



THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church
January / February 2024



Our Mission:
FOLLOW JESUS.
GROW DISCIPLES.
SERVE OTHERS.

Purpose Statement:

GATHER as followers of Jesus Christ;
GROW as disciples;
GIVE of ourselves; and
GO into the world in service.

When good-bye brings both sorrow and joy...

Many times in my life I have said good-bye to a place or a person and recognized that there were multiple and sometimes conflicting emotions wrapped up in that good-bye. Wisdom has taught me that with God's help, I can hold the sorrow and the joy, the bitter and the sweet.

I remember graduating from college and being so happy to have my degree, to feel free of classes and studying, and paper writing. The day I received my diploma and my parents and I packed the car with the last of my boxes, I gave a final good-bye to my friend, Teresa. She was moving back to Micronesia. She was committing herself to solving the economic and horticultural challenges of the land in which she was raised. I would never see her again. I sobbed as I said goodbye. How could I be that elated to be holding my diploma, to be packing up my things, and that full of sadness at the same time? How would I manage it?

Only with God. I'm reminded of this as I (we) say good-bye to Ben.

I feel excited and proud for Ben. I have beautiful and fun memories of working alongside him. I can't wait to see his career unfold. I'm honored for the slice of time we had together and I believe that Arnolia has launched another musician incredibly well. At the same time, I feel sad. I will miss his passion, his sense of humor, his incredible talent, his partnership for ministry, and the Sunday morning selfies. And I am grateful.

I know God can hold my joy and my sorrow and I am counting on God to hold yours, as well.

With love, Rev. Meredith

MUSIC NOTES FROM THE DESK OF BEN BOELLNER



Dear Arnolia Family,

This is such a bittersweet article to write, as it is my last as your Director of Music and Organist. I want to thank each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart. It has been the utmost honor and privilege to serve alongside you. It was always a dream to come back “home” especially to a place who gave me such an opportunity at 18 years old. Our church is beyond Blessed with the most giving, talented, and beautiful volunteers. I am so proud of what has been accomplished in the 3 years we have been together. COVID worship, Concert Series, live-streaming, special music, and more. The sky's the limit and the possibilities are endless. As I think back, all I can say is WOW. God has truly been at work. Continue to make the joyful noise we all have done so well. Volunteer your time or talent anywhere you can. The music ministry needs it. While this is not goodbye, it's see you later. I will be with you till January 21st. You will forever be in my heart and prayers.

*My love to everyone,
Ben Boellner
Director Of Music and Organist*



**JANUARY 21
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Help us celebrate Ben Boellner's work with a sendoff and thank you.



Where We Stand

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

WORSHIP



The decision to have worship on Sunday morning will be determined no later than 8:00 AM on Sunday morning

among the Trustee chair, Pastor and leadership living near Joppa Road. The condition of the parking lot, sidewalks and county roads will be considered. We are on an automatic snow removal with our contractor. The problem may be in the timing of any storm. Overnight Saturday storms may preclude the contractor from getting us cleared in time for service. A Facebook post and email will be sent to all for whom we have an address. (Please make sure you keep the office updated with additions, changes or deletions of your email addresses). An effort will be made to change the message on the church answering machine.

Office and Group Meetings

The Church Office will follow the Baltimore County Schools' decision to open or close for the day and will alter hours according to BCPS late arrival or early dismissal policy. Likewise, the Church Office will attempt to notify groups meeting at Arnolia during times when the winter weather is dangerous. Please use your own judgment as to whether you attend or not.

NOTES FROM SPRC

This is our tentative plan for addressing the vacancy of Director of Music and Organist at Arnolia

1. Craig Nickerson will be interim organist and we have contracted with Deborah Frounfelker to assist once a month.
2. SPRC will meet on January 7 with Ben to learn his ideas about the future of the music program.
3. The Leadership Team (the Council) will meet on February 10 for a retreat to discuss the congregation's needs and will make further decisions about the music program.
4. A Search Committee will be created, and the position description will be adapted accordingly.



LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2024 AT 11:15 PM

January 14

February 10 (Saturday) - 10:00 AM

March 10

April 14

May 5

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Connections

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

Church Email, Website, and More

Have you updated your address book? Our email address is: arnoliaumc@arnolia.org

Rev. Meredith is available by Rev.Meredith@arnolia.org

Sign up with the Church Office to receive emails each week! Visit our website (arnolia.org) for updates on upcoming events! Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/arnoliaumc/

Church Office Hours and Address

Mondays – Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
1776 E. Joppa Road
Baltimore, MD 21234

The Grapevine 2024 Schedule

The Grapevine is published bi-monthly. Updates will be available on our website and in the bulletin as well as in email announcements. Please make sure you email or drop off your articles to the church office. To keep postage costs down, we will mail the Grapevine only to those who are homebound or who live far away.

Mailing The Grapevine

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Grapevine Edition Due Date for Articles

March / April	02/09/24
May / June	04/12/24
July / August	06/14/24

Birthdays and Anniversaries



01	Donald Rathmell, Sr.
14	Logan Norman
15	Carole Disharoon
17	D'Arcy Cook
18	Wayne Grauer
20	Jerry Finley
23	Dottie Willard



01	Virginia Cox
	Conner Goble
03	Jaden DuBois
08	Amanda Tallent
14	Constance Nlemadim
15	Ben Boellner
17	Andrew Virgilio
18	Phyllis Bell
18	Stephen Cox
19	John Gorsuch
20	Bud Lauman
21	Barbara Conrad
22	Katlyn Hendley
24	Tim Boellner
	Joe Anna Funk

If your info is missing or incorrect, please inform us so we can correct our errors or deletions. Also, if you were not acknowledged, please let the office now so we may update our list.

JANUARY 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Church Office Closed	2 12 Noon Pastor's Study	3	4 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Closed	5 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	6
7 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am SPRC	8	9 12 Noon Pastor's Study	10 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	11 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	12 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	13
14 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	15 Church Office Closed	16 12 Noon Pastor's Study	17	18 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	19 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	20
21 10 am Worship Service	22	23 12 Noon Pastor's Study	24 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	25 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	26 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	27
28 10 am Worship Service	29	30 12 Noon Pastor's Study	31	1	2	3

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FEBRUARY 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	2 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	3
4 10 am Worship Service	5	6 12 Noon Pastor's Study	7 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	8 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	9 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	10 10:00 am Planning Retreat
11 10 am Worship Service	12	13 12 Noon Pastor's Study	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	15 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	16 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	17
18 10 am Worship Service	19	20 12 Noon Pastor's Lenten Study	21 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	22 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open	23 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	24
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Serving on Sundays at Arnolia United Methodist Church

Volunteers

Your commitment to the roles below is a gift for our Sunday morning worship life. Thank You

The Ushers for this schedule: Joan Bond, Jim McGee, and John Gorsuch.

Date	Greeters	Presenters	Acolytes	Readers	Comm. Stewards	Comm. Helpers
01/07/2024	Janice Lark	Paula Pfeifer	Faith Hovatter	Dick Disharoon	Gail and John Gorsuch	Jaden DuBois
01/14/2024	Dottie Willard	Drennan Nickerson	Jaden DuBois	Beth Krebs		
01/21/2024	Barbara Conrad	Joe Anna Funk	Paxton Catterton	Tad Wolfe		
01/28/2024	Rae Virgilio	Evelyn Hartig	Conner Goble	Rich Krebs		
02/04/2024	Karen Long	Paula Pfeifer	Faith Hovatter	Conner Goble	Drennan & Craig Nickerson	Conner Goble
02/11/2024	Wayne Grauer	Drennan Nickerson	Jaden DuBois	Paula Pfeifer		
02/14/2024 7 PM -Ash Wednesday	Janice Lark	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Dick Disharoon		
02/18/2024	Dottie Willard	Evelyn Hartig	Conner Goble	Paxton Catterton		
02/25/2024	Rae Virgilio	Paula Pfeifer	Paxton Catterton	Beth Krebs		

If you are unable to fill your assignment, please contact someone on the list to fill in for you. Please let the church office know of any changes or contact Sue in the church office for any assistance.

Thanks,
Sue Jackson
410-665-7005