

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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May 3, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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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

May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Make a Joyful Noise" Beck

CALL TO WORSHIP

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#165 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

*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.

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

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4: 7-21

Margaret Harris

CHORAL ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth" Rutter

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 15: 1-8

SERMON "My God!" 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 Almighty God, 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.

HYMN # 496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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.

OFFERTORY

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!

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 he 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:

God 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 # 571** “Go, Make of All Disciples”

***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.

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Guest Organist: *Rosemarie Coleman*

Worship Leader: *Nicola Jefferson*

Greeters: *Dale Shillito and Bryan Sieber*

Nursery Attendant: *Samantha Nigrelli*

Get Acquainted Time Hostess: *Judy Claude*

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I will help you.”

Isaiah 41: 13

Calendar

May 3, 2015 to May 13, 2015

SUN	5/3	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	5/4	12:00 SPIRE Mtg. 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	5/5	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	5/6	6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	5/7	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group
FRI	5/8	7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
SAT	5/9	7:00 <i>Made in Philadelphia</i> - Freedom Band Concert
SUN	5/10	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	5/11	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	5/12	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	5/13	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



United Methodist Women Book Discussion TODAY May 3rd!

No Longer Silent; the empowerment of women in the Gospels

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."

Come to the book discussion today, Sunday May 3rd immediately following the 11 am worship service in the second floor conference room. Everyone is 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 17, 2015** are Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13 and John 17: 6-19.

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.



Native American Indian Awareness

The group will meet on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015** at **6:30 PM** in the Chapel. This month Linda Singleton will present a film on the life of Hiawatha, the famous uniter of the Iroquois League. It features Native American actors including Russell Means. A discussion will follow. All are 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

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 Warren Cederholm and Don Caskey. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

Arch Street UMC receives grant for Grace Cafe

Arch Street UMC received a \$5,000 gift from the General Council on Finance and Administration for support of our Sunday evening feeding and fellowship ministry, Grace Café. Nashville-based GCFA's General Secretary, Moses Kumar came to Philadelphia Sunday evening, April 12, to present the award and stayed to participate in the ministry experience.

UMW Seminar on Human Trafficking & Social Justice

This free event will be held at Janes Memorial UMC (47 E. Haines St., Philadelphia, PA) on **Saturday, May 9th** 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. For more information contact Michelle Harmon at 267-231-3820.



Free Concert-Friday, May 9th

Made in Philadelphia, Freedom Band's Annual Spring Concert will be held here at Arch Street UMC on Saturday, May 9th at 7 PM. Henco Espag, the Band's Artistic Director, will premiere his new composition at this event.

Please remember the victims of the Nepal earthquake in your prayers.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, April 26th, 2015** was 97 and 237 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Drawing of a schoolmaster,
attributed to Conrad Gilbert,
Berks County, PA, c. 1800.
Winterthur Museum

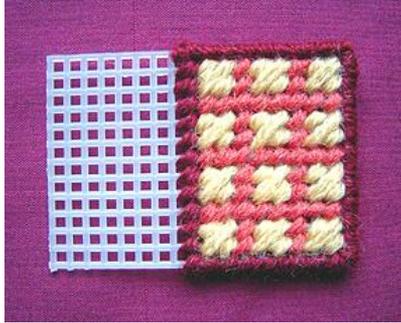
Tour German Fraktur at Parkway Central Library

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 17th 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.

Summer Camp

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



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.



Methodist Home
for Children

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 at church if you would like to reserve a spot for this educational and fun outing or contact her at margaretharris@me.com.



- **Sunday, May 31- Choir Appreciation Sunday**
 - **Sunday, June 14 - Gay Pride Parade**
 - **Sunday, June 28 - Church Picnic**

PHILADELPHIA EVENTS

- **International Children's Festival -May 7-9**
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
- **Rittenhouse Square Flower Market for Children's Charities - May 6th and 7th**
- **Rittenhouse Fine Craft Fair-May 8, 9 & 10**
- **Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta- May 8-9**
- **Art Star Craft Bazaar- May 9-10**
Great Plaza at [Penn's Landing](#)



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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