

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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“I love those who love me, and those
who seek me find me “... Proverbs 8:17

August 2, 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

August 2, 2015

10th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Lift High the Cross" D. Busarow

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

* OPENING HYMN

#546 "The Church's One Foundation"

*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

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Ephesians 4:1-16

Warren Cederholm

MUSICAL SELECTION

*GOSPEL LESSON John 6:24-35

SERMON "Behavior Blindness" 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 # 357 "Just as I am, Without One Plea"

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

Andante (Sonata no.6)

Mendelssohn

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 # 355** “Depth of Mercy”

***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**

Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)

B. Marcella

**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

Calendar

August 2, 2015 to Aug 13, 2015

SUN	8/2	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	8/3	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	8/4	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	8/5	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	8/6	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Diversity Group
SAT	8/8	Youth Leave for Mission Trip
SUN	8/9	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	8/10	1:00 NO Tea & Talk – They are on Retreat 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
TUE	8/11	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	8/12	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:30 Native American Indian Awareness, Chapel
THUR	8/13	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

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.*

The Nursery and Children's Sunday School are open

Our Nursery is open for all infants and toddlers from 8AM – 12:30PM
Children's Sunday School begins at 9:45a.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Youth trip from 2011

Youth Mission Trip 2015

The Youth Mission Trip to Pembroke, NC is set for **next Saturday, August 8 -15**. 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.**

Host a High School Exchange Student

Open up your heart and home for a school year to a high school foreign exchange student. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring international culture to your family and provide a rewarding experience to students from around the world. Karyn Conway from International Experience - USA will be **here today** after service outside the chapel. You may also contact her at k.conway@international-experience.net or 215-290-8881.

United Methodist Women Event

On Sunday September 13th United Methodist Women will be participating in the **Arch Street Mission and Ministry Festival**. UMW members will also vote on the books we will be reading this year for our book discussions, and filling out our forms for books we read in 2015 and 2016. Copies of [Behind the Kitchen Door](#) will be distributed.

Arch Street Mission Festival

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 all of ASUMC's outreach ministry programs and initiatives will be on display. Posters, information sheets and people intimately involved with the ministries of the congregation will be on hand to interpret the many ways the people of ASUMC are involved in mission and ministry throughout the year. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to this festival of faithful service after both the 8:30am and 11:00am services. Light refreshments will be shared and new personal connections will be formed.

Worship on the Parkway

In advance, of the Pope's visit, representatives of the Secret Service and Homeland Security will conduct a "security sweep" of the area designated for events on the Pope's itinerary. ASUMC in partnership with the Welcome Church (a congregation without walls)and in collaboration with other congregations will share in worship at 19th and the Parkway (near the Free Library of Philadelphia) on Sunday, September 20, 2015 (3pm). This service, characterized as a "Spiritual Sweep" of the Parkway will invite the Holy Spirit to prepare this sacred space for the Pope's visit and will highlight the sacred worth of all persons and those they include in their families.

Worship on Sunday, September 27, 2015

Due to the security measures during the Pope's visit, there will be no secure or simple access to the church. The Reverend Gregory Holston and his congregation, New Vision United Methodist Church, have invited the Arch Street UMC family to worship with them on that Sunday. The ASUMC Choir is invited to sing and Pastor Robin will preach. New Vision UMC is located at Broad and Tioga Streets and the service will begin at 11:00am. Please plan to come to this very special worship experience and to support the Choir and Pastor Robin.

Community Forums

Community Forums are a new initiative for the 2015 - 2016 season and will provide the opportunity to engage the wider community as well as members and friends of the congregation with relevant topics and issues. The forums will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and will include childcare and a light supper. ASUMC's Deacons and Deaconess will organize and produce the forums. There will be a total of twelve forums implemented according to the following schedule:

1. First Series: Wednesdays, September 23, and 30, 2015 and Wednesday, October 7 and 14, 2015.
2. Second Series: Wednesdays, January 13, 20 and 27, 2016 and Wednesday, February 3, 2016.
3. Third Series: Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2016.

Darlene DiDomineck, David Krueger, Nick Nicholas and Nikki Kelley Kleinberg will provide more detail regarding the forums. A marketing strategy will be developed and implemented. Please feel free to suggest forum topics and issues.

Liberian School Support

Cia Richards-Ledlum, whose son Patrick Ledlum served as worship leader for the 8:30am service before he enlisted in the Navy, is coming to ASUMC on Sunday, August 16, 2015 to tell us about the Christian A. Richards Childhood and Elementary School in Clay-Ashland, Liberia. The school serves children ranging in age from 2 to 14, who come from small farms. Support in the amount \$120 per year provides a student with 2 sets of uniforms, 1 pair of sneakers, 5 pairs of socks and school supplies. Tuition is free and hot meals are provided. Without the support of the school and sponsors, the children would not have the opportunity to attend school. Come to a special "Coffee Hour" in the chapel at 9:45 am (after the 8:30am service and before the 11:00am service) to learn more about this mission opportunity.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, July 26, 2015** was 111. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

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 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51.

.. The scripture readings for next Sunday's class are 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Jim Griscol, 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, 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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