wonderful drawing. You are a great fellow. (no name)
- ◆ Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts & prayers while I'm at college. I'm very grateful for the Nurture Committee and the lovely gift of cookies I can snack on while studying for finals. Along with that, the cards I've received from you all for my birthday were a wonderful surprise & hearing from you makes it so much easier to power through the toughest part of the school year. I can't wait to see you all soon so I can tell you thanks in person. Your warm wishes mean so much to me. Thanks & all the best,

Zach Marshall

- ◆ Thank you for all of your prayers for our 30th Great Grandson. He is improving slightly and still needs all our prayers. He is still going through a lot of tests & images. Thank you for the beautiful basket. Wonderful! Craig Baillie did a good job delivering it.

Lots of love,
Jim Abram

- ◆ Many years ago I helped to fill baskets for the shut ins. I never thought I'd be receiving one, but I want to thank the Nurture Committee for the really nice basket I received this Thanksgiving and to Lori for bringing it & her visits with me. Also, the card from Drew.

Sonn Woodling

- ◆ I want to thank everyone for the cards and gifts given to me this Christmas! I am so thankful for my "second family" here at Aldersgate! May you be blessed this coming new year!

Heidi Brubaker



Thank you Aldersgate Family for making our first year leading the Christmas Angel Project a success! We were able to bless 42 children this year with the help of Pine Grove UMC who sponsored 17 of those children. The smiles on the faces of the families as they picked up their gifts was priceless.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated and we look forward in anticipation to Christmas 2025.

Sincerely,
Lori Jacques & Sherry Harper

The deadline for the February Messenger is January 21st.



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

19– Angie Whistler

24– Sally Bomgardner

30– Jennifer Heikes



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

23– John & Denise Abram



- ◆ Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
"I thank my God every time I remember you." –
Philippians 1:3
Our family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your incredible kindness and generosity. Thank you for the thoughtful gifts, delicious goodies, and financial blessings you shared with our family during the holiday season. Your love and thoughtfulness have truly warmed our hearts and reminded us of the beauty of this church family. Every card, gift, and act of kindness was a testament to the way God's love is alive and active in our community. It means so much to be surrounded by such caring and faithful individuals who continually reflect Christ's love in tangible ways. Please know how deeply I appreciate your generosity and your prayers. I feel blessed to serve as your pastor and to walk alongside you in faith. May God bless each of you abundantly in this new year, just as you have been a blessing to me.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Mindy, Brian & Ben

- ◆ "Thank You" is not enough to say for the bountiful Thanksgiving basket that Butch and I received from our church family. The fruit was delicious and the sweet treats were so welcomed! The sweet card from Alyse made us smile, and the visit from Maryalice and Leslie topped off our day. So glad we are a part of our loving church friends and families. Thank You for the joy the basket brought to us.

Sharon and Butch McCahren

Worship at Grace UMC is 8:45 a.m.,

Aldersgate UMC 9:45 a.m. and Trinity UMC at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor's 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.



5 Things God Wants You to Remember in Trying Times

- You're never, ever alone.
- Nothing takes Him by surprise.
- When you're weak He's strong.
- He's the God of new beginnings.
- His love never gives up on us.



Aldersgate UMC follows Juniata County School District delays & closures during the week. Worship service will be held on Sundays unless there is an ice event.

*In the event of inclement weather during the winter months, meetings will be held on Zoom.



Bagged Lunch Bible Study will be on a break until January 14, 2024, at 10 a.m. Note the time change due to Pastor Mindy's college schedule.

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.



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.



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.





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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 For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p>			<p>1</p> 	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	8	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bible Study, 10 a.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p>	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study, 10 a.m. at the church & on Zoom</p> <p>Last day for Newsletter submission</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p>	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship service at AUMC & Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bible Study, 10 a.m. at the church & on Zoom</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p>	31	