

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 13, 2015
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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Deacons, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg, David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

US2, Rachel Ternes

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

December 13, 2015

3rd Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Holly and the Ivy" arr. Martha Mier

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #196 "Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus"

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

One: Rejoice in the Lord always!

All: Again we say, Rejoice!

Scripture Lesson : Isaiah 12:2-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Salvation begins with love! "For God so loved the world "

Our Salvation means we are loved by God and filled with God's grace. From God's glorious riches, God's saving love can change us; transforming our hearts, feelings, and our perception of life.

Salvation through God's love produces joy and a life of praise! This Advent, our salvation is a continuing experience of God in us, dwelling in our hearts through faith in Christ Jesus.

One: God is my salvation! Christ is my salvation!

All: We rejoice in God's saving love!

One: God has saved me! I will praise the Lord with all my soul

All: We will proclaim God's glorious name in every place.

One: In mission, in life, and throughout all the world, I will sing a song of salvation.

All: Let us make this saving love known to all the world.

LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE

One: Come, Lord Jesus.

All: Come to brighten every corner of the world.

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 3)

***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

Juanita Campbell Ford

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Gesu Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

“Rejoice”

Reverend Robin Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

HYMN # 203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Pastorale”

Calvin Hampton

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!

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN # 224 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Tous Les Bourgeois” Jean-Francois Dandrieu

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Worship Leader: Remone Mundle

Greeters: Barbara Williams and Dale Shillito

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

December 13, 2015 to December 21, 2015

- SUN** 12/13 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15 United Methodist Women meeting 2nd fl conference
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 12/14 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUE** 12/15 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
7:00 Trustee Meeting
- WED** 12/16 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 12/17 5:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
- SUN** 12/20 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
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
2:00 Christmas Concert
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 12/21 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Christmas Concert

Please join us next Sunday, December 20th at 1 PM for a concert of piano and cello, featuring our director of music Adam Haines and cellist Agnes Klein. The concert will include festive music as well as classical works. We ask that you bring a coat to donate, to help keep our members of Grace Cafe warm during the winter.

Small Bible Study Groups



The Bible Study Groups have been meeting since October and most have completed the 7 week series. However, each group is welcome to adapt or extend the schedule to meet their specific needs. For more information on each group, especially concerning the rest of 2015, please contact the group leaders:

Robin Hynicka - robin@archstreetumc.org

Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom - Sherman2@eastern.edu

Warren Cederholm & Don Caskey - gablesbb@outlook.com

Wilhelmina Young - Thecatalyst212@yahoo.com

Molly & Khoi Dang - molly.dang@hotmail.com

The Bible Study sessions for the Winter 2016 season are scheduled to begin the week of February 7, 2016 and continue through the week of March 20, 2016. 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.

United Methodist Women meet Today

The United Methodist Women will meet in the second floor conference room today immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. All are welcome!

Does your child stay with you during the service?

If you would like to keep your young child occupied during the service see one of the ushers. There are activity bags in the front and back of the sanctuary for **young** children who are staying with their parents.

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 Danielle Dilleo Kim and Karen Flynn 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

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 Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, and Luke 1:39-45. The readings for NEXT week are 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Colossians 3:12-17, and Luke 2:41-52.



Place a Chrismon on the Christmas tree and provide a gift of hope for a refugee

Throughout the world, the topic of discussion the past month has been who is going to accept refugee families to live in their midst. As usual we can feel proud that Arch Street Church has been ahead of the game. If you remember we were doing something about this for a few years now. It has been a topic of United Methodist Women book study, we have supported a refugee family living in a Philadelphia Church and we have been tuned

into the topic in many a sermon. Last year's gift giving for Advent was for refugee families that are relocating to the Philadelphia area. We have even maintained a house for an immigrant family, which by the way was sold this year.

These refugees are men, women and children whose home countries are in situations that have forced them to leave due to violence, war, or persecution just because of their ethnicity, politics, or religion. Refugees are driven from their homes and communities by factors outside their control. Many have lived in refugee camps in a second country for a long time; the average time in refugee camps is 17 years. We've seen pictures of these as of late on the television news shows. The refugees cannot return to their home country because violence and persecution continues and even worsens daily. There are over 16 million refugees around the world. A few of the lucky ones are given the opportunity to build new lives in the United States, and each year hundreds arrive in Philadelphia and are resettled by the Nationalities Service Center. These people are not undocumented. They have been given permission to come to America by the U.S. State Department.

Usually they arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs so often they are clothes not suitable Philadelphia's climate as they may come from the tropics or desert. They are given very little financial assistance and are expected to support themselves almost immediately. They even have to pay back the cost of the airfare from the refugee camp to America. Imagine arriving in a new country where you do not know the language or culture, where you have no friends or family, and you must go right out to find work in order to survive in this foreign land. We can make it a little easier on them this holiday season by providing a warm welcome to some of these brave and resilient newcomers.

The gifts will be distributed to the families by the staff at the Nationalities Service Center (NSC), our neighbor at 1216 Arch Street. Thank you to the many that have helped with the NSC Thanksgiving dinner headed up by our own Margaret Harris and lovingly prepared by Marge Donnelly. NSC is a nonprofit organization that has been helping immigrants and refugees since 1921. It has been Margaret Harris' great privilege to teach English as a Second Language classes there for over 25 years. NSC is the biggest refugee resettlement agency in the Delaware Valley. The staff of case managers has chosen items their refugee families most need.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we remember that Jesus himself was a refugee while still an infant, when his parents fled to Egypt to save his life. We certainly would not want to leave the holy family shunned and desolate. What if by chance there is a holy family among the refugees coming to our doorstep. "Whatever you have done to the least of these...you have done to me."

Please open your hearts this Advent to provide hope, joy and encouragement to the refugees in our midst, our new neighbors and friends. If you would like to donate items and give hope to refugees please see Don or Warren today after service. To learn more about helping these families in many other ways, contact Margaret Harris through the church office. It promises to be a rewarding experience.

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, December 6, 2015** was 135 and for Grace Café, 212. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

#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.](#)

Giving Arch Street Church a Facelift

"many hands make light work"

A group of people is forming at Arch St, who enjoy working on cosmetic projects around our church. We would be in consultation with our amazing building supervisor, Frank Jones, and meet once or twice a month to work on a very focused cosmetic project. One project, done well, at a time. Interested? Contact: **Marge Donnelly** donnely_386@msn.com





PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for *Pat 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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