

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
March 1, 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

March 1, 2015

2nd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Lord's Supper" Michael Shea

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#75 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

*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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Margaret Harris

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Romans 4: 13-25

CHORAL ANTHEM "Lamb of God" Twila Paris

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8: 31-38

SERMON "Scripture Struck" 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

507 "Through It All

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 "You Can't Beat God Giving"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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 # 2129 (The Praise We Sing Hymnal)**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

***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**

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Guest Organist: Rosemarie Coleman

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

Get Acquainted Time Hostess: Juanita Campbell Ford

Calendar

March 1, 2015 to March 10, 2015

SUN	3/1	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:45 Get Acquainted Time 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	3/2	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	3/3	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	3/4	12:00 Noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary 1:00 Reflections on Lent, Conf. Rm. 6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	3/5	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
SAT	3/7	10:00 Working Families Forum
SUN	3/8	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 9:45 Get Acquainted Time 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 12:30 Get Acquainted Time 12:30 UMW Book Discussion 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	3/9	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	3/10	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 7:00 Trustee's Meeting

Please see the Events page on our web site: www.archStreetumc.org
for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Wednesday Lenten Noon Service

Reverend Nick Nicholas will preach this Wednesday, March 4th.

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*

Get Acquainted Time

You are invited to join us at Get Acquainted Time in the chapel (the narthex is too cold!) after the 11 AM service this morning.

A Lenten Opportunity for Discussion/Reflection

As part of our Spiritual Growth Program, the United Methodist Women invite 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 members of Arch Street 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 welcome.

POWER Assembly

POWER (the Philadelphia group of 45 churches, mosques and synagogues working together for social justice in our city) is having one of its legendary assemblies on **Thursday, March 5 from 7-9 PM** at Living Water Church of Christ at 6250 Loretto Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19111. These gatherings are always rousing, informative and inspirational. This one will charge us up to plan and carry out a meeting of our church members with a PA state legislator to discuss the FFFF and how critical it is for Philadelphia school children. All POWER congregations will be doing the same. If you need a ride we will try to arrange one. Please let us know if you can go by telling Betsy Connor (215-232-7186), Nancy Megley or Wilhelmina Young.

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.

We will have lots to discuss when we meet **next Sunday March 8th**!

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 15, 2015** are Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10 and John 3: 14-21.

Mission ConneXion Training

The Philadelphia Area Mission ConneXion in partnership with Tindley Temple UMC present “Becoming a Digital Church: Using Technology to Grow your Church in Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship.” This training session will be held at Tindley Temple UMC (750-762 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146) on **Saturday, March 21, 2015** from **10 AM – 1 PM**. Admission is \$10/person or \$5/person for groups of 3 or more. Refreshments will be served. The training will be conducted by the Tindley Temple Media ministry. For more information, contact the church at 215-735-0442. Technology can enhance all areas of church life. Come find out how a little change can go a **LONG** way to enhancing ministry.

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.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, February 22nd, 2015** was **98 and 202** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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.

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.

“May all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; may those who love Thy salvation say continually, ‘Great is the LORD!’”

Psalm 40: 16



Brochures for Gretna Glen are in the church office.



Welcome Spring at the World's Largest Indoor Flower Show!

The silver screen will burst into living color at the 2015 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's **Philadelphia Flower Show** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This year's theme is "*Celebrate the Movies.*"

Every guest will feel like a star and every garden a magical setting as the world's great floral and landscape designers capture the beauty and spirit of the world's great cinema.

Floral and garden designers used Disney and Disney Pixar films as inspiration for their exhibits. Guests will experience the magic as they walk through floral displays highlighting their favorite movies, from "Cars" to "Frozen" and "Maleficent" to the new live-action film "Cinderella."

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Mon. - Fri., March 2-6

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am - 6:00 pm



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Brenda East, Ida Torrance, Cheryl Roebuck, 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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Parking

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



**Daylight Savings Time begins
NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 8th**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour!**