

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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May 24, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Reverends David Brown, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,

David Krueger, Paul (Nick) Nicholas

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

May 24, 2015

Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Veni Creator Spiritus” John Dunstable, Peter Maxwell Davies

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT “God Be in My Head” John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #539 “O Spirit of the Living God”

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM #104: 24-34, 35b p. 826

*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 Molly Dang

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 22-27

CHORAL ANTHEM

“I Waited for the Lord” (Hymn of Praise) Mendelssohn

GOSPEL John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

SERMON “God Speaks Your Language” Nicola Jefferson

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN** “Even Me” Bradbury/M.H. Reid
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY “My God Is Real”

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** # 404 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Guest Organist: Rosemarie Coleman

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Dale Shillito

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

Join us for Get Acquainted Time immediately after the service.

“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” Psalm 47: 1

Calendar

May 24, 2015 to June 3, 2015

- SUN** 5/24 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
- MON** 5/25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
Office Closed
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUE** 5/26 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 5/27 2:00 Bible Study, Conference Rm.
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
6:30 Church Council
- THUR** 5/28 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group
- SUN** 5/31 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Adult Sunday School-Discussion of Pope's Visit
9:45 Choir Rehearsal with Adam Haines
9:45 Get Acquainted Time
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Health Fair, Nichols Hall, Sanctuary
12:30 Choir Intro. & Lunch, Conference Room
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions featuring Trinity UMC
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 6/1 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 6/2 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 6/3 2:00 Bible Study
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Weslia is coming home!

Rev. Hynicka is taking vacation time to be at home. In his absence we will have guests preaching the next few Sundays. Nicola Jefferson is preaching this Sunday; Rev. David Brown is preaching May 31st; Warren Cederholm, on June 7th, and Herb Snyder, on June 14th.

Au Revoir to Arch Street

Cathy Minecci is leaving Arch Street after 7 + years. Friday, May 29th will be her last official day here. We wish her all the best for her retirement. Enjoy!!

P.S. Of course, she isn't really saying "goodbye," because she will be back from time to time to help out in the office.

NEW Wednesday Bible Study

Wilhelmina Young is leading a Bible study group every Wednesday from **2-3 PM**. This week the meeting will be held in the 2nd floor Conference Room.

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 **June 7, 2015** are 1 Samuel 8: 4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 and Mark 3: 20-35.

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.

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 Marge Donnelly and family. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

Change of Time for Discussion of Pope's Visit to Philadelphia

Pope Francis is scheduled to visit Philadelphia at the end of September. There will be an influx of visitors to Center City at that time. There will be a brainstorming session during **Bible study at 9:45 AM on Sunday, May 31st** to discuss how ASUMC might connect to this historic event.

Reverend Booker Retirement

A celebration and dinner in honor of Reverend Robert Booker will be held at **2 PM on Sunday, June 14, 2015** at Wharton-Wesley UMC (5341 Catharine St, Philadelphia). Reverend Booker was Associate Pastor at Arch Street from 1997 - 2003. For further information, contact Karen Harris at 215-726-1799.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, May 17, 2015** was 118 and 185 or Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Celebrate Methodist Home for Children's Founder's Day and Open House on Saturday May 30th

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 want to reserve a spot for this educational and fun outing. **Please contact Margaret Harris by Thursday May 28th** either by phone 215-568-2206 or email (margaretharris@me.com) to reserve a place, get a ride, or offer a ride.

Last Book Discussion before the Summer: *Chasing Chaos* on Sunday June 7th

Chasing Chaos: My Decade In and Out of Humanitarian Aid by Jessica Alexander will be the subject of the last Arch Street book discussion before the summer. We'll meet immediately following the 11 AM worship service in the 2nd floor conference room on **Sunday June 7th**. If you want a copy of the book, **let Margaret Harris know before Sunday May 31** by phone 215-568-2206 or email margaretharris@me.com.

Here's what Amazon says about the book:

Jessica Alexander arrived in Rwanda in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide as an idealistic intern, eager to contribute to the work of the international humanitarian aid community. But the world that she encountered in the field was dramatically different than anything she could have imagined. It was messy, chaotic, and difficult—but she was hooked.

In this honest and irreverent memoir, she introduces readers to the realities of life as an aid worker. We watch as she manages a 24,000-person camp in Darfur, collects evidence for the Charles Taylor trial in Sierra Leone, and contributes to the massive aid effort to clean up a shattered Haiti. But we also see the alcohol-fueled parties and fleeting romances, the burnouts and self-doubt, and the struggle to do good in places that have long endured suffering.

Tracing her personal journey from wide-eyed and naïve newcomer to hardened cynic and, ultimately, to hopeful but critical realist, Alexander transports readers to some of the most troubled locations around the world and shows us not only the seemingly impossible challenges, but also the moments of resilience and recovery.

Congratulations!

Raymond Wilson received a certificate from SPIN Employment Services for "3 years of dedicated service to Olive Garden."

Save the Date!

Saturday June 20 will be an important day in Harrisburg for supporters of public education. POWER members are starting a 10 day Fast for Family Values and would like a strong showing of Philadelphians of faith as their effort is blessed. Can you join them for the blessing? You do not need to commit to the fast to participate. Bus transportation will be provided and details forthcoming.

Simpson House celebrates 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 festive activities, including 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.

Theatre Tickets Available

TheatreACCESS is an exciting new program of the Philadelphia Theatre Company (480 S. Broad St.). Its goal is to engage new and non-traditional audiences in live theatre while removing the barrier of price. The play *brownsville song ((b-side for tray)*, a moving story about love, family and redemption, is running Tuesdays through Sundays in May. Tickets as low as \$5 are available through the Theatre ACCESS program. Call 215-985-0420 for details. Show times are Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, Wednesdays at 1PM and 7 PM, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 PM, Saturdays at 2 PM and 8 PM and Sundays at 3 PM.



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

Stop by the Photo Exhibition at Dilworth Park and see a picture of Serenity House!



A personal invitation from your Bishop

Celebrating the Delaware Annual Conference, 1864-1965

A Century of Commitment, A Legacy of Love

Tindley Temple United Methodist Church,

750 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19146

*Friends, I urge you to join me on **Saturday, May 30, 2015**, to remember the Old Delaware Conference with a grand celebration. Bishop Gregory Palmer, Bishop Ernest Lyght and I along with other beloved special guests will be there to honor the legacy that has been passed down to all of us. We will enjoy great music and preaching, youthful gifts of dance and spoken word, rich remembrances and heartwarming fellowship.*

There's no charge for the following events in the Sanctuary:

Gathering for Fellowship -- 9 AM - 9:30 AM

Program and Worship -- 9:45 AM - 12 PM (offering will be received)

A **\$10 donation** is requested for our **reception** in the Ralph Jones Fellowship Hall: 12:00 PM - 2 PM

Purchase tickets online at epaumc.smartevents.com/public/events/delaware-annual-conference-anniversary-celebration or mail your \$10 check or money order to:

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482.
Attention: Delaware Conference Reception

Questions? Contact John Coleman at jcoleman@epaumc.org or 484-762-8227 or Dr. Mary White at MWhite9891@aol.com

I am sure you will treasure this time together as we remember those who stayed in the original denomination, honor those who helped build and shape today's United Methodist Church, and challenge ourselves to continue to build this "beloved community" by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson



- **Sunday, May 31 - Special Choir Rehearsal with Adam Haines, our new organist and Choir Director**
- **Sunday, June 7 - UMW Discussion of *Chasing Chaos* by Jessica Alexander**
 - **Sunday, June 14 - Gay Pride Parade**
- **Saturday, June 27 - UM Day at Dorney Park**

Park opens at 10 AM. **Discount Coupons** can be found outside the Chapel Office and in the narthex. Please distribute them to your family, friends and neighbors and invite them to a fun day of fellowship with your United Methodist family. With these coupons, the holders can enter the Park for \$33, a \$21 discount off of the regular price of \$54. There is no requirement to order tickets in advance. If it is a rainy day or something comes up, you just don't go and you don't lose any money. On June 27 your folks just take the coupon to the ticket window when you arrive at the Park to buy your ticket. If you have any questions call or email Ross Brightwell at 215/643-1269 or rossbrightwell@verizon.net.
- **Sunday, June 28 - Church Picnic**
- **Saturday, July 18 - UM Night at the Phillies**

Come catch a great ballgame, but come early to hear the New Hanover UMC choir sing before the game and to cheer U.S. Air Force Chaplain Lt. Col. Sherrol James (a United Methodist) when she throws out the ceremonial first pitch. For more information, contact Ross Brightwell at 215-643-1269 or Email him at rossbrightwell@verizon.net. Sponsored by United Methodist Men.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Doris Ross, 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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only for those who show their Convention Center parking ticket.*