

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Welcome Pope Francis and The World Meeting of Families

September 27, 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

US2, Rachel Ternes

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

September 27th, 2015

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Let Us Praise the Lord" Wm. J. Gather

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

INTROIT #2146 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #2001 "We Sing to You, Oh God"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 124 UMH 846

*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

Rhonda Moore

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

James 5:13-20

ANTHEM

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

SERMON "Tell Me a Story!" Reverend Robin Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN** # 526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY Allegro Moderato Flor Peeters

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** #670 "Go Forth for God"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** #2176 "Make Me a Servant" arr. Haines

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the Chapel office.

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Worship Leader: Nicole Jefferson
Greeters: Alice Ming and Margaret Harris
Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

Calendar

September 27, 2015 to October 7, 2015

SUN	9/27	9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 4:00 View of Papal Mass on large screen in Sanctuary 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	9/28	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
TUE	9/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	9/30	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:00 Community Forum, Chapel
THUR	10/1	5:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
SAT	10/3	10:00 UM Men Meeting, Nichols Hall
SUN	10/4	<i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 World Communion Get Acquainted Tea 12:15 LGBT Steering Committee Mtg., 2 nd fl. 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	10/5	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	10/6	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	10/7	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:00 Community Forum

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Community Forums Series

Arch Street UMC is sponsoring a series of community forums during the 2015-2016 season led by deacons and the deaconess in our church. They will address important issues and take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. A light supper and childcare will be provided.

September 30: Art Activism:

A Community Forum Series, hosted by the Reverend Robin Hynicka, Rachel Ternes and Ebele Chizea inviting artists of all ages, abilities and areas of interest to join them in creating community art projects that illustrate and animate the pursuit of justice and the building of the beloved community.

Art Activism: Finger-Painting for Fun and Prophet

This forum will use the very familiar and fun medium of finger-painting to create a visual arts project that highlights the voice of the prophet – “speaking truth to power.” Participants will be introduced to the Prophet Micah whose words, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God,” inspire holy activism. Join others in illustrating the words of the prophet and elevating the voice of the prophet. In addition, participants will be introduced to the powerful role art can play in seeking social change.

Art Activism: Singing Freedom Songs and Making Music for a Cause

Art Activism: Dancing Together to Build the Beloved Community



**Join us for a special dinner with
the Rev. Benjamin Hutchinson**

October 17, 2015
Six to Eight o'clock
(Doors open at 5:30)

The latest gay clergyperson to be "fired" by a United Methodist Bishop because of his relationship with another man, whom he has since married, the Rev. Hutchinson has been without a church assignment since being removed as the pastor of Cassopolis UMC in West Michigan in July of this year. Under his leadership, the Church he served for three years quadrupled, became financially solvent, and was thriving. His congregation loves him deeply and has always known he was gay, as did the church leadership. An awesome preacher, he regrets no longer having this opportunity. Hear his story and give your support!

Tickets are \$10 / \$5 for students and will be available after the service near the chapel, or call Arch Street UMC at 215-568-6250.

All donations advance full acceptance of LGBT persons in the United Methodist Church.

Menu

Salad

Spaghetti Pie (a Matt Lauer favorite)

Dessert

Beverage

Special Music by Adam P. Haines

Grace Café News

Arch Street Folks are cooking up tonight's dinner which is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Erie and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in honor of Pope Francis's visit. We thank them for their generous donation. Interested in following their lead? Why not sign up now to host a meal in the fall for our homeless neighbors. If you know of anyone who might be interested have them contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at darlene.didomineck@gmail.com

Carl Davis, founder of our Grace Café

Arch Street Church mourns the loss of Carl Davis who passed away on Friday, Sept. 18th after a long illness. Carl became a member of Arch Street UMC in June of 2004. It was not long after joining the church that Carl made sandwiches in our kitchen every Sunday morning. He'd packed them up with a piece of fruit and a bottle of water, put them in his cart and head out to the neighborhood feeding our homeless neighbors. When life became too difficult for Carl he was admitted to a nursing home where he lived until his passing. From his acts of kindness came Grace Café where we now feed over 200 people here at the church every Sunday evening.

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 **NEXT** Sunday at 9:45am. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 and Mark 10:2-16



UMW Meeting and Book Discussion

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 everyone is encouraged to read.

United Methodist Men to Meet

Join the United Methodist Men as they embark on a new mission with new direction. UMM meet the first Saturday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 3 10 AM for breakfast.

United Methodist Men explore “The Hidden Spirituality of Men”

During the 2015-2016 seasons, the United Methodist Men will explore the lessons contained in the book *The Hidden Spirituality of Men* by Matthew Fox. The book explores the question: Why do men hide their deepest feelings and spiritual insights? Among the reasons discussed are the following:

- Many men carry wounds inside they would rather forget or put aside than admit are there.
- Men don't know how — and are not trained — to deal with their anger and outrage in healthy ways.
- Men sometimes work so hard that they do not have time or space for exploring their hearts.

Pastor Robin will work closely with the United Methodist Men on this project. Please speak to Pastor Robin about getting a copy of the book.

Small Groups to Start

Small Groups provide the opportunity for current members and friends of the congregation to get better acquainted and for new folks to get connected quicker. Each Small Group has a convener who assists the group in developing the pattern and practice of listening and sharing. The basic format is centered on the passages of scripture used in Sunday worship; however, each group is free to develop their own agenda and set of activities. The groups meet once a week at the church or in someone's home for about an hour and a half. The general idea and theme is to provide the space, time and support for folks to share what really matters to them or concerns them. **“WHAT REALLY MATTERS TO YOUR HEART?”** is the leading question.

During the 2015 - 2016 season, there will be three time periods that the Small Groups will meet:

1. The week of October 18, 2015 through the week of November 30, 2015 (seven weeks)
2. The week of January 8, 2016 through the week of March 14, 2016 (six weeks)
3. The week of May 2, 2016 through the week of May 23, 2016 (four weeks)

As of the posting of this announcement there are three conveners committed to facilitating three different small groups: Warren Cederholm, Wilhelmina Young and Cathy Simpson. Each facilitator will provide the meeting place and time for the small group they are leading. Additional leaders and small groups are welcome to join the small group movement at ASUMC.

Good bye to Nick

For those of you who may not know Nick Nicholas, he was that burly guy who was the UMVIM NEJ and lived at Serenity House. He also helped around Arch Street for the special events. He has left Philadelphia for the last time as Coordinator. On October 1 he'll start the next part of his ministry journey. "I will tell you about that soon. God bless Philadelphia and the NEJ."

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, September 20, 2015** was 113. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

World Communion Sunday

October 4th is World Communion Sunday, to celebrate nations we are asking that you bring cookies from your native land or someone else's native land, next week we will have suggestions and a recipe or two or three. Join us after service for tea and cookies. Your monetary gift on World Communion Sunday helps support UMC scholarships both in the United States and Globally.

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.

**We wish all the attendees to
the World Meeting of Families a safe journey home.**



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for Deanna Cottom, Kathleen Stewart, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Roxy Setzer, Jim Grisco, , Leo Gatewood, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, 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 Jensen, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, 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, 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, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier, Margaret Smith, Carla Kelley

Prayers of Encouragement for Pastor Hynicka and family, the family of Carl Davis, 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 Jensen 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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