

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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November 30, 2014 **11:00 AM Service**

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Reverend David Brown, David Krueger

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

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

Guest Musician- 11:00 am, George Grace

Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci

Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

November 30, 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIANO PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Traditional arr. Martinez

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT "I Want to Be Ready" Spiritual

*HYMN #196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*OPENING PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 80 page 801 (response 1)

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of HOPE The Whaley Family
#211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 1)

SCRIPTURE READING Nancy Megley

Isaiah 64:1-9 [page 643 in pew Bible]

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 [page 991 in pew Bible]

CHORAL ANTHEM "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Rentz

*GOSPEL Mark 13: 24-37 [page 882 in pew Bible]

SERMON "Always Awake" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

*HYMN #382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

A Collect for the 26th Annual World AIDS Day

Leader: Loving God, You provide comfort and hope to those who suffer. Be present with all persons affected with disease and their families in this and every land, that they may be strengthened in their search for health, wholeness and abundant living, through Christ our Companion. Amen.

Pastor: Holy Friend and Comforter: On this World AIDS Day we remember especially the thirty three million persons now living with HIV in all nations. Be with them, we pray. Lord, hear our prayer. Lead our government and the governments of all countries to protect and promote the rights of HIV positive persons to treatment, health and stigma-free living.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Be with groups and organizations that respond faithfully and with sacrifice to the daily needs of HIV positive persons for food, housing, health care and employment. We remember especially Action AIDS, MANNA, The AIDS Fund, and United Methodist Committee on Relief.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guide all organizations that advocate HIV/AIDS prevention through education and outreach that they may be successful in their efforts especially among at-risk populations and among those with health disparities.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Inspire and encourage the men and woman who spend their lives researching treatments and possible cures for HIV/AIDS. Doctors, nurses, fund raisers, speakers and volunteers.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive all who have died of AIDS and give them healing peace in your eternal presence. We remember especially _____(you may call out a name or lift up their name in your heart.)

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Caring God, you have promised "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5b). It is with this calm assurance, believing that your Kingdom will come, that we offer our prayers to you through Jesus Christ.

All: Bless all those that are praying to you this day throughout the world for healing from all diseases, Ebola, cancer, Lupus, arthritis, heart disease, Parkinsons, Multiple Sclerosis, mental illness and so many more devastating diseases. May all these prayers be heard, in Jesus' name. Amen.

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

CHORAL OFFERTORY “Once in Royal David's City” Gauntlett

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94 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 # 706** “Soon and Very Soon”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “The Holly and the Ivy” Traditional

** = Please stand, if able*

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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Arch Street Youth

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

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The Candle of Hope

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Child our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Calendar

November 30th to December 10th, 2014

- SUN** 11/30 *World AIDS Sunday*
8:30 Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:20 *Hangin' of the Greens, 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** 12/1 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Chapel
7:00 Freedom Band Practice, Chapel
- TUE** 12/2 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
7:45 **Charge Conference**, Chapel
- WED** 12/3 5:30 AA, Sanctuary
- THU** 12/4 5:30 AA, Sanctuary
7:00 Diversity Group, Sanctuary
- SUN** 12/7 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
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1:00 New Members Class, 2nd fl. conf. rm.
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6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 12/8 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Chapel
7:00 Freedom Band Practice
- TUE** 12/9 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
7:00 Trustee Meeting
- WED** 12/10 5:30 AA, Chapel
6:30 Native American Indian Awareness

Remember to check out www.archstreetumc.org for our events calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Join us for the *Hanging of the Greens*

Hanging of the Greens will take place **TODAY Sunday, November 30th immediately after the 11 AM service**. Please help us make the church look festive once again as we prepare for Christmas.

Arch Street UMC Charge Conference

The Organizations and Committees of the congregation are encouraged to prepare for the Charge Conference, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at Arch Street UMC at 7:45 PM**. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

New Members Class

Are you interested in finding out more about Arch Street Church, and what it means to be a United Methodist? Whether you're new in town, or have been attending worship for some time, you're more than welcome to come to our **New Members class next Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 PM**. A light lunch will be served. For more information, please contact Pastor Robin.

Here Ye Hear Ye!

Here at Arch Street UMC we would love to hear you **read scripture** at the 8:30 or 11:00 services. If you are interested, please indicate it on your card or call the church office at 215-568-6250.

UMC#GivingTuesday

Sharing our gifts is a spiritual discipline that helps us grow stronger as the body of Christ. The church's response to those in need is an expression of our faith, a confirmation of our discipleship and a witness to our love for our neighbors.

This year, we have an exciting opportunity to maximize your support. On Dec. 2, as part of UMC #givingtuesday, you can donate online through The Advance to any project or missionary of your choice. On this day only, Dec. 2, your gifts will be matched up to \$1million. As always 100% of your gift will go towards the designated project. Help communities build churches, dig wells, feed and educate children and equip hospitals and clinics and many more. Give on Tuesday, December 2nd. www.umcmision.org/give.

Student Run Emergency Shelter

In partnership with the Student Run Emergency Shelter Program and Project Home, ASUMC will welcome up to 30 men to sleep overnight in Nichols Hall. The goal is to assist the guest to make the transition from homeless to permanent housing. Students from several area colleges and universities volunteer to serve a light supper, share in community building activities and provide support and assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250.

The Matter of Frank Schaefer-A World Premiere

Come see a groundbreaking new play about Reverend Frank Schaefer, who was defrocked, and then, on appeal, refrocked for officiating his son's same-sex wedding. The play will run until **December 6** at Curio Theatre Company (4740 Baltimore Avenue). All shows are at 8 PM; tickets are \$15-25. Contact Curio for specific dates, tickets or further information: 215-525-1350 or www.curiotheatre.org.

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 Swarthmore 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 or Darlene DiDomineck at ddidominick@epaumc.org. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcomed.

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 **December 14, 2014** are Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-1; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 and John 1: 6-8, 19-28.



Our Annual Christmas Party for the Eliza Shirley House Children

If you like Christmas treats, riotous games led by Robin, a visit from Santa and happy children, please come or donate to the annual party for women and children who are currently without a home of their own. We can use home baked treats and donations of money in whatever amount you can give. As usual, gifts for the children will be donated by members of Covenant United Methodist Church in Springfield, PA and Margaret Harris. We also need volunteers to set up and help out during the party. The party is from **1:30 to 3:30 PM** on. Set-up starts at 11:30. Come for an hour or the whole time. Please **Saturday December 13**. Contact Betsy Connor at 267-243-4995 or betsyfconnor@gmail.com.

We Need Your Help

This winter promises to be very, very cold. Please bring new or “gently used” blankets, sweatshirts & hoodies to church. Darlene DiDomineck will distribute them to our friends who need them.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, November 23, 2014** was 107 and 125 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER!!

Provide a Warm Welcome to Refugees

Winter is coming and refugees arriving from warm countries need hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks. Please bring these **NEW** items to church for Margaret to bring to the Nationalities Service Center.

Changing scene of HIV/AIDS

HIV and AIDS are in retreat. Thanks to key interventions such as behavior change communications, condoms, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, widespread circumcision campaigns and other preventive measures, new HIV infections have declined steadily over the last decade. In 2013, the world registered 2.3 million new HIV infections, a 33 percent decline from 2001 levels

25 countries have seen a 50% or greater ***drop in new HIV infections*** since 2001. In 2011, new infections in children were 43% lower than in 2003, and 24% lower than 2009.

An aging epidemic: An increasingly significant trend in the global HIV epidemic is the growing number of people aged 50 years and older, who are living with HIV. Worldwide, an estimated 3.6 [3.2–3.9] million people aged 50 years and older are living with HIV. This “aging” of the HIV epidemic is mainly due to three factors: the success of antiretroviral therapy in prolonging the lives of people living with HIV; decreasing HIV incidence among younger adults shifting the disease burden to older ages; and the often-unmeasured, and thus often overlooked, fact that people aged 50 years and older exhibit many of the risk behaviors also found among younger people.

Keep all those affected with HIV/AIDS in your thoughts and prayers this week and every week. Bring the waning topic up in talking with your friends so that we don't forget and neglect the urgency to continue combating this dreadful disease. Give what you can financially and in service to help support MANNA, Action AIDS, and The AIDS Fund in our own city of Philadelphia and to the United Methodist Committee on Relief: Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF)

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Our small groups are ending this week until early next year. We hoped to gather the groups together for a pot luck this week but it has been postponed because of our search committee meeting for a new music director.

The Group Leaders are:

Lea Booth, Lea.m.booth@gmail.com,

Warren Cederholm, gables@gablesbb.com

Danielle DiLeo Kim, Ddileokim@yahoo.com

Cathy Simpson, catactsimpson@gmail.com

Wilhelmina Young, Thecatalyst212@aol.com

Support Renewable Energy and the Clean Air Council!

Arch Street UMC is partnering with ChoosePAWind and the American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic in a unique campaign to encourage PECO electricity consumers to choose renewable sources, especially Pennsylvania wind. Pennsylvanians already have the power to go renewable and help **clean the air we breathe, reduce greenhouse gas emissions** (especially carbon pollution that contributes most to climate change) and **create local green jobs**. But if you make the switch to clean, local electricity through this campaign, you can also support Arch Street. For each member/friend who enrolls between now and January 31, 2015, ChoosePAWind will donate \$20 to Arch Street.

Twenty enrollments = \$400!

Please consider making the switch if you haven't already - there is no easier way to go green and reduce your carbon footprint. The online process is quick and easy, and you'll be able to compare and choose among a variety of suppliers and plans. Simply go to

www.choosepawind.com/make-the-switch to enroll or for more information (be sure to list Arch Street United Methodist Church in the "How did you hear about ChoosePAWind?" section to ensure the donation is properly credited). If you have any questions about the campaign, contact Tim Emmett-Rardin, ChoosePAWind's community outreach organizer, at choosepawind@deeper-green.com.

UMW Calendar of Events – Winter 2015

Note: We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month immediately following the 11 am worship service.

Sunday January 11, Book 2: Discuss *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich (note: this is a long book—368 pages, so give yourself some time to read it) —You have two months. Available on Kindle

Sunday February 8, No book discussion

Sunday March 8, Book 3: Discuss *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. (Note: This is a very long book—608 pages, so we may spread the discussion over more than one meeting). Available on Kindle

Handel's *Messiah* Sing-In

Saturday, December 27th, 5 PM Wharton Wesley UMC

If you like singing the Messiah, this is for you! Bring your Schirmer edition of the *Messiah* and show up at the church (54th and Catharine Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19143). We are hoping for 500 voices. Parking is available. For more information, call 215-472-4634.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: Dolores Farinre-Carey, Doloris Shephard, Charlene Arcila, Catherine McDuttie, Floretta Richerson, Margaret Smith, Beth Ann Kelly, Felipe Velazquez, 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, 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: Jeff, Charles and David, Shalia DeShields, Rev. Brett Charsky, Lea Booth and family, the Hearn family, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Donna Bateman, 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. 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.

Loide Santos's sister, **Maria Eugenia Almeida e Sousa**, passed away on Monday, November 24th after a long illness. Maria was 75 years old. The Santos family would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the years.

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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