

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**May 31, 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*

*Secretary, Anne McCormick*

*Building Supervisor, Frank Jones*

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/*

*Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

May 31, 2015

Peace with Justice Sunday

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT #2070 (TFWS Hymnal) "He Is Exalted"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM #29 p. 761

\*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 Joy Griffin

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

### CHORAL ANTHEM

"Here Am I, Lord" arr. C. Courtney

GOSPEL John 3: 1-17

**SERMON** “Seeking Justice to Find Peace” Reverend David Brown

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** # 2142 (TFWS Hymnal) “Blessed Quietness”  
*(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** # 85 “We Believe in One True God”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “In Thee Is Gladness” J.S. Bach  
*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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**Guest Organist:** Rosemarie Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Remone Mundle

**Greeters:** Arch Street Youth

**Nursery Attendant:** Joyce Mojher

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that  
whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”  
John 3: 16*

# *Calendar*

## May 31, 2015 to June 11, 2015

- 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 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, Conf. Rm.  
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 6/4 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Diversity Group
- SUN** 6/7 Choir Appreciation Sunday  
8:30 Worship Service, Chapel  
9:45 Children's Sunday School  
9:45 Adult Sunday School  
9:45 Choir Rehearsal  
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** 6/8 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUE** 6/9 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary  
7:00 Trustees Mtg.
- WED** 6/10 2:00 Bible Study, Conference Rm.  
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
6:30 Nat. Am. Ind. Awareness Mtg.
- THUR** 6/11 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Diversity Group

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



## **Weslia is home!**

Rev. Hynicka is taking vacation time to be at home. In his absence we will have guests preaching the next few Sundays. David Brown is preaching at both services **today**; Warren Cederholm will preach on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** and Herb Snyder, on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Peace with Justice-Special Collection**

**Today, Sunday, May 31st** is Peace with Justice Sunday. Your generous gifts will support peace with justice ministries locally in our conference and peace with justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society.

## **Discussion of Pope's Visit to Philadelphia TODAY!**

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 today, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** to discuss how ASUMC might connect to this historic event.

## **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 14, 2015** are 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 and Mark 4: 26-34.

## **Health Fair Today**

A group of Americorps volunteers who serve in the Philadelphia Health Service Corps (in city health clinics) has organized a Health Fair for our Grace Café congregation today, **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. The event will be held in Nichols Hall from **12-4 PM**.

## **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 Unity Fellowship Church. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

## **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.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room.

## Welcome Trinity UMC

Today our friends from the Trinity UMC choir are visiting Arch Street. They will provide Special Music at the 8:30 AM service today and will also perform at Grace Café this evening.

### **Last Book Discussion before the Summer: *Chasing Chaos* next 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](mailto: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.

### **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.

## Join POWER's 10 Days of Action for the FFFF

Pennsylvania's 2015-16 budget is due June 30 and we want it to provide enough money, and distribute it fairly, to ensure that our children can get a quality education: the Full, Fair Funding Formula that POWER and its allies have been working so hard to achieve.

POWER is planning a 10-day fast from **June 20-30** in support of the FFFF. This will not be a traditional fast—in Isaiah 58:6-13, the people of Israel are scolded for expecting God to be pleased that they are fasting when they are ignoring the suffering and injustice taking place around them.

The act of fasting is a spiritual discipline and will be a powerful witness. Here are ways we can take part in this action:

- *Travel to Harrisburg on **Saturday June 20** as part of POWER's delegation to begin the fast (buses will be provided)—fasting is optional, the witness is important*
- *Contact your state senator and representative to urge them to support the FFFF*
- *Join Arch Street's POWER team, the LOC (Local Organizing Committee)*
- *Donate to POWER*
- *Contact your local school and volunteer*
- *Fast—for the FFFF, for the children in your neighborhood school, or for an individual child you know who attends a public school*

Next **Sunday, June 7**, you will have the opportunity to sign up for one or more of these actions. Please think prayerfully about how you can be part of this effort to give our children the education they need and deserve, and thank you for all that you do to support POWER.

Betsy Connor, Nancy Megley, and Wilhelmina Young  
*For Arch Street's POWER Local Organizing Committee*

## A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, May 24, 2015** was 103 and 230 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



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

## **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.

## **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. The final performance is **today, Sunday, May 31** 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!***



- **Sunday, June 7 - Choir Appreciation Sunday**
  - **Sunday, June 14 - Gay Pride Parade**
    - **Sunday, June 21 Youth Sunday**
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:rossbrightwell@verizon.net). Sponsored by United Methodist Men.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Doris Ross, 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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