

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday **January 4, 2015** **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

January 4, 2015

Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Martin

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Sing We Now of Christmas"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #250 "Once in Royal David's City"

Verse 1 solo

Verse 2 congregation

Verse 3 a Capella

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Anana Tinnhé

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

CHORAL ANTHEM "You Are Mine" Haas

I will come to you in the silence

I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear My voice

I claim you as My choice

Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless

I am eyes for all who long to see

In the shadows of the night,

I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

*Chorus: Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine*

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name Chorus

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live Chorus

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON "Perseverance" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

I believe in Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only child, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Brief intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings will be prayed by
the Pastor. To each of these the choir and the congregation will sing
the response, "Come, Lord Jesus."

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to the table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

We have broken your law,

We have rebelled against your love,

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

As forgiven and reconciled people,

let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow" African American Spiritual

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!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical setting on pages 23-24

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Does this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,
We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN # 254** “We Three Kings”

Verse 1 choir and congregation

Verse 2 women only

Verse 3 men only

Verse 4 solo and choir

Verse 5 choir and congregation

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “And the Glory of the Lord” Handel, arr. Smith

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Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

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“The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.”

Psalm 145: 1

Calendar

January 4th, 2015 to January 15th, 2015

SUN	1/4	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 12:30 Get Acquainted Time 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
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 7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
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MON	1/12	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	1/13	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 7:00 Trustees' Meeting
WED	1/14	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
THU	1/15	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel

Please see our Events page on our web site:

www.archStreetumc.org

for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



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 Swarthmore 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.

Throw in the (kitchen) towel

Did you get a new kitchen towel and mitt set for Christmas? Why not bring your 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.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, December 28, 2014** was 126 and 210 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Parking

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

UM Day with Sixers



Join us for some high-flying pro basketball excitement at "UM Day with the Sixers" **February 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. 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

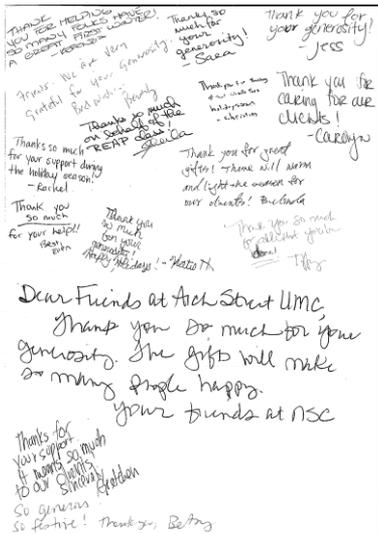
All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages in preparation for the next week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel at **9:45AM today**. Readings for **January 18, 2015** are 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 and John 1: 43-51.

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.

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



Many Thanks from the Nationalities Service Center

A message to Arch Street UMC from recipients of the gifts gathered for new immigrants to this country. Their thanks are seen here and they also wish us all a very happy new year!

Support Angela Navarro in Her Fight against Deportation

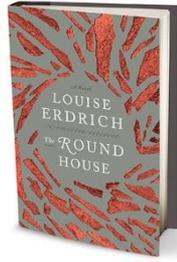
If you were in church last Sunday, you heard Robin share the story of Angela Navarro in his sermon, *Always Awake*. For anyone who was not there and to remind those who were, Margaret has documented Angela's story and a handout is available today.

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 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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**

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.



Children, youth choirs to help Simpson House celebrate 150 years

Simpson House, the oldest United Methodist retirement community in the U.S., turns 150 in 2015. To celebrate this sesquicentennial milestone, the institution will hold monthly festive activities, including a [Children and Youth Choir Festival](#) Sunday, April 26, at 3 PM. They invite congregations from around the conference to register their young singers to participate in a mass children and youth choir, and in ensembles and as recommended soloists. Church directors will receive music in advance to prepare their choirs for the concert. The festival will include a rehearsal at 1:30 and an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Other celebration highlights include: a chance to savor Simpson House's heritage at "High Tea and History" (Jan. 20, 2 to 3 PM); an antiques appraisal event (May 3); a cooking completion using historic Simpson House recipes (June 13), and a special worship service with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching (June 14). There's much more in store. Use the [Schedule of Events](#) to register for activities. Contact Robbe Healey at rhealey@simpsonsenior.org or call 610-660-0116 for more information.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Kevin Malone, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Charlene Arcila, Floretta Richerson, Felipe Velazquez, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, David Harris, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Weslia Hynicka, Joan Wood, John Moore, James Williams, 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, 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, Mayra Malonada, Mary Smith, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier*

Prayers of Comfort for: *the McNeill family on the death of Tom's mother, Justine (age 97)*

Prayers of Encouragement for: *Grace, 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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