

## What's Happening?

Week of January 21 - 28, 2024

### \*Sunday, January 21 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM – Worship\* - Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Children's Church School -Sanctuary

11:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship - Cargill Hall

11:15 AM - New Members Meeting - Vestry

### Monday, January 22

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

### Tuesday, January 23

6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting - Zoom

7:00 PM – Troop 1 Girl Scouts - Cargill Hall

### Wednesday, January 24

9:30 AM – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Library

11:00 AM – Meet Pastor Heather - Phantom Farms

7:00 PM - Adult Spiritual Formation - Zoom

### Thursday, January 25

7:00 PM - July 4th Parade Committee Meeting - Cargill Hall

### \*Sunday, January 28 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM – Worship\* - Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Children's Church School -Sanctuary

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).

	January 21	January 28
Greeters	Cindy Mauch & Dave Raymond	Jean Clark & Marianne Alger
Acolyte	Allie Stewart	Stacey Johnson
Liturgist	Jean Clark	Ross Hancock
Coffee Hour	Paul & Karen Roeber	David & Marianne Alger

## 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. Their giggles, singing and laughing are sounds of life. Children will go to Sunday School downstairs after children's time with the pastor.

## PRAYERS

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

### Answered Prayer

- Tom Hetherington is home and doing well. They now have to wait six weeks to see the results of the surgery. Tom and Ann send their thanks for your prayers.

### Please pray for

- Sammy Burgos' mother, Rafaela in the Emergency Room.  
- The family of Dr. Rick Rickabaugh, who died December 31st in Stanton, VA where he moved with his wife Glenda in 2009. Rick was a professor of Political Science for 38 years at Rhode Island College and both were active members of AMUMC for many years.

### Please continue to pray for

- Joyce Fox whose only sister died. May God's comfort and peace be with all who grieve.  
- Bob Beckwith and his wife in Florida. Bob has metastatic bone cancer.  
- Meredith Straight, in the Holiday Skilled Nursing Home & Senior Rehabilitation Center  
- Karen Oswain's great nephew Brooks T, born 10 weeks early, in the NICU  
- Audrey, Sharon Bizier's coworker and friend, living with cancer  
- People living with Parkinson's and their loved ones  
- All who are pregnant or awaiting adoption  
- The people of Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt, Ukraine and Russia  
- People living with cancer and their loved ones.  
- Couples and families going through divorce  
- Dierdre Thompson, experiencing kidney failure and on dialysis.  
- Muriel Campanelli, Sherry & Bob Campanelli's sister-in-law, to regain her health  
- Prayers for all those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities who are facing isolation and loneliness, including Margaret Kelly and Betty Jordan.  
- Bishop Peggy Johnson & 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

Our current worship series, **“In a New Light,”** explores the way the church has historically read some scriptures to condemn and exclude, particularly lgbt+ children of God. Join us as we explore new ways to read these texts, contextually, and “Draw the Circle Wide.” The conversation continues with our **Wednesday Night, Zoom Bible Study at 7pm,** and **Wednesdays at 11am, at Phantom Farms.**

**Are you interested in joining our church?** Some new members will be joining on January 28 and you can too. **Stick around after worship today, 1/21** for a brief conversation with Pastor Heather to learn more.

# GIFTS

Resourcing Mission and Ministry at AMUMC

When you give, online or in person, you are supporting life-changing mission and ministry including: Sunday School for our children, music for our choir, Bible study and so much more. **Thank your for your faithful generosity.**

# SERVICE

Love In Action

Local Educators do not have adequate resources for the students in their classrooms. Challenging budget constraints prohibit many school districts from providing those resources. Most teachers provide many of those items at their own expense! You can help. Donate items in the bin on the elevator or in the hallway near the display case.

Suggested items for classroom support:

- small laptop headphones with auxiliary cords

-glue (sticks and bottles)

-folders and notebooks (any subject, any type)

-large chart paper
- computer paper

-poster boards

-pencils

If you would like to discuss this offer, feel free to call me and we can explore ways we can provide realistic resources for the wonderful work that teachers and their assistants provide for their students.

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# WITNESS

Working for Justice in our community, state and nation

A message from the Reconciling Ministry Team.....  
Arnold Mills United Methodist Church is starting off 2024 entering the Reconciling process after a vote by the Church Council! What in the world does this mean? A Reconciling Church publicly acknowledges the inclusion of ALL people focusing on the LGBTQ+ population. Simply put, a Reconciling Church has an affirming logo on their church sign and website ensuring that EVERY human who would like to walk through its doors is welcomed with open arms. One could argue that we already are a welcoming church and while I do not disagree with this, one must enter our church to find this out. Twenty years ago my wife Kerri and I were “church shopping,” as we were planning on starting a family and wanted to find a safe place to worship and develop a deeper relationship with God. We walked into quite a few churches before finding AMUMC. The anticipation of introducing ourselves upon entering each church as a couple was enough to make us turn the car around. We did not know how people would react, IF they would want us to worship with them and baptize our children in their congregation. The experience was so daunting that we almost gave up on our goal. I am so grateful that we did enter Arnold Mills UMC as we were immediately welcomed by Reverend Roger and a parish-ioner Mary Beth McIntire. It was a moment that we will never forget and one that concluded our search. Reverend Roger was the first person to hold each of our children when they were born and we still exchange Christmas cards with Mary Beth! Over the years, our family of four has become active members at AMUMC and have consistently felt the love around us! It is true, we ARE a welcoming church but.....what if we didn’t enter 20 years back? What if our search ended after not feeling welcomed at another church? IF we publicly affirm that Arnold Mills United Methodist Church welcomes and loves all, others can find us without the wonder! Now, wouldn’t that just be AMAZING? Please stay tuned for more information over the coming months as to what this process entails. Stacey Johnson

**Want to learn more about what’s going on at our church?**

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