## What's Happening?

May 5 - 12, 2024

#### \*Sunday, May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter—Communion Sunday

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

#### Monday, May 6

6:00 PM – Troop 1 Scouts–Boys - Cargill Hall

#### Tuesday, May 7

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

#### Wednesday, May 8

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

#### Thursday, May 9

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

### \*Sunday, May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

10:00 AM – Worship/Communion\* - 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 <u>www.amumc.org</u>.

	May 5	May 12
Greeters	Bob & Dot Antonelli	Cindy Mauch & David Raymond
Acolyte	Pam Thurlow	Allie Stewart
Liturgist	Lexi Johnson-McMahon	Adama Brown
Coffee Hour		

# 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 their classrooms and join us for communion.

# PRAYERS

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

#### Please pray for:

All delegates, Bishops, volunteers, support staff, and observers of General Conference.

All affected by the gun violence in Charlotte, NC.

Mike and Judy Rose, Pastor Heather's West Virginia neighbors.

All students and faculty affected by arrests on campus in response to protests.

Betty Jordan, Johnna Kosnoff's mother, who is in hospice care.

#### Please continue to pray for

- Alex Kithes Aunt Helena
- Pauline Belisle and all who grieve
- Our confirmands, mentors and families.
- 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
- Friends of Pastor Heather, Ken and Meri, living with early Alzheimer's.
- 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.

# PRESENCE

Join us as we learn and grow together as disciples

#### 7pm Wednesday Night Study — May 8

We will meet with Bishop Peggy Johnson and her wife, Rev. Mary Johnson, May 8 at 7pm on Zoom. We will be discussing Bishop Johnson's book, *The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God-For All Who Feel Left Out*, by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

#### Join Zoom Meeting

#### https://us02web.zoom.us/j/839125938

### Meeting ID: 839 125 938

**Next Week, Special Guest preacher, Grace Pugh Hubbard,** Climate Care Coordinator for the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Heather will be present and leading worship.

## GIFTS

Resourcing Mission and Ministry at AMUMC

### Free Ways to Help Arnold Mills United Methodist Church Raise Much-Needed Funds.

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## SERVICE

### 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

Working for Justice in our community, state and nation

#### What's happening at the delayed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church?

General Conference delegates have begun making historic policy changes that chip away at longtime church restrictions against LGBTQ people including:

- Remove a ban on annual conferences and denominational agencies from giving United Methodist funds to any "gay caucus group" or using funds to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality." Instead, the provision now says annual conferences and agencies should honor the denomination's commitment not to reject lesbian or gay members.
- Eliminate the requirement that the General Council on Finance and Administration, the denomination's finance agency, enforce the ban. Instead, the provision says the agency should ensure that church funds do not go to anything that rejects LGBTQ people or limits the response to the HIV epidemic.
- Strike the ban on boards of ordained ministry from even considering candidates without evaluating whether they are "self-avowed practicing" gay people, and strike the requirement that bishops rule gay candidates ineligible.
- Erase the mandatory penalty of at least a one-year suspension without pay for clergy found guilty of officiating at same-sex weddings or unions. This was the denomination's only chargeable offense with a mandatory penalty.
- Allow gay clergy in good standing to be appointed across annual conference lines when their bishop can't locate an appointment in their conference.
- Set a moratorium on judicial proceedings related to the denomination's bans against "self -avowed practicing" gay clergy and same-sex weddings. The moratorium will last until General Conference alters it.

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