

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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August 23, 2015
8:30 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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

August 23, 2015

13th Sunday after Pentecost



Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Carla Brickhouse

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PRELUDE

OPENING STATEMENT “We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God”. John 6: 56-69

PRAISE SINGING

“We’ve Come to Worship You”

“Blessed Assurance”

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place”

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OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “You Can’t Beat God Giving”

SCRIPTURE READING Dottie Wells

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30 and 41-43

Ephesians 6:10-20

SPECIAL MUSIC UMH # 393 “Spirit of the Living God”

GOSPEL John 6: 56-69

SERMON “The Turtle Shell” Rev. Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN TFWS # 2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

8:30 am Guest Musician: Cheryl Roebuck

Calendar

August 23, 2015 to September 3, 2015

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 12:15 LGBT steering com. mtg., 2 nd fl. Conf. rm. 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	6:00 AA
THUR	8/27	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
SUN	8/30	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 12:00 Choir Meeting in 2 nd fl. Conf. Rm.
MON	8/31	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	9/1	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	9/2	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:30 Native American Indian Awareness, Chapel
THUR	9/3	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

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.

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 "Spirit 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.

LGBT Steering Committee Meeting

"The LGBT Arch Street Steering Committee will **meet at 12:15pm today** (or when Worship is concluded) in the upstairs conference room to plan the October 17-18 event with The Rev. Ben Hutchison, the most recent clergy person to be dismissed from the UMC because of his sexual orientation.. He will be preaching at our church on that Sunday and featured speaker at a Saturday night dinner. Speak to Rev. Herb Snyder regarding details.



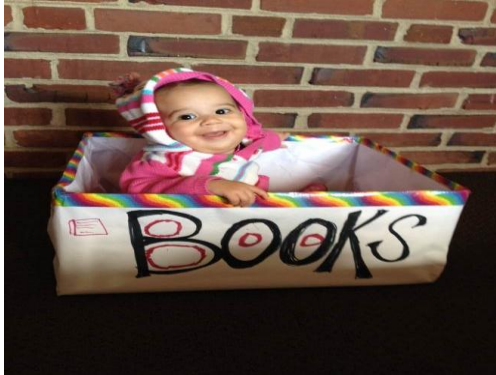
Simpson Midtown 10th Anniversary Family Cookout

On Monday September 7, 2015 from 12:00 – 5:00pm there will be food, music, fellowship, and fun at the 10th annual family cookout. There will be cultural dance, a choir, a jazz band, and a DJ. Catered food (ribs and chicken) will be served from 1:00 until 4:00pm. Reservations are required for the catered menu on or before August 28, 2015. The cost is \$5.00 per person on or before August 28, 2015 (\$10.00 if purchased the day of the event). Rain date is Saturday September 10th. Register at Simpson-Mid-Town or call Russ or Patricia at 215-232-7290.

Heritage Farm Fare 2015

On October 8th, Methodist Services Heritage Farm will be hosting the Heritage Farm Fare from 6pm-8pm, as a celebration of our seasonal bounty and to raise funds to support the ongoing operation of the farm. Guests will enjoy the stunning city views from the Belmont Mansion lawn while sampling delicious bites made from local ingredients, prepared by a host of well-known Philadelphia area chefs. Local libations will complement the chef's inventive cuisine and make for the perfect fall celebration of local foods! To view a full list of participating Restaurants, and farms, please visit our webpage Heritagefarmphiladelphia.org/events. For more information, contact Marleen Livingstone 215-877-1925 ext. 104 or email: mlivingstone@methodistservices.org

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.

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** Solomon 2: 8-13, James 1: 17-27 and Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17 and Mark 7:24-37

A Look at Our Faithfulness

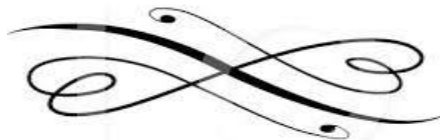
Combined attendance for **Sunday, August 16, 2015** was 118. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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



“For God so loved the
world that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes
in Him shall not
perish but have
everlasting life.”

John 3:16





PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Gloria Bredell, Roxy Setzer, Jim Griscol, 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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