

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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July 19, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,

David Krueger, Paul (Nick) Nicholas

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Ebele Chizea,

Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

July 19, 2015

8th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy" Owens

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN # 116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 89: 20-37 pg. 807

*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 Don Caskey

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

Ephesians 2: 11-22

GOSPEL Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

SERMON "Unity Uncovered" Reverend Robin Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN # 540** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "My Peace" Routledge

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 #559** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation "

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** Prelude in F J.S. Bach

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Worship Leader: Remone Mundle

Greeters: Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

Calendar

July 19, 2015 to July 30, 2015

SUN	7/19	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service Welcome Faith UMC of Genoa, IL
MON	7/20	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	7/21	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	7/22	6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	7/23	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group
SUN	7/26	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
MON	7/27	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	7/28	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:30 Church Council
WED	7/29	6:30 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	7/30	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group

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

Parking

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office
only for those who show their Convention Center parking ticket.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING



San Carlos Apache tribe stops at Arch St on their way to DC.

A caravan of members of the San Carlos Apache tribe, along with representatives from other tribes started from San Carlos, Arizona are on their way to DC, to rally and protest over their land struggle. They will be joined by folks from across the country and will be in DC where they will rally in front of Congress on July 21 and 22. They are fighting to save sacred land from being handed over to a mining company - Resolution Copper, which would destroy the land and have a devastating environmental impact on the surrounding area. For years they have been successfully fighting off a bill that would give Resolution Copper rights to mine two big areas of sacred land: Apache Leap and Oak flat in southeastern Arizona. This year, Sen. McCain got this passed by attaching this bill as a part of the National Defense Authorization Act, which didn't allow for any parts of the Act to be voted on separately. Otherwise, the land would have been protected under an amendment that protects sacred land. The company is also exempt for completing environmental studies on environmental impact of drilling under the Defense Act. There is another bill that has been introduced in the House to try and stop this development. For more information see their web page:

<http://www.apache-stronghold.com>

They will be available after the 11:00 service to answer all questions.



Rebuild Burned Black Churches

Since the massacre at Emanuel AME Church and the actions taken regarding the confederate flag, several churches with predominately black memberships have burned. As of the writing of this announcement, at least four of the fires are believed to be the result of arson. Historically, the burning of black churches by white supremacists was a violent attempt to interrupt the civil rights movement and to try to intimidate all efforts to ensure the human and civil rights of black persons. This latest rash of fires needs to be countered with an outpouring of support for the congregations and communities under attack.

Today, and for at least **every Sunday in July**, Arch Street UMC will receive special offerings to assist with the rebuilding of the blacks churches destroyed by an arsonist's fire. Christ Church Cathedral Episcopal in St. Louis has established a fund for this purpose. What a great idea and act of solidarity! Several United Methodist congregations are listed as supporting the effort.

ASUMC's Church Council will consider this option among others and decide how best to distribute the funds raised. The goal of ASUMC's "REBUILD BURNED BLACK CHURCHES FUND is \$2000.00. Please plan to make a special gift in the month of July. Online donations through the ASUMC website and checks should include the designation "REBUILD!"

Grace Café - Thanks and See You in September

We are closed now but will begin another year the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, 2015. Sign up now to host a meal in the fall for our homeless neighbors. Contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at: darlene.didomineck@gmail.com.



Youth trip from 2011

Youth Mission Trip 2015

The Youth Mission Trip to Pembroke, NC is set for **August 8 -15, 2015**. Youth who made the trip in previous years are automatically approved for the trip this year. New youth are asked to contact Pastor Robin in order to apply to join the group. Once again the ASUMC Youth will assist with a variety of work projects in partnership with several Native American Indian United Methodist Congregations near Pembroke, NC. The group will stay in a hostel near the campus of the University of North Carolina, Pembroke. Gary Locklear, seasoned mission mentor and coordinator from Pembroke will provide project direction and support. If you or someone you know would benefit from this experience, please contact Pastor Robin at (215) 498 3718 or robin@archstreetumc.org as soon as possible. Donations to help defray the cost of the trip would be truly appreciated..

Adult Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages used in each week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday 9:45am. The Scripture readings for **today's class** are 2 Samuel 11: 1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35.

Summer Vacation for Children's Sunday School

There will be no children's Sunday School for the summer.

The Nursery is open

Our Nursery is open for all infants and toddlers from 8AM – 12:30PM.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, July 12, 2015** was 114. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Dear ASUMC Members and Friends:

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015 I was informed that an anti-abortion advocacy group intends to stage a demonstration outside of Arch Street United Methodist Church today, Sunday, July 19. In conversation with the Civil Affairs Division of the Philadelphia Police I was told that the group is verbally aggressive and visually confrontational. For that reason there will be a police presence in order to protect the civil and human rights of everyone. The group will not enter the church but will probably have provocative and graphic posters, pamphlets and a public address system. The hours slated for the demonstration are from 9:30am to 11:30am.

I have recruited people who feel called to provide "hospitality" in the midst of what could be a stressful and tense time. I am most concerned about folks entering and leaving the church during the time of the demonstration and so there are greeters positioned at all church doors. The greeters are identified with name tags and serve to welcome folks coming for worship.

It is my prayer and faithful expectation that the ASUMC fellowship will practice and provide respectful resolve even if yelled at, questioned and accused of things you never dreamed of. **So, please, as you are entering and leaving the church today, maintain a peaceful presence and meditative mood.**

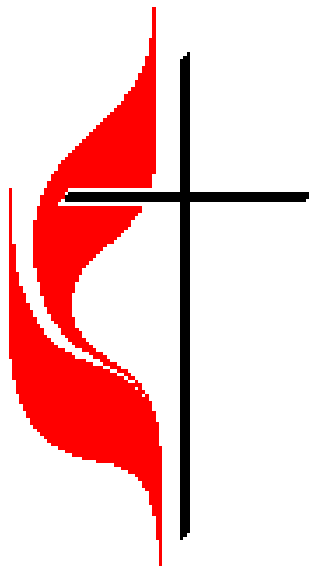
I have included a bulletin insert that clearly states the United Methodist position on abortion and reproductive rights. Please read it and take this opportunity to become more informed about how the United Methodist Church, as a very diverse community of faithful people, engages with difficult issues. **In addition, I have provided a link to a statement that explains how the United Methodist Church and especially the United Methodist Women have been involved with the very important work of advocating for Reproductive Rights for all persons.** Read *Support for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice* at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/support-for-the-religious-coalition-for-reproductive-choice>.

The paragraphs below were extracted from www.UMC.org and explain clearly how to process denominational statements and positions.

“It’s important to note that the Church's statements on social issues, such as abortion, represent the effort of the General Conference to speak to human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation. They are intended to be instructive and persuasive, but they are not church law and are not binding on members. Members will hold differing views on abortion. There is no requirement for members to agree with the Church’s view.

As Rev. Thomas Frank, United Methodist Professor of Theology, said, the church “asks all United Methodists to consider these positions and accept them as the collective wisdom of the church, but it does not expect all United Methodists to agree with all such statements.” (Source: [Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church](#) by Thomas Edward Frank)

The Book of Resolutions also says, “You may find that your denomination's policies give you more "food for thought. ' Maybe you will agree with the denomination's position. On the other hand, you may disagree. Either is all right. At the least, you know your church cares and wants you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about the issues of the day.”





Raimundo Santos Quartet

Raimundo Santos (Loide Santos's son) promises to excite and lift the audience while taking them on a musical journey with his trio composed of Adam Faulk (Piano), Kimpedro (Drums), Nimrod Speaks (Bass), and Raimundo Santos (Vocals). The trio will perform standards, arrangements and originals as they play American, Latin and Afro-Latin compositions in English and Portuguese.

Venice Island Performing Arts & Recreation Center

7 Lock Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127

Friday, July 24, 2015 Time: 8PM

Advance Tickets: \$15 Tickets at the door: \$20

For more information go to <http://www.philajazzproject.org>.

Purchase tickets: <http://raimundosantosquartet.eventbrite.com>

Please fill out a yellow Welcome Card

Whether you have a prayer request, want to volunteer, change your contact information, or speak to the pastor, you can request any of this by filling out a yellow card and placing it in the collection plate. New attendees or regular members, we'd like to know you joined us on Sunday, so, please fill out a card. Thanks.

Use your UM Day at Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom coupons Aug. 1

Due to the rain that hindered many people from coming to celebrate UM Day at Dorney Park Saturday, June 27, you can still use the "United Methodist Day at Dorney Park" discount coupons at the Park Saturday Aug. 1. **We regret to announce that the "UM Family and Youth Music Fest" could not be rescheduled for that date.** If you have any questions contact Ross Brightwell at rossbrightwell@verion.net or 215/643-1269.

*"She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out
her hands to the needy"* Proverbs 31:20



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Dottie Wells, Leo Gatewood, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Ashley Ellis, Dr. Ken Westfield, Brianna, Tanya Graves, Frank Lexa, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, 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 *Nate Parther, Debbie DeShields, Grace, Jeff, Charles and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, 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. 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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