

Good Tidings

July 2021



Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

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Dear Church Family,

As you may already have heard, I will soon be traveling to Canine Companions in Medford, NY to train with a new Facility Dog that will assist me in providing pastoral care to folks here at Arnold Mills UMC and to those in our community. Canine Companions is the same organization that trained my previous Facility Dog, Kirby, who passed away in November. (Learn more about Canine Companions at www.canine.org)

Before my new canine partner arrives, there are two very important things that you should know. The first is that, while dogs are capable of providing great comfort for some people, I am sensitive to the fact that they can also be a source of distress for those who are allergic, phobic, etc. Please let me know if this is the case for you so that I will not inadvertently subject you to any physical or emotional discomfort. The dog's presence is intended to promote only feelings of well-being, and I will gladly exclude the dog from any activity where you would find its presence stressful in any way.

The other thing that I need to emphasize is that this is a professionally trained Facility Dog and not a pet. It is very important – particularly in the first months of developing our working relationship – that the dog not be distracted by offers of treats or affection. I know that this will be very hard for some of you! However, for the sake of maintaining the sort of focus and obedience required, I ask that you honor the following guidelines:

- During the first weeks after training, please do not engage the dog directly, but wait until I give the dog permission to greet you. This is an important part of setting consistent rules and boundaries, which will become the foundation for many years of ministry together. Occasionally I may decline your request to interact with the dog. Please do not take it personally. It has nothing to do with you, but rather it is about helping the dog practice self-control or allowing for the dog's need of space. (Particularly at first, a great deal of interaction could be overwhelming for the dog.)
- Please do not offer the dog treats – ever. I understand that it is a gesture of affection, but it will get the dog in trouble by diverting its attention or encouraging it to disobey a command, both of which will require me to correct the dog. Distracting the dog to give it a treat or affection actually has the effect of rewarding it for bad behavior. This can cause serious problems, so *please*, don't do it.

This may all seem a bit stern, but again I must stress that this is a Facility Dog, not a pet. Also, please understand that, unlike Kirby, this new dog will be at the very beginning of its career. I will be striving to ingrain behaviors appropriate for work not only here at the church, but also in hospitals, nursing homes, and other settings where attention and obedience are absolutely essential. Please help me to help this dog become the very best ministry dog it can be. And trust me – in time there will be plenty of opportunities for you to share joy, laughter, and affection with our newest "associate pastor"!

Please pray for us as we train together (July 12-23), as we begin to develop a strong bond, and as we learn to work effectively as a team to embody for others God's unconditional love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Arlene

GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY SCHOOLERS' GAME NIGHT—July 5 at 6:30 PM

Pastor Arlene hosts 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, Pictionary, Family Feud, and more. Contact Pastor Arlene at pastor.amumc@gmail.com for the Zoom link

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY—JULY 4 & July 11

We will be receiving new members during worship on Sunday, July 4 and Sunday, July 11. If you aren't yet a member and would like to join Arnold Mills United Methodist Church, please contact the church office at 401-333-5203.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



WEDNESDAY FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

10 AM Hybrid Class —In person at the church and via Zoom

7 PM Zoom Class

10 AM Session—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84755871803>

7 PM Session—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/839125938>

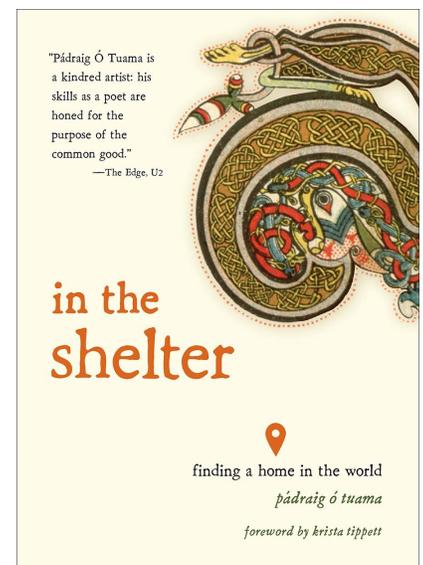
This film discussion series is inspired by Diana Butler-Bass' book *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*. Gratitude is partially an individual, emotional response to our circumstances, but research has shown that what we often miss is how much more it is a communal, actionable response. Bass examines this more unexpected experience of gratitude, and reveals how people and communities can practice it and thrive. She challenges us to think about the impact gratitude has in our lives, and encourages us to make gratitude a "difficult and much-needed spiritual practice for our personal lives and to make a better world."

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays at 2 PM on the church lawn
Begins July 28

Join us outdoors and socially distant on the church lawn (in Cargill Hall if it rains). Bring a lawn chair if you have one (we have folding chairs available if you don't) and feel free to bring a beverage and snack. Invite a friend! Our current book is *In the Shelter* by Pádraig Ó Tuama

From the publisher: "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Drawing on this Irish saying, Ó Tuama relates ideas of shelter and welcome to our journeys of life, using poetry, story, biblical reflection, and prose to open up gentle ways of living well in a troubled world. From the heart of a poet comes a profound look at the landscapes we all try to inhabit even as we always search for shelter, a place we can call home.



COVID GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Effective July 4, 2021

- Worship services will take place on the front lawn of the church at 10 AM.
- The worship service will be available online for those who are unable or choose not to worship in person.
- If you are feeling unwell, or have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home.
- We will collect names and contact information from all attendees each week in the event that contact tracing is necessary. We ask that you preregister for worship online at signup.com/go/XPqZYhE. If you do not have internet access, please call the office at 401-333-5203 and leave a voicemail listing the names and contact information of all those attending with you. By preregistering you will help greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to check in at the greeters' table.
- We ask that you bring your own lawn chair if possible. We will have metal folding chairs available for those who need one.
- If you have mobility or balance issues, you may wish to locate your chair on the driveway pavement rather than walking across the lawn.
- Social distancing is required:
 - ◊ Avoid physical contact with anyone who is not a member of your household (no hugging, handshakes, etc.).
 - ◊ Maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet at all times from anyone who is not a member of your household
 - ◊ It is suggested that you wear a face covering over your mouth and nose from the time you leave your car until you are seated, and as you return to your car. If you do not have a face covering, a disposable mask we can provide one for you.
 - ◊ Upon arrival at the greeters' table, you will be checked in (if preregistered) or your name and contact information will be collected.
 - ◊ There will be no passing of collection plates. An offering box will be available on the greeters' table.
 - ◊ When Holy Communion is celebrated (first Sundays), we will use pre-packaged, individually sealed gluten-free elements.
 - ◊ There will be no coffee hour or other gathering before or after worship.
 - ◊ In the event of inclement weather, worship will take place indoors (with indoor COVID protocols. See bit.ly/3vnbrp0)

Margaret Stearns Service Award - 2021

The Margaret Stearns Service Award Committee members discussed the ongoing challenges for issuing the award this year. For the past 43 years our church family has offered the award to graduating Cumberland and AMUMC High School seniors who demonstrate a concern for others at home, school, church, or community through involvement in activities, programs and efforts to improve the lives of our fellow citizens. The applicants can be organizers or participants in projects on a local, regional, national and even international level. The process involved the submission of applications that described their commitment to service activities, two letters of reference along with their high school transcript, as well as an in-person interview.

This year we received four applications, all members of the AMUMC congregation. While the committee members were organizing the interview schedule, we received an anonymous donation equivalent to two additional awards in addition to the two awards that our church family regularly issues. The Church Council accepted the donation, and we were able to recognize all four applicants as deserving of the awards.

On Sunday, June 13, 2021 the four award recipients attended the church service and shared their community service experiences and their commitment to additional service projects and activities in the future. Their efforts and dedication are characteristic of our church's ongoing commitment to making our world better for the future.

This year's Margaret Stearns Service Award winners for 2021 are:

Brigitta Larson who graduated from Bishop Feehan High School.

- Brigitta will be attending Emerson College in Boston where she will continue her love of writing, literature and publishing.

Andrew, Christopher and Emilia Ferretti who graduated from the Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy and all three were selected as Valedictorians for their graduating class!

- Andrew will attend Northeastern University and study either applied physics or engineering.
- Christopher will attend the University of Rhode Island and study ocean engineering.
- Emilia will attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in Biology with intent to matriculate to a pre-med degree program.

The Margaret Stearns Service Award Committee

Chip Thurlow; Chairperson

LeeAnn Cotta

Chuck Tramontana

Marianne Alger

Rebekah Puleo

Darren Chisnell



(L to R) Brigitta Larson; Emilia, Andrew and Chris Ferretti

Church Missions Committee Report July 2021

Meals in the Park

The most recent Meal in the Park event was held on Sunday, June 6th. Our volunteers served hot dogs and beans, cornbread, chicken soup and homemade desserts. **Our next Meal in the Park is July 25th.** Thank you for continuing to support Arnold Mills United Methodist Church with this mission project. Please call Karen 333-2166 if you have any questions or would like to serve at this wonderful program.

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

The vegetables are growing and soon the volunteers at Franklin Farm will be harvesting zucchini, summer squash and cucumbers. Later in the Summer will be the tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, green beans, winter squash and pumpkins. **Tending nights are on Mondays and Thursday evenings form 5:30 PM to dusk.** If you want to participate in this wonderful program that raises farm fresh vegetables for needy families, join the other volunteers who have more fun than we are allowed to have! Interested in helping out? Check out our website: franklinfarmri.org; or the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/historicmetcalffranklinfarmri/ Any questions, please contact Pam or Chip Thurlow; 401-333-1235, thurlowcp@gmail.com

Cintas Clothing Donation

The Cintas clothing and our church donations to the St. James Episcopal Church Clothing Closet and occasionally to the Community Care Alliance, both in Woonsocket, continue as the donations are available. Rob Blais, Rich Bizier and Chip Thurlow are the drivers for the twice or thrice monthly deliveries – the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month.

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 Rich Bizier, Chip Thurlow and Mark Farnell. Please contact Chip Thurlow if you have any questions: thurlowcp@aol.com; 401-333-1235.

Habitat for Humanity

The next Habitat for Humanity project is still under development. We will notify AMUMC members when volunteer dates are announced. The Habitat Board of Directors meet on alternate months in Cargill Hall and are now able to resume their meetings as we have updated our usage at our church for non-church groups. Any questions, contact Chip Thurlow: thurlowcp@aol.com.

Chip Thurlow,

Chairperson, AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee



Holiday Fair Planning

November 2021



Our Church's Reentry team has approved us to go forward with planning for a Holiday Fair in early November. Stay tuned for a meeting announcement during July to get started on plans. Past Holiday Fairs have included handmade crafts and gift items, friendship soup, bake table, garden shop, homemade baked beans, silent auction, timeless treasure, and of course AMUMC's famous stained glass candy. We look forward to some fun and fellowship as we prepare for this event!

JUNE TRUSTEE REPORT

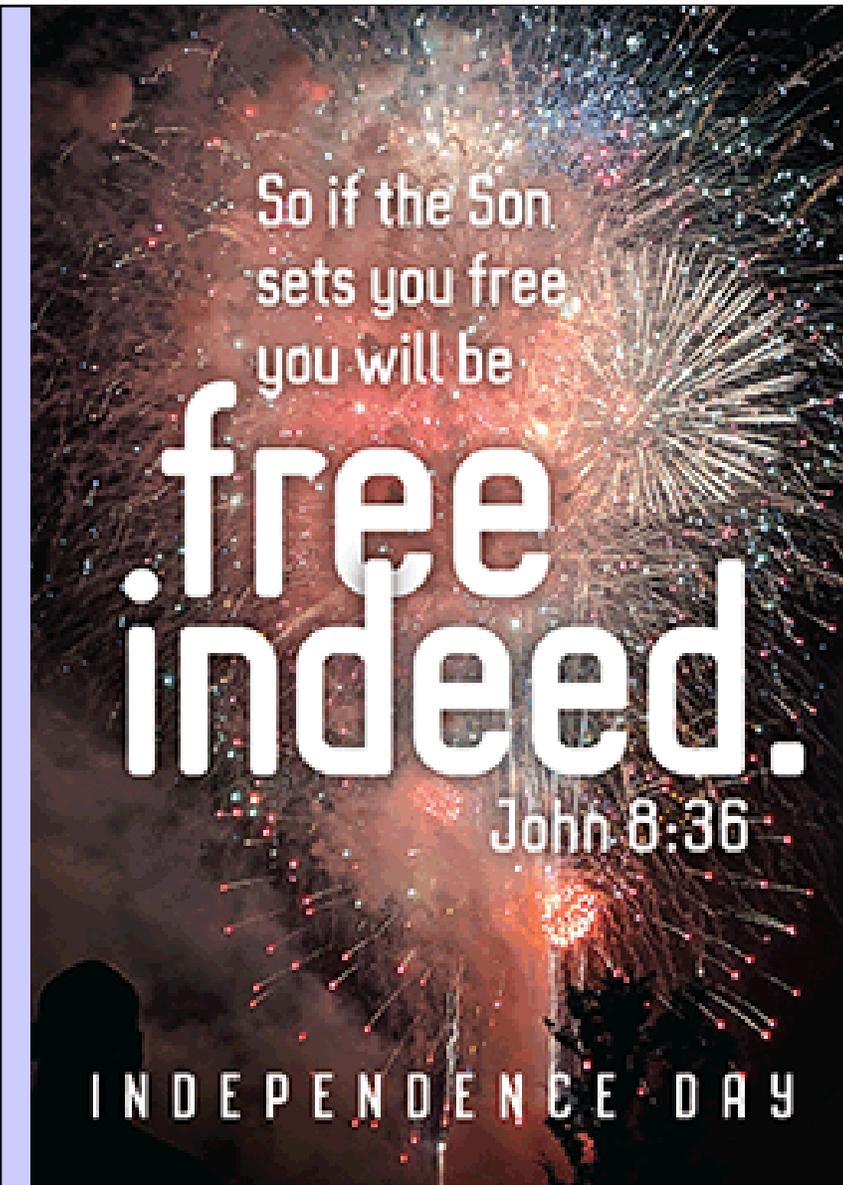
Whether the church is in session or not, our beautiful old church and parsonage always need some TLC. In the past few months the trustee committee members have managed the following:

- The dehumidifier was brought out of hibernation and started up in the basement of Cargill Hall.
- Marques Cleaning Service has been cleaning the church and hall every two weeks since May.
- Three bids for paving the parsonage driveway were presented to the church council for approval. J. Brien was approved.
- Malloy Oil shut down and drained the boiler system for the summer.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased and installed in the parsonage as the previous one had met its end.
- Rockland Trust was to have met with the trustees in June to review the portfolio. That meeting was postponed. A future date will be planned and all interested church members/friends will be invited.
- Funding for a new speaker system to use during outdoor services has been approved and components have been ordered.
- Funding for professionally equipping the sanctuary with an audio/video system has also been discussed and hopefully a plan will be presented at the trustee's July meeting. It has been suggested that this improvement would prove to be an excellent use of recent memorial donations.
- A hazardous part of the swing set has been taken down and the lookout stand swept of debris. A second toddler swing was installed. A wasp nest under the Little Tikes playset will be removed. But the whole set needs sprucing up, as do the picnic tables. This will be on July's agenda!
- Your trustees often stop in during the week to tend to matters such as checking alarms, the furnace, defibrillator batteries, and mail as all are very conscientious. Please let one of us know if there are other issues we may not have noticed.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Gettinger, Fran Carr, Scott Murphy, Tom Cabana, Tom Hetherington, Dave Larsen, Matt Cedor

Church School News



The Christian Education Committee would like to wish everyone a very Happy Independence Day!!!

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



Th_r_for_.

_s G_d's ch_s_n p__pl_.

h_ly __nd d__rly l_v_d, cl_th_

y__rs lv_s w_th c_mp_ss__n,

k_ndn_ss, h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n_ss

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F_rg_v__s th_L_rd f_rg_v__y__.

C_l_ss__ns 3:12-13, N_V

★ ★ ★ JULY Birthdays

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

July 3rd: Natalie McClintock

July 19th: Kaliyah Prochniak

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

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

Worship Committee



I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those who serve on the Worship Committee so our experience at worship time is as meaningful as possible. Not only does it take a village to raise a child but also to assist in our church life. When you see these people be sure to say "thanks". Our church wouldn't be what it is without them.

Acolytes: Stacy Johnson
Altar Flowers: Sharon Bizier
Altar Guild: Rachel Odom, Pam Thurlow and Ann Hetherington

Altar Steward: Ross Hancock

Choir Rep: Pam Thurlow

Greeters: Anne-Marie Rivard

Liturgist: Rebecca Puleo

Music Director: Joey Mazzarella

Ushers: Rich Bizier

A reminder that we would like to add to our Altar Guild team and are looking for Acolytes. If you are interested, please contact me at thurlowcp@gmail.com.

Pam Thurlow, Chair

Worship Committee

Upcoming Events

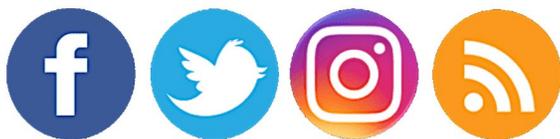
July 4: Independence Day
July 4: New Member Sunday
July 5: Independence Day Observed
July 5: Arnold Mills Parade
July 5: Kid's Game Night
July 8: Board of Trustees Meeting
July 12: Habitat Committee Meeting
July 19: Church Council Meeting
July 22: Cemetery Association Meeting
July 23: William Hemond Jr. Prayer Service

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 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU Jul 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
<p>5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Indoor Sunday Service 11am Online Worship Service 		<p>6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>10am Adult Study - Vestry</p>			
<p>4</p> <p>6th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Communion Service <p>2 more</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Independence Day Observed</p> <p>Independence Day observed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Kids Game Night 	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am Adult Study - Vestry</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Board of Trustees - Zoom 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>7th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Outdoor Sunday Service 11am Online Worship Service 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Habitat Committee - Cargill 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Outdoor Sunday Service 11am Online Worship Service 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Church Council - Zoom 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Cemetery Association Meeti 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am William (Bill) Hemond Jr. Pray 	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Outdoor Sunday Service 11am Online Worship Service 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Adult Study - Vestry 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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Summer outdoor worship will resume on July 4 at 10 AM.

Indoor worship will resume at 10 AM in the Fall.

Livestreaming of all worship services will be available for those who do not attend the services in person. After each service the video will be archived for viewing anytime.