

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
February 8, 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 8, 2015

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Alleluia"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM #147: 1-11, 20c p.859

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

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Juanita Campbell Ford

Isaiah 40: 21-31

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

CHORAL ANTHEM

"This Little Light of Mine" traditional spiritual

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 29-39

SERMON "Hallelujah" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

*HYMN # 191 "Jesus Loves Me"

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

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY

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 # 526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Guest Organist: Juwan Bennett

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Barbara Williams and Raymond Wilson

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Get Acquainted Time Hostess: Betsy Connor

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Calendar

February 8, 2015 to February 18, 2015

- SUN** 2/8 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** 2/9 12:00 Spire Meeting, conf. Rm.
1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 2/10 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 2/11 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Trustee's Meeting
- THU** 2/12 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
- SUN** 2/15 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
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- MON** 2/16 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 2/17 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 2/18 Ash Wednesday
12:00 Noon Lenten Service with Ashes
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

Please see the Events page on our web site:

www.archstreetumc.org

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 # 147. The Key Verse is:

“Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.”

The Rhythmic Expression is *Singing*.

African Heritage Month **Sign-up Sheet**

Each Sunday during February we are exploring, experiencing and executing different forms of Rhythmic Expression. This series ends with a covered dish luncheon on **Sunday, February 22nd after the 11:00 service**. The Planning Committee is responsible for the main dish and beverages but hopes you will sign up to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. Please indicate on the sign-up board what you are bringing and thanks.

United Methodist Women Will Meet Today

All women are invited to come to the meeting of the United Methodist Women on **Sunday February 8th in the second floor conference room immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service.** You don't even have to read a book! That's right. There is no book discussion this month so you don't have to avoid us because you didn't finish the book. Instead we will have refreshments and talk about Lent. It's a wonderful way to get to know other women in the church, so don't be shy. You don't have to be a member of anything. You're welcome. Come join us.

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 you 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!

"Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

Joel 2: 13

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 Reverend Herbert Snyder and his family. 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.

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.

Ushers' Meeting

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

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: an antiques appraisal event (**May 3**); a cooking competition using historic Simpson House recipes (**June 13**), and a special worship service with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching (**June 14**). Use the Schedule of events to register for activities. Contact Robbe Healey at rhealey@simpsonsenior.org or call 610-660-0116 for more information.



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 **February 22, 2015** are Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22 and Mark 1: 9-15.

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, February 1st, 2015** was 139 and 160 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Tools for Ministry 2015

Saturday, March 7th

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Mark your calendars now to join the Central District for this important event, which will be held at Christ UMC, 1020 S. Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA! The day will include worship, a plenary, fellowship and participation in 2 workshops.

Registration and continental breakfast: 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM.

Standard Registration (now until 2/15/15) is \$25; late registration (2/16/15-2/21/15) is \$30. The fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Register at

<https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/public/events/tools-for-ministry>

Please see registration site for workshop description and details.

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.

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:

"From Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the award-winning author of Half of a Yellow Sun, a dazzling new novel: a story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

As teenagers in a Lagos secondary school, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are leaving the country if they can. Ifemelu—beautiful, self-assured—departs for America to study. She suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships and friendships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race.

Obinze—the quiet, thoughtful son of a professor—had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

Years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a writer of an eye-opening blog about race in America. But when Ifemelu returns to Nigeria, and she and Obinze reignite their shared passion—for their homeland and for each other—they will face the toughest decisions of their lives.

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 on Sunday March 8th!

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.



Marian Anderson (1897-1993)

Marian Anderson was born in Philadelphia. For much of her life, Ms. Anderson broke down barriers for African-American performers. After being barred from performing at Constitution Hall in 1939 because she was black, opera singer Marian Anderson gave a performance on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. In 1955, the gifted contralto singer became the first African American soloist to perform as a member of the New York Metropolitan Opera. She sang at the inaugurations of Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1963. She was also a delegate to the United Nations and a participant in the civil rights movement in the 1960's. In 1991, she received a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement. She died in 1993.

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.



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 Comfort for: *Raymond Wilson on the death of his brother, Robert*

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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