

Good Tidings

February 2022



Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

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Dear Church Family,

As you may already know, Bishop Devadhar recently announced his intention to appoint me to his cabinet as the District Superintendent of the Many Waters District, effective July 1. The bishop contacted me at the beginning of December to ask me to return to Maine to assume the superintendent's position when Rev. Dr. Karen Munson completes her term at the end of June. While it is a great honor to be asked to serve in this capacity, I am sad to be leaving the "Amazing Arnold Mills" UMC so soon. I will very much miss being a part of the life of this wonderful community of faith.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has already been in conversation with our District Superintendent, David Calhoun, about the transition process and what AMUMC needs in a new pastor. Bishop Devadhar and the cabinet will now begin the process of discerning who your new pastor will be. They will pay careful attention to matching the needs of the church with the gifts of the pastor, who will be chosen carefully, thoughtfully, and with a great deal of prayer. I have no doubt that God will be at work in the process, and that your new pastoral leader will be a blessing to this congregation.

Please rest assured that over the next six months I will continue to be fully committed to you and to the ministries of AMUMC. And I will do everything in my power to make this transition as smooth as possible for you and for the incoming pastor. In the weeks ahead I will be praying for you, for the bishop and cabinet, and for your new pastor, whoever he or she may be. In turn, I welcome your prayers for me and for the people the Many Waters District. May the Holy Spirit's guidance, wisdom, and grace be with us all.

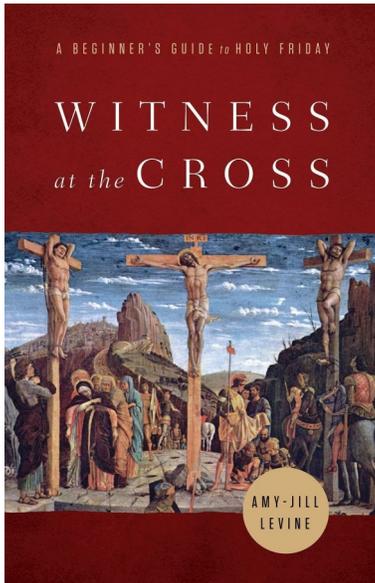
Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arlene'.

Pastor Arlene

WITNESS AT THE CROSS

A Six-Week Study for Lent beginning Wednesday, March 9 at 7 PM via Zoom



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/839125938>

Join us for a Lenten study, based on Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Witness At the Cross*, available from most major booksellers.

From the publisher:

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; the women from Galilee; the two thieves crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each gospel writer portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLERS' GAME NIGHT — February 7 at 6:30 PM

Pastor Arlene and Lee Ann Cotta host a Zoom game night for Sunday Schoolers on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Join us for games like Wheel of Fortune, Trivia, and more. Contact Pastor Arlene at pastor.amumc@gmail.com for the Zoom link

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

"Growing Deeper"

During the 40-day period of spiritual self-assessment known as Lent, it is common for Christians to "give something up" – to fast from some food or activity as a way of prompting reflection and repentance. However, many people find it more helpful to "take something on" for Lent and begin a new spiritual formation practice.

This year our Lenten theme is "Growing Deeper" — growing closer to God by going deeper in our spiritual practices. Join us each Sunday as we examine one classical spiritual discipline that can help transform our connection with God, our discipleship of Jesus, and our relationships with one another.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP—MARCH 2 AT 7:00 PM



On Ash Wednesday we will gather in the sanctuary to mark the beginning of the Lenten season with the traditional imposition of ashes. This year the focus of our worship during Lent will be “Growing Deeper” – growing closer to God by going deeper in our spiritual practices and habits. On Ash Wednesday we’ll begin with an ancient form of prayer – The Examen – which has been practiced by Christians since the 16th century. The Examen is a means of spiritual self-examination, the purpose of which is to become more conscious of the movement of God in the everyday events of our lives. Join us as we seek to “grow deeper”.

Trustee Committee Report

The Trustee Committee did not meet in person in January. Briefly, the following are topics we have been and will be handling:

- The Scout legal situation has been put to rest. Paperwork was signed by Tom C. and sent by overnight mail as requested.
- The application to be considered for a backup battery location has been signed and submitted by Tom H.
- Tom C. has sent us the year end portfolio report from Rockland Trust.
- Thanks to Scott for finding someone new to clean the gutters, Fran said the bill was \$300 compared to last year's \$400.
- Tony DaSilva was paid \$200 for retiling work in the parsonage. Matching tiles had been stored in the basement.
- Snow removal was excellent after the last storm.
- Dave has removed the message board out front. It looks much better without it and actually your eye is now drawn to the services.
- Projects still on hold: a Peace Garden, replacement of lampposts, church bell, lavatory upgrades, an outline of Trustee job descriptions.
- Fran has submitted the Trustee 2022 Budget to the Finance Committee.

After December's meeting it was decided that we will continue to meet on the second Thursday night of the month. The time has changed to 6:30 in order to help the choir/trustee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Gettinger, Co-Chair

Missions Committee Newsletter Report February 2022

Meals in the Park

AMUMC volunteers on January 9th served shepherd's pie and American chop suey, homemade deserts. We have another group providing the sandwiches and lunch bags. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated warm clothes and served in the park. We handed out over 110 meals. Thanks to everyone holding down the food, cutlery, bags when we had big wind gusts. Our next meals are **Sunday February 27th and April 3rd**. We are blessed to be able to continue to serve our community. Please call Karen Oswain at 333-2166, or email at kkoswain@netscape.net if you have any questions or would like to serve at this wonderful program.

Adopt-A- Family Financial Donation

In addition to the many Christmas gifts that our church members have donated to the Adopt-A-Family Program over the years, this year a financial donation was submitted to AMUMC to assist them in covering some of their expenses. They shared that a donation of that kind allowed them shop for some of the children this year as well as covering other expenses related to printing recipient letters and postage.



Adopt-A-Family Gifts for 2021

Cintas Clothing Donation

The Cintas clothing and our church donations to the St. James Episcopal Church Clothing Closet have been modified as the Community Care Alliance of Woonsocket is taking over management of the program. We will share the revised process when it is announced by the Community Care Alliance. In the meantime, we will continue to accept clothing donations for distribution as necessary.

Happy Basket Donations

The generosity of the AMUMC members and friends for donations to the Happy Basket Program continued to be outstanding in 2021! We donated over 180 pounds of boxed and canned goods and **\$695** to help offset their expenses to provide Christmas gifts to Cumberland area families and food for needy families. Over the past eleven years we have donated over \$6,700.



180 pounds of boxed and canned goods



John Johnson and Chip Thurlow

Missions Committee Newsletter Report

February 2022

The Franklin Farm Community Garden and the Historic Metcalf-Franklin Farm Preservation Association

While the gardening programs are on hiatus at Franklin Farm for the Winter, the hiking and bird watching opportunities still are available from dawn to dusk every day. You can marvel at the wonderful views, for the 65-acre property is available for casual open space usage. You can park by the barn complex and enjoy the beautiful outdoor open space. Any questions, please contact Pam or Chip Thurlow; 401-333-1235, thurlowcp@gmail.com

Dave's Marketplace Day Old Bakery Donations

The Monday, Wednesday and Friday transporting of day-old baked goods from Dave's Marketplace at Chapel Four Corners continues to various community organizations! Thanks to Rachel and Elton Odom, Lynne Janke, Lu and Rich Bizier and Chip Thurlow. We could use one or two more volunteers to assist with the Monday deliveries, usually to the Cumberland Senior Center at the Monastery. Please contact Chip Thurlow if you have any questions: thurlowcp@aol.com, 401-333-1235.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Northern RI and West Bay Affiliate is celebrating their 30-year anniversary this year! The next project is under development. They will be building FOUR homes this year, just like the home on Clairmont St in Cumberland near the South Cumberland Middle School in 2008-2009, two units connected by one wall. Two families on one side of the street, and hopefully two veterans on the other side of the street. They will announce the location when they move forward with construction.

Any questions, contact Chip Thurlow: thurlowcp@aol.com, 401-333-1235.
Chip Thurlow,
Chairperson, AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee

We're creating a 2022 Church Directory!

Have you noticed our Church Directory photos are a little dated? Some of our kids have grown up! It's a challenge to have professional photos made during Covid so we're going to make our own. If you'd like to be included in the 2022 Church Directory, please email a clear photo of yourself (and any family members you wish to be with you in the Directory) to George in the church office at office.amumc@gmail.com. Please submit before the end of February. If you are unable to email a photo, you may submit a printed photograph and we will scan it. We will not publish the directory to the public. The photo will print best in a directory if the background is a solid color or at least very simple. If you have any questions, please contact George at 401-333-5203 or Johnna Kosnoff at jkosnoff@yahoo.com.

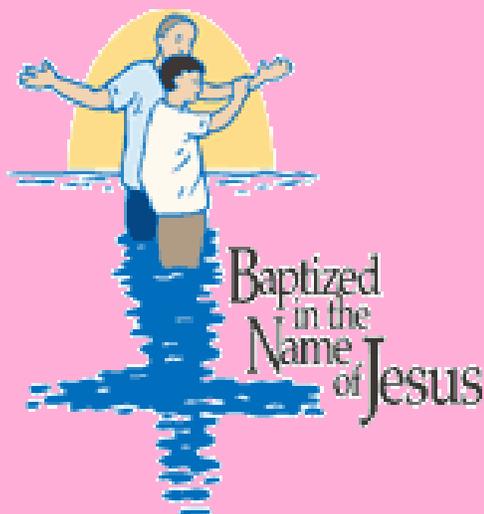
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Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 January 2021 through December 2022

The 2022 budget was developed by the Finance Committee and has been approved by the Church Council. The Income budget is based on pledges received and past history. We are assuming that we will have 4th of July, Yard Sale and Holiday Fair fundraisers this year (subject to review based on Covid numbers). Expense items were developed with input from the SPRC, Trustees and New England Conference. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the detailed budget please contact Cindy Mauch, Treasurer at camauch@gmail.com.

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Total DONATION INCOME	\$189,000
Total OTHER INCOME	3,510.00
Total FUNDRAISER INCOME	7,200.00
Total Income	199,710.00
Expenses	
Total STAFF	132,397.00
Total CHURCH OFFICE	3,100.00
TRUSTEES	
Total UTILITIES	17,556.00
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	5,200.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,000.00
CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE	4,150.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	12,300.00
Total TRUSTEES	40,206.00
Total CONFERENCE & MISSIONS	31,471.00
Total FUNDRAISER EXPENSE	300.00
Total MISCELLANEOUS	1,547.00
Total PROGRAM EXPENSES	3,475.00
Total STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE	175.00
Total Expense	212,671.00
Net Income	-\$12,961

Church School News

Beginning in February the children will be starting their 4th unit called "Jesus is Baptized".



Bible Verse: This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased. (Matthew 3:17 (GNT))

Main Idea: Baptism is a gift from God, given to us in love. Our acceptance of that gift is our acknowledgment of God's love for us and our place in God's family.

Objectives: The children will hear the story of Jesus' baptism in a variety of ways to they might discover and recognize that:

- * Jesus was baptized as a sign of belonging
- * We participate in the same sacrament
- * The shell and dove are symbols of baptism.
- * John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus
- * God's presence is with us always.

Important Dates

February 6: Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School Registration

This year we are adding an electronic form for anyone who prefers registering online. Just go to the Children & Youth page under Education on the church website and look for the online form.

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife <i>(Matthew 8:14).</i>	E	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i>	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i>	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i>	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i>	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i>	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i>	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i>	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i>	W	O

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FEBRUARY Birthdays

Here's who's having a birthday this month:

February 10th : Kylee Johnson

February 15th : Lana Prochniak

God Bless you all on your birthday and the coming year!

Worship Committee News

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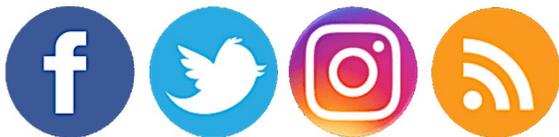
Upcoming Events

February 1: First Day Black History Month
February 7: Kid's Game Night
February 10: Board of Trustees Meeting
February 11: Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup
February 12: Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
February 13: Scouting Ministries Sunday
February 14: Valentines Day
February 15: Scout Committee Meeting
February 21: President's Day
February 26: Cub Scout STEM Merit Badge

SPRC News

Our committee also includes Lee Ann Cotta, Stacey Johnson, Joyce Fox, Sandy Angell and Anne Hetherington.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns having to do with the staff of the parish feel free to see any member of the committee or you can email us at amumcsprc@gmail.com



Arnold Mills UMC's Social Media

Find us on social media! We are on Facebook where you can read Pastor Arlene's Daily Reflection and on Instagram.

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Arnold-Mills-United-Methodist-Church-115722435105941>

Twitter at https://twitter.com/ArnoldMills_UMC

Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/arnold_mills_umc

Listen to sermons on our website at <http://www.amumc.org>

Subscribe to sermon podcasts at <http://www.buzzsprout.com/434047>

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are sent out each week to every address on our email list. We understand that not everyone who asks for prayer in worship during "Sharing Our Joys and Concerns" wishes to have that information shared on the email blast. If you would like to have a prayer request included in the weekly email, please use the "Prayer Request" form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, call the office at 401-333-5203, or email office.amumc@gmail.com. Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you would like a prayer request to remain longer, just let us know.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>30</p> <p>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am On-Line Sunday Service - F 	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>First Day of Black History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry 10:30am Communion Service 2 more 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Kid's Game Night 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill H 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Board of Trustees - Cargill Hall 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Cub Scout Pack 1 - Pinewood D 7:30am Cub Scout Pack 1 - Pinewood 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Scouting Ministries Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry 2 more 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Day Valentine's Day 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill H 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 7pm Scout Committee Meeting - Zoc 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry 10:30am Indoor Sunday Service 10:30am Childrens Sunday School - 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Day President's Day 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill H 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Cub Scout Pack 1 - Nova STEM 	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry 10:30am Indoor Sunday Service 10:30am Childrens Sunday School - 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill H 	<p>Mar 1</p> <p>First Day of Womens History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 7pm Ash Wednesday Service 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Prayer 6pm Cub Scout Pack 1 - Pinewood D 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Cub Scout Pack 1 - Pinewood



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Check out our webpage at www.amumc.org

We invite all to our regular Sunday Services:

8:30 a.m. – Quiet, reflective service with communion each week.

10:30 a.m. – Thoughtful service, public celebrations and prayer concerns,

and

Holy Communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Livestreaming of the 10:30 worship service will be available during the service for those who do not attend the service in person.

After each service the video will be archived for viewing anytime.