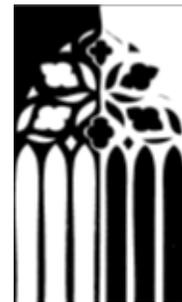


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## “Miracles and Marigolds”—Mother’s Day at Serenity House

*Nora Kerrich, Swarthmore Student*



*Photograph courtesy of Prof. Giovanna Di Chiro, Swarthmore College*

On May 10th, Serenity House hosted its second annual Mother’s Day community event with support from students and faculty at Swarthmore College. The community was invited to participate in flowerpot decorating, flower planting, and discussion throughout the afternoon.

Children of all ages from toddlers to teenagers joined with family and friends in the activities on the porch. Adults spent time with their young loved ones while they created beautiful flowerpots as Mother’s Day gifts for important women in their lives. Plants for the butterfly garden planned and envisioned by the Serenity House Men’s Support Group arrived and were placed around the garden for planting at a later date.

A barbeque cookout in the backyard garden provided lunch as the afternoon activities continued. Many of the children explored the garden, digging up Japanese knotweed and finding worms and other critters in the soil. Although

the event was interrupted by several intense thunderstorms, many participants chose to stay on and take cover inside, starting new friendships among children and adults alike.

Professor Carr Everbach of Swarthmore College arrived midafternoon to meet with the Men’s Support Group and other interested community members and lead a discussion about the workings of a solar panel and its potential uses to Serenity House and the community it serves. This solar workshop was a step toward installing a solar panel on the garage roof. Community members had many enthusiastic questions and comments about the solar roof, and look forward to participating in its installation and use.

All in all, the Mother’s Day event was well received and appreciated by the organizers and attendees. It seems well on its way to becoming a favorite annual tradition within the neighborhood.

## News & People

### Moving Beyond “Can’t”

*Jordan Harris*

“I think we made a wrong turn,” Robin said to Joe as he was trying to read the directions to center city Columbus. “Bust a U-ey!” Russell yelled from the back of the van. “I don’t think we can do that,” I responded. “What!?! No, no, you can always bust a U-ey from anywhere you’re driving, unless there is a sign that says you can’t. Look it up—in the driver’s book—it’s says it in there, bust a U-ey,” Russell responded. We all laughed at the thought of Robin’s red van screeching and swerving across the yellow lines into the other lane.

From May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Robin, Joe Kalil, Russell Whaley, and I participated in “Crossing Boundaries,” a conference on “Ministry with the Poor” in Columbus, Ohio. The emphasis of this program is to learn how to be in ministry *with* people instead of *to* or *for* them. The conference was hosted by the United Methodist

Church for All People and brought together United Methodists from all over the country who are working with those in need in big and innovative ways. Arch Street was specifically invited for its continuing effort to provide ministry focused on eliminating poverty.

The main lesson I took away from this conference is remembering to move beyond the “myth of scarcity.” All too often, ministry takes place with the mindset of scarcity. “There won’t be enough money.” “I don’t have the time.” “There are only a few volunteers.” “Not enough people will participate.” These are all common phrases that creep their way into our conversations about doing ministry. This, however, is a way of thinking that we as people of faith cannot afford to have. We serve a God who is more than enough: God’s grace, God’s love, God’s goodness—they are all more

than enough for us. Here on this Earth, God has set things up so that we all, as well as the animals, as well as the plants, can have more than enough of what we need in order to thrive. So we, as people of faith, are called to live knowing the simple yet powerful truth of “there will be enough.” God always makes a way. We must move beyond the language of “can’t.”

The Crossing Boundaries convention helped Robin, Joe, Russell, and me move beyond “can’t.” Arch Street can do ministry with those in great need knowing that there will be enough resources to do it well. We can work together to find ways to eliminate poverty not only in our city, but in our world. The only thing I am pretty sure we can’t do is “bust a U-ey” in the middle of the street.

### Re-Booting Arch Street’s Website

*Rev. David W. Brown*

I’ve often wondered what tools Christ would use if He were walking among us here in the 21st century. Knowing that one of His many gifts was an ability to communicate to thousands using tools and channels that His flock would understand, there’s no doubt in my marketing mind that Jesus would be a Master Tweeter, maintain an active Facebook page, and be adept at texting, and His followers would interact as much online as they would in person. So it should come as no surprise that churches, in exponentially increasing numbers, are investing in developing stronger online ministries through interactive websites that are touching lives in ways no pulpit ever could.

Arch Street is no exception as we are launching a new and improved website that seeks to put an electronic face to the many ministries and outreach activities that make our church so unique. The website, [www.ArchStreetUMC.org](http://www.ArchStreetUMC.org), operates under the same address as before but the content tells a whole new story.

There’s a section with information on our various worship services. There’s a section on our Music Ministry including our Sanctuary Choir, Grace Café Chorale, and growing Community Music ministry. We spotlight our Grace Café ministry, Serenity House, and our rich legacy as an historical church here in the city.

Of course, Arch Street has a tradition of being involved in issues that matter and our work in the advocacy arena is well represented on the site. From our work with POWER in tackling issues like increasing the minimum wage to our involvement in gender equality as a Reconciling Congregation, the website provides the kind of outreach locally and abroad that keeps the flock of Arch Street connected and engaged.

The new [www.ArchStreetUMC.org](http://www.ArchStreetUMC.org) will go live this summer. Watch for the announcement in the “What’s Happening” bulletin and be sure to visit to see what our revamped website has to offer!

## “Calling Out Hate Speech”

Rev. Dave Krueger

My friend Phil Gressman arrived early Saturday morning to the expo center, site of the 2014 Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. As he walked toward the entrance, he heard an unfamiliar voice shouting from across the parking lot, “Here comes another fag!” Phil could not see clearly the man who uttered the epithet, but it was obvious that it was levied at him. Phil was wearing a rainbow stole—a symbol of LGBTQ solidarity well known among Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodists. Phil knew that Arch Street members had been called anti-gay slurs at this gathering in the past and he considered it his duty to inform presiding Bishop Peggy Johnson of the incident. At the opening of the morning session, Bishop Johnson spoke of a “name-calling” incident outside the gathering, which she said was “inappropriate” and had no place among Christian people. She admonished the conference members to be respectful of one another even if they disagree.

Bishop Johnson was clearly troubled by the incident and was no doubt sincere in her aim to create a place that was safe for all God’s children. However, I had the gnawing feeling that the bishop’s words seemed an inadequate response to what had happened. I raced to the nearest microphone and held up my red card to get

the bishop’s attention. My head swirled with thoughts as I struggled to come up with the right words. As I recall, I blurted out something to the effect of, “Bishop, with all due respect, I don’t think it is enough to say that name-calling is inappropriate. My friend was called an anti-gay slur starting with the letter ‘F.’ This is hate speech and it needs to be named as such.” The bishop thanked me for speak-ing up and said that she agreed that it was indeed hate speech.

What makes the difference between name-calling and hate speech? Hate speech is defined as a verbal attack against a person or group on the basis of race, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. Hate speech is used to intimidate and purposefully create a climate of fear. Social media responses to the morning’s events and other informal chatter indicate that conference attendees overwhelmingly condemned the words of the anonymous man in the parking lot. However, it must be noted that people typically restrict their use of hate speech to environments in which they think they can get away with it. This man did not seem to be concerned that another United Methodist clergy or lay member could hear him. Why not? It speaks to the overall atmosphere in some United Methodist circles, in which it seems riskier for a gay

person to publicly announce his or her sexual orientation than for a bigot to use hate speech in a loud and purposefully public fashion. What can faithful United Methodists do to tip the balance in the opposite direction?

This year’s EPA conference gathering can be characterized by a spirit of avoidance. The body voted to defer most of the resolutions dealing with homosexuality, even the one calling on clergy who performed the Arch Street same-gender wedding last fall to voluntarily surrender their ordination credentials. In such a stifling environment, it is critical to be attentive and obedient to the Spirit of God, and be ready to stand up and speak on behalf of our LGBTQ siblings when the right moment arrives.

*(Versions of this article were published online with the Reconciling Ministries Blog and United Methodist Insight.)*

*Note:* Rev. Krueger continues to work with a small covenant writing group of Arch Street members to produce testimonials about the pain and suffering caused by heterosexism in the church. These stories call for the UMC to be more welcoming of LGBTQ persons. The testimonials may be published as articles in local and national publications. If you would like to tell your story, please email: davidkrueger01@gmail.com.

### Congratulations to Our 2014 Graduates!

- **Fornati Bedell** received a Doctorate of Medicine from Georgetown University School of Medicine
- **Gabe Bedell** received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University
- **Kyle Wyman** graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary
- **Lea Booth** received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Temple University
- **Melanie Beers** received a Bachelor of Science degree from Temple University
- **Alina John** and **Bob McMahon** received Bachelor of Music degrees from the University of the Arts
- **Pavi Jaisankar** completed her Chaplain residency at Pennsylvania Hospital
- **Katie Donnelly** graduated from Central High School and will attend Ursinus College

We wish these gifted and hard-working young people all the best as they move to the next stage of their lives.

## Columns

### Minister's Message



*Rev. Robin Hynicka,*  
Senior Pastor

With the help of Partners for Sacred Places, I along with key lay leaders from the congregation have received valuable coaching and support in the areas of finance and staffing. As one congregation among thirteen engaged in the Avenue of

the Spirit Initiative, Arch Street UMC is benefiting from technical assistance tailored just for us by the Partners for Sacred Places staff and set of consultants.

Partners helped Arch Street identify a financial consultant who has assessed the church's financial system and recommended improvements. The consultant also assisted with key projects that will help the Finance Committee produce the kinds of reports needed to manage an ever more complicated financial reality. With Serenity House, the "Be Lifted Up" Capital Campaign, and Grace Café, the levels of financial reporting and review require a tremendous amount of attention from the Finance Committee, and the way to do that needed to be created and streamlined.

In the area of staff deployment and development, Partners is assisting me in doing a complete review of who does what at Arch Street and why. This process is starting from a very positive place because I am fortunate to have a stellar staff; however, everyone is overburdened and in need of my attention to help them reorder things. By redirecting a significant amount of my time in the area of staff support, the workload might not be lighter but the outcomes will be better and more satisfying.

With the technical assistance provided by Partners for Sacred Places, I am confident that the future ministry of ASUMC will grow in grace and generate more and more good.

### Grace Café

*Rev. Robin Hynicka*

The Grace Café community continues to grow with the average attendance hovering around 200. Those responsible for causing the Grace Café worship and fellowship meal to happen have been engaged in deep discernment about making the experience more and more meaningful. From the preaching to the presentation of the meal, the volunteers and guests are committed to creating a safe, serene, and satisfying experience. In particular, volunteer leaders Jordan Harris,

Zoey Bonfante, and Joe Kalil have worked with me this year to make improvements.

New volunteers discover the joy of the Grace Café fellowship every week, and so volunteer orientation and support are provided. Thanks to a very generous financial contribution from the Hopewell United Methodist Church of Downington, a commercial dishwasher was installed in the kitchen. In addition, the Sanctuary United Methodist Church of North Wales has provided enough flat-

ware and drinking cups to serve 200. So now, when there are enough volunteers, the meal is served restaurant style.

Many helpful lessons have been learned and more adjustments will be needed; however, even when things don't go as planned or as well as intended, the atmosphere is always grace-filled. One Grace Café regular commented: "The people here really do care." As long as folks feel cared for, we know we are on the right track.

### Summer Music Program

Again this year, the ASUMC Music Center under the direction of Andrew Monath will present a rich program of musical training for children and youth in Grades 3-12. Music Camp will be held Monday through Friday, August 18th-29th, with Choral Singing from 9:00 AM-noon and Musical Theater from 1:00-4:00 PM. Fees are \$150 for a half-day, \$250 for a full day, and scholarships are available. To register, contact the church office or speak with Andrew Monath, 215-568-6250, ext. 23.

## Use of Scriptures

*Rev. Reinhard Kruse*

It is a fact that you can use Scripture to prove and substantiate any opinion, bias, or prejudice. The flip side of this is that you cannot be faithful to every verse in the Scriptures. Everyone knows the familiar verse “they shall beat their swords into plowshares” (Isaiah 2:4), but in Joel 3:10 it clearly says, “beat your plowshares into swords.” Either way, you can quote Scripture to validate your opinion.

I know Christians who abstain from alcohol because of verses in the Scripture. There was a time when pastors at ordination had to make a vow to abstain, but that soon went by the wayside.

The Scriptures condone slavery. The New Testament has numerous verses telling slaves to obey their masters (Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22; I Tim 6:1; I Peter 2:18-21). Granted, the owners were told to treat their slaves justly (the same way they would treat their working farm animals), but not to set them free. Southern plantation owners used these verses for their benefit while abolitionists ignored Scriptural verses and worked faithfully to stop slavery—and rightfully so.

The Scriptures were very clear about lepers being “put out” and staying separate from others (Lev. 13:45-46; Num. 5:2; 12:10-15; II Kings 7:3; 15:5; II Chron. 26:20-21). Jesus deliberately ignored the Scriptures, touched and healed the lepers (Luke 5:12-14; 17:12-16), and healed on a Sabbath. When he was severely criticized by the Pharisees, Jesus strongly defended himself for doing something contrary to Scripture (Luke 6:6-11).

Acts chapter 10 tells the story of the centurion Cornelius, a devout gentile with whom it was “unlawful for a Jew to associate or to visit” (10:28). Peter got hungry and was praying on a housetop. In a vision he saw a sheet full of animals, reptiles, and birds, and he heard the voice of God saying, “Rise, Peter, kill and eat” (10:13). Peter, who obeyed Scriptural laws, replied, “No, Lord, I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean” (10:14); to which the voice said, “What God has cleansed, you must not call common” (10:15). Just then, three men came to take Peter to Cornelius. When Peter met Cornelius, Peter said to everyone there,

“You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation; but God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean” (10:28). In essence, God’s own voice told Peter “No”—you must not continue to follow that law from the Scripture. Those who degrade homosexuals should also hear this Scripture verse: “do not call any man common or unclean” (10:28).

Some people are anti-LGBT and love to quote those few verses that condemn homosexuality. But why insist on those verses? It is cruel to call any person common or unclean. Jesus ignored Scripture verses; we all conveniently gloss over many; and Peter was commanded to disregard Scriptural law.

LGBT persons are human beings created by God, endowed with God’s life-giving spirit, and no one should ever call them “unclean.” Like Peter, can you hear the voice of God?

## Our History: Nichols Hall

*Dale Shillito, Arch Street Historian*

At the outset, Friendly Hour was held in the chapel. Attendance steadily grew at this weekly get-together and by 1930, Friendly Hour’s increased activity required more space. Architect Addison Hutton had only provided for a crawl space below the sanctuary. It had to be deepened, underpinned with steel columns and girders for support, and underlaid with artificial drainage. Unemployed construction workers and laborers were easy to find during the Depression. They were grateful for a job. The basement was dug out and constructed during the week, with little disturbance of Sunday services.

Nichols Hall was dedicated on January 30, 1932. It created a large open space for

up to 300 seats to accommodate Friendly Hour as well as church dinners and other large events. Smaller rooms off of Nichols Hall completed the basement design. The Henrietta P. Burnham Memorial Room, the Men’s Club Room, and rooms dedicated to Ida Simpson, Mrs. Richard Fisher, and Sarah E. Metts were ornately furnished for meetings of smaller groups. In 1941–42, a kitchen, the Alice B. Davidson Parlor, and the Ensley Memorial Dining Room were built in the chapel basement where the furnaces had once been.

The cost of improvements came to \$50,000, a “princely sum” during the Depression. These expenses took their toll on the church’s budget. In June 1932, the

treasurer, Frank Jones, informed the trustees of a serious gap between expenditures and income. All church personnel were asked to take temporary pay cuts of \$100 to \$500 per year. Rev. Nichols volunteered to contribute \$1,000 of his salary to balance expenses. The church began a capital campaign and soon found that its increased membership brought in greater revenue. In 1931–32, at the height of the Great Depression, Arch Street was able to raise \$18,000 for improvements, including \$6,000 from Miss Ada A. Coffman for the construction of Nichols Hall. By the end of Dr. Nichols’ pastorate, the church was debt-free. In fact, a modest memorial fund was established during these years.

## Events

### Regular Sunday Activities

- 8:00 AM - Nursery, 1st floor (open till 12:30 PM)
- 8:30 AM - Worship, Chapel
- 9:45 AM - Adult Sunday School, Chapel
- 9:45 AM - Youth Bible Study, 2nd fl. Office
- 9:45 AM - Children's Sunday School, Nichols Hall
- 11:00 AM - Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM - Get Acquainted Time, Chapel
- 2:00 PM - Unity Fellowship Church Service, Chapel

Note: The Sanctuary Choir, Grace Café, and the Grace Café Chorale will resume in September.

### Weekly Activities

- Monday 1:00 PM - Tea and Talk, Chapel  
5:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall  
7:00 PM - Freedom Band Rehearsal, Chapel
- Tuesday 12:00 PM - Bible Study with Rev. Waller, Sanctuary  
3:00 PM - Community Music Program, Chapel
- Wednesday 5:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall
- Thursday 3:00 PM - Community Music Program, Chapel  
5:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall  
7:00 PM - Diversity Group, Chapel

### Committee Meetings, Special Events and Activities

United Methodist Men meet the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM; United Methodist Women meet the second Sunday of the month immediately after the 11:00 AM service; the Native American Indian Awareness Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Refer to the weekly "What's Happening" bulletin for exceptions to these dates.

#### July 2014

Fri July 4: Independence Day—  
*office closed*

July 19-25: Youth Mission trip

July 25-27: Eastern Pennsylvania  
Conference UMW's "Mission U"

#### August 2014

Aug 18-29: ASUMC Music Camp

#### September 2014

Mon Sept 1: Labor Day—*office closed*  
(AA will meet)

Submit calendar events to Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com).  
Listings for Autumn 2014 issue due September 1.

### Birthdays

#### July

- 4 - Rebecca Ciampa,  
Marge Donnelly
- 5 - James Lane
- 7 - Dr. Patrick Kim
- 8 - Weslia Hynicka
- 9 - Jacob McNeill,  
Dorothy Wells
- 10 - Sharon Gerred,  
Bryan Seiber
- 15 - Darlene DiDomineck
- 18 - Baki Tucker
- 20 - Roberto Bonfante
- 21 - James Abel
- 23 - Rev. James Pittman
- 26 - Heidi Bowen,  
David Dunah,  
Varsay Lewis
- 29 - Margaret Harris
- 30 - Stephen Fowlkes,  
Parasram Gobin

#### August

- 1 - Randall Cronin,  
Ototta Kolo,  
Daniel Lee,  
Irene Meyer
- 3 - Linda Berry,  
Prabhu Paulraj
- 4 - April Evans
- 5 - Kirby Brislin,  
Thomas Cooper,  
Denise Whaley
- 6 - Jay Newlin
- 7 - Rev. Herb Snyder
- 8 - Kim McKonly  
Cooper
- 9 - Rebecca Patterson
- 14 - Dale Shillito
- 15 - Sarah Byker James,  
Tremir Ford
- 16 - Eugene Minus
- 19 - Helen Purtel
- 22 - Molly Dang
- 23 - Souda Dunlap,  
Darlene Evans,  
Cathy Johnson,  
Steven Whaley
- 24 - Trent Ford
- 26 - Beth Leonberg
- 27 - Sarah Burger,  
Henry Geiger
- 30 - Loide Ann Santos
- 31 - Vivian Liu,  
Max Manuel

#### September

- 4 - Rev. Robin Hynicka
- 7 - Raymond Wilson,  
Rev. Susan Cole
- 8 - Laura Jones,  
Thomas Brislin
- 9 - Jim Bibber
- 10 - Anna Jackson,  
Bryan Shay
- 11 - Evelyn Tinsley
- 13 - Roslyn McGee
- 15 - Barbara Bailey,  
Warren Cederholm
- 16 - Ginger Doubt
- 21 - Nikki Kelley Kleinberg
- 24 - Ida Morris
- 26 - Mandi Rollerson
- 27 - Beverly Faunce
- 28 - MuiMui Kolo,  
Dustin Long
- 29 - Barbara Kelly
- 30 - Leon Rollerson

## A Big Win for Philadelphia and for POWER!

*Zoey Bonfante*

This spring, POWER's 40-plus congregations reached out to communities across Philadelphia to raise awareness of the May 20th primary and what this election could mean for our city. Among the issues we were discussing, the most pressing was that of providing a Living Wage for people working for city subcontractors.

I had the chance to work closely with POWER in the weeks leading up to the election, together with many others at Arch Street, and although our goal was clear, valid, and noble, I would be lying if I didn't admit that doubt and insecurity were as much part of the process as hope and vision. The hours spent phone banking, canvassing, attending meetings, and simply *being present* were wearing not only because of the concrete activity, but also because of the emotional component that emerged at the prospect of both failure and success.

Passing Ballot Question 1, the Living Wage initiative, would impact the city as a whole, and it was hard to explain the importance of it to complete strangers on the phone or in person. Phone banking and canvassing teams had to overcome language barriers, wrong phone numbers, and other obstacles before we could get the message to an individual and then convince that person to commit to vote on May 20th.

Although we had our challenges, I do not want to focus on that. For every rude person, there was someone willing to listen and understand our message. Language barriers were crossed. Doormen were bribed (no, not really, but we left stacks of flyers). And as the election came closer, feelings of doubt and insecurity were replaced with a communal feeling of hope and trust—trust in the work we achieved, trust in the people we reached out to, and trust in a system that works when intention is transparent.

On May 20th, according to the City Commissioner, Question 1 passed by a 75% margin! As for POWER, "working together across faith, race, and neighborhood lines, we reached out to 45,260 Philadelphians in this election and got over 4,500 commitments to vote." The passing of this ballot measure proves that when it comes to choosing between what is right and what is easy, people come through—the extraordinary results speak not only to the resiliency of our congregation at large, but also to the moral fiber of this city.

## The UMW General Assembly

*Margaret Harris*

From April 24th–27th, Wilhelmina Young and I joined 6,500 women from around the world for the UMW Assembly, "Make it Happen," in Louisville, Kentucky. Excitement was in the air with Hillary Clinton as the keynote speaker. She described her strong United Methodist heritage and how it had inspired her to work for women and children. Wilhelmina says she always liked Hillary, but is now a true fan. "After hearing her testimony, she has become more personal for me."

There were many provocative workshops, films, and town hall meetings to choose from. I saw three powerful documentaries that I hope to bring to Arch Street, and Wilhelmina attended a workshop presented by the author of a book that we will read for UMW next year.

The entire Assembly was inspiring, with wonderful worship services using the scriptural text of "The Feeding of the Five Thousand" in several creative ways and a march for economic justice from downtown Louisville to a park in a housing development. The fabulous music was provided by an all-female band brought together from around the country.

It was a wonderful and blessed experience to be among such a gathering of women (and a few men) from around the

world who are in mission for social and economic justice.

The next Assembly is in 2018—we plan to go and I urge you to join us!

## "Human"

*Jordan Harris*

"On April 24th, 2014 a group of people from many different walks of life got together at the Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia to share food and stories, and dress up for a photo shoot celebrating humanity. Some of the people are currently homeless, some have come through homelessness, and others are high school or college students who are interested in eliminating poverty. All of us have one thing in common; we are all human. With the help of volunteers, clothes, food, and other supplies were gathered for the comfort and enjoyment of the models. Arch Street United Methodist Church opened their doors and their hearts to us, allowing us to use their space and even their showers."

Alisa Miller, a student at Temple University, wrote those words in her photography book, "Human." The project took place and was displayed at Arch Street during the week of May 17th–24th. It featured close-up pictures of a person's face with a short interview alongside. Alisa's intention in doing this project was to show us that the faces of "the homeless" are no different than any others. We are all humans, and socioeconomic lines, home ownership, a bank statement, and material things do not change the fact that we are all part of the same human race.

Alisa's piece is only the beginning of a new initiative to find creative and innovative ways to do advocacy around homelessness and economic injustice. There are other students interested in using their developing art skills in a way that helps bring justice to our city.



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## Future Dates

World Communion  
Sunday  
*October 5*

Fall Retreat  
*October 10–12*

All Saints Sunday  
*November 2*

UM Student Day  
*November 30*

World AIDS Day  
*December 1*

*See page 6 for full  
calendar of events*

Follow events at the  
“What’s Happening”  
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Mother’s Day at Serenity House

*Photograph courtesy of Prof. Giovanna Di Chiro,  
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