

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
December 28, 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
December 28, 2014 1st Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude in C J.S. Bach

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #240** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

***OPENING PRAYER**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Sarah Mc Neill

Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3

Galatians 4: 4-7

CHORAL ANTHEM

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Ziegenhals

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2: 22-40

SERMON "You Are Amazing" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

***HYMN # 272** "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly"

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "I know Whom I Have Believed"
McGranahan/arr. Wilson

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!

***HYMN # 249** "There's a Song in the Air"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Price/arr. Lane

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Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson
Greeters: Alice Ming and Dale Shillito
Nursery Attendant: Mark Mc Neill



Calendar

December 28th, 2014 to January 8th, 2015

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| SUN | 12/28 | 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café |
| MON | 12/29 | 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall |
| WED | 12/31 | 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 10:00 Unity Fellowship Watch Night |
| THU | 1/1 | New Year's Day –OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 AA Nichols Hall |
| FRI | 1/2 | Youth Mission sleepover |
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| MON | 1/5 | 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall |
| TUE | 1/6 | 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary |
| WED | 1/7 | 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall |
| THU | 1/8 | 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall |

Please see our Events page on our web site:

www.archStreetumc.org

for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



United Methodist Student Day

*Together, we educate students
so they can make a difference in the world.*

Today We Celebrate Each year United Methodists help nurture dreams God has planted in the hearts of the next generation of leaders. Gifts shared from our Student Day offering help students locally and globally to pursue careers through higher education. Many of those careers are aimed at helping others through various professions. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Many Thanks in helping spread Christmas Joy

Pastor Robin thanks everyone who helped purchase, prepare and serve the food at our annual Christmas Breakfast. Through your hard work, more than 300 of our neighbors who are homeless enjoyed a delicious and nourishing breakfast. Special thanks must also be given to our wonderful clean-up crew. All of you have demonstrated that the spirit of Christmas lives on at Arch Street UMC!

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.

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.

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 Tabor UMC. There are still openings in the Spring 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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, December 21, 2014** was 173 and 166 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Throw in the (kitchen) towel

Did you get a new kitchen towel and mit set for Christmas? Why not bring you old ones in for the Arch Street kitchen? We would love to put them to use. Just drop them off in the Chapel office and ...thanks.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Luke 2: 14

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 UMC. 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.

UM Day with Sixers

Join us for some high-flying pro basketball excitement at "UM Day with the Sixers" **Feb. 7, 2015**. The Philadelphia 76ers play the Charlotte Hornets (the team owned in part by NBA legend Michael Jordan). Game time is 7 PM at the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Philly. Take advantage of a special ticket discount and help raise funds for United Methodist Men's ministries: \$5 from every ticket sold will go back to UM Men's Ministries. Lower Level seat prices start at \$35. Mezzanine seats start at \$22. (Discount prices are based on availability and do not include the additional \$2 per ticket order fee.) Reserve your tickets at www.nba.com/sixers/promocode. Please enter the promo code: UMC. For orders of 10 tickets or more, and for more information, contact Chris McKeown at 215.339.7601 or email him at chrismckeown@sixers.com





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 **January 11, 2015** are Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7 and Mark 1: 4-11.

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.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Our small groups will meet again early next year.

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

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.

Parking

Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office only for those who show their Convention Center parking ticket.

Support Angela Navarro in Her Fight against Deportation

If you were in church last Sunday, you heard Robin share the story of Angela Navarro in his sermon, *Always Awake*. For anyone who was not there and to remind those who were, Margaret has documented Angela's story and a handout is available today.

As a member congregation of the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Arch Street has pledged to support Angela and her family in several ways.

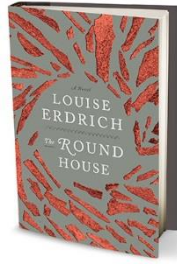
- We need to pray for her and her family.
- We need to sign petitions urging that she not be deported.
If you have not already signed the petition to stop Angela's deportation, please do so today. You can sign a paper petition after church at the table outside of the church office or the one in the narthex. Or you can sign the petition on line at this link: bit.ly/LetAngelaStay.
- We need to support her financially to make up for her loss of income.
Arch Street needs to raise \$165 a month to contribute. Can you make a donation and a pledge today?
- We need to share her story with others and increase public awareness and support.
Please share Angela's story with everyone you know.

Questions? Contact Margaret Harris at margaretharris@me.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, January 1st Church Office Closed**
- **Sunday, January 11th UMW Book Discussion**
- **Monday, January 19th, Martin Luther King Day
Church Office Closed**
- **Wednesday, January 21st, Endowment Fund Meeting**
- **Sunday, January 18th-Friday, January 23rd and**
- **Sunday, January 25th-Friday, January 30th
Center City District's Winter Restaurant Week**

Read Louise Erdrich's *The Round House* over the holidays & come talk about it on Sunday January 11th!



The Round House by Louise Erdrich is a terrific book. I absolutely loved it. But don't just take my word for it. *It* won the National Book Award for fiction and rave reviews from the critics. *The Round House*, transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.

Riveting and suspenseful, Erdrich's *The Round House* is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction—at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture. It is a good read and a page turner but there are 317 pages to turn, so do not wait until January 10th to start unless you are a really really fast reader. It is available on Kindle and I (Margaret Harris) will have copies at church every Sunday until they run out.

We will have a book discussion immediately after the 11 am Worship Service on **Sunday January 11th!** Questions? Email me at margaretharris@me.com



Thank You and God Bless You, Everyone!

The entire staff of Arch Street UMC would like to thank the members of the congregation for their Christmas generosity. We wish you all a happy and peacefull New Year.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Kevin Malone, 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.

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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