

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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November 29, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

US2, Rachel Ternes

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick

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Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine/LaDonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

November 29, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Come, Emmanuel" Wilbur Held

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT #216 "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: How can we thank God enough?

All: Night and day we pray most earnestly!

Scripture Lesson : Psalm 21: 1-10

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: People living in poverty do a lot of waiting. They wait in line for food, wait in government offices for promised benefits, and wait in communities for change. However, the waiting in the scripture is not a matter of standing in line and hoping our number is called. Rather, waiting in the psalm is a hopeful anticipation of what is to come. This Advent, we wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us, who will renew us and all of creation.

One: When the sun sets each night,

All: We will wait upon the Lord.

One: When life is difficult,

All: We will wait upon the Lord.

One: In hopeful anticipation,

All: We will wait upon the Lord.

LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE

One: Come, Lord Jesus.

All: Come to brighten the darkest corners of the world.

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 1)

***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

Nancy Megley

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1Thessalonians 3:9-13

CHORAL ANTHEM “O Radiant Dawn” James McMillan

Oh radiant Dawn splendor of eternal light. Sun of justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah prophesied, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shown. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

SERMON: “Complicity, Complacency or Change?”

Reverend Robin Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN # 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY “Seasons of Love” arr. Emerson

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 # 209** “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “All’ Offertorio” Domenico Zipoli

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Arch Street Youth

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

Advent Wreath Litany written by the Rev. Greg Henneman, serving as a Church & Community Worker assigned as HEAL director, Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio.

*Learn more and support his ministry at: www.umcmision.org/ghenneman
(advance #3022046)*

Follow his blog: lookedwithcompassion.wordpress.com

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Calendar

November 29, 2015 to December 6, 2015

SUN	11/29	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, Choir loft 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 12:00 Hanging of the Greens 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	11/30	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUE	12/2	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 1:30 Small Group/Bible Study Serenity House 1209 W Leigh 7:00 Small Group/Bible Study 2636 Chestnut Ave. Ardmore,
WED	12/3	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 2:00 Small Group/Bible Study 2 nd fl Conference Room 7:00 Small Group/Bible Study 2914 Ogden Street 7:00 Small Group/Bible Study 4520 Chester Avenue
THUR	12/4	5:00 Diversity Group, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
FRI	12/5	10:00 UMM, Nichols Hall
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Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



United Methodist Student Day

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

Receiving New Members

On Sunday, December 6, several persons will recite the vows of membership and thus make a significant personal commitment to the congregation and the communities we serve. Anyone, who has been thinking and praying about becoming a member is invited to contact Pastor Robin at (215) 498 3718 or robin@archstreetumc.org. If you would like more information about membership, The United Methodist Church or the unique ministry of the Arch Street UMC please speak to Pastor Robin.

Charge Conference

This year's all church conference is scheduled for **Monday, December 7th at 6:30** here at Arch Street UMC. All church members are invited to attend.

LGBT CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The "gang" will gather at Warren and Don's Guest House for a Christmas Dinner Party this Saturday, December 5th, at 6:30pm. Beverages and Baked Ham will be provided, but those attending are invited to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad, or dessert. December 1st is the deadline for making your reservation and designating your contribution.

Small Bible Study Groups



The Bible Study Groups will meet once a week for seven weeks. The basic format is centered on the passages of scripture used in Sunday worship; however each group is free to develop their own agenda and set of activities. The conveners will provide the space, time and support for folks to share what really matters. "What really matters to your heart?" is the leading question. Please join any one or all of the groups listed below.

Conveners and Schedule

Robin Hynicka

robin@archstreetumc.org

Tuesday, December 1 & 8, 2015 (1:30pm)

Serenity House, 1209 W. Lehigh Avenue, Phila, PA 19133

Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom

Sherman2@eastern.edu

Tuesday, December 1 & 8, 2015 (7:00pm)

2636 Chestnut Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003

Warren Cederholm & Don Caskey

gablesbb@outlook.com

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, (7:00pm), 1101 Washington Av. #307

9th at 4520 Chester Avenue, Phila., PA 19143

Wilhelmina Young

Thecatalyst212@yahoo.com

Wednesday, December 2 & 9, 2015 (2:00pm)

2nd Floor Conference Room

55 North Broad Street, Phila., PA 19107

Molly & Khoi Dang

molly.dang@hotmail.com

Wednesday, December 2 & 9, 2015 (7:00PM)

2914 Ogden Street, Phila., PA 19130

Cookies & Cocoa & Global Mission Fellows

Want to make a difference in the world, but don't know where to start, curious about service opportunities for young adults? Come to Arch Street Church **Wednesday, Dec. 2nd from 7 to 9 pm** to learn about the Global Mission Fellows program over Christmas cookies and hot chocolate! Global Mission Fellows are 20-to-30-year-olds who spend two years living in community and working with global organizations that address global justice issues such as: human trafficking, worker's rights, collegiate ministry, youth and children, gender justice, immigration justice and many other issues. Global Mission Fellows is a program of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. It is not necessary to be United Methodist to participate. Fellows receive a living stipend, health insurance and room and board. For more information about Global Mission Fellows or this event, contact Darlene DiDomineck: ddidomineck@epaumc.org



Eliza Shirley Children's and Mom's Christmas Party

This year's event will be held Saturday, **December 12th from 2 – 4pm**. It's not too soon to get excited about the party we throw for our neighbors on Arch Street. For over a decade our church has helped make the holidays brighter for these families currently without a home of their own. If you would like to help with decorating, set up refreshments, donate home-baked cookies or cupcakes, stay for the party to join in the games (very riotous--led by Robin), and help Santa hand out presents, please contact Betsy Connor at betsyconnor@gmail.com or 215-232-7186

#BlackChurchesMatter GoFundMe Campaign

The inspiring and powerful witness made by the folks of the Emanuel AME Church in the face of tragedy at the hands of blatant racism has moved us to say loud and clear that #BlackChurchesMatter. Additionally, we need to say louder and clearer that Black Churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church matter. The Urban Commission and Metro Ministries of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference have sponsored a [GoFundMe campaign](#) to support these churches and the work they do to spread a message of peace and racial equality in their communities. [DONATE NOW.](#)

POWER Outage? Not At All.

So many of Arch Street Church's members have responded to the many calls for support over the last few years for Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild (POWER). You have made phone calls to voters and knocked on their doors, donated money, visited legislators in their offices in City Hall and in Harrisburg, showed up at rallies and marches, participated in religious services for racial justice, and walked in the largest MLK parade in the country (to name a few POWER actions).

If you have been wondering why your help hasn't been requested lately and have been thinking that the organization responsible for wage increases and real hope for public education is on vacation, you will be glad to know that POWER is in a very active process of reflecting and renewing. While so much has been done, and POWER is now a recognized force for moral justice in the city and state, we can do better.

With help from an outside contractor and input from hundreds of POWER members (including from our church) a top to bottom appraisal is underway. A new board structure is being implemented. We are taking a hard look at organizational issues of race and gender. A need for better communication in all aspects has been acknowledged.

Last week new city councilwoman Helen Gym was the featured speaker at POWER's annual fundraiser. Mayor-elect Jim Kenney was there too and said he expects us to keep up the pressure on him to stay on track on the issues that matter to us.

So while we are not pounding the pavements, calling, attending workshops and meetings as intensely as a few months ago, our work has not stopped and won't stop until Philadelphians are working, wages allow for a life of dignity, and our children are offered an education equal to that of children in wealthy suburbs.

Thank you for your past help and in advance for your future efforts. If you would like more information from select POWER committees, please contact Nancy Megley at 215-749-2392.

Grace Café News

Grace Café offers dinner for our homeless friends this evening. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by Amanda James this evening. There are lots of openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 people. If you know of a group that would like to assist in this important mission, please have them contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at darlene.didomineck@gmail.com

United Methodist Men explore “The Hidden Spirituality of Men”

During the 2015-2016 seasons, the United Methodist Men will explore the lessons contained in the book *The Hidden Spirituality of Men* by Matthew Fox. The book explores the question: Why do men hide their deepest feelings and spiritual insights? Among the reasons discussed are the following:

- Many men carry wounds inside they would rather forget or put aside than admit are there.
- Men don't know how — and are not trained — to deal with their anger and outrage in healthy ways.
- Men sometimes work so hard that they do not have time or space for exploring their hearts.

Pastor Robin will work closely with the United Methodist Men on this project. Please speak to Pastor Robin about getting a copy of the book. Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 10AM.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, November 22, 2015** was 114 and for Grace Café, 189. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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 at 9:45am. The scripture readings for today's class are: Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, and Luke 3:1-6. The readings for NEXT week are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, and Luke 3:7-18.



Holiday Concert Featuring the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble and New Jersey Chamber Singers

Fri., Dec. 11th: 7:00 pm @ Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton Twnsp, NJ.

Sat., Dec.12th: 7:00 pm @ The Church of St. Luke & The Epiphany, Philadelphia, PA.

Sat., Dec. 19th: 7:00 pm @ Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Doylestown

Sun., Dec.20th: 5:00 pm @ Laurita Winery, New Egypt, NJ.

For tickets go to: phillybells.org OR njchambersingers.org.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for *Pat Taylor, David Taylor, Deanna Cottom, Kathleen Stewart, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Roxy Setzer, Jim Griscol, , Leo Gatewood, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, 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, 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, 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, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier, Margaret Smith, Carla Kelley*

Prayers of Encouragement *Darnaby Family, Bailey Family, 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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