



# THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church  
May / June 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.

Beloved,

I am remembering my welcome event back in 2021. The SPRC Chair offered words of welcome and encouragement and a gift as I began my ministry here. I recall saying that I was both honored and grateful to serve alongside you and among you.

Those words remained true for the three years I have been here. I have been honored and grateful. I believe I will always look back at this time in my ministry with great joy and gratitude.

Thank you for including me so deeply in your ministry, for teaching me your worship traditions and for allowing me to share mine with you. Thank you for being such exemplary leaders, for taking on the work of decision making with discernment and prayer and for honoring me by allowing my voice and guidance to be heard. Thank you for serving your community, for loving so deeply that you just don't give up. This has filled my heart to overflowing. Thank you for welcoming every person who walks in the door. This is truly the heart of Jesus.

I want you to know that each of these things is a gift and will be a continued gift to the ministry and to your next pastor.

As we say goodbye to this season of ministry, I remain honored and grateful to have been your pastor and look forward to these next weeks with you.

With love,

Rev. Meredith

## **A Note from the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)**

As we announced on Sunday, April 14th, Rev. Meredith Wilkins has been appointed to the St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton effective July 1st. Her last Sunday at Arnolia will be on June 16th. The clergy in the United Methodist Church have all committed to serve where the Bishop appoints them, and we agree to accept whom the Bishop appoints to Arnolia. This system of itinerant Pastors was established by the founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, and has been a guiding principle throughout our existence. Even though this is a principle of the church, it is not easy for us as a congregation to say good bye to our beloved Pastor.

Please plan to join us on two special occasions in the next eight weeks. On **Sunday, May 19th (Pentecost Sunday)** we will meet after church for a picnic where everyone will get a chance to talk to Rev. Meredith and exchange memories. On **Sunday, June 16th**, we will have "**Sunday Sundae**" following church, featuring make your own ice cream sundaes ( Ice cream is a favorite of Rev. Meredith!), where we can all say our last good byes and wish her well.

When SPRC has more information about our next Pastor, we will share it via an announcement following worship on a Sunday morning. If you have any questions about the process, please contact me.

Craig Nickerson  
Chair, Arnolia SPRC

# Get Involved

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

## 2024 SPRING FLEA MARKET



The Spring Flea Market will be held Saturday, **May 4 from 9 AM to 2 PM**. The rain date is

Saturday, May 11. Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping to prepare for the flea market. We will need donations for a bake table and volunteers to handle sales at the checkout tables on May 4th. The Flea Market is a great community event and a chance to volunteer with fellow church members. Help to make the Flea Market a wonderful event for Arnolia! Contact Drennan or the Church Office if you have any questions.

## Missions



Through the summer the Missions Committee will be centering on our newest mission, the Helping Up Mission in Baltimore City. The Helping Up Mission is located at 1029E. Baltimore Street. It is a community of hope, helping men and women fighting addiction and homelessness to get their lives back. We will be concentrating on Helping Up Mission's Center for Women & Children. You can check out the mission at their website: [helpingupmission.org](http://helpingupmission.org) or contact Paula Pfiefer, Marlis Collins, Carol Tiernan, Janice Lark, or Gayle Gorsuch. Please watch for more details coming in May and June and plan to attend worship on **June 9** when a representative from Helping Up Mission will be here to share information. We are excited about this new opportunity to serve our larger community!

## BACKPACK BUDDIES



Designated food item for May will be individually wrapped snacks such as: Cookies, crackers, bars.



*Please remember NO NUTS please.*



*Created by Mary Cox*

**Pentecost - May 19**  
**10 AM Service followed by picnic on the lawn.**



# Connections

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## Church Email, Website, and More

Have you updated your address book? Our email address is: [arnoliaumc@arnolia.org](mailto:arnoliaumc@arnolia.org)

Rev. Meredith is available by

[Rev.Meredith@arnolia.org](mailto:Rev.Meredith@arnolia.org)

Sign up with the Church Office to receive emails each week! Visit our website ([arnolia.org](http://arnolia.org)) for updates on upcoming events!

Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/arnoliaumc/](https://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.

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## Mailing The Grapevine

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## Grapevine Edition Due Date for Articles

July / August 06/14/24

September / October 08/09/24

November / December 10/11/24



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 01 John and Gayle Gorsuch – 48 years
- 02 Margaret Potterfield
- 04 Betty Turner
- 05 Tim Hodge
- 06 Garrett VanEssen
- 07 Joan Bond
- 11 David Riddle
- 13 Ashley Taylor
- 15 Kameron DuBois
- 18 Luke Arnold
- Tad Wolfe
- 22 Sue VanEssen
- 24 Janet Hovatter
- Cynthia Thackston
- 25 Kyle Dubois
- 27 Christopher Hendley
- 29 George Hartig



- 03 Tony Virgilio
- 04 Bruce Bell
- 06 Donald & Carole Rathmell, Sr. – 60 years
- 07 Shannon Davis
- 08 Mike Catterton
- 10 Christie Grape
- 13 Rae Ellen Virgilio
- 14 Kimberly Rampmeyer
- Susan Riddle
- 24 Nancy Wolfe
- 28 Richard & Nancy Rampmeyer – 44 years



*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 know so we may update our list.*

# MAY 2024 – ARNOLIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Year	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	3 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	4 9 am – 2pm Flea Market  Thrift Store Open
5 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	6	7 12 Noon Pastor's Study	8	9 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	10 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	11 9 am – 2pm Flea Market <b>Rain date</b>
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 10 am Worship Service	13	14 12 Noon Pastor's Study	15 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	16 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	17 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	18
19 <u>Pentecost</u> 10 am - Worship Service and Picnic	20	21 12 Noon Pastor's Study	22	23 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	24 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	25
26 10 am Worship Service	27 <u>Memorial Day</u> Church Office Closed	28 12 Noon Pastor's Study	29 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	30 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	31 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	1

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# JUNE 2024 – ARNOLIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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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
May 5, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Paula Pfeifer	Gail and John Gorsuch	Conner Goble
May 12, 2024	Karen Long	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Rich Krebs		
May 19, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Paula Pfeifer	Conner Goble	Paxton Catterton		
May 26, 2024	Janice Lark	Evelyn Hartig	Beth Krebs	Beth Krebs		
June 2, 2024	Dottie Willard	Joe Anna Funk	Faith Hovatter	Tad Wolfe	Paula and Mike Pfeifer	Paxton Catterton
June 9, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Dick Disharoon		
June 16, 2024	Karen Long	Evelyn Hartig	Tad Wolfe	Conner Goble		
June 23, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Paula Pfeifer	Conner Goble	Beth Krebs		
June 30, 2024	Janice Lark	Drennan Nickerson	Beth Krebs	Rich 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