

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 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

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**INTROIT**     *"Hosanna, Praise the Lord" from The Palms*

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**SCRIPTURE**     Luke 19:29-40     Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

Pastor: *Hosanna to the Son of David, our Messiah, the King of Israel!*

People: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**OPENING HYMN # 280**     *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *This is the day we commemorate Jesus entering the holy city of Jerusalem and being proclaimed Messiah by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches we hold in our hands be for us reminders of his victory. Grant that we who bear them always proclaim Jesus as the Messiah by walking the way of his suffering even to the cross. Dying, Christ destroyed death, by rising he restored us to new life. So now let us all join our hearts in praising God and let us listen once again to the trials of his son who gave his life for us that we might have life. Let us turn our eyes toward the Savior that God has sent.*

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Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**SCRIPTURE**     Luke 19:41-48     Jesus weeps over Jerusalem

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies at the depths of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves**

from you. Some of us are like Peter and we deny you; some of us are like Judas and we betray you. You know us as we are, and yet you love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge. Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. Give us courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break the bondage and set us free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**HYMN #278 (vs.1+3)**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 20:9-18 Parable of the Vineyard

Luke 20:19-26

The authorities try to trick Jesus

Luke 20:45---21:4

The scribes and the poor widow

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**#87 (Vs. 4) *What Gift Can We Bring***

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 22:1-2, 7-13 Jesus prepares for the Passover

Luke 22:14-23

Jesus celebrates the Passover Meal

**HYMN #618 (vs.1+2)**

***Let Us Break Bread Together***

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 22:28-34

Jesus predicts Peter's denial

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives

Luke 22:54-62

Peter denies Jesus

**ANTHEM** *God So Loved the World* Stainer

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 22:63-71 Jesus appears before the Council

Luke 23:1-5      Jesus before Pilate  
Luke 23:6-11     Jesus before Herod  
Luke 23:13-17    Jesus is sentenced

**HYMN # 289 (vs. 1)**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:18-22      Pilate pleads for Jesus' life

ALL YELL: "Give us Barabbas!" "Set Barabbas free for us!"

**HYMN # 289 (vs. 2)**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

ALL YELL: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:23-25      Pilate sentences Jesus to death

ALL YELL: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

**HYMN # 289 (vs. 3)**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:26-28, 32-34      Jesus is crucified

**HYMN #286 (vs.1+2)**      *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:35-43      The people mock Jesus

**CHOIR**      (vs.1)      *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:44-46      Jesus dies

**CHOIR**      (vs.2)      *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 23:47-56      The people mourn

**MEDITATION**      *Jesus Loves Me*

**SILENCE**

## Striking of the chimes 3 times

**FINALE** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Martin*



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**Guest Organist:** Rosemarie Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Arch Street Youth

**Nursery Attendant:** Mark McNeill

**Get Acquainted Time Hostess:** Grace Regino

**Blessed** is the  
one who comes  
in the name  
of the **LORD**.

Psalm 118.26



# Calendar

## March 29, 2015 to April 6, 2015

- SUN** 3/29 **Palm/Passion Sunday**  
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  
10:00 Palm Sunday Procession to City Hall  
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** 3/30 1:00 Tea & Talk  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 3/31 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 4/1 **12:00 Noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary**  
1:00 Reflections on Lent, Conf. Rm.  
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 4/2 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Tenebrae Service
- FRI** 4/3 12:00 The Seven Last Words  
5:00 Stations of the Cross
- SUN** 4/5 **EASTER SUNDAY**  
6:00 Sunrise Service (Love Park)  
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  
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- MON** 4/6 **OFFICE CLOSED**  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal

Please see the Events page on our web site: [www.archStreetumc.org](http://www.archStreetumc.org)  
for the full calendar of happenings.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Holy Week Schedule

**Wednesday, April 1** – Noon Lenten Service

**Wednesday, April 1** – 1:00 Reflections on Lent

**Holy Thursday, April 2** – 7:00 Tenebrae Service

**Good Friday, April 3** – Noon: The Seven Last Words

**Good Friday, April 3** – 5:00 Stations of the Cross

**Easter Sunday, April 5** – 6:00 Sunrise Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5** – 8:30 Worship Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5** – 11:00 Worship Service Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5** – 5:30 Worship Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5** – 6:00 Grace Café

*“And those who went before and those who followed cried out,  
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*Mark 11:9*

## Wednesday Lenten Noon Service

**All United Methodists and their friends who live and work in Philadelphia** are invited to join the members and friends of the Arch Street UMC in our Lenten Devotion and Discipleship! Every Wednesday and continuing on through Holy Week and Good Friday, we welcome 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 UMC 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. *For more information contact Reverend Robin Hynicka at (215) 498 3718 or [robin@archstreetumc.org](mailto:robin@archstreetumc.org)*

### **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 [ddidomineck@epaumc.org](mailto:ddidomineck@epaumc.org). Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.



## **GAT=Gather At Twelve to Get A Treat at Get Acquainted Time**

Please join us after the service for a snack and a chat with visitors and old friends. We have started a weekly, simple version of GAT. We provide all serving items. You just have to bring a beverage and something to nibble on—store bought is fine. This is not a light lunch as at our past monthly GATs so don't be intimidated! It does not need to take much of your time or money to host. You don't have to be Martha Stewart! Please consider signing up for a date in April or May after either service. For your convenience the sign-up sheet is on the easel as you leave the sanctuary, or notify Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, [betsyfconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)) of your preferred date. Be sure to pick up the GAT Information Sheet for simple instructions. Thank you in advance for making Arch Street warm and welcoming.

### **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 **April 12, 2015** are Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1- 2:2 and John 20: 19-31.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Jubilee has a brother!**

On March 13th, our deacon Nikki Kelley Kleinberg and her husband Chris added a baby boy to their growing family. *Congratulations, Nikki, and best wishes from your Arch Street family.*

## **The Latest From POWER\*—A Fun FFFF\*\* Foray**

As you no doubt remember, our church, as one of the 40 POWER Congregations, has been active for several years in an effort to improve the tragic state of our city's schools. With our Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends in POWER we made well over 100,000 get-out-the-vote phone calls and door knocks for education and jobs and are now a recognized city-wide force for social justice.

Now that we are past election season it is number-crunch time in Harrisburg and each POWER congregation has been assigned a local PA State Rep or Senator to meet with to determine his/her stand on the FFFF and the upcoming state budget. We want to be sure both are sufficient to get our public schools back on track to truly educate our children.

We are forming a **small, short-lived, targeted committee** to research, strategize, arrange a meeting, and meet with our assigned State Representative. Other methods of determining our Rep's stand on these issues and moving them to our side if necessary will be considered.

**If you have any experience with this type of social justice organizing please join us—we need your expertise! If you have been meaning to help Philadelphia's school children but didn't know how—we need your help!**

Please contact Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, [betsyfconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)) or Wilhelmina Young to learn of meeting dates and locations.

## **Plastic Canvas Class**

Jayden Hensley is teaching a craft class on Sunday afternoons. Donations of colored yarn and plastic canvases would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or would like to know more about the class, please see Jayden after the 11 AM service.

## **Summer Camp**

Brochures for Gretna Glen, Camp Innabah, Carson-Simpson Farm and Pocono Plateau are in the Chapel lobby.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, March 22nd, 2015** was **141 and 200** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

***TODAY is the last day to order Easter flowers!***



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Russell Whaley, Brenda East, Ida Torrance, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Charlene Arcila, Felipe Velazquez, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, 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: *Bill Gatewood, 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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