

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
February 22, 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

Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci

Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

February 22, 2015

1st Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM #25: 1-10 p.756

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Reverend Warren Cederholm

Genesis 9: 8-17

1 Peter 3: 18-22

CHORAL ANTHEM "My Tribute" A. Crouch

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 9-15

RHYTHMS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS *Dance* Rhonda Moore

SERMON "Patty Cake" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

*HYMN # 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "Guide My Feet" W. Whalum

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** # 2153 (The Faith We Sing Hymnal)
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Guest Organist: Rosemarie Coleman

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Dale Shillito

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

*All are invited to the African-American Heritage Covered Dish Luncheon.
It will be held in Nichols Hall immediately after the 11 AM service today.*

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Calendar

February 22, 2015 to March 4, 2015

- SUN** 2/22 Visit "Black Rhythm" photo exhibit in Chapel all week
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
12:20 Ushers' Mtg., Conf. Rm.
12:30 **Get Acquainted Time/African Heritage Potluck**
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 2/23 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
6:00 Worship Committee, Conf. Rm.
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 2/24 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 2/25 **12:00 Noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary**
1:00 Reflections on Lent, Conf. Rm.
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- THU** 2/26 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
- SAT** 2/28 12:00 "Black Rhythm" exhibit closing reception
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Please see the Events page on our web site:

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for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



February is African Heritage Month@ASUMC **Theme: “Rhythms of Righteousness”**

ASUMC will celebrate the spiritual and social wisdom of African Heritage throughout the month of February. This year the worship services at ASUMC will explore, experience and execute various forms of Rhythmic Expression – Drumming; Singing; Poetry/Spoken Word and Body Percussion. Using the Common Revised Lectionary’s suggested Psalm for each Sunday, the worship experience will highlight the still relevant effect the Psalms have on the rhythm of worship and the rhythm of God’s word in awakening and animating authentic action in the all the world.

Today’s Psalm is # 25. The Key Verse is:

“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.”

The Rhythmic Expression is ***Body Drumming/Dance***.

African Heritage Month Luncheon Today

Each Sunday during February we are exploring, experiencing and executing different forms of Rhythmic Expression. This series ends with a covered dish luncheon **today, Sunday, February 22nd after the 11:00 service**. Thanks to the Planning Committee and everyone who contributed food for the event.

Ushers’ Meeting

Robin would like to meet with all ushers (and anyone who wants to be an usher) after the 11AM service **today, Sunday, February 22nd**.

Wednesday Lenten Noon Service

Reverend Joyce Wilson will preach this Wednesday, February 25th.

All United Methodists and their friends who live and work in Philadelphia are invited to join the members and friends of the Arch Street United Methodist Church in our Lenten Devotion and Discipleship! Beginning with **Ash Wednesday** and continuing on through Holy Week and Good Friday, Arch Street United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to explore, experience and export the saving, loving and justice seeking grace of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The mid-week services begin at 12 Noon with a musical prelude which is followed by meditation, prayer, singing, scripture reading, preaching and concludes with a call to discipleship at 12:50pm. The clergy affiliated with Arch Street United Methodist Church will preach and share on the theme: **“Holiness: An Experience of God’s Grace.”**

Dialogue will continue after the service for those who have the time. Two discussion groups are planned, one for clergy and the other for laity. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. *For more information contact Reverend Robin Hynicka at (215) 498 3718 or robin@archstreetumc.org*

A Lenten Opportunity for Discussion/Reflection

As part of our Spiritual Growth Program, the United Methodist Women invites you to attend the **Wednesday noon services each Wednesday during Lent**. Following each Lenten service, Wilhelmina Young will offer an opportunity for discussion of the sermon and reflection based on the book *A Clearing Season* by Sarah Parsons. We will meet for one hour immediately following the service in the second floor conference room. The book is available on Kindle and a few copies will be available on Ash Wednesday. Wilhelmina Young is the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the United Methodist Women of the Eastern PA Conference. **ALL Are WELCOME!!!**

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 Marge Donnelly and students from Ursinus College. 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 welcome.

If You Are a Regular Arch Street Attendee, You Are On The Welcome Team!

Our church is growing, and one of the reasons is that we make visitors feel the sweet, sweet spirit in this place. But all of us need to be sure that whoever comes through our doors, whether for "church shopping" or a one-time visit, goes away with a good memory.

To that end, we are starting weekly Get Acquainted Times (GATs) after the 8:30 and 11:00 services to give us all a chance to greet visitors and further friendships with one another. These weekly opportunities for fellowship will be a very simplified version of our past GATs and will be hosted by **all of us**.

We envision the new GATs providing a drink and a cookie (or whatever else you, as host, you would like to provide). We don't want it to be elaborate. You don't need to cook or spend a lot of money. Men and women, singles or couples, and church groups should all sign up for a Sunday or two. If you take public transportation and are worried about bringing food and drink on the bus or train, please "buddy up" with someone. We will supply all paper goods to make it easier.

There will be a sign-up sheet and detailed information on the bulletin board outside the chapel office. We are a busy, busy bunch here at ASUMC, but one GAT a year should only add a little bit to your church-related duties and will add a lot to our opportunity to strengthen ties with members and warmly welcome visitors. We hope you will sign up today!

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.

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.

Read *Americanah* and discuss it with us on Sunday March 8th!

I invite you to join me (Margaret Harris) in reading and discussing *Americanah*, my favorite book of 2014. It's won lots of awards. Here's a review from Good Reads: *Fearless, gripping, at once darkly funny and tender, spanning three continents and numerous lives, Americanah is a richly told story set in today's globalized world: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's most powerful and astonishing novel yet.*"

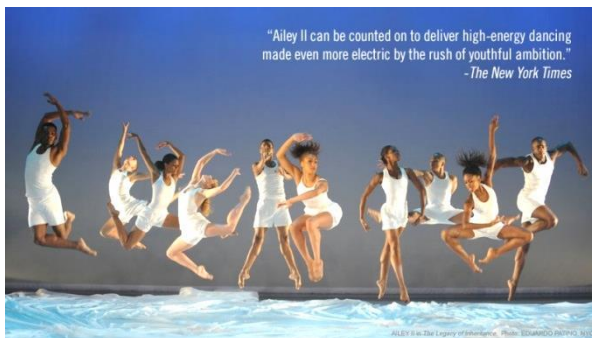
The book was selected as one of the 10 Best Books of 2013 by the editors of the New York Times book review. It won the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award and was shortlisted for the 2014 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction of the United Kingdom. It is in development as a movie for 2015.

It's a gripping story, but it is long - **588 glorious pages!** So start now! Margaret will have copes at church most Sundays from now until March 1st. It is also available on Kindle. It is really worth the time it takes to read it. You won't be sorry. And you will have lots to discuss when we meet **next Sunday March 8th!**

Celebrating Black History Month @Serenity House

Sereni-Tea Book Club will celebrate Black History Month by featuring local author Gwen Ragsdale @Serenity House on **Friday February 27th**. 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Her book "Peculiar Relationships: A Fictional Novel that describes the evolving relationships between black women and white women from slavery to current day is in its fifth printing. She is also the co-founder/owner of "Lest We Forget Slavery Museum" in the Port Richmond area of the city. Mrs. Ragsdale will autograph and discuss her book. She will also bring some of the museum artifacts which are pictured in the book.

Join Sereni-Tea Book Club for this special event. Contact Wilhelmina Young @ 215-227-4034 to let her know if you are interested in attending because space is limited. Lunch will be served. Serenity House located at 1209 W. Lehigh Ave. is an Outreach Ministry of Arch Street UMC.



The **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** is a [modern dance company](#) based in New York City. It was founded in 1958 by choreographer and dancer [Alvin Ailey](#). Ailey was responsible for revolutionizing African-American participation in [20th-century concert dance](#).

In 1962, Ailey changed his all-black dance company into a multi-racial group, believing that there was a kind of reverse chauvinism to anything all black. While he wanted to give opportunities to black dancers, who were frequently excluded from performances by racist attitudes at the time, he also wanted to rise above issues of [negritude](#). His company always employed artists based solely on artistic talent and integrity regardless of their race. It soon gained the nickname "Cultural Ambassador to the World" because of its extensive international touring. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed for an estimated 25 million people in 48 states, as well as 71 countries on six continents.

Today the company is made up of 30 dancers, led by artistic director [Robert Battle](#) and associate artistic director Masazumi Chaya.

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 **March 8, 2015** are Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 and John 2: 13-22.

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.

Save the Date! POWER's Spring Concert – March 22

POWER's Second Annual Choir and Music Concert will be held **Sunday March 22** from **4–6 PM** at St. Malachy's Catholic Church. Musicians and choirs from ten POWER congregations will present a program of thanksgiving and joy as we gather to celebrate the exciting work POWER did in 2014 and recognize the people who contributed in major ways to that success. Greg Scott of Calvary UMC is music director for this year's event and those of us who have been to one of his concerts can tell you it will be great!

St. Malachy's is located at 1429 North 11th St. between Master and Jefferson Streets. (SEPTA's #23 bus runs north on 11th St. directly in front of the church). Tickets are \$10 each and can be ordered online at www.powerphiladelphia.org or purchased directly from Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com, 215-574-8320). POWER is also accepting ads and sponsorships for the program book—again, see Nancy for details. Funds raised from the concert will support POWER's work on school funding, living wages, and racial justice in 2015.

Arch Street is one of POWER's most dedicated congregations. Thank you for all you do to support POWER, and please be part of the celebration on **March 22** to keep us moving forward in this important work.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, February 15th, 2015** was **78 and 83** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Nice time to think of Summer Camps

Brochures for Gretna Glen are in the church office.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Charlene Arcila, Felipe Velazquez, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, David Harris, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Evelyn Tinsley, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Weslia Hynicka, Joan Wood, 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, 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 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, 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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