

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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August 16, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,

David Krueger, Paul (Nick) Nicholas

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Ebele Chizea,

Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/
Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/LaDonna Cuffee*

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

August 16, 2015

12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Glorify You" LeBlanc

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN # 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 47 p. 781

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\ "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,

And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,

And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove*

Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived;

When we shall leave this place.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Juanita Campbell Ford

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3: 3-14

Ephesians 5: 15-20

CHORAL ANTHEM

GOSPEL John 18: 33-38

SERMON *"Myth of A Christian Nation?"* Dr. David M. Krueger, PhD

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN # 60** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "Clap Your Hands" Owens

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***HYMN # 437** "This is My Song"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Hornpipe" Robin Dinda

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Barbara Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

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Calendar

August 16, 2015 to August 27, 2015

- SUN** 8/16 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Coffee Hour, Chapel
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel
12:15 LBGT Steering Committee Meeting
2:00 **No Unity Fellowship Church Service**
- MON** 8/17 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 8/18 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 8/19 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
6:30 Native American Indian Awareness, Chapel
- THUR** 8/20 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
- SUN** 8/23 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Adult Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
- MON** 8/24 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 8/25 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 8/26 6:30 Native American Indian Awareness, Chapel
- THUR** 8/27 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel

Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org
for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Liberian School Support

Today, at 9:45am in the Chapel Cia Richards-Ledlum, whose son Patrick Ledlum served as worship leader for the 8:30am service before he enlisted in the Navy, is coming to ASUMC to tell us about the Christian A. Richards Elementary School in Clay-Ashland, Liberia. The school serves children from ages 2 to 14, who come from small farms. Support in the amount of \$120 per year provides a student with 2 sets of uniforms, 1 pair of sneakers, 5 pairs of socks and school supplies. Tuition is free and hot meals are provided. Without the support of the school and sponsors, the children would not have the opportunity to attend school. Come to a special “Coffee Hour” to learn more about this mission opportunity.

LBGT Steering Committee Meeting

Today after the 11:00 service (about 12:15pm) Rev. Herb Snyder has scheduled a meeting of the LBGTQ steering committee in the upstairs conference room. Following the meeting you can meet for lunch at Knock. Please let Herb know if you can make the meeting and if you will be going to lunch. Email: herbertsnyder@gmail.com

Trinidad and Tobago independence Week

The Trinidad and Tobago American Caribbean Alliance US is dedicated to increasing awareness in the US of the cultural contributions made by the people of Trinidad and Tobago. The Trinidad and Tobago American Caribbean Alliance US will host the 2015 Trinidad and Tobago Independence Week in Philadelphia from **August 22, 2015 through August 31, 2015**. Events planned for the weeklong celebration of the Sister Islands 53rd Independence Day include a fellowship service, flag raising ceremony, and steel pan jazz concert. Come out and take part in the many planned celebrations.

United Methodist Women Event

On Sunday September 13th United Methodist Women will be participating in the **Arch Street Mission and Ministry Festival**. UMW members will also vote on the books we will be reading this year for our book discussions, and filling out our forms for books we will read in 2015 and 2016. Copies of Behind the Kitchen Door will be distributed.

Arch Street Mission Festival

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 all of ASUMC's outreach ministry programs and initiatives will be on display. Posters, information sheets and people intimately involved with the ministries of the congregation will be on hand to interpret the many ways the people of ASUMC are involved in mission and ministry throughout the year. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to this festival of faithful service after both the 8:30am and 11:00am services. Light refreshments will be shared and new personal connections will be formed.

Let's Wish Mark Farewell and Good Luck

Let ASUMC wish Mark McNeill, one of ASUMC's faithful nursery attendants good luck as this will be Mark's last Sunday before leaving for Mansfield University. Thank you for your loyal service and we wish you the best.

Worship on the Parkway

In advance, of the Pope's visit, representatives of the Secret Service and Homeland Security will conduct a "security sweep" of the area designated for events on the Pope's itinerary. ASUMC in partnership with the Welcome Church (a congregation without walls) and in collaboration with other congregations will share in worship at 19th and the Parkway (near the Free Library of Philadelphia) on Sunday, September 20, 2015 (3pm). This service, characterized as a "Spiritual Sweep" of the Parkway will invite the Holy Spirit to prepare this sacred space for the Pope's visit and will highlight the sacred worth of all persons and their families.

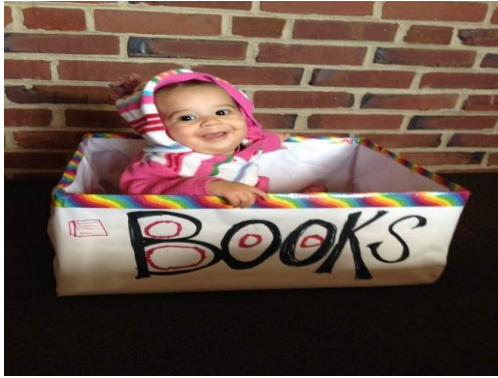
Community Forums

Community Forums are a new initiative for the 2015 - 2016 season and will provide the opportunity to engage the wider community as well as members and friends of the congregation with relevant topics and issues. The forums will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and will include childcare and a light supper. ASUMC's Deacons and Deaconess will organize and produce the forums. There will be a total of twelve forums implemented according to the following schedule:

1. First Series: Wednesdays, September 23, and 30, 2015 and Wednesday, October 7 and 14, 2015.
2. Second Series: Wednesdays, January 13, 20 and 27, 2016 and Wednesday, February 3, 2016.
3. Third Series: Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2016.

Darlene DiDomineck, David Krueger, Nick Nicholas and Nikki Kelley Kleinberg will provide more detail regarding the forums. A marketing strategy will be developed and implemented. Please feel free to suggest forum topics and issues.

A Book Can Change A Story Volunteer, Donate, Serve with WePAC



The West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) has as its mission to tackle child literacy by re-opening formerly closed public elementary school libraries and staffing them with skilled volunteers, donated resources and reading enrichment activities. Led by Deacon David Brown – who served as a member of the ministry staff here at Arch Street – WePAC operates 13 libraries in the West and Southwest Philadelphia and the Roxboro/East Falls community. During the school year, we work with more than 4,000 students each week WePAC, for many of the students, is the only regular access to books they have. Individuals can volunteer to work in our libraries by connecting with Volunteer@wepac.org. We provide our programs at no cost to the schools in which our libraries operate. Instead, we rely on private and individual contributions for our work. Donations may be received online through our secure website at www.wepac.org/donate.

Methodist Farm Fare

Thursday October 8th: Heritage Farm Fare is hosting an event to support Methodist Home for Children and the farm. Methodist Services is hosting the third annual *Heritage Farm Fare* on October 8, 2015 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm, as a celebration of our seasonal bounty and to raise funds to support the ongoing operation of the farm. UMW will be returning to the newly renovated Belmont Mansion property where guests can enjoy stunning city views while sampling delicious bites made from local ingredients, prepared by a host of well known Philadelphia area chefs

UMW Meeting and Book discussion of the book

Sunday October 11, 2015 immediately following the 11 am Worship service: *Behind the Kitchen Door* by Saru Jayaraman will be discussed This is an important book that I urge everyone to read. .

Adult Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages used in each week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 9:45am. The Scripture readings for **today's class** are 1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43, Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6: 56-69.

.. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are Song of Solomon 2: 8-13, James 1: 17-27 and Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, August 9, 2015** was 125. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Parking

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for those who show their Convention Center parking ticket.*

Grace Café News

Grace Café will begin again the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, 2015. Sign up now to host a meal in the fall for our homeless neighbors. Contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at darlene.didomineck@gmail.com

IN
Everything
GIVE
Thanks

*In everything give thanks; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Thessalonians 5:18



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Gloria Bredell, Roxy Setzer, Jim Grisco, Dottie Wells, Leo Gatewood, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Ashley Ellis, Dr. Ken Westfield, Brianna, Tanya Graves, Frank Lexa, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Evelyn Tinsley, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Weslia Hynicka, Joan Wood, James Williams, Anthony Mastrando, Inez Barrett-Otey, Diana Amey, Casey Edwards, Temple Joiner, Ann Gennaro, Mark Fischer, Ida Bristoe, Maureen Norman, Jeanne Kostenbader, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Thomas, Rev. James Pittman, Sandra Parker, Marion Dabney, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Carl Davis, Ernie, John Tucker, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Jada Bascom, Minerva Clark, Vanessa & Yaddy Sellers, Nakia Rimmer, Don Allen, Anna Cole, Christopher Browne, Betty Flowerree, Troy McColley, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Pamela Maupin, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Mayra Malonada, Mary Smith, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier, Margaret Smith, Carla Kelley*

Prayers of Encouragement for *Nate Parther, Grace, Jeff, Charles and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., John Kitterell, Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, the family of Lunette Ellis, for Joe, Rich, and Elaine Jenson and family*

Prayers of Protection for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. Please pray for those who are hungry, ill, displaced, or living in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

ARCH STREET UMC VISION

Arch Street United Methodist Church will be a welcoming Christian community that inspires openness, understanding, healing and reconciliation both within the congregation and in the community-at-large.

ARCH STREET MISSION STATEMENT

Arch Street United Methodist Church's mission is to love God and neighbor by nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys, encouraging creativity in faithful service, strengthening relationships and promoting justice.

GOD'S TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL.

THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR YOU.

Arch Street United Methodist Church is a community of faith-keeping and faith-seeking people who embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts of God among us. Our welcome knows no boundaries, whether of age, racial or ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic or marital status, or physical or mental ability. We welcome all to share in the ministry, fellowship, and blessings of full participation as members of Christ's body.



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