

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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September 21, 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/

Joe Kalil/LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM
September 21, 2014 15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Allemande" J.S. Bach

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT

"You Who Are Thirsty" Ross

***HYMN #519** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 105 page 828

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Margaret Harris

Exodus 16: 2-15 [Pages 59-60 in pew Bible]

Philippians 1: 21-30 [Pages 1022-1023 in pew Bible]

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"POWER MOMENT" UPDATE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Ubi Caritas" Ola Gjello

***GOSPEL** Matthew 20: 1-16 [Page 854 in pew Bible]

SERMON

"Cosmic Compensation" Reverend Robin Hynicka

***HYMN** # 2036 (TFWS Hymnal) "Give Thanks"

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "Sarabande" J.S. Bach

***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** #553 "And Are We Yet Alive"

*** BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Courante" J.S. Bach

** = Please stand, if able*

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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Guest Musician: George Grace

Greeters: Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

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Calendar

September 21 to October 2, 2014

- 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
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
12:30 Get Acquainted Time
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 9/22 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Chapel
7:00 Freedom Band Practice
- 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
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- WED** 10/1 5:30 AA, Chapel
- THU** 10/2 3:00 Music Center
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) will be open **every Sunday until June 28, 2015**. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by members of Emilie UMC. 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.

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 or 215-568-2206.

Today, 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: Differently Abled**. 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.

Saturday October 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM: The Annual Meeting for the EPA Conference of United Methodist Women will be held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Lebanon, PA. More information on that meeting will be forthcoming.

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 **October 5, 2014** are Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14 and Matthew 21: 33-46.

PA state legislature now debating a new cigarette tax to pay for schools!!

Should we all start smoking?

If Philadelphia schools are in desperate need for adequate funding, and if “God provides”, is that what our church members should do to ensure that there are enough teachers, books, nurses, supplies, custodians, etc. to educate our city’s kids? Or is God working in a way that is not quite so mysterious?

Our church, working with POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild--the group of 41 Christian, Jewish and Moslem faith organizations who led the way to success in last spring’s living wage campaign) has what we believe is a truly God-given way to change Pennsylvania’s disgraceful “system” to fund schools. A Voter Engagement initiative to fight for a much-needed Full Fair Funding Formula (FFFF) that will divide adequate funds in a fair way among the state’s educational districts **will** make a difference.

The Voter Engagement will accomplish these things:

1. *increase the number of registered voters who don’t usually come to the polls by talking with them about the FFFF and asking for their pledge to vote on behalf of schoolchildren*
2. *inform state legislators, through a post card mailed from each voter after the election, that we will be expecting them to champion the FFFF*
3. *build relationships with voters in Philadelphia, as POWER volunteers return after the election to keep them in the loop on the challenges and successes on our way to excellent public schools*

Next **Sunday (September 28)** after the 11 AM service please answer the call and enter the chapel to hear inspiring words and consider how you can join the Voter Engagement for a few hours in October. As those in our church who worked with POWER in the spring can testify, this will be an experience that will make a difference in **your** life, not only Philly schoolchildren’s lives. Please see if you think a cigarette tax or talking with our fellow citizens about the best way forward is part of God’s plan for us all in this crisis. (Delicious refreshments will be served)

“I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” Psalm 16: 8

You're Invited: Sunday, September 28

ASUMC members and visitors: Next **Sunday September 28** after the 11:00 AM service, please join the POWER organizing committee in Nichols Hall for an inspiring gathering with details about our participation in the fall campaign to put public schools at the center of Pennsylvania politics. Refreshments will be served.

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.



Silent Auction

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).

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 12th**.

"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 yellow insert.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, September 14, 2014** was 155 and 195 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Be sure to visit Arch Street UMC's new website!!!
www.archstreetumc.org and click on EVENTS for the full calendar

Central District Events

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>.

Hopewell UMC's next Planting Seeds for Growth set for November 15

Hopewell UMC will host its annual **Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth** event Saturday, Nov. 15, from 2 p.m. to 5:25 p.m., followed by a closing worship service. The keynote speaker will be Clint Jenkins, PhD, Vice President of Research for the Barna Group in Ventura, CA. Barna is the leading voice in America on issues and trends among young people and their interest and involvement in religion. Jenkins' presentation and workshop at Planting Seeds will address how we can make our churches increasingly "young adult-friendly."

The Planting Seeds event will also provide advanced training for Christ Servant Ministers.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Ken Dorsey, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, 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 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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