

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**September 14, 2014**

**11:00 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*

*Deacon, Reverend David Brown*

*Music Director - 8:30 am, Dolores Farinre-Carey*

*Music Director/Organist- 11:00 am, Andrew Monath*

*Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci*

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/*

*Roberto Bonfante/ Joe Kalil*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM**  
**September 14, 2014 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**PRELUDE** "How Firm a Foundation" Hayes/arr. Wagner

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

"In Thee Is Gladness" Gastoldi

**\*HYMN #121** "There's Wideness in God's Mercy"

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CLAIMING OUR HOPE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ginger Doubt

Exodus 14: 19-31 [Page 58 in pew Bible]

Romans 14: 1-12 [Page 988 in pew Bible ]

**REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Wade in the Water" African American Spiritual

**\*GOSPEL** Matthew 18: 21-35 [Pages 852-853 in pew Bible]

**SERMON** "77X" Reverend Robin Hynicka

**\*HYMN # 390** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

“Lord, Listen to Your Children” Hanson/Murakami

# AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

## OFFERTORY

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” arr. Leatherman

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94 The Doxology

*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! Alleluia!*

## \*HYMN #389 “Freely, Freely”

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Shalom to You” Eslinger/Young

## \*POSTLUDE “Gavotte” J.S. Bach

\* = *Please stand, if able*

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Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the Chapel office.*



**Worship Leader:** Cathy Simpson

**Greeters:** Barbara Williams and Raymond Wilson

**Nursery Attendant:** Mark McNeill



# Calendar

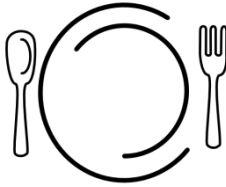
## September 14 to September 25, 2014

- SUN** 9/ 14      8:30 Worship Service, Chapel  
9:45 Adult Sunday School  
9:45 Children's Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:30 Get Acquainted Time  
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary  
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service  
4:30 Grace Café Chorale  
5:30 Grace Café Devotions  
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 9/15      1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel  
5:30 AA, Chapel
- TUE** 9/16      12:00 Hour of Power
- WED** 9/17      5:30 AA, Chapel
- THU** 9/18      3:00 Music Center  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Diversity Group
- SUN** 9/21      8:30 Worship Service, Chapel  
9:45 Adult Sunday School  
9:45 Children's Sunday School  
9:45 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:30 Get Acquainted Time  
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service  
4:30 Grace Café Chorale  
5:30 Grace Café Devotions  
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 9/22      1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel  
5:30 AA, Chapel
- TUE** 9/23      12:00 Hour of Power
- WED** 9/24      5:30 AA, Chapel
- THU** 9/25      5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Diversity Group

*Be sure to visit Arch Street UMC's new website!!!*

[www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org) and click on **EVENTS** for the full calendar

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) will reopen **TODAY Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. After a brief period of faith-sharing, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by Joe Kalil and members of Arch Street UMC. Grace Café will be open every Sunday from September 14<sup>th</sup> until June 28, 2015 and there are lots of openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 people. If you know of a group that would like to assist in this important mission, please have them contact the church office at 215-568-6250. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcomed.

## Join the UMW Today

**All women are invited** to the first fall meeting of the **United Methodist Women of Arch Street** today immediately following the 11 AM Worship service. We will meet in the chapel. We welcome newcomers and visitors. Come meet and get to know the other women of Arch Street and learn about our plans for the upcoming year. We will be distributing the book, *Grace and Grit: My fight for equal pay and fairness at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lilly Ledbetter, which will be the subject of our discussion at our October 12th meeting.

*“I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**Jeremiah 29: 12**

## United Methodist Women News

**Sunday October 12th Book Discussion:** *Grace and Grit: My fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lilly Ledbetter.

Everyone is invited to this book discussion --visitors, members, men, women, teenagers, friends, enemies, whoever. We will meet immediately following the 11 AM worship service either in the chapel or 2nd floor conference room. For a copy of the book, see Margaret Harris (who will be bringing books to church on Sunday September 7th and most Sundays thereafter until the books run out). Questions, contact Margaret Harris at [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or 215-568-2206.

**Sunday September 21 from 4 to 5 PM:** The Central District Mission team will host an event entitled "Faith Hope Love in Action: UMW in Mission" at New Vision UMC, 3259 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, 19140

**September 27 from 9 AM to 12 Noon** at Valley Forge: St. Matthews UMC: The Central District UMW Annual Celebration (formerly Annual Meeting). We are excited and grateful that Bishop Peggy Johnson will be the Speaker. The theme for the celebration is: **Disabilities: Differentlyabled**. We invite you to come and bring friends. You are also invited to contribute to the Ingathering. The items from the Ingathering will be given to New Journey in Reading, PA. The New Journey Outreach Program operates to support people in that area. It has been the practice of our District to alternate support between United Methodist Neighborhood Services Center and an outreach program in another part of the district. New Journey Outreach was sponsored by a Latino congregation that has now united with West Lawn UMC but the outreach facility continues with the same programs.

### **Adult Sunday School**

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages in preparation for the next week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel at **9:45AM today**. Readings for **September 28, 2014** are Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13 and Matthew 21: 23-32.

### **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, September 7, 2014** was 145. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

## Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for all children will be held between Services at **9:45AM**. Primary and Early Elementary years will meet with Dottie Wells in Nichols Hall, Room G. The Nursery is open for all infants and toddlers from 8AM – 12:30PM. If you would like to assist with Sunday School, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250 or speak to Pastor Robin.

## POWER Update

(Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild)

*If You Don't Believe That Hard Work Brings Success...*

We have the numbers to prove it! Last spring, members of over 45 churches, synagogues and mosques, working through POWER, helped pass the Living Wage ordinance that brought a bigger paycheck to workers at companies with city contracts and subcontracts. This fall we will keep the momentum going as we get out the vote to reverse the decline in the quality of schools in our city and state.

Last spring's Living Wage Campaign achieved its goal and then some. POWER volunteers (maybe you were one of them?) made calls and knocked on the doors of 48,000 registered voters who were identified as unlikely to vote. We sought their pledge to vote "yes" on the referendum to increase minimum wage. Among those "unlikely" voters who were contacted, 33% DID vote! Contrast that with only 19% turnout among all voters in Philadelphia.

And while referendums usually pass with just over 50% of the vote, *this one passed with a margin of over 75%* and got more votes than any candidate on the ballot! Voter turnout increased in 79% of the areas that were the focus of get-out-the-vote efforts by POWER.

Not only are workers more financially secure, but lawmakers are aware of POWER's sincere, non-partisan efforts to make life in Philly better for all of us. They know we brought it over the finish line. POWER even has representation on the oversight committee for the new law.

You will be hearing about the Fall Voter Engagement work ahead. Know that we are not starting it unknown, untested, and unsure of victory. We've been awakened not just to our responsibility but our POWER – and we will create change for Philadelphia school children. Please be ready to join us in the near future—you'll be hearing from us soon! The ASUMC Organizing Committee for POWER

## Central District Events

**Vital Conversations on Intercultural Competency:** These conversations are designed to explain and explore the definitions and characteristics of race, culture, diversity, inclusion and intercultural competency. The main focus will be to understand oneself as the basis of establishing capacity to understand and connect with others within one's ministry context.

**Friday, September 19: Clergy Conversations on Intercultural Competency,** from 9AM to 3PM at Hope UMC in Douglassville, PA. Registration is open; all details can be found here:

<https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/clergy-vital-conversations-on-intercultural-competency>

**Saturday, September 20: Laity Conversations on Intercultural Competency,** from 9AM to 3PM at Hope UMC in Douglassville, PA. Registration is open; all details can be found here:

<https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/public/events/laity-vital-conversations-on-intercultural-competency>

**Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25: Clergy Training on Conflict and Mediation Skills,** at Hope UMC in Havertown, PA from 9 AM to 3 PM both days. This is an excellent training for all clergy to gain tools and a map for managing conflict and inspiring strategic change in your church. Candidates for Ministry are welcome! There is a cap of 36 participants. \$159/person covers all meals, materials, CEUs and two online assessment tools. Registration is OPEN; all info is here:

<https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/public/events/clergy-training-mediation-conflict-resolution-skills-i-ii-3>.

## POWER Call for Auction Items

On **Thursday October 23**, POWER will hold a reception/silent auction to raise funds for the upcoming Education campaign that will work to pass a statewide Full and Fair Funding Formula for Pennsylvania's public schools.

We are looking for donations for the auction. Already, Don Caskey and Warren Cederholm have generously offered two nights at their lovely B&B, The Gables—thank you! We are looking for high-quality items ranging in value from \$25 to \$250 for a starting bid. Please speak with Nancy Megley if you have something to donate (215-574-8320, [nmegley@msn.com](mailto:nmegley@msn.com)).

Tickets are \$60 and \$100 and can be purchased through Nancy Megley or online at the POWER website:

<http://www.powerphiladelphia.org/events/fall-fundraiser>.

Thank you for the many ways you support POWER!





## Family Retreat

As summer smells, sights and sounds come to an end, let us look forward to the crisp air, golden leaves and bonfires of the fall. Yes, it is time for our **Annual Family Fall Retreat** at Pocono Plateau Camp/Retreat Center: **Friday October 10th - Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

*"I think our lives are saying that we need some sacred spaces and sacred things in them. We need some things that are as mysterious as the Mystery itself" Robert Benson said in his book 'Living Prayer.'*

So, if you feel you struggle with how/when to pray, or maybe your prayers are stale, or you need some 'sacred things', you may be interested in a different prayer method. Join us in an interactive weekend of study and learning how to pray with prayer beads. We will use the book "A Bead & a Prayer" as our devotion and be guided in the making of our prayer beads by Weslia Hynicka.

**For more information see Wilhelmina Young or contact the church office. Look for the insert in next week's bulletin.**



### ***Conversations on Intercultural Communication***

**September 19 and 20 -- 9 AM to 3 PM each day**

**Hope UMC (117 N. Monocacy Creek Rd., Douglassville PA 19518)**

#### **Workshop Goals:**

To understand intercultural dynamics and their impact on how we see and do church

To have more objective ways of describing what is going on cross-culturally

To have the congregation and clergy share hopes for how intercultural communication can strengthen the life and ministry of the church.

### **All Registration Details at**

**[www.centraldistrict.smartevents.com](http://www.centraldistrict.smartevents.com)**

**Clergy** training on **Friday, September 19 (9 AM - 3 PM)** at Hope UMC

**Laity** training on **Saturday, September 20 (9 AM to 3 PM)** at Hope UMC

Cost is \$20 person, which includes all food and materials. Clergy and CLMs will receive .5 CEUs. If you have further questions, contact the Central District Office at 215-878-4607.





## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Ken Dorsey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, Verna Baily, Louis Darnady, Leslie Harrison, John Johnson, David Harris, Len Metzler, Justine McNeill, Loretta Wootten, Mary Allen, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Weslia Hynicka, Joan Wood, John Moore, James Williams, Oscar Allen, 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, Allen Goodwin, Marion Dabney, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Carl Davis, Evelyn Tinsley, 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, Maria Eugenia Almeida e Sousa, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Pamela Maupin, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Amy Durfee West, Mayra Malonada, Mary Smith, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dennis Murphy, Dumis Randolph, Chris Siemes, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier*

**Prayers of Comfort** for: *the family and friends of Bishop Martin D. McLee*

**Prayers of Encouragement** for: *Rev. Brett Charsky, Lea Booth and family, the Hearn family, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Donna Bateman, Rashida Bryant, Cara Caputo, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., John Kitterell, Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Anana Tinnhé, Kate McCormick, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, Rick Taylor, Tom Thurston, 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. And, 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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