

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**April 26, 2015**  
**11:00 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*

*Deacons, Reverend David Brown, David Krueger, Paul (Nick) Nicholas*

*Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg*

*Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci*

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/*

*Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

April 26, 2015

4th Sunday of Easter

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesus I Come to Thee" Thygerson

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Day and Night Praise" Douroux

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #546 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM #23 p. 754

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

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,*

*And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;*

*There are sweet expressions on each face,*

*And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

**Refrain:** *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove*

*Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;*

*And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;*

*Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived;*

*When we shall leave this place.*

## CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Rhonda Moore

Acts 4: 5-12

1 John 3:16-24

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Deb and Kevin McAllister, Karen Flynn and Michael Smith

## RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in

Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, remember your baptism. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

### **RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

**I will.**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Thomson

### **GOSPEL** John 10: 11-18

**SERMON** “My Shepherd” Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

### **CALL TO PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** # 419 “I Am Thine, O Lord”

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

### **SILENT MEDITATION**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

# AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

**OFFERTORY** "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94**

*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** # 381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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**Guest Organist:** Rosemarie Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Alice Ming and Dale Shillito

**Nursery Attendant:** Mark McNeill

**Get Acquainted Time Hostess:** Molly Dang

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*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."*

*Psalm 23*



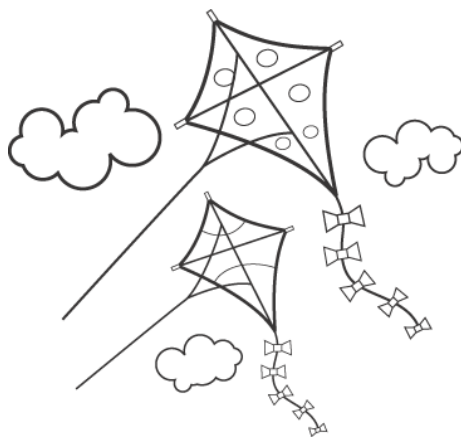
# *Calendar*

## April 26, 2015 to May 7, 2015

<b>SUN</b>	4/26	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 Charge Conference Mtg. 12:30 Get Acquainted Time 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
<b>MON</b>	4/27	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	4/28	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	4/29	5:30 Phila. Coalition Advocating for Public Schools 6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	4/30	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group
<b>SAT</b>	5/2	10:00 United Methodist Men
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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



## **Visit the Chapel for Aperture Agency newest exhibit**

Aperture Agency welcomes you to view our newest exhibit, *Streets*. This project is a culmination of an appreciation for the streets of Philadelphia and those who inhabit them. We wanted to explore the widely known streets spanning from North Philadelphia, beginning at Allegheny Avenue, and working our way down to South Philadelphia, ending at Washington Avenue. Walking across the city you will notice stark contrast between North Philadelphia and even Spring Garden - this is what we wanted to show with this exhibit. Come and explore the streets of Philadelphia with us.

## **Welcome New Members!**

*Deb and Kevin McAllister and Karen Flynn and Michael Smith* will become members of Arch Street UMC at the 11 AM service this morning.

***There will be a special Charge Conference Meeting after the 11 AM service TODAY, April 26<sup>th</sup> in order to gain approval to sell our property at 1817 Gratz Street.***

## **Philadelphia Coalition Advocating for Public Schools**

A strategy session will be held at Arch Street UMC on **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** The group is developing a plan to win 25 sustainable public community schools by 2018. Wednesday's session is for parents, students, teachers, staff and community members of neighborhood public schools who are committed to transforming public education from the ground up. Food and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by contacting Rebekah at 215-913-7167 or [Pebekeh@mediamobilizing.org](mailto:Pebekeh@mediamobilizing.org).

## **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 Good Shepherd 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.

## **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 **May 10, 2015** are Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6 and John 15: 9-17.

## **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.

## **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.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, April 19th, 2015** was **131 and 208** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

## **United Methodist Women Book Club News**

**We're reading *No Longer Silent;*  
*the empowerment of women in the Gospels* for May 3rd!**

The story of Jesus of Nazareth has been called "the greatest story ever told," but what role do women play in that story? In *No Longer Silent; the empowerment of women in the Gospels*, author Susan Dehn Matthews attempts to highlight the women in the Gospels and provides the background behind those important women.

Matthews starts by noting that women in the Gospels were deliberately dis-empowered in order to maintain their presumed dependence, both in Scripture and in society. She then gives a voice to the minds and hearts of the women of the gospels who have been marginalized or ignored altogether. As she writes, "Each women whose story is recounted here is remarkable precisely because, through the power of an encounter with Jesus, she discovered within herself the Divine energy that allowed her to offer her unique gift to the world."

*Get your copy of the book today from Margaret and start reading. Then come to the book discussion **next Sunday May 3rd** immediately following the 11 am worship service in the second floor conference room. Everyone is welcome!*

### **Cathy Simpson in Theatre Horizon's *In the Blood***

Join other Arch Streeters and friends to see Theatre Horizon's production of Pulitzer Prize-winner Suzan-Lori Parks' play, *In the Blood*, at Theatre Horizon in Norristown. Margaret Harris has purchased 20 tickets at the special group rate of **\$25 a ticket** for the **Saturday May 9th evening performance** of this urban satire inspired by *The Scarlet Letter*. Hester is a homeless mother of five striving to escape the hand of fate. Will she be able to free her children from poverty, or is tragedy woven into her destiny and written in her blood?

Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. Carpooling is an option. Let me know if you need a ride. See Margaret Harris at church with money in hand to get your ticket or send her an email: margaretharris@me.com

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



## Dining Out for Life

On **Thursday, April 30, 2015**, more than 200 restaurants across the Delaware Valley will donate 33% of the night's proceeds to benefit men, women and children with HIV/AIDS. Dining Out for Life was founded in Philadelphia by ActionAIDS, and this year they are celebrating their 25th Anniversary! Participating restaurants donate 1/3 of the cost of your meal to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Support Dining Out for Life by dining out at your favorite restaurant. Search for participating restaurants by location, cuisine type, meal served. Make your reservations soon and remember to support these amazing restaurants throughout the year. They truly make a difference in your community.

<http://www.diningoutforlife.com/philadelphia>



**Special Note:** The Broad Street Run will start at **8:30 AM** next **Sunday, May 3rd**. Runners will begin at Broad and Somerville, proceed down Broad Street and end in South Philadelphia. The event is expected to last at least 2 hours. Since ASUMC is on the runner's route, ***please make the necessary arrangements to arrive at church on time.***

### **UMW Seminar on Human Trafficking & Social Justice**

This event will be held at Janes Memorial UMC (47 E. Haines St., Philadelphia, PA) on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM. Speakers will be Judge Lori Dumas, Philadelphia First Judicial District Judge and Attorney Michael Coard, Activist, author and radio host on WURD. This free event will focus on issues of Human Trafficking and the growing need to address Social Justice. For more information contact Michelle Harmon at 267-231-3820.

### **Celebrate Methodist Home for Children's Founder's Day and Open House on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

This is a chance to visit Methodist Home for Children and learn about the services they provide. The event starts at 9:30 am with a breakfast and includes a brief presentation and campus tour. Carpooling will be available. Let Margaret know if you would like to reserve a spot for this educational and fun outing. If you don't see Margaret in church you can contact her at [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com).



## **TOUR GERMAN FRAKTUR AT PARKWAY CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Be part of a group from Arch Street UMC and St. George's UMC to see one of the largest and most significant collections of rare Frakturs in the country! You or anyone is invited to join a tour led by docent Reinhard Kruse on **Wednesday, May 20 at 11:00 AM** or **Saturday, May 23 at 11 AM**. The cost is \$ 10 per person with an additional \$ 15 if you wish to join the group for a box lunch at **12:30 PM** following the tour.

Beginning in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, German immigrants came to Pennsylvania seeking land, economic opportunities, and religious freedom. They brought their culture with them but were forced to adapt to life in an unsettled wilderness. Frakturs were elaborate and beautifully embellished certificates which were records of birth, baptism, marriages, special occasions, and samples of school work. The letters were artistically broken up or "fractured;" thus the name Fraktur; and many of the earliest came from the Ephrata Cloister in Pennsylvania. These are now on display. Contact Reinhard or Sue Kruse, 215 / 735-6328; rhdkruse@verizon.net to sign up for this event.

## **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 today, 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](mailto:rhealey@simpsonsenior.org) or call 610-660-0116 for more information.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Joann Chambers, Russell Whaley, Frank Lexa, Brenda East, Ida Torrance, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, 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, Kate McCormick, 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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