

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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July 5, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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David Krueger, Paul (Nick) Nicholas

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretary, Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/
Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/LaDonna Cuffee*

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

July 5, 2015

6th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN

#400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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

Rhonda Moore

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

MUSICAL SELECTION

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6: 1-13

SERMON

"Baggage"

Reverend Robin 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;

Jesus descended to the dead and on the third day rose again;

Jesus 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 # 599 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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. Do 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 the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*Therefore, loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of Christ, and be filled with your life and goodness.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.*

Let us pray together:

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 AND OFFERING OF THE CUP

The Bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The Cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.

*Here are one loaf of bread and one cup of the juice of the grape,
these gifts from God for the people of God.*

*May we who share these gifts,
be found in Christ and Christ in us.*

Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us all pray:

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 # 698** “God of the Ages”

***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: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

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“I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; yea, I will remember Thy wonders of old.” Psalm 77:12

Calendar

July 5, 2015 to July 16, 2015

SUN	7/5	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	7/6	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	7/7	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	7/8	6:30 AA, Nichols Hall 6:30 Nat. Am. Ind. Awareness Grp., Mtg., Chapel
THUR	7/9	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group
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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



*A destroyed piano is amid the charred remains of Briar Creek Road Baptist Church on June 24 in Charlotte.
(Davie Hinshaw/Charlotte Observer via AP)*

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!"

Welcome Ebele and Carla

This week we welcome two new staff members. Carla Brickhouse and Ebele Chizea. Carla will be our part time bookkeeper, as well as working in the office. Ebele will be our social media assistant, keeping our web page current, improving our internet presence as well as working in the office. Please stop by and say “hello and welcome”

A Note of Appreciation

I give thanks and praise to God for proving me with such a thoughtful, loving and caring church family. The beautiful purple flowers I received on Sunday touched my heart and put a smile on my face after the cold and rainy Saturday we experienced on the steps of the Capitol. It is people of faith like you and the many others across the city and state sending prayers and good thoughts that kept our spirits lifted as we fasted and prayer for our legislators to fund our public schools fully and fairly and to pass a moral budget.

I hope to be able to share my experience with all of you at a later time, But for now, I thank you so very much for who you are. I love you all!

With a Grateful Heart,

Wilhelmina (a.k.a.) Lady Purple

Grace Café - Thanks and See You in September

Thank you to all the volunteers and meal hosts who worked so hard, every Sunday, to help provide meals for our homeless neighbors. 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. Contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at:

darlene.didomineck@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women's Pot Luck

Yes, it's the event you've been waiting for! Arch St. United Methodist Women will be having their annual Potluck Supper at Margaret's house on **Friday, July 17th**. Come any time **after 6 PM**. Bring food or drink to share. Never been to a United Methodist Women's meeting at Arch Street? No problem. If you're reading this, and you're a woman, you're invited. Call Margaret 215-568-2206 or email her at

margaretharris@me.com for directions, to RSVP or for more information.

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 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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.

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 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

Have You Moved, Changed your Number?

Time to refresh our records! We are asking you to please update your information for our records. Don't assume we know that you moved – last year. I am astounded at the amount of bad phone numbers (especially when the pastor asks for it) and returned mail we get. Update the information on the yellow card and leave in the collection plate OR, email the office at secretary@archstreetumc.org OR send us a note. Whatever works for you will make us happy.

Have you thought about volunteering?

How about reception at the church? Our office hours are 10 AM to 3 PM and we'd love to have someone, during any part of that time, there to meet, greet, and answer the phone. Instruction will be provided. If you are a patient people person contact the church office 215-568-6250 or secretary@archstreetumc.org. There are still openings.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, June 28th, 2015** was 97 and 220 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Nick Nicholas, 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. 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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