



THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

July / August 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.

Warm greetings, dear members of Arnolia UMC,

I am Reverend Yost, and I am filled with anticipation and joy as I step into the role of your pastor. Rev. Meredith West and Rev. James McSavaney have shared wonderful things about this loving community. I am eager to witness how God will work through us during our time together.

Before joining Arnolia UMC, I served as the pastor at Mt. Vernon Place UMC, Baltimore, for a year. My journey also includes a rewarding 13-year tenure at Baltimore City College High School, where I taught Mathematics and advised the Board Game Club and Gender & Sexuality Alliance. Last May, I completed my Master of Divinity at Lancaster Theological Seminary, embarked on my Doctor of Ministry at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, and was commissioned as a provisional elder at Annual Conference, further deepening my commitment to the ministry.

I grew up in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where I earned my Bachelor of Mathematics and Master of Art in Teaching at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The last 13 years in the Baltimore area have shaped me more than my hometown. So, while I may sometimes sound southern, I call Baltimore home.

I live in Howard County with Dr. Arlene Chen (my spouse of 11 years), Dofu (our orange cat), and Rosie (our grey cat). We enjoy spending time together, playing tabletop games, and exploring the outdoors. I am also passionate about running, yoga, and coffee. The works of Paulo Freire, James Cone, Patrick S. Cheng, Liz Edman, James Baldwin, Shay Kerns, Cole Arthur Riley, Vanessa Lovelace, Gloria E. Anzaldúa, and St. Ignatius are some of the most significant influences on my Theology outside of our Methodist tradition and history. These personal aspects of my life have shaped me, and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Get Involved

at Arnolia United Methodist Church



WE LOOK FORWARD to welcoming Rev. D V Yost to Arnolia. He will begin his ministry with us on July 1, 2024.

HELLO ARNOLIA FAMILY



In July, we will be welcoming our new pastor, Reverend Yost. If you recall in the past, we have used name tags so that our new pastors can put a face to a name.

I will be dusting off and updating our name tags, and they will be clipped to the curtains in the hallway.

Please plan to wear your name tag as another welcoming gesture for Reverend Yost as he joins us in July.

If I have missed you, there will be a marker and blank cards, and I will make sure that you have an official tag by the following week.

Thank you,
Joe Anna Funk

DESSERT RECEPTION



We will have a Dessert Reception for Rev. Yost following worship on **Sunday, August 25**. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!

2024 FALL FLEA MARKET



Arnolia's Fall Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, September 21** (rain date **Saturday, September 28**) from **9am to 2pm**.

If you are interested in having a vendor space, vendor agreements can be emailed to you, or you can pick one up at the church office.

We will need volunteers to help with setting up the rooms, food preparation and selling in the Thrift Store. Our bake table will need donations of home baked goods to sell. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Contact Drennan Nickerson or the church office if you have any questions. We hope that you will join us for the Fall Flea Market!

BACKPACK BUDDIES



Thank you Arnolia Friends for another successful school year in helping our Mission Committee supply weekend meals to 12 elementary students in our neighborhood. With your generous support, either through monetary contributions or through shopping for the monthly designated item, we thank you! Whether your gift was a single item or many items, it was because of your dedication we were able to pack meals each week during the 2023-34 school year! Many thanks to our volunteer committee, Ralph Wilson for delivering our bags to the school each week, John and Gayle Gorsuch for helping to pack the bags, shop and carry the collected items back to the Backpack closet each Sunday and for filling in when needed for special needs and Dottie Willard for packing bags, purchasing items and making sure the designated items were displayed every Sunday morning in front of the Communion Table. This mission owes its success to all of you!

Marlis Collins, Chair

MISSIONS: SUMMER FOCUS HELPING UP MISSION

This summer we will focus on the Helping Up Mission in Baltimore City. Our effort will center on the Women and Babies they help. **We will be collecting the following items through mid-August:**

- Diapers (sizes 0-3)
- Formula (Similac NeoSure, Similac 360 Orange)
- Onesies
- Washcloths and towels
- Baby laundry detergent - must be marked "free and clear"
- Diaper Ointment (Aquaphor, A&D, etc.)
- Baby wipes
- Swaddling blankets
- Infant sleepers
- New or gently used backpacks, diaper bags, mother-baby carriers

FOR THE WOMEN:

- Journals and Planners
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Lotion
- Hairbrushes
- Body wash

*Submitted by Paula Pfeifer
Missions Co-Chair*



Where We Stand

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

Where We Stand from a Financial Perspective **Craig Nickerson, Leadership Team Chair**

Arnolia has been richly blessed. We have a strong core of volunteers willing to work together to advance our mission. The congregation is providing good financial support, and our leadership team works well together.

At this time, we are financially stable and have rebuilt the reserves depleted during the last several years of “lean times.” Many things are changing, though, and this is not the time to reduce our commitments to the church!

We are still searching for a permanent Director of Music to replace Ben Boellner, and the interim musicians have been offering their talents at no cost to the church. We will soon have to begin paying this salary again. We are also going through a Pastoral transition, and there will be a slight increase in the cost to the church since this will be a full-time appointment. Between these two items, we expect our expenses to increase by over \$10,000 in the last six months of the year. At our current rate of income, we will be able to sustain our ministry – any reduction in giving, however, will result in a return to the “lean times” when Arnolia struggled to pay our bills.

As a congregation, we’re asking for three things from you in the coming months.

First, please continue to keep Arnolia and its leadership in your prayers. We cannot overemphasize the power of prayer to transform our lives and provide guidance for the future.

Second, please step up and volunteer in support of our activities. The Fall Flea Market is fast approaching. The Thrift Store is planning to open on several Saturdays in the Fall, and we continue to be involved in many mission activities. Arnolia can only continue making a difference in this world if we all work together and volunteer our time.

Finally, please continue providing financial support to Arnolia ensuring our ability to pay our bills, support our ministries, and continue supporting the mission activities of the congregation.

We are confident Arnolia will meet our commitments, continue to minister to the people of the community, and work to advance God’s Kingdom in this world. We need your prayers, your time, and your financial support to make it happen.

Connections

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Church Email, Website, and More

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

Rev. Yost is available by

Rev.Yost@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 bulletins 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

September / October	08/09/24
November / December	10/11/24
January / February 2025	12/07/24



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 04 Karen Long
- 19 Paige Davis
Donald Rathmell
- 23 Helen Grauer
Beth Krebs
- 29 Rich and Beth Krebs – 52 years
- 31 Drennan Nickerson



- 02 Mike and Paula Pfeifer – 55 years
- 08 Margaret Braun
Lou and Barbara Menegatti – 60 years
- 09 Wayne and Rebecca Penley – 27 years
- 10 Debbie Rust
- 12 Cameron Ready
- 14 Dick and Carole Disharoon – 20 years
- 19 Dick Disharoon
- 20 Tara Catterton
- 23 Dawn Shaw
- 29 Gary Collins

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.

JULY 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Welcome Rev. Yost	2 Thrift Store NOT accepting donations	3	4 Independence Day Church Office and Thrift Store Closed	5 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	6
7 10 am Worship Service	8	9	10 7:30 PM Rejuvenate	11 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	12 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	13
14 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	15	16	17	18 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	19 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	20 1:00 pm Funeral for Joyce Helen Hott
21 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am SPRC	22	23	24 7:30 PM Rejuvenate	25 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	26 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	27
28 10 am Worship Service	29	30	31	1	2	3

The Church Office is open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

AUGUST 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	2 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	3
4 10 am Worship Service	5	6	7 7:30 PM Rejuvenate	8 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	9 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	10
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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
July 7, 2024	Dottie Willard	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Paula Pfeifer	Drennan & Craig Nickerson	Paxton Catterton
July 14, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Evelyn Hartig	Faith Hovatter	Tad Wolfe		
July 21, 2024	Barbara Conrad	Paula Pfeifer	Paxton Catterton	Conner Goble		
July 28, 2024	Karen Long	Drennan Nickerson	Conner Goble	Dick Disharoon		
August 4, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Beth Krebs	Marlis Collins & Dottie Willard	Conner Goble
August 11, 2024	Janice Lark	Evelyn Hartig	Faith Hovatter	Rich Krebs		
August 18, 2024	Dottie Willard	Paula Pfeifer	Conner Goble	Paxton Catterton		
August 25, 2025	Rae Virgilio	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Dick Disharoon		

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