

Baltimore-Washington Conference + The United Methodist Church Church Profile 2024

**Arnolia UMC
1776 E. Joppa Road
Parkville MD 21234**

Baltimore County Baltimore Metropolitan District
Parsonage: No Housing Allowance \$22,036 Salary \$49,910
Number of worship services: 1
Average Worship Attendance 60 in-person/24 on-line
Number of appointed clergy: 1 Number of additional staff: 3

What are the characteristics of the church and community?

Arnolia UMC is located on a major thoroughfare between a commercial and a residential community. The mature congregation, which is 97% Caucasian with a growing number of younger families, is intentional about becoming more culturally, racially, theologically, and socio-economically diverse. While the members of Arnolia do not describe themselves as activists, they choose to demonstrate social holiness through active and radical inclusivity, relationship building, and love for all God's people. Three strengths of the congregation are its depth of lay leadership, strong worship, and passion for outreach and missions.

What is the vision for the next 3-5 years?

Arnolia's purpose statement is to "Gather as followers of Jesus Christ; Grow as disciples; Give of ourselves; and Go into the world in service." Their vision is to achieve this purpose. Rebuilding financially and being good stewards of the building and other assets are also goals for Arnolia.

What are the expectations of the pastor?

The pastor is expected to offer thought-provoking messages in an engaging worship setting, to teach weekly bible study, and to work collaboratively with the leadership team to achieve goals. It would be a bonus, but not a requirement, for this appointment to have a pastor who could lead a recovery community that is currently online. Experience in life, career and/or ministry, as well as interpersonal skills, are important to the congregation. Humor, love, openness, and community engagement are essential traits for the new pastor.