



THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

September / October 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.

Greetings, beloveds of Arnolia.

I cannot believe it's already been about two months since I've been around this beloved community. You all are such a loving and welcoming community, and it shows. This is a season of new beginnings. Schools are starting back up, family rhythms of summer vacations are over, and many of our ministries are returning from summer break. I'm looking forward to restarting our weekly Pastor's Study (September 17th), attending my first Fall Flea market (September 21st), and other events to celebrate the Fall.

Additionally, we will follow the Narrative Lectionary for our worship starting September 8th. The Narrative Lectionary walks us through the whole story of the bible from the beginning (in September) to Pentecost (June 2025). I hope that we take a whole year leaning into the full story of the Biblical texts so that we can see how the story connects across the Old and New Testaments and also with our lives. Be on the lookout in the weekly emails throughout the year for daily scripture readings to continue the story at home.

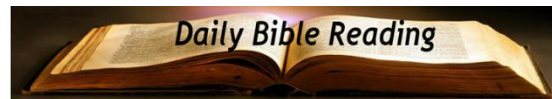
When we start the Pastor's Study back up, we will pick up where the group left off while reading *This Here Flesh* by Cole Author Riley. If you want to join us for the first time, you are more than welcome to do so. There is no homework required, so any time is a great time to join. Tuesdays at Noon at the church and a link will be published for those who want to join virtually in the upcoming newsletters and bulletins. On Monday evenings in October, I will offer some discussion sessions to process the large events from last Spring's General Conference. There's a significant amount of misinformation online about what happened, so this is a great time to gather and discuss what actually happened and what to expect in the future. The weekly email and bulletins will have the meeting link and dial-in information for those who want to join virtually.

Topics:

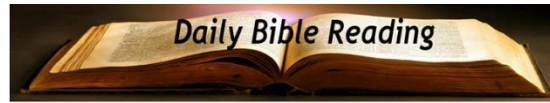
- October 7: General Conference Overview
- October 14: Regionalization
- October 21: Revised Social Principles
- October 28: Legislation passed regarding Human Sexuality

I am so excited to dive into our fall ministries and get to know everyone even more. This is truly a wonderful place to serve.

-Rev. Yost (they/he)



Date	Day	Lection	Title
9/1/2024	Sunday	Genesis 1:1-19	God Creates the World
9/2/2024	Monday	Genesis 1:20-31	God Creates Animals and Humans
9/3/2024	Tuesday	Genesis 2:1-4a	God Blesses the Sabbath
9/4/2024	Wednesday	Genesis 2:4b-14	Another Account of Creation
9/5/2024	Thursday	Genesis 2:15-25	God Creates a Partner
9/6/2024	Friday	Genesis 3:1-7	Adam and Eve Break God's Rule
9/7/2024	Saturday	Genesis 3:8-24	The Consequences of Rulebreaking
9/8/2024	Sunday	Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8	Creation and Fall
9/9/2024	Monday	Genesis 3:9-19	God Confronts Adam and Eve
9/10/2024	Tuesday	Genesis 6:9-22	God's Promise and Command to Noah
9/11/2024	Wednesday	Genesis 7:17-24; 8:6-12	The Great Flood
9/12/2024	Thursday	Genesis 9:8-17	The Covenant with Noah
9/13/2024	Friday	Genesis 11:1-9	The Tower of Babel
9/14/2024	Saturday	Genesis 12:1-7	The Call of Abram
9/15/2024	Sunday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's Promise to Abram
9/16/2024	Monday	Genesis 17:1-8	God Changes Abram's Name
9/17/2024	Tuesday	Genesis 18:1-15	A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah
9/18/2024	Wednesday	Genesis 21:1-7	The Birth of Isaac
9/19/2024	Thursday	Genesis 22:1-14	The Command to Sacrifice Isaac
9/20/2024	Friday	Genesis 27:1-17, 30-38	Isaac Blesses Jacob
9/21/2024	Saturday	Genesis 35:9-15	God's Promise Passed to Jacob
9/22/2024	Sunday	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21	Joseph and His Brothers
9/23/2024	Monday	Exodus 1:8-22	The Israelites are Oppressed
9/24/2024	Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-10	The Birth and Youth of Moses
9/25/2024	Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-12	Moses at the Burning Bush
9/26/2024	Thursday	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses' Miraculous Power
9/27/2024	Friday	Exodus 7:14-17; 8:5-6, 16-17, 20-21; 9:1-3, 7	Plagues on Egypt
9/28/2024	Saturday	Exodus 9:8-9, 22-23; 10:1-2, 22-24; 11:9-10	More Plagues
9/29/2024	Sunday	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8	Promises of Passover
9/30/2024	Monday	Exodus 13:17-22	The Pillars of Cloud and Fire



10/1/2024	Tuesday	Exodus 14:5-25	Crossing the Red Sea
10/2/2024	Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-8	Bread from Heaven
10/3/2024	Thursday	Exodus 19:1-9, 20-25	The Israelites Reach Mount Sinai
10/4/2024	Friday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
10/5/2024	Saturday	Exodus 24:9-18	Moses on the Mountain
10/6/2024	Sunday	Exodus 32:1-14	The Golden Calf
10/7/2024	Monday	Exodus 32:15-20; 34:1-10	Moses Makes New Tablets
10/8/2024	Tuesday	Deuteronomy 1:19-33	Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land
10/9/2024	Wednesday	Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2:1-8	Israel's Years in the Desert
10/10/2024	Thursday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	The Great Commandment
10/11/2024	Friday	Joshua 1:1-9	God's Call to Joshua
10/12/2024	Saturday	Joshua 23:1-15	Joshua's Wisdom to the People
10/13/2024	Sunday	1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10	Hannah and Samuel
10/14/2024	Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-18	Samuel's Call
10/15/2024	Tuesday	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Israel Demands a King
10/16/2024	Wednesday	1 Samuel 9:27; 10:1-9	Samuel Anoints Saul
10/17/2024	Thursday	1 Samuel 13:2-14	Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice
10/18/2024	Friday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David Anointed As King
10/19/2024	Saturday	1 Samuel 24:4-12, 16-20	David Spares Saul's Life
10/20/2024	Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-17	God's Promise to David
10/21/2024	Monday	2 Samuel 12:1-13	Nathan Condemns David's Sin
10/22/2024	Tuesday	1 Kings 1:32-40	Solomon Becomes King
10/23/2024	Wednesday	1 Kings 2:1-4	David Instructs Solomon
10/24/2024	Thursday	1 Kings 3:3-14	Solomon Prays for Wisdom
10/25/2024	Friday	1 Kings 4:29-34	Solomon's Fame
10/26/2024	Saturday	1 Kings 6:1; 8:14-21	Solomon Builds the Temple
10/27/2024	Sunday	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43	Solomon's Prayer
10/28/2024	Monday	1 Kings 11:1-13	Solomon's Fall from Faithfulness
10/29/2024	Tuesday	Psalm 72:1-14	A Prayer for Israel's King
10/30/2024	Wednesday	1 Kings 12:1-15	The Northern Tribes Secede
10/31/2024	Thursday	1 Kings 12:16-24	Two Kingdoms
11/1/2024	Friday	1 Kings 16:1-28	The Situation before Ahab
11/2/2024	Saturday	1 Kings 16:29-33	Ahab's Evil Actions

Get Involved

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Beginning this Sunday, middle and high school students are invited to join Rev. Yost in their office (9:15 AM - 9:45 AM) for a Youth Study. Each week, we'll engage with the scripture for that Sunday in various ways and take time to reflect on our week. For those who cannot make it in person we will offer it on Google Meet simultaneously. Sunday School is available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for children under 5 years old, following the children's moment.

2024 FALL FLEA MARKET



2024 Fall Flea Market: Arnolia's Fall Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 21st (rain date Saturday, September 28) from 9am to 2pm. The week of the flea market, volunteers are needed to help set up the rooms, prepare food and bake goodies for the bake table. On the day of the flea market, volunteers can help at the checkout tables or the food tables. 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! 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!

HELLO FROM OAKLEIGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!

We are starting a brand new school year and wanted to take a minute to thank Arnolia for our ongoing partnership. Last year, Arnolia provided weekend meals for twelve of our students during the school year. Additionally, the Thrift Shop donated clothing and household items to Oakleigh families.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Arnolia. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer at our school!

Becky Yackley
Community School Facilitator
ryackley@bcps.org



BACKPACK BUDDIES



This August we are beginning our 12th year of providing weekend meals to the elementary school in our community. Our goal is to provide weekend meals to students, who through no fault of their own, might go hungry on the weekends during the school year.

We have posted a BACKPACK BUDDIES MONTHLY FOOD SCHEDULE for this school year on the Missions Bulletin Boards as well as in the Grapevine and Wednesday Weekly News. *ANY FOOD ITEM ON THIS LIST WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME THROUGH OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.* Please feel free to pick up any item that fits your budget or take advantage of any sale you might come across on that particular food item during the school year.

All food items can be dropped off on the table in the hall outside the sanctuary under the Missions Bulletin Board. If you find it difficult to shop, you can send a monetary donation in addition to your tithes to the church or place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday. Please mark your gift, “Backpack Buddies”

Just an FYI	Total Cost Per Bag	\$10.56*
<i>*Approximate cost for each bag as of August 2024. Price fluctuates some depending on coupons and sales.</i>		

Please remember this mission project only continues because of your generous support. No donation is too small, every item received is used to fill a weekend meal for a student.

The Backpack Committee thanks you!

John and Gayle Gorsuch, Ralph Wilson, Dottie Willard and Marlis Collins



Backpack Buddies Shopping List

SEPTEMBER

Mac & Cheese Cups

Pudding Cups

OCTOBER

Chef Boyardee Cups

Cheese Cracker
Sandwiches



NOVEMBER

Single Serving
Shelf Milk

Hot Cocoa Mix

DECEMBER

Individual Servings
of Instant Oatmeal

Dry Cereal

JANUARY

Tuna/Chicken Salad
with Crackers

Fruit Cups

FEBRUARY

Hormel Compleats

Breakfast Bars

MARCH

Single Serving
Microwaveable
Veggie Cups

APRIL

Breakfast Bars

Hormel Compleats

MAY

Fruit Cups

Cheese Cracker
Sandwiches

JUNE

Individual Snack Bags

Chips and Pretzels

Designated Food
Items for 2024—25
School Year

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Check expiration dates allowing for several months beyond the date you purchase the food.
- No nut products
- Fruit cups in 100% fruit juice
- Snacks low in sugar



Report from SPRC September – October 2024 Grapevine Craig Nickerson, Chairperson

SPRC has welcomed our new Pastor, Rev. Yost, and are working through the process of helping our new Pastor learn about us, and vice versa. To help with this effort, we have entered into a covenant with Rev. Yost to establish a baseline for mutual evaluation, accountability, and exploration between Rev. Yost and SPRC. We'd like to share it with the congregation for your information.

1. The church's main goals for ministry/disciple-making in this next year:
 - a. Purpose: Gather as followers of Jesus Christ; Grow as disciples; Give of ourselves; and Go into the world in service.
 - b. Gather: Continue to engage in passionate worship. Begin a new set of Pastor-led education classes for the congregation.
 - c. Grow: Hold a confirmation class for our youth.
 - d. Give: More fully recognize the spiritual gifts and talents of the congregation.
 - e. Go: Continue our support beyond the walls of Arnolia, begin a new ministry with the Helping Up Mission, and strengthen our relationship with Oakleigh Elementary School.
2. The pastor's goals for growth in the practice of ministry/disciple-making
 - a. Successfully complete year one of the Doctor of Ministry program.
 - b. Design and lead a confirmation class for our youth.
3. The pastor's goals for personal spiritual growth
 - a. Attend 2 to 3 retreats for spiritual renewal.
4. The committee's goals for growth in its ministry as SPRC
 - a. Work together and listen to feedback from the congregation to ensure acceptance of our new Pastor.
5. The committee's goals for its spiritual growth
 - a. Members of SPRC will engage in intentional prayer for the congregation and the Pastor.
6. In the coming year, we (SPRC and pastor) will work to strengthen our covenant relationship by
 - a. Being in relationship with each other and meeting together on a more frequent basis.
 - b. Establish and promote open lines of communication.
7. One way we plan to learn together is
 - a. Participate in the worship and mission life of the congregation.
8. During the year, we will assess our progress toward our goals by
 - a. Discussing in each SPRC gathering and assessing our progress.

If you have any questions about this covenant, or our work with the Pastor, please ask any member of the committee.

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. 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

November / December 10/11/24

January / February 2025 12/06/24

March / April 2025 02/14/25



- 01 Craig Nickerson
Amy Rampmeyer
- 02 Kyle DuBois
Gayle Gorsuch
Dick Shine
- 07 Evelyn Hartig
Jeffrey Nickerson
- 11 Tyler Hendley
- 13 Claude & Anne Libis – 72 years
- 15 Mark & Shannon Davis – 23 years
- 24 George & Evelyn Hartig – 69 years
- 23 Kurt Buckler
- 24 Paxton Catterton
- 27 Bill & Christie Grape – 44 years



- 05 Claude Libis
- 08 Craig & Drennan Nickerson – 41 years
- 09 Jim McGee, Jr.
- 15 Paula Pfeifer
- 17 Marlis Collins
- 18 Doris Ford
- 26 Betty Bowers
Brian Carman
- 27 Bill Grape
Nancy Rampmeyer
- 31 Steven Grauer
Jacob Vanessen

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.

SEPTEMBER 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 am Worship Service	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3	4 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	5 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	6 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	7
8 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	9	10 Thrift Store NOT accepting donations	11	12 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	13 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	14
15 10 am Worship Service	16	17 Thrift Store NOT accepting donations 12 Noon Pastor's Study	18 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	19 Thrift Store Closed	20 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	21 9 am – 2pm Flea Market Thrift Store Open
22 10 am Worship Service	23	24 12 Noon Pastor's Study	25	26 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	27 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	28 9 am – 2pm Flea Market Rain date
29 10 am Worship Service	30	1	2	3	4	5

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OCTOBER 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESD	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 12 Noon Pastor's Study	2	3 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	4 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	5
6 10 am Worship Service	7 6:30 PM General Conference Overview	8 12 Noon Pastor's Study	9	10 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	11 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	12
13 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	14 6:30 PM Regionalization	15 12 Noon Pastor's Study	16	17 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	18 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	19
20 10 am Worship Service	21 6:30 PM Revised Social Principles	22 12 Noon Pastor's Study	23	24 10 am – 2 pm Thrift Store Open	25 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	26
27 10 am Worship Service	28 6:30 PM Legislation passed regarding Human Sexuality	29 12 Noon Pastor's Study	30	31	1	2

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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
Sept. 1, 2024	Karen Long	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Beth Krebs	Dick Disharoon & Ralph Wilson	Paxton Catterton
Sept. 8, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Evelyn Hartig	Beth Krebs	Rich Krebs		
Sept. 15, 2024	Janice Lark	Paula Pfeifer	Faith Hovatter	Paxton Catterton		
Sept. 22, 2024	Dottie Willard	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Paula Pfeifer		
Sept. 29, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Joe Anna Funk	Beth Krebs	Tad Wolfe		
Oct. 6, 2024	Karen Long	Paula Pfeifer	Tad Wolfe	Dick Disharoon	Marlis Collins & Dottie Willard	
Oct. 13, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Evelyn Hartig	Faith Hovatter	Beth Krebs		
Oct. 20, 2024	Janice Lark	Drennan Nickerson	Beth Krebs	Paxton Catterton		
Oct. 27, 2024	Dottie Willard	Joe Anna Funk	Paxton Catterton	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