

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
March 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

March 8, 2015

3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM #19 p.750

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

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Don Caskey

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

CHORAL ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps" arr. A. Thomas

GOSPEL LESSON John 2: 13-22

SERMON

"The Cross: in Fashion?" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

*HYMN # 382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

(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** # 163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Guest Organist: Rosemarie Coleman

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Barbara Williams and Ray Wilson

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Get Acquainted Time Hostess: Ozella Smith

Calendar

March 8, 2015 to March 17, 2015

- SUN** 3/8 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*
2:20 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
- WED** 3/11 **12:00 *Noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary***
1:00 Reflections on Lent, Conf. Rm.
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
6:30 Native Amer. Ind. Awareness Group Mtg.
- THUR** 3/12 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
- SUN** 3/15 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
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Please see the Events page on our web site: www.archStreetume.org
for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Wednesday Lenten Noon Service

Reverend David Brown will preach this Wednesday, March 11th.

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.

Read *Americanah* and discuss it with us TODAY!

I invite you to join me (Margaret Harris) in 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.

We will have lots to discuss when we meet immediately after the 11 AM service **today!**

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 Yardley 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.

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 22, 2015** are Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10 and John 12: 20-33.

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.

New Sanctuary Movement's Next Campaign: Driver's Licenses

Learn why and what you can do

Sunday March 22 at noon in the chapel!

New Sanctuary Movement has achieved stunning victories this year with ending ICE holds in Philadelphia and freeing Angela from deportation proceedings. In addition, the national New Sanctuary Movement has just scored another victory in Phoenix. Misael, who has been in Sanctuary there for 3 months, just won his case.

Now it is time to begin New Sanctuary's next campaign here in Pennsylvania—Driver's licenses! Come to a workshop in the chapel immediately following the 11 am worship service on **Sunday March 22** to learn why this is important and what you can do to make it happen. More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now!

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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.

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.

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.

Native American Indian Awareness

The group will meet on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM** in the Chapel. This month's topic will focus on the origins of Native Americans. Throughout most of the 20th century, it was assumed that all migrated across the Bering Strait during the last Ice Age. Yet the earliest settlement found is in southern Chile long before the Ice Age. How else might they have come will be discussed. All are welcome.



Brochures for Gretna Glen and Pocono Plateau are in the church office.

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.

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4: 16

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, March 1st, 2015** was **98 and 185** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Today is the Last Day to Visit the Philadelphia Flower Show!

FYI

Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell is hosting a *Health and Safety Street Fair* at 5700 Pemberton Street on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** from **10 AM – 4 PM**. Several state and city vendors will participate and a number of elected officials will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Virginia Brown at 215-472-2279.



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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