



# THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church  
November / December 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.

The holiday season has sneaked up on us. The holidays are interesting as they continuously stir up a mix of emotions. Add on an election year, and the diversity of emotions expands. While Thanksgiving and Christmas encourage us to slow down and be with those we love, we find ourselves overworked in preparation and holding grief and joy of various sizes as we realize the tables we sit at have changed in company. Some seats are empty, others have new faces, yet we still gather together.

As we approach the end of the Church calendar, November holds significant events. We start by honoring All Saints Sunday, a day to remember those who have transitioned from this earthly life to the Great Cloud of Witnesses. We also continue our fireside worship and s'mores on November 2nd (S'more Peace) and November 16th (S'more Gratitude), allowing us to slow down, worship, and fellowship with one another.

Then we begin the year with Advent., a season of hopeful anticipation of Christ showing up in the world. Advent has been my favorite liturgical season for quite some time now, which says much about my theology. I crave a God who is present with us in the mess of this world.

I'm thrilled to present the sermon series "Words for the Beginning" from A Sanctified Art this year. This series, with its devotionals, beautiful artwork, poetry, and advent calendars, holds a special place in my heart. It will guide us through this season, culminating in our star words on Epiphany Sunday.

I invite you to worship with us through all the emotions of the season on Sundays, fireside, Christmas Eve, and our Service of Hope and Healing. Our Service of Hope and Healing will be posted on YouTube and will debut one night in December to hold the mixture of endings we are navigating this season.

I look forward to our times to hold sacred space together this season and will pray for all of us.

-Rev. Yost (they/he)



<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Lection</b>	<b>Title</b>
11/1/2024	Friday	<a href="#">1 Kings 16:1-28</a>	The Situation before Ahab
11/2/2024	Saturday	<a href="#">1 Kings 16:29-33</a>	Ahab's Evil Actions
11/4/2024	Monday	<a href="#">1 Kings 19:11-18</a>	Elijah Meets God
11/5/2024	Tuesday	<a href="#">2 Kings 2:1-12</a>	Elijah Ascends to Heaven
11/6/2024	Wednesday	<a href="#">2 Kings 4:1-7</a>	Elisha and the Widow's Oil
11/7/2024	Thursday	<a href="#">2 Chronicles 34:1-7</a>	The Torah is Discovered
11/8/2024	Friday	<a href="#">2 Chronicles 34:29-33</a>	The Covenant Renewed
11/9/2024	Saturday	<a href="#">2 Chronicles 36:15-21</a>	The Fall of Jerusalem
11/10/2024	Sunday	<a href="#">Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10</a>	Jonah and the Big Fish
11/11/2024	Monday	<a href="#">Jonah 1</a>	Jonah Tries to Run from God
11/12/2024	Tuesday	<a href="#">Jonah 3</a>	Conversion of Ninevah
11/13/2024	Wednesday	<a href="#">Jonah 4</a>	Jonah's Anger
11/14/2024	Thursday	<a href="#">Exodus 33:7-23</a>	Moses Sees God
11/15/2024	Friday	<a href="#">Exodus 40:18-33</a>	Moses Sets up the Tabernacle
11/16/2024	Saturday	<a href="#">Exodus 40:34-38</a>	The Glory of the Lord
11/17/2024	Sunday	<a href="#">Isaiah 6:1-8</a>	Isaiah's Vision
11/18/2024	Monday	<a href="#">Isaiah 11:1-9</a>	The Peaceful Kingdom
11/19/2024	Tuesday	<a href="#">Isaiah 25:1-10a</a>	Praise for Deliverance from Oppression
11/20/2024	Wednesday	<a href="#">Isaiah 38:1-8</a>	Hezekiah's Illness

11/21/2024	Thursday	<a href="#">Isaiah 44:1-8</a>	God Blesses Israel
11/22/2024	Friday	<a href="#">Jeremiah 1:4-10</a>	God Calls Jeremiah
11/23/2024	Saturday	<a href="#">2 Kings 23:1-3, 21-25</a>	Josiah's Reforms
11/24/2024	Sunday	<a href="#">Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34</a>	A New Covenant
11/25/2024	Monday	<a href="#">Jeremiah 39:11-18</a>	Jeremiah is Set Free
11/26/2024	Tuesday	<a href="#">Jeremiah 42:7-16</a>	Jeremiah Advises the People to Stay
11/27/2024	Wednesday	<a href="#">Jeremiah 44:1-10</a>	The People Still Worship Idols
11/28/2024	Thursday	<a href="#">Daniel 1:1-17</a>	Israelites in the Babylonian Court
11/29/2024	Friday	<a href="#">Daniel 3:1-18</a>	The Golden Image
11/30/2024	Saturday	<a href="#">Daniel 5:1-8, 13-16, 23-28</a>	Daniel Interprets the Writing on the Wall

## Get Involved

at Arnolia United Methodist Church

### HELLO FROM OAKLEIGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!

Hello from Oakleigh Elementary School! We appreciate our partnership with Arnolia Church. Since the last newsletter, Arnolia has been supported Oakleigh in many ways

- Mr. Ralph has continued to drop off the weekend backpack meals for our students.
- Reverend Yost attended a Shared Decision-Making Team at the school to help us make budgetary decisions about community school spending
- The Thrift Shop donated a student violin to our Instrumental Music Program



We look forward to continuing our partnership. Parishioners are welcome to volunteer at the school, and can find out information on how to do so at:

[https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/b\\_c\\_p\\_s\\_volunteers](https://www.bcps.org/cos/communications/FACE/b_c_p_s_volunteers)

As Always,

Becky Yackley  
 Community School Facilitator  
 Oakleigh Elementary School  
[ryackley@bcps.org](mailto:ryackley@bcps.org)



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## 2024 FALL FLEA MARKET!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Fall Flea Market! We had many volunteers who sold treasured items in the Thrift Shop and the Holiday Room. Thanks to everyone who donated their treasured items and delicious baked goods for us to sell and who volunteered to make the Flea Market a success!

*Drennan Nickerson*



***The store is not accepting donations on Tuesday, November 26 and will close on Thanksgiving Day, November 28 and December 22 through January 10, 2025. We will reopen for donations on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The store will reopen on Thursday, January 16, 2025.***

Let Karen know if you are interested in volunteering to help in the Thrift Store. Come shop in the Thrift Store for thrifty and gently loved Christmas gifts, clothing and decorations!



## BACKPACK BUDDIES

BACKPACK  
Buddies  
mybackpackbuddies.org

*Children are not the people of tomorrow,  
but people today.* *Janusz Korczak*

***One bag of Backpack Buddy meals is food security for an elementary student for one weekend and in some instances has been shared with another family member.***

Thank you to all of you who helped Backpack Buddies get off to a great start this fall. The Backpack volunteers are excited to see food items dropped off on the table underneath the Mission/Outreach bulletin board when they come into church on Sunday mornings!

Rev. Yost and I had a chance to meet some of Oakleigh's students and parents when we attended Back to School Night in September. It was fun talking with the students and parents and sharing a Rice Krispie Bar with the children. Arnolia is now a member of Oakleigh's PTA. By joining the PTA we will have a chance to get to know the school and possibly participate in Oakleigh activities throughout the school year.

**Through the months of November and December, the designated food items are the Single Serving of Shelf Milk and Hot Cocoa Mix.** (FYI Right now we distribute a total of 10 single serving cartons of shelf milk each week!)

Please remember our 10 Buddies while shopping in your favorite food store and pick up one or more of the suggested items, or any of the other food items on our shopping list. If shopping isn't your thing or you aren't able to carry the food items to church, please remember you can make a monetary donation by mail or by dropping an envelope in the offering plate any Sunday morning. Please designate your donation "Backpack Buddies"

*Marlis Collins, Chair Backpack Buddy*

*Volunteers, John and Gayle Gorsuch,  
Dottie Willard and Ralph Wilson*

## Helping Up Mission

### Christmas List

### Ladies Art Supplies

October 1 – December 1, 2024

#### Multimedia

- ❖ Pastels – soft multicolor sets (oil pastels)
- ❖ Watercolor paint sets
- ❖ Acrylic paint sets
- ❖ Colored pencils
- ❖ Various brushes
- ❖ Sketch or charcoal pencils
- ❖ Markers (assorted colors)
- ❖ Paint pens (acrylic)
- ❖ Small scrapbook paper pads
- ❖ Aleene's tacky glue (2 oz. bottle)
- ❖ Stretch canvas (5 x 7, 8 x 10, 9 x 12)
- ❖ Watercolor paper pads
- ❖ Sketch paper pads
- ❖ Disposable paper pallets
- ❖ Glass seed beads, Bugle beads (2, 3 or 4 mm)
- ❖ Bracelet string (1 mm elastic)



**OVER**

## Suggested Stores:

Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Walmart



## For Babies at Helping Up Mission

NEW baby toys for children under 3

Please drop off at Arnolia under the cross in the  
Tower entrance by December 1, 2024.

*Please see Paula Pfeifer or Carol Tiernan with any questions.*

# 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



# WORSHIP

at Arnolia United Methodist Church



## THIS DECEMBER AND INTO JANUARY, join us for *Words for the Beginning:* *Advent Reminders for New Seasons.*

The *Words for the Beginning* Advent series focuses on **simple, enduring truths** that offer comfort and guidance as we navigate life's endings and beginnings. Inspired by the image of a mother imparting wisdom to her child, the series explores themes such as **blessedness as our starting point**, the importance of **community and support** ("we can't go alone"), the call to **make a positive impact** ("do the good that is yours to do"), the courage to **embrace hope even when it feels risky**, the power of **laughter and joy**, the acceptance of **life's unpredictable journey** ("the road isn't straight"), and the assurance that **God's love knows each of us personally** ("love knows your name"). These themes are woven together like a quilt, connecting ancient scriptures with contemporary reminders to provide warmth and strength for the journey ahead.

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Arnolia will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. We will be ordering red, white, and marble poinsettias this year from White House Nursery in Upperco. The cost will be \$11.00 for each 6-inch pot with a green pot cover. Orders must be returned to the church office by **Monday, November 18.**

### Order Your Poinsettias



Cost: \$11.00

Number of:

Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Last Date of Order: **Nov. 18, 2024**

Dedication (Please Check)

\_\_\_\_\_ IN HONOR OF

\_\_\_\_\_ IN MEMORY OF

\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given By:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place order in Offering Plate or mail to the Church Office. Flowers may be picked up at the conclusion of the 7:00 PM Service on December 24.



# 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.

## ENVELOPES FOR 2025



If you are new to our Arnolia Family and have not received envelopes and would like them for 2025, please either contact the office, 410-665-7005, or email [joeannafunk@gmail.com](mailto:joeannafunk@gmail.com). Your envelope is how we track giving for the statements you receive; it is helpful for posting to have the envelopes. We have members who do not need envelopes because they give through other means; online banking being one of them. If you use online banking for bill pay and would like information on how to send offering directly to Arnolia, please contact me. The envelopes should be available to pick up before or after church by mid-December.

*Joe Anna Funk*  
*Financial Secretary*



## Church Email, Website, and More

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

January / February 2025	12/06/24
March / April 2025	02/14/25
May / June 2025	04/11/25



05	Jane Buckler
09	Jordan Ready
12	Nikole Swanner
18	Wayne Penley
19	Shirley Polhein
23	Bruce and Phyllis Bell – 50 years
30	Mary Rettman



01	Yolande Norman
02	John Rust
05	Winifred Gist
08	Jeannie DuBois
10	Rebecca Penley
19	Ellaline Roy-Macaulay
28	Florence Brady

*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.*

# NOVEMBER 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31 6:00 pm Celebration Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	1 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	2  <b>6:00 pm Fireside Worship and S'mores</b>
3 <b>10 am Worship Service</b>	4	5 12 noon Pastor's Study  Thrift Store <b>not</b> accepting donations	6	7 6:00 pm Celebration Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	9
10 <b>10 am Worship Service</b> <b>11:15 AM Leadership Team</b>	<b>11</b>	12 12 noon Pastor's Study	13 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	14 6:00 pm Celebration Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	16  <b>6:00 pm Fireside Worship and S'mores</b>
17 <b>10 am Worship Service</b>	18	19 12 noon Pastor's Study	20	21 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	22 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	23
24 <b>10 am Worship Service</b>	25	26 12 noon Pastor's Study  Thrift Store <b>not</b> accepting donations	27 No Rejuvenate Rehearsal	28  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>Thrift Store Closed Church Office Closed</b>	29 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	30

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# DECEMBER 2024 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 12 noon Pastor's Study	4 7:30 pm Rejuvenate	5 6:00 pm Celebration Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	7
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22 10 am Worship Service	23	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion	25 	26 Church Office Closed – Messages checked daily <b>Thrift Store Closed</b>	27 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	28
29 10 am Worship Service	30 Church Office Closed – Messages checked daily	31 Church Office Closed – Messages checked daily	News' Year Day 1 Church Office Closed – Messages checked daily	2	3	4

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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
Nov. 3, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Paula Pfeifer	Beth Krebs	Tad Wolfe	Marlis Collins / Dottie Willard	Paxton Catterton
Nov. 10, 2024	Carole & Dick Disharoon	Evelyn Hartig	Tad Wolfe	Paula Pfeifer		
Nov. 17, 2024	Karen Long	Drennan Nickerson	Faith Hovatter	Paxton Catterton		
Nov. 24, 2024	Barbara Conrad	Joe Anna Funk	Paxton Catterton	Dick Disharoon		
Dec. 1, 2024	Wayne Grauer	Paula Pfeifer	Faith Hovatter	Andrew Virgilio	Beth and Rich Krebs	Conner Goble
Dec. 8, 2024	Janice Lark	Evelyn Hartig	Conner Goble	Beth Krebs		
Dec. 15, 2024	Barbara Conrad	Drennan Nickerson	Tad Wolfe	Conner Goble		
Dec. 22, 2024	Dottie Willard	Joe Anna Funk	Beth Krebs	Paula Pfeifer		
<b>Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 2024</b>	Carole & Dick Disharoon	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Rich Krebs	Gayle and John Gorsuch	Paxton Catterton Conner Goble
Dec. 29, 2024	Rae Virgilio	Evelyn Hartig	Conner Goble	Tad Wolfe		

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