

Good Tidings

October 2021



Arnold Mills United Methodist Church

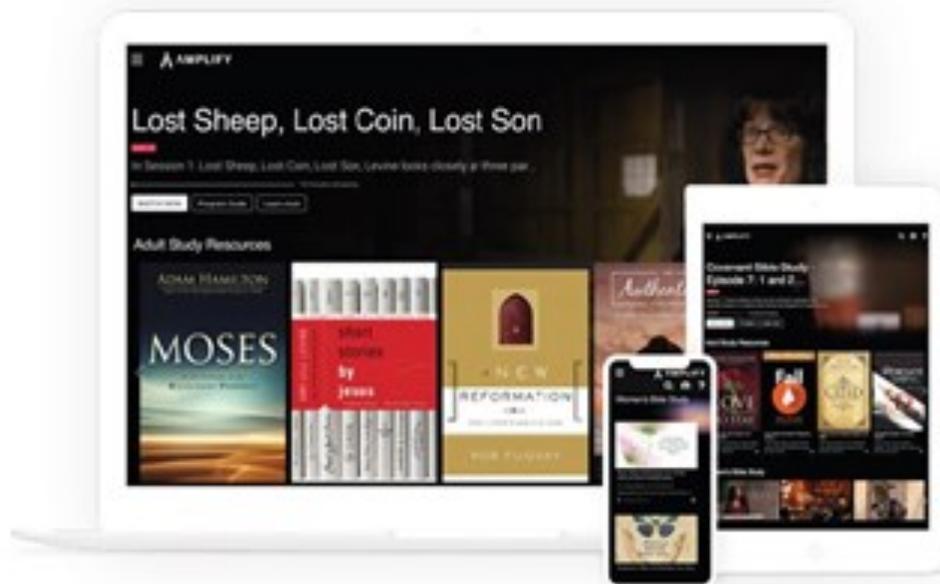
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GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY SCHOOLERS' GAME NIGHT—October 4 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, Family Feud, and more. Contact Pastor Arlene at pastor.amumc@gmail.com for the Zoom link

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – October 2 at 9:30 AM

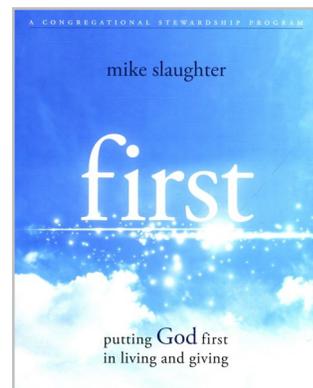
Saint Francis of Assisi was well known for his love of nature, simple living, and gentleness. Legend has it that birds and animals responded to his kindness by listening to his sermons. For centuries Christians have commemorated Francis on his feast day in October by blessing animals.

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held on the church lawn on Saturday, October 2 at 9:30 AM. Bring your pets and invite your friends who love animals. For the safety of your pet we ask that all pets be leashed or crated.



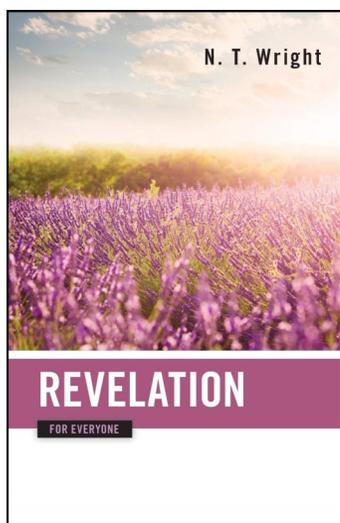
FALL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM – “First”

What happens when we truly put God first in all aspects of our lives? In a culture guided chiefly by shiny, life-promising distractions, “enough” seems elusive and keeps us indebted to that next source of satisfaction. What if the Giver of Life offered freedom from this downward spiral—would you take it? *First: Putting God First in Living and Giving* is a four-week stewardship program to help participants reassess priorities, create a culture and a lifestyle of faithful living and giving, and make a meaningful contribution to the world. Watch for daily devotions via email beginning 9/26 (contact the office if you would like to receive them by mail) and join us on Sundays during October for a sermon series based on Mike Slaughter’s book, *shiny gods*.



NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

7 – 8 PM via Zoom beginning October 6



Are you confused by the symbolism in the Book of Revelation? Wish you had a “secret decoder ring”? Maybe you’re tempted to avoid reading it altogether? Have we got a Bible study for you!

Revelation is the most misunderstood, misinterpreted, and sometimes misused book in the Bible. The imagery and symbolism that were quite familiar to John’s first century audience are entirely foreign to our own world two thousand years later. Pastor Arlene will be offering a study based on N.T. Wright’s book, *Revelation for Everyone*. We will take a look at Revelation’s historical context, uncover the meaning of the symbolism, discuss the major themes, and discover that a fresh reading of the book demonstrates that it is not only understandable, but relevant for the modern-day Christian.

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



JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sunday, October 31 from 4 – 6 PM

Arnold Mills UMC is hosting a "Trunk or Treat" for children in our community on Halloween. Put on your best costume, decorate your trunk or cargo area, and bring your favorite candy to hand out as the kids "trick or treat" from car-to-car. Let's pack the parking lot, have some fun, and provide a safe place for families to bring their kiddos. If you're not able to join us that night, please consider dropping off some Halloween candy at the church anytime between now and then, so we can be sure not to run out!

Holiday Fair Update

We are not able to put on the Holiday Fair this year due to continuing concerns related to Covid. The Fair involves bringing together large groups in the kitchen and many people are not yet ready to be in large groups for an extended period of time. The health and safety of our church members and friends is paramount. We are hopeful that we will be able to get back together next year for this wonderful event which brings us together in fellowship and community. Holiday Fair Committee



2021 Annual Church Conference

This years Annual Church Conference will be held on Tuesday October 19th via Zoom.

Flower Dedications

Hello everyone! Now that we are back to in person worship in the sanctuary we would like to start the altar flowers again. To make it easier please email your dedication directly to me at bzrsharon@cox.net.

I need the date you are interested in, Whether or not you want silk or live flowers (please specify colors) and your dedication. I will need the information 2 weeks prior to the date you are choosing. If the date is already filled I will let you know and we can choose another date.

Payments may be handed to me at church or mailed to church. If you cannot email you are welcome to call me at 401-834-2835.

Thank you!

Sharon Bizier

Altar Flower Coordinator

Missions Committee Newsletter Report

October 2021

Note: The various Mission and Social Concern activities continue to be modified or on-hold due to the ongoing health crisis. Please follow the various announcements from the church office as decisions are made to reschedule or readjust these services and programs.

Meals in the Park

Thank you very much for your service to this monthly mission. We fed over 120 people and handed out 160 meals! The customized hot dogs were a big hit. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the park. The condiment crew kept the line moving. Thanks to the fruit donation, cutlery rolling, baking donations. The fresh fruit was another big hit. Jean Clark and her granddaughter Katie cut and assembled the fruit salad. Everyone was excited to have celery salt on their hot dogs! Our next meal is only two weeks away, please let me know if you would like to volunteer for the meal on October 10th – Karen Oswain; kkoswain@netscape.net; 401-333-2166.

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 to be on hold due to the partial closing of the Clothing Closet due to the pandemic and reduced usage by the clients in the northern RI area. We are hopeful that they will resume in the next few weeks. Rob Blais, Rich Bizier and Chip Thurlow are usually the drivers for the twice or thrice monthly deliveries – the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month.

The Kitchen Ministries Program

The Mission's Committee is considering occasionally participating in the Kitchen Ministry program that is in partnership with the Woonsocket Homeless Shelters part of Community Care Alliance. It is organized by the St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the St. James Episcopal Churches in Woonsocket. The organizers accept donations to furnish kitchens for families transitioning from the Shelter to independent living. **They accept donations such as microwaves, coffeepots, toaster ovens, toasters as well as dishes, glasses, utensils etc.** Anyone interested in assisting with organizing these occasional donations - every few months – please contact Chip Thurlow thurlowcp@aol.com; 401-333-1235.

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

Harvest nights have ended for the season. **The volunteers harvested and donated over 30,000 pounds of farm fresh vegetables to local soup kitchens and food pantries and especially the RI Community Food Bank in Cranston.** The hiking and bird watching opportunities still are available from dawn to dusk every day. You can marvel at the wondrous 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

The Franklin Farm Harvest Festival was held on Saturday, September 25th. Admission was \$5 per car. Activities included hay wagon rides, food trucks, craft vendors, antique tractors, pony rides, farm animals (including alpacas!), a country and western band (The Gray Whisker Pickers) an Audubon birds of prey presentation, raffle items, a giant pumpkin weight guessing contest and self-guided Barn Tours in the antique barn complex (organized by Chip Thurlow).



Antique tractors



Farm Animals



Pumpkins and raffle items



Hay rides

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.

Chip Thurlow, Chairperson, AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee

Trustee Report

The Trustee Meeting in September was cancelled due to members being unavailable or busy with the indoor yard sale. But still projects went on..

- The Fire Alarm system has been inspected by Eastland Electric.
- The State of RI has received our monthly request to have the elevator inspected. This service is apparently backlogged due to the pandemic.
- The parsonage garage was inspected by Cumberland Pest Control and then treated for an infestation of carpenter ants.
- Legal work concerning the sponsorship of our scout troops should be settled soon thanks to the guidance of the Methodist New England Conference. For now we will enter into a Facility Use Agreement with them.
- Cargill Hall was rented to a family from the community after a memorial service at the cemetery next door. They were very pleased with the hall and our help coordinating the event. Thanks go to a non-trustee, Laura Thompson, for representing the church on the actual day!

*** Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in Cargill Hall. The Finance Committee and interested church members are invited as we will be reviewing the AMUMC portfolio with Rockland Trust.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Gettinger, Trustee Co-chair

Indoor Yard Sale

On September 9, 10, and 11 Cargill Hall was packed with treasures and opened for shopping! All three days saw a steady flow of customers who appreciated our comeback. Most left feeling that they found something useful or beautiful .. and at a very reasonable price!

Many complimented the helpfulness and kindness exhibited by our church members who were helping with the displays and sales. Pauline and Al Belisle, Santha and Alex Philips, Cindy Mauch, Laura Thompson, Mark Farnell, Kathy and Scott Murphy, Lee Ann Cotta, George Jutras, and George and Lindsay Gettinger deserve a big thank you for this successful event. We are now close to raising \$2200! And still the giving will go on as we donate the extra items to charities!



World Communion Sunday

October 3rd 2021



According to the 1972 Book of Discipline paragraph 163.b there shall be a World Communion (formerly Fellowship of Suffering and Service) offering to support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Church School News



October 2021: This month the children will continue with the unit "Who is Jesus?"

Main Idea: As Christians we believe the Bible gives many examples to help people discover who Jesus is. Jesus is the Messiah, the special one sent by God.

The children will become familiar with the stories that tell about Jesus as God's Son; discover the meaning of the word Messiah; recognize that Jesus was not the Messiah people expected; and be given the opportunity to explore who Jesus is to them.

Bible Verse: Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:15-16)

OCTOBER Birthdays

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

October 21st: Jenessa Tatro

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

Important Dates

October 17: Children's Sabbath

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!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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b_ _ n s_v_d thr_ _gh
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Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

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

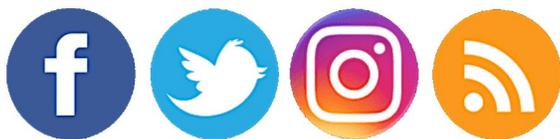
Upcoming Events

October 2: Blessing of the Animals
October 3: World Communion Sunday
October 4: Kids Game Night
October 11: Columbus Day
October 14: Board of Trustees Meeting
October 19: Annual Church Conference
October 21: Cemetery Association Meeting
October 23: Cub Scout Halloween Pack
October 31: Reformation Sunday/Halloween

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.

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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>26</p> <p>18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry <p>2 more</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill † 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 7pm Scout committee - Zoom 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Book Discussion Group - Church 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>30</p>	<p>Oct 1</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Blessing of the Animals - Church
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<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service 9am Adult Sunday School - Vestry <p>2 more</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbus Day Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Book Discussion Group - Church 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Board of Trustees - Cargill Hall 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boss's Day 	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st Sunday after Pentecost Children's Sabbath Lady Sunday <p>4 more</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Patrol Leaders Council - Cargill † 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill † 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 7pm Annual Church Conference - Zoom 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Book Discussion Group - Church 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Cemetery Association Meeting 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Cub Scout Pack 1 - Halloween
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost United Nations Day 8:30am Indoor Sunday Service <p>3 more</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill † 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 7pm Scout committee - Zoom 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Book Discussion Group - Church 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Cub Scout Pack 1 - Scouting
<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Halloween Reformation Sunday <p>5 more</p>	<p>Nov 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Day First Day of American Indian Heritage 6:30pm Kid's Game Night 7pm Boy/Girl Scouts Troop - Cargill † 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day 6:30pm Prayer Meeting - Zoom 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Book Discussion Group - Church 7pm Adult Study - Zoom 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Communion Day 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30am Cub Scout Pack 1 - Scouting



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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.