

## What's Happening?

April 21 - 28, 2024

### \*Sunday, April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter and The Hope School Fund Raiser

- 10:00 AM – Worship\* - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM – Children’s Church School - Classrooms
- 11:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship - Cargill Hall
- 11:00 AM - Confirmation Class - Vestry

### Monday, April 22

- 6:00 PM – Troop 1 Scouts–Boys - Cargill Hall
- 7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting - Library

### Tuesday, April 23 — General Conference of the United Methodist Church begins

- 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting - Zoom
- 7:00 PM – Troop 1 Scouts - Girls - Cargill Hall

### Wednesday, April 24

- 9:30 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library
- 11:00 AM – Meet Pastor Heather - Phantom Farms
- 6:00 PM - Confirmation Class - Vestry/Zoom
- 7:00 PM - Adult Spiritual Formation - Zoom

### Thursday, April 25

- 6:00 PM – Troop 1 Meeting - Downstairs Classrooms
- 7:30 PM - July 4th Parade Committee Meeting - Cargill Hall

### \*Sunday, April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 AM – Worship\* - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM – Children’s Church School - Classrooms
- 11:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship - Cargill Hall

\*Worship with us Onsite & Livestreamed on Facebook.

Recording available after 11 AM [www.amumc.org](http://www.amumc.org).

	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Kathy Murphy & David Raymond	Karen Roeber & Marianne Alger
Acolyte	Allie Stewart	Lexi Johnson-McMahon
Liturgist	Chip Thurlow	Stacey Johnson
Coffee Hour	Cindy Mauch & Pat Coogan	

## Practicing Our Faith

Sharing our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness

**Welcome to the Arnold Mills United Methodist Church.** Whether it’s your first time or you have worn a groove in “your” pew, we are glad you are here. We hope you connect with God and our community as we follow Jesus, love our neighbors, and change the world. Children are welcome to participate fully in worship including communion. Their wiggles, giggles, singing and yes, even their crying remind us we are all growing. Children will begin Sunday School in the sanctuary and then follow their teachers to their classroom following Children’s Time, a time when the pastor and children learn together.

## PRAYERS

Holding our neighbors, community and world in God’s love

My heartfelt thank you for the many cards and expressions of sympathy. Your kindness, caring, hugs and especially your prayers are very much appreciated during this difficult time. Al’s daughters asked me to express their gratitude for all your kind words about their dad at the wake and funeral. My sincerest thanks, Pauline

### Answered Prayer

I have a wonderful update from Joan and Bob Beckwith. No cancer found! Praise God! Thanks for keeping Bob and Joan in your prayers! -Joni Robers

### Please continue to pray for

- Friends of Pastor Heather, Ken and Meri, living with early Alzheimer's.
- People of Baltimore
- Pauline Belisle and all who grieve
- The Kellogg Family, Kristen Kane's sister and family. Kristen's sister's 9-year-old son, Benjamin, was killed tragically in a car accident.

- Our confirmands, mentors and families.
- Joan and Bob Beckwith, still waiting on more tests, definitive results, and treatment plan.
- Audrey, Sharon Bizier’s coworker and friend, living with cancer
- All affected by Parkinsons
- All who are pregnant or awaiting adoption
- The people and leaders of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt, Ukraine and Russia
- All affected by cancer
- Couples and families going through divorce
- All who face addiction one day at a time
- Muriel Campanelli, Sherry & Bob Campanelli’s sister-in-law, to regain her health
- All living in assisted living facilities including: Betty Jordan and Meredith Straight.
- Bishop Peggy Johnson and District Superintendent Rev. Wanda Santos-Perez

*Please tell us when prayers are answered so we can give thanks.*

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## PRESENCE

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Join us as we learn and grow together as disciples

**Book Study continues April 24, 7pm, on Zoom—***The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God-For All Who Feel Left Out*, by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Our discussion, led by Dr. Adama Brown, picks up as we look at ch. 20-27. Come and learn more about our bishop, our denomination, and how we can all grow in compassionate courage.

Wednesday, April 24, 7-8pm, on Zoom. [Link](#) in pastor's weekly email and amumc.org.

**\*\* Mark your calendars:** Bishop Peggy Johnson and Rev. Mary Johnson will join our conversation, Wednesday May 8, at 7pm on Zoom.

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## GIFTS

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Resourcing Mission and Ministry at AMUMC

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## SERVICE

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Love In Action

**Support local educators and students:** Local Educators do not have adequate resources for the students in their classrooms. Most teachers provide many of those items at their own expense! You can help students and teachers. Donate items in the bin on the elevator or in the hallway near the display case. Suggested items for classroom support:

- pencils
- computer paper
- glue (sticks and bottles)
- poster boards
- folders and notebooks (any subject, any type)
- large chart paper
- small laptop headphones with auxiliary cords

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## WITNESS

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Working for Justice in our community, state and nation

**General Conference Begins April 23— Among many things, delegates will explore three priorities:**

**[Worldwide Regionalization](#)**, The proposal would create eight distinct regional governing bodies in what are currently the seven central conferences in Africa, Europe, the Philippines as well as in the United States. Each region would have the same authority to adapt portions of the Book of Discipline, the denomination's policy book, to their missional context.

**[Revised Social Principles](#)**, The proposals are the result of an eight-year revision process prompted by the 2012 General Conference to make the denomination's social teachings more "more globally relevant, theologically founded and succinct." More than 4,000 United Methodists from around the globe have contributed to the revisions. As proposed, the revision would no longer make reference to homosexuality at all.

**Removal of exclusionary policies against LGBTQ people.** Since General Conference added the Social Principle on homosexuality in 1972, [subsequent gatherings have added bans](#) on "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy and the officiation of same-sex weddings. Also since 1972, every General Conference has been marked by rancorous debate over the place of LGBTQ people in church life. The clashes culminated in the special 2019 General Conference, which passed the Traditional Plan that aimed to strengthen enforcement of the bans and opened the door for the church disaffiliations seen over the past four years. "This would return the Book of Discipline to where it was from 1784 to 1972, and remove the cause of so much of our friction and division for the last 50 years," said the Rev. Adam Hamilton, one of the delegate signers from the Great Plains Conference. He is the senior pastor of Resurrection, a multisite United Methodist church based in Leawood, Kansas, that has long seen the denomination's highest weekly attendance in the U.S.

**Reconciling Process Update: [Special Church Conference, Sunday, April 28, immediately following worship.](#)** We will officially vote to become a Reconciling Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

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