



THE GRAPEVINE

at Arnolia United Methodist Church
January / February 2025



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.

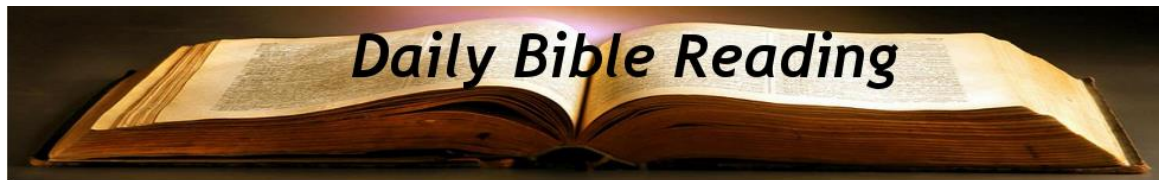
Greetings, beloveds of Arnolia.

Happy New Year. While the church calendar begins on December 1, the Gregorian Calendar starts on January 1. While advertisements want us to believe that there is some magic to a new year, our calendar system is just an artificial instrument declared by a pope in the 1500s. So, there is no reason to beat yourself into a new way of being. At the same time, beginnings bring a vast array of feelings. Beginnings always mark an ending. So, as we start new things, we grieve the old ways of being. Regardless, be kind to yourself.

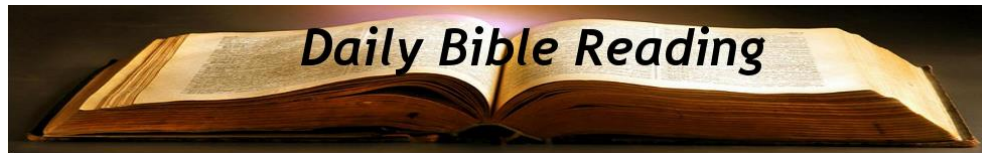
This time of year comes with so many Rituals. I pray that you all find rest in this season as we get oriented with a new calendar year. I gave up setting New Year's resolutions a few years ago. I never seemed to meet them. And it seemed like Seminary set my New Year's resolutions for me: Survive another year.

Looking back over my Facebook posts, I started a new annual tradition/ritual at the end of 2019. Every year since 2019, I've taken a few hours in my week around the new year to sit down and reflect on and process the previous year. The highs, the lows, people I need to forgive, things I need to celebrate, and things I need to let go of. Then, I start to dream for the next year, ending the time with a single word and a complete booklet to return to all year. Of course, it didn't prepare me for the big changes that arrived unexpectedly in the past, but it gave me time to pause, reflect on my growth, and meditate on how God has been with me throughout this year. If this sounds like your type of ritual, I've been using the free tool *YearCompass*. You can download it for free on their website <https://yearcompass.com/> or ask us to print a copy for you.

-Rev. Yost (they/he)



Date	Day	Lection	Title
1/6/2025	Monday	Genesis 17:9-14	Sign of the Covenant
1/7/2025	Tuesday	Exodus 13:1-2	Consecration of Firstborn
1/8/2025	Wednesday	Leviticus 26:3-6	God Will Grant Peace
1/9/2025	Thursday	Leviticus 26:7-13	The Covenant Revealed
1/10/2025	Friday	Malachi 4:4-6	Advice for the Coming of the Lord
1/11/2025	Saturday	Isaiah 62:10-12	Build up a Highway
1/12/2025	Sunday	Luke 3:1-22	Jesus and John the Baptist
1/13/2025	Monday	Malachi 3:1-4	Coming of the Messenger
1/14/2025	Tuesday	Acts 19:1-7	Baptism and the Holy Spirit
1/15/2025	Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1-7	One Baptism
1/16/2025	Thursday	Luke 3:23-38	The Ancestors of Jesus
1/17/2025	Friday	Luke 4:1-4	Jesus in the Wilderness
1/18/2025	Saturday	Luke 4:5-13	The Temptation of Jesus
1/19/2025	Sunday	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Brings Good News
1/20/2025	Monday	Isaiah 58:6-12	Loosing Bonds of Injustice
1/21/2025	Tuesday	1 Kings 17:8-14	Elijah and the Widow
1/22/2025	Wednesday	2 Kings 5:1-17	The Healing of Namaan
1/23/2025	Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The Man with an Unclean Spirit
1/24/2025	Friday	Luke 4:38-41	Healings at Simon's House
1/25/2025	Saturday	Luke 4:42-44	Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues
1/26/2025	Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Fishes for People
1/27/2025	Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A Vision of God in the Temple
1/28/2025	Tuesday	Luke 5:12-16	Jesus Cleanses a Leper
1/29/2025	Wednesday	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus Heals a Paralytic
1/30/2025	Thursday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating and Responding to Christ
1/31/2025	Friday	Luke 5:27-32	Jesus Calls Levi



2/1/2025	Saturday	Luke 5:33-39	The Question About Fasting
2/2/2025	Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	The Lord of the Sabbath
2/3/2025	Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Keeping the Sabbath
2/4/2025	Tuesday	Luke 6:17-19	Jesus Touches and Heals
2/5/2025	Wednesday	Luke 6:20-26	Blessings and Woes
2/6/2025	Thursday	Luke 6:27-36	Love for Enemies
2/7/2025	Friday	Luke 6:37-45	Judging Others
2/8/2025	Saturday	Luke 6:46-49	The Two Foundations
2/9/2025	Sunday	Luke 7:1-17	Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead
2/10/2025	Monday	Luke 8:40-56	A Girl Raised and a Woman Healed
2/11/2025	Tuesday	John 11:38-44	Jesus Raises Lazarus
2/12/2025	Wednesday	Luke 18:1-8	The Widow and the Unjust Judge
2/13/2025	Thursday	Acts 10:1-16	Peter and Cornelius
2/14/2025	Friday	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Treating Those in Need
2/15/2025	Saturday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac
2/16/2025	Sunday	Luke 7:18-35	Are You the One?
2/17/2025	Monday	Proverbs 8:32-36	God's Instructions for Life
2/18/2025	Tuesday	Luke 8:4-10	The Parable of the Sower
2/19/2025	Wednesday	Luke 8:11-15	The Parable Explained
2/20/2025	Thursday	Luke 8:16-18	A Lamp under a Jar
2/21/2025	Friday	Luke 8:19-21	The True Family of Jesus
2/22/2025	Saturday	Luke 8:22-25	Jesus Calms a Storm
2/23/2025	Sunday	Luke 7:36-50	A Woman Forgiveness
2/24/2025	Monday	Luke 8:1-3	Women Follow Jesus
2/25/2025	Tuesday	Psalms 100	A Joyful Noise to the LORD
2/26/2025	Wednesday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's Feast
2/27/2025	Thursday	Luke 9:1-9	The Mission of the Twelve
2/28/2025	Friday	Luke 9:10-17	Jesus Feeds Thousands
3/1/2025	Saturday	Luke 9:18-27	Following Jesus
3/2/2025	Sunday	Luke 9:28-45	The Transfiguration

PASTOR'S STUDY: Starting on *January 14th*, we will discuss *Disarming Leviathan: Loving Your Christian Nationalist Neighbor* by Caleb E. Campbell (Intervarsity Press). This topic came up many times during our discussion of *This Here Flesh*. Caleb Campbell is a pastor of a Bible Church out in Arizona who has seen the fruits of Christian nationalism and seeks to reach those who have been misled by Christian nationalism with a gentle spirit guided by Galatians 6:1-2. More about the book can be found at: <https://www.disarmingleviathan.com/>

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



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. 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



Connections

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 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

March / April 2025	02/14/25
May / June 2025	04/11/25
July / August 2025	06/13/25

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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
24	Gail Krebs



01	Ginny Cox
	Conner Goble
03	Jaden DuBois
08	Amanda Tallent
14	Constance Nlemadim
17	Andrew Virgilio
18	Phyllis Bell
	Steven Cox
19	John Gorsuch
20	Bud Laumann
21	Barbara Conrad
24	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 2025 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Church Office and Thrift Store Closed	3 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	4
5 10 am Worship Service	6	7 12 Noon Pastor's Study	8 7:30 PM Rejuvenate	9 Thrift Store Closed	10 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	11
12 10 am Worship Service 11:15 am Leadership Team	13	14 12 Noon Pastor's Study	15	16 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	17 <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	18
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FEBRUARY 2025 – Arnolia United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9 am – 12 noon Planning Retreat
2 10 am Worship Service	3	4 12 Noon Pastor’s Study	5 7:30 PM Rejuvenate	6 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Thrift Store Open 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7 <i>Pastor’s Sabbath</i>	8
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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, John Gorsuch, and Jerry Finley.

Date	Greeters	Presenters	Acolytes	Readers	Comm. Stewards	Comm. Helpers
Jan. 5, 2025	Jerry Finley	Drennan Nickerson	Beth Krebs	Andrew Virgilio	Paula and Mike Pfeifer	Paxton Catterton
Jan. 12, 2025	Carole & Dick Disharoon	Joe Anna Funk	Tad Wolfe	Beth Krebs		
Jan. 19, 2025	Doug Thomas	Evelyn Hartig	Faith Hovatter	Conner Goble		
Jan. 26, 2025	Karen Long	Paula Pfeifer	Paxton Catterton	Rich Krebs		
Feb. 2, 2025	Barbara Conrad	Joe Anna Funk	Beth Krebs	Tad Wolfe	Drennan & Craig Nickerson	Conner Goble
Feb. 9, 2025	Wayne Grauer	Drennan Nickerson	Paxton Catterton	Paula Pfeifer		
Feb. 16, 2025	Janice Lark	Evelyn Hartig	Faith Hovatter	Dick Disharoon		
Feb. 23, 2025	Dottie Willard	Paula Pfeifer	Conner Goble	Paxton Catterton		

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