

Good Tidings

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Photo of the reservoir behind the church by Corey Murphy during the Easter Sunrise Service, 2014.



Dear AMUMC Family,

In May 2016, the United Methodist Church will hold its General Conference at the Oregon Convention Center from the 10th-20th. At last year's Annual Conference the delegates, both lay and clergy, were elected.

Here is a brief description of how General Conference works from <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2016>:

Who makes decisions for The United Methodist Church if there is no one person in charge? Good question. The only body that can set official policy and speak for the denomination is the General Conference.

The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that meets every four years. The delegates are elected by annual conferences (at annual conference sessions) to attend General Conference. They represent all annual conferences around the world. Half of the delegates are laity (non-clergy members), half are clergy.

Bishops attend the General Conference but cannot vote. Different bishops serve as presiding officers during the conference. Other bishops cannot speak unless permission is specifically granted by the delegates.

During General Conference, delegates discuss and vote on petitions and resolutions proposed by individuals, agencies, annual conferences, and other groups within the denomination. These actions result in a revision of the Book of Discipline, the denomination's book of law, and Book of Resolutions, policies of the denomination on current social issues. It is at General Conference where delegates wrestle with today's issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church's understanding of that teaching. Here is where the church's official stands and church policies are made regarding such issues as human sexuality, abortion, war and peace, as well as determination of ministries and funding.

General Conferences are held in years divisible by 4, such as 2008, 2012, 2016, etc.

I send you this information in hope that you will pray for our delegates. They are charged with making decisions for the future of our church.

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

Mother's Day Dedications

Honor a special woman in your life with a listing in our Mother's Day bulletin.
Proceeds will be put toward beautifying the church property.

FORM DUE ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

I would like the following dedications on Mother's Day:

In loving memory of:-----

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In honor of:-----

In honor of:-----

Dedication is being made by:-----

Phone:----- *E-Mail:*-----

Please include a \$10 donation for each dedication and submit it with this form no later than May 1 to ensure proper listing in the Mother's Day bulletin. Form can be submitted to the church office or placed in the offering plate.



Praises, Prayers of the Church

Join in celebrating.....

Prayers of celebration as Sally Terry turns 86 on May 11th, and Jim Terry, 90 on May 23rd. They will be married 65 years on June 30th!

With sincere sympathy:

Prayers for the family and friends of Richard Morin (Ray Blanchard's Uncle) who returned home to the Lord on Thursday, April 28th.

In our Prayers: For Selden Whitcomb after successful partial hip replacement on Tuesday, April 26, after a fall. He will be at The Holiday in Manville for rehab. Chelsea and Tim (lost home and two dogs in a fire); for all those experiencing trying times in their marriage or home life. Prayers of thanks for successful surgery to restore hearing for Al Belisle's granddaughter; Marty Johnson (Cancer); Stacey Johnson's Mom; Mary (Brain Cancer); Ray Hilton (serious health issues) friend of Al Belisle; newborn "Alyssa" still at Hasbro, for those caring for her and her future foster parents; Jodi (breast cancer); baby Ethan & parents; Alyssa (24 year old with aggressive breast cancer); Drew; Jo-Ellen's Aunt Bev (cancer); Nathan Stronge (Keith & Deanne Johnson); Susie in India (Santha Philip's cousin); Bruce Shaw. For all caregivers; all nursing home residents including Don & Joyce Burrell, Dawn Cavallaro, Margaret Kelly, Joy Mlyniec, Doris Palmer, Marion Shephard; Virginia Ziegler.

Please see more from the Worship Committee on page 7.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Birthday to:

6th - Sydnee Gauvin
17th- Brandon Berdos
26th -Joaquin Cardoso
30th - Alexa Bell

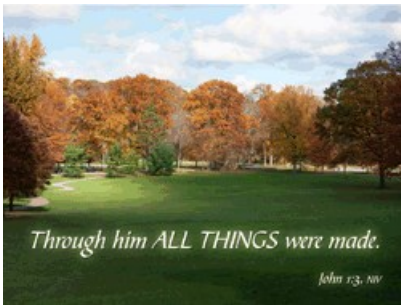
God Bless you all!



Important Dates:

5/1 - Jr. Church, children report to Cargill Hall
5/2- Christian Education Meeting
5/8 - Mother's Day
6/5 - Promotion Sunday
6/12 - Graduation Sunday

The children have begun their 6th workshop unit for this year called "Creation". The children will become aware of God's world through the first Creation story in Genesis and discover why and how it is part of their Christian responsibility to take care of our world.



Bible Verse: *God saw everything that God had made, And indeed, it was very good. Genesis 1:31, adapted*

Bible Story Reference: *Genesis 1:1-2:4*

Main Idea: This unit will help children:

- ◆ Become aware of God's world through the first Creation story in Genesis;
- ◆ Develop a sense of awe and wonder over what God has made;
- ◆ Discover why and how it is part of their Christian responsibility to take care of our world.

Objectives:

The children will discover that God created the world and everything in it. They will also:

- ◆ understand that they are created in the image of God.
- ◆ recognize that everything God created is good.
- ◆ understand that God provides for all of creation.
- ◆ learn to gain an appreciation for God's world.
- ◆ realize the interconnection of all God's creativity.
- ◆ learn to accept responsibility for God's world.

Promotion Sunday June 5, 2016

Please join us as we celebrate the past year of Church School!



Afterwards, enjoy our annual *Ice Cream Social* in Cargill Hall



The World Is
Yours To Conquer

Calling all Graduates

We are looking for the names of all graduating high school and college students. Please send the name of the school they will be attending in the fall, or the degree receiving from what school to the church office. Thank you!

Working on the *HOLIDAY FAIR!*

It's the beginning of Spring and soon summer will be upon us and a great time to get some crafts ready for the upcoming Holiday Fair in November. Already quilts are being made, the crochet circles have been busy making baskets, beautiful cloths, character hats, fingerless gloves, scarves, and so much more! What can you do – how can you and your family help? Pinterest is a great sight to get some wonderful ideas. There are other popular areas at the Fair that you can help with over the summer, such as:

- Handcraft table - handmade items
- Candy - hard candies, lollypops, etc.
- Silent Auction
- Book Nook
- Bake Table (pickled goods from your garden harvest, homemade jams and jellies, cookie, brownie and soup mixes, and more!)



Pictured here at the Wednesday morning crochet group are (L-R):

Sarah Fuller, organizer
Pam Thurlow
Ann Marie Rivard
Pauline Belisle
Cindy Mauch
Jean Clark



Members of the crochet circles have been knitting these new pocket prayer shawls for the congregation. If you or someone you know could use a little lift, or as a reminder there are those praying for them, please take one from the baskets in the narthex or Cargill Hall with our blessings.

Join the Stitch Group!

Attention all handcrafters, or wannabe handcrafters! Gather your crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch, quilting, or even that pair of pants you've been meaning to hem, and join us Tuesday evenings 7-8PM and Wednesdays from 11-12PM in the church library. We'll enjoy conversation and... make progress on those unfinished projects!

If you would like more information about these groups, or to find out how else you can help with the Holiday Fair, speak with Sarah Fuller or Pam Thurlow and they will direct you to the right person to answer your questions!

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

On the first Sunday in April the SPRC Committee hosted coffee hour to celebrate Pastor Lynn's birthday, and presented her with flowers and a gift. We



also met recently and have decided to designate October, 2016 as "Pastor Appreciation Month." Stay tuned for details on this opportunity to recognize Pastor Lynn and Rev. Tom Conboy for everything they do for us!

Members this year are Sandy Angell, Al Belisle, Nancy Gillardi, Anne Hetherington, Stacey Johnson, Cindy Mauch, Steve Smith, Sally Terry, Pastor Lynn, and Youth Group representatives Amy Berdos and Rachel Gillardi.

Cindy Mauch
Chairperson

Fabulous and Fun Facts about Arnold Mills United Methodist Church, Our Community and Our Members

Did you know that.....

Arnold Mills was first settled in 1734 and was named for Amos Arnold, who built a grist mill on Sneece Pond Road in 1745. Today, a one-story grain storage shed is the only surviving building of the Arnold Mills, but the Amos Arnold house survives at 315 Sneece Pond Rd.

A Methodist sermon was first preached in Cumberland in 1791 by the Reverend Jesse Lee.

The main church sanctuary was built in 1825-1827, dedicated on Feb. 17, 1827 and is the second-oldest Methodist Church in Rhode Island. It was also extensively remodeled in 1846.

There was a carriage shed connected to the church which was demolished and eventually replaced by Cargill Hall in 1956-1957.

When the Cargill Hall addition was built, the construction crew left the original molding and trim above the choir loft room under the roof!

The altar used to be at the opposite end of the sanctuary where the elevated seats are now.

We have had 60 pastors since 1827, two of them women.



Board of Trustees

Trustees *Activities*

- There was a water leak in the closet of the down-stairs toddler room. It has been repaired, and the closet has been freshly painted.
- The toddler room, hallway, and stairwells will be stripped and waxed in the very near future. The other classrooms will be done during the summer.
- Eastland Electric has begun the work on the new fire panel. This project will take 4-5 weeks to complete and will bring us up to fire code.
- A donation has been sent to Peter Bradley, who for years has plowed and sanded our parking areas and driveways without ever sending us a bill. Thank you!
- The piano in Cargill Hall will be having an annual tune-up this spring.

Fran Carr, Chairperson



Troop 1 Arnold Mills Annual Pancake BREAKFAST Saturday, May 7th 8:00 — 11:30AM

Please support their Scouting program

Tickets, \$8/adults, \$5 /12 & under

Ray Dolan, Kevin Fuller, Sean Gauvin, James Irons, and Liam and Sam Millette from our church are members of Troop 1 Arnold Mills.

Missions & Social Concerns Committee

Franklin Farm

Planning is underway for the 2016 growing season, the eleventh for this all-volunteer organization. Look for announcements of activities and events for planting and harvesting. We will try to exceed our harvest total from last year of over **40,000 pounds of fresh vegetables** for needy families in Rhode Island. Check out the new barn door that has been installed on the back (uphill) side of the 1810 section of the historic barn. Ongoing plans are underway for the restoration of the main house and possibly the barn complex too!

Imagine No Malaria

The Imagine No Malaria program provides mosquito netting, medical care and education for hundreds of needy families in areas where Malaria is common. Our fundraiser ended in March 2016 and we worked to match a \$1,000 donation and were successful! We exceeded the matching funds with a total, including donations sent directly to the Imagine No Malaria program, of **\$1,070! Thus, we donated in total over \$2,000 for this wonderful campaign.**

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity staff are looking for a suitable site for their next project. When the project is announced, Al Belisle, our liaison between AMUMC and the Habitat staff, will notify us of the dates and location.

Cintas Clothing Donations

The Cintas clothing donations continue to The River UMC and St. James Episcopal Church, both in Woonsocket. We deliver every other Thursday. Ron Blais and Chip Thurlow are the current drivers.

The River UMC Soup Kitchen

The monthly soup kitchen suppers began on Wednesday, **October 28th** and concluded on **Sunday April 10th**. Thanks to Karen Oswain and Tom Cabana for coordinating the meals and to all of the volunteers that make this missions program so successful. We are planning to assist with a few meals during the summer so keep eye out for information on those dates and times.

Food and Personal Care Donations

Your many donations of boxed and canned foods and personal care items continue to be distributed to the Northern RI Food Pantry, the Cumberland Senior Center Food Pantry at the Monastery and the Woonsocket Shelter.

Chip Thurlow, Chairperson
AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee
(401-333-1235; thurlowcp@aol.com)

Upcoming Meeting of Church Council and interested Members.

On May 14, the Church Council will be having a Planning Retreat at the Arnold Mills Community House from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM. We will be examining our Performance in meeting our stated Objectives --- to Follow Jesus, Make Disciples and Transform the World. Is our Church Family nurturing and enhancing the relationship between God and our individual members. What directions and changes can sharpen the focus and enhance the Church Family's role as we pursue our stated Objectives. Contact the Church office or Keith Johnson if you would like to join in this discussion.

Worship and Music

Special Music

On Sunday, April 17th, the congregation in gathered at both services were pleased to have member Earl Boss share a song he wrote based on the New Testament Lesson:
Luke 24:13-35



Golden Cross Sunday Offering May 1, 2016

Your "Golden Cross Sunday" providing dignity and joy all year round!

"Golden Cross Sunday" offering is an annual offering collected in United Methodist Churches in May to benefit the local United Methodist Elder Care organization, serving older adults in the greater Rhode Island area. This includes facilities in East Providence, Providence, and Woonsocket.

Two members of our church are Trustees at UM Elder Care: Keith Johnson Cindy Mauch, and one of our members, Doris Palmer, lives there and benefits from this offering. Checks should be made out to Arnold Mills UMC, we will send one check to the local organization.



SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Begins

From Sunday, June 26th
through
Labor Day, September 4th,
we will have one worship
service at 9:30 a.m.

Peace With Justice Sunday

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. These are referred to as Special Sundays and most include an offering used to fund the work of these programs. These church wide Special Sundays with offerings enable United Methodists like you to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

Peace With Justice Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) this year on May 15th, enables the United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

Wear RED for Pentecost Sunday!

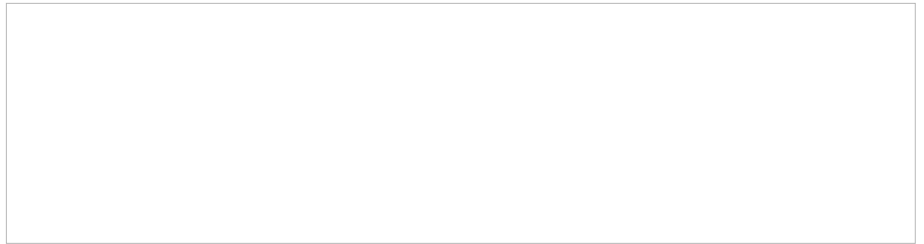
May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>1</u> Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM & 10:30AM Services</p> <p>11:30 AM New Members Class</p>	<p><u>2</u> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><u>3</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>4</u> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>5</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>6</u> P.M. Set Up for May Breakfast</p>	<p><u>7</u> MAY BREAKFAST - Boy Scouts - 8:30-11:30AM</p> <p>1:00 PM Space2Thrive</p>
<p><u>8</u> 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Services</p> <p>10:30 AM Baptism - Emma Jackson</p>	<p><u>9</u> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><u>10</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>11</u> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Crochet Circle</p> <p>7:00 PM Habitat Committee Meeting</p>	<p><u>12</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u> 9:00 AM AMUMNC Church Council Offsite Retreat</p> <p>11:00 AM Space2Thrive</p>
<p><u>15</u> 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Services</p> <p>11:30 AM Finance Committee</p>	<p><u>16</u> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p><u>17</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>18</u> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Crochet Circle</p> <p>7:00 PM Board of Trustees</p>	<p><u>19</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>20</u> 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 414</p>	<p><u>21</u> 11:00 AM Space2Thrive</p> <p>2:00 PM Eagle Scout Presentation/Banquet</p>
<p><u>22</u> 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Services</p>	<p><u>23</u> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><u>24</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>25</u> 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Crochet Circle</p>	<p><u>26</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u> 11:00 AM Space2Thrive</p>
<p><u>29</u> 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Services</p>	<p><u>30</u> Memorial Day</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><u>31</u> 6:00 PM Sparkling Singers</p> <p>6:30 PM Pack Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Crochet Circle</p>				



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Celebrate Spring with us!



SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL

10:30 a.m.

MAY EVENTS:

Saturday, May 7: Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
8:30am-11:30am in Cargill Hall

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day