



Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

February 5, 2012

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Bulletins Followed By The
Weekly Calendar and Announcements

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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8:30 am

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(TFWS) indicates *The Faith We Sing* hymnbook

THE CHURCH GATHERS

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*HYMN

“Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer”

No. 266

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Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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THE SERMON

“Searching for Jesus”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion¹

The Invitation

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It is to be made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more. So come:

You who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who rarely attend;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come not because I invite you: but because God does.

It is God’s will that those who want to should meet God here.

The Story

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples and said, “Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

¹ Communion liturgy from Iona Community in Scotland

Prayer of Consecration: (Unison)

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as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room,
send down your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may become for us your body,
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Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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**Now as we take our leave, from this sacred place,
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While sharing the Holy Spirit with ev'ryone we meet,
may he protect us, both now and ever more.
And then we'll sing his praises when we meet once again!**

POSTLUDE

**Please scroll down to view the worship bulletin for the 10:30 a.m. service,
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Hope to see you Sunday!

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion²

In the United Methodist Church, the communion table is open to all. If you cannot come to the communion rail, please ask an usher to bring the communion elements to you. If kneeling at the rail is hard for you, please know that you are welcome to stand.

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POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" by Neander/W. Bennett

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If you are visiting with us we are glad you are here. Please introduce yourself to the ushers as a visitor and sign the guest book at the bottom of the rear stairs. We hope worship was meaningful to you, and you will worship with us again. *Hearing aides are available in some pews. Please speak to the ushers if this would be a help to you.* Those with small children may like to know that we have a nursery/toddler room downstairs as well as rocking chairs in the rear of the sanctuary where crayons and coloring books are available. We also have no objection to parents walking around in the rear if that is calming to your child.

The altar flowers this morning are:

“To the Glory of God and in thankfulness for family and friends”

By John and Deborah Matteson

This morning is Communion Sunday and children should report directly to Cargill Hall for Jr. Church and making Valentine Cards.

SOUP KITCHEN: *We need volunteers* at the monthly soup kitchen – Dessert bakers needed too! We hope you will join us on this Wednesday, February 8th - start 4:00PM end 6:30PM at The River United Methodist Church Federal Street, Woonsocket, RI - We'd like to build up a good size crew and start cooking at our church the night before if possible – we just need the help. It's fun, very rewarding and you feel the appreciation from everyone. Please call Karen Oswain to confirm 401-749-3609 or Koswain@netscape.net.

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. Members of Troop 1 Arnold Mills will participate in the worship service.

What Inspires you? Please refer to the cover of the February Newsletter. You can write and leave responses in the offering plate or email your responses to amumc@verizon.net. Tell us what inspires you! We'll publish your responses in the March newsletter. Look forward to hearing and sharing your inspirations.

Lenten Sermon Series - This Lent we will be on *A Journey to Hope* as we travel with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that HOPE can be found even as we encounter some of life's most difficult circumstances.

Ash Wednesday begins with Mark 8:31-37 with Jesus' turn to Jerusalem. *A journey to Hope* begins there, so we can linger over some of the experiences

that Christ has along the way. Come and join us for this amazing journey. Along the way we will see reflections on issues that still affect us today. These include self-esteem, money/power, relationships, careers/jobs, temptation, suffering and death. How might our journey be different if we truly let Jesus be “in the driver’s seat?” What would we have to adjust in our carefully laid out plans, i.e. roadmap? As we rediscover Jesus along the way, perhaps we will also uncover our “real” selves.

Lenten Study - *Golf’s Sacred Journey*, by David C. Cook, is a book worth reading! Although the game of golf is a large part of the story, the bigger part of the story is about how we negotiate our life-journey. It is an appropriate study for the Lenten season. This will be a four-part study on Wednesday evenings at 7PM, beginning on February 29. The first gathering will be a viewing of the film, “Seven Days in Utopia,” based on the book. The film lasts about 90 minutes. The following three sessions will be a discussion on the book (March 7, 14, and 21), also at 7PM. Please purchase your own book. Join the journey.

It's that time again! Time to do your taxes and collect all that paperwork from last year. Looking for your 2011 Financial Statement from the Finance Committee? We have tried to send out as many statements via e-mail as possible. If you didn't receive a paper copy in the mail or electronic copy via e-mail, please contact Tucker Carlmark for a copy of your statement. E-mail: carlmarkt@yahoo.com or call 401.405.0141 (home) Thank you for your continued support of AMUMC!

Ushers needed - Please volunteer to usher at the 10:30AM service. You would need to arrive around 10AM the Sundays you volunteer, ensure the sanctuary is ready to go, welcome congregants and give them bulletins, answer questions, enjoy the service from the back where you can stand up and sit down to your heart's content. Interested? Please see Lynn or Dave Larson.

MARGARET STEARNS SERVICE AWARD – Spring and graduations are just around the corner! Our church gives two scholarships each year in the amount of \$600 to two high school graduates furthering their education. The candidates can either be members of our church or students graduating from Cumberland High School. This scholarship was created in the memory of Margaret Stearns from a bequest given to the church. Applications will be made available at the Church and at the Cumberland High School Guidance Office soon.

February Newsletter – Copies are available on the back shelf of the sanctuary.

FLEA MARKET! It's never too early to collect items you no longer need: lamps, kitchen items, jewelry, china, crystal and more. We all have items in our home, attic, basement and garage that we no longer need. Have questions; want to volunteer to help this June? Contact Dana & Cindy Mauch at Camauch@gmail.

Woonsocket Shelter – Please take a slip from the antique chest near the display case listing items needed by the shelter. They are very appreciative of your continued support. Thank you for caring for those less fortunate!

Stretch and Relax Class – Pastor Lynn is offering a once-a-month Stretch and Relax Class. Bring a yoga mat or large towel and a friend! The class will begin with standing stretches, work toward seated stretches, and then floor stretches. The end of the class is a time of deep breathing and relaxation. You will love this time of quiet. Our background music will be the music from the movie *Out of Africa* and some Tibetan singing bowls. 10:30AM on: 2/11; 3/10; 4/7; 5/5.

Prayer Requests – Dylan Fuller for continued recovery; The Palmer Family; Heather DeLong; Marion Shepherd; Kristine (Zeigler) Fritts; Kathy & Joe Horacek; Kate Rodriques; Janet (Betsy Lachapelle's niece); Sandy Ferretti's sister Betsy Hanson; Kim Gauvin; Cindy Goode; Carl Newell; The River UMC; those in assisted living including Walter & Evelyn Bosse, Dawn Cavallaro, Eleanor Preston, Flora Stanley, Virginia Zeigler, Joyce Burrell.

The Worship Committee invites you to stop by the bulletin board outside of Cargill Hall this morning and sign up for a date to be a liturgist, have flowers on the altar, or host coffee fellowship!

Staff/Pastor Relations Committee welcomes your input. Forms, located on the back shelf and in the newsletter, may be left in the basket provided, given to any committee member, or left in the SPRC mail box on the back shelf. Don Fox, Chairperson.

Women's Bible Study - 9:30AM Wednesday mornings. I invite you to join this lively and growing Bible Study group. It is a time of fellowship, prayer, and study and we'd love to have you join our small group. Everyone is welcome. Lynn

Today's Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door.³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him.³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.'³⁸ He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.'³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Our Pastor: **Rev. Lynn McCracken**: 401-447-4462 lynnmac1@verizon.net

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Today's Worship Assistants:

Greeters: 10:30AM Joyce and Don Fox

Liturgist: Jim Goodwillie

Ushers: Joni Robert, John Boutiette

Counters: Pam and Jim

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann & Tom Hetherington

(Hosts please take note: A Church School class will be in the kitchen on February 26th, March 4th and 11th April 15th, 22nd and 29th.)

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 5th – 8:30 & 10:30AM –Worship Services

11:30AM – Coffee Fellowship – Cargill Hall

Monday, 6th – 7PM – Ed. Committee – Library; 7PM -- Boy Scouts – Cargill Hall

Tuesday, 7th - 6:30 p.m. – Cook for Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, 8th - 4-6:30PM – Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen

Thursday, 9th – 7PM – Board of Trustees – Library; 7PM – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, 11th – 10:30AM – Stretch & Relax Class – Cargill Hall
3PM – Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet – Cargill Hall

Sunday, 12th – Boy Scout Sunday

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12-3PM – Confirmation Class