

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

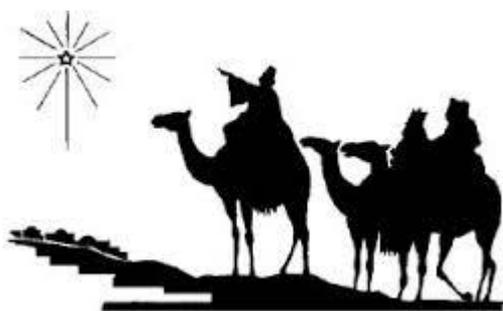
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**January 3, 2016**  
**8:30 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*

*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*

# PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

January 3, 2016

Epiphany Sunday

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PRELUDE

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING “Revive Us Again”  
“I Know it was the Blood”  
“At the Cross”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

SCRIPTURE READING Dottie Wells  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC “I am Thine O’ Lord”

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON “Relocation” Reverend Robin Hynicka

COMMUNION “We Remember You”

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guest Musician Cheryl Roebuck

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

# *Calendar of Events*

**January 3, 2016 to January 11, 2016**

<b>SUN</b>	01/03	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 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
<b>MON</b>	01/04	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUE</b>	01/05	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	01/06	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	01/07	5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
<b>SUN</b>	01/10	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 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
<b>MON</b>	01/11	!:00 Tea and Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

Please see the events page on our web site: [www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org)  
for the full calendar of happenings.

## **Parking**

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for the Convention Center self-park next door. You must show your ticket and give your name at our office to receive your coupon*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



*Thank You and God Bless You, Everyone!*

*The entire staff of Arch Street would like to thank  
the members of the congregation for their  
Christmas generosity.*

*We wish you all a blessed and happy New Year.*

## **PRAY-ers Needed!**

On January 5th, I will begin a series of chemotherapy treatments and I am asking for PRAY-ers for that day who will send special prayers for me. Since I have never been sick until this year this is a new experience for me and I am in need of support during this health challenging journey. My treatment plan will be to receive chemo every three weeks for 3-6 months. Judy Claude has agreed to be my companion and driver during this time, so please hold her in your prayers as well.

Thanking you in advance for your support, love and prayers.  
I give thanks and praise to God the Great Physician and Healer!

With a Grateful Heart  
Wilhelmina



## 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](mailto:robin@archstreetumc.org)

Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom - [Sherman2@eastern.edu](mailto:Sherman2@eastern.edu)

Warren Cederholm & Don Caskey - [gablesbb@outlook.com](mailto:gablesbb@outlook.com)

Wilhelmina Young - [Thecatalyst212@yahoo.com](mailto:Thecatalyst212@yahoo.com)

Molly & Khoi Dang - [molly.dang@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## Community Forum Winter Series is Almost Here!

Our Community Forums series is starting up again for its winter season! Join us in the chapel on these Wednesday evenings to learn about and experience diverse and fascinating subjects that are important to our community. Each forum is at 6pm, and a light supper and childcare will be provided. For more information, check out our website ([archstreetumc.org](http://archstreetumc.org)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/archstreetumc](https://facebook.com/archstreetumc)), or email Rachel at [RTernes@umcmision.org](mailto:RTernes@umcmision.org).

Winter Season Community Forum Dates:

January 20: Community Mixtapes: Songs to Ease the Anxious Mind

January 27: Art Activism: Animating Anti-racism Advocacy

February 3: Interrupting Injustice: Mass Incarceration

February 24: America's Racial Myths

WEBSITE:

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JAN 7TH  
6-9PM

#BRTCONFERENCE2016

THURSDAY

OPENING EVENT

CO-SPONSORED BY

THE CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE  
& MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH

\*separate

registration not

necessary for

Thurs event

## THE BLACK PROPHETIC VOICE IN A MORALLY BROKEN WORLD

The Rev. Jeremiah Wright

MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH | 419 S. 6TH ST. PHILADELPHIA  
REV. MARK TYLER, SENIOR PASTOR

### THURSDAY SCHEDULE

6PM: PAMELA LIGHTSEY & OBERY HENDRICKS

7PM: ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION W/ JEREMIAH WRIGHT  
& RENEE MCKENZIE

8PM: NYASHA JUNIOR TO MODERATE A CONVERSATION W/  
LESLIE CALLAHAN, RAMONA AFRICA, JOSEF SORETT,  
& KAMEELAH MU'MIN RASHAD

## **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.

## **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 our own Arch Street members 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](mailto: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 . Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 62:1-5, 1Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11.

## **#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.](#)

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, December 27, 2015** was 122 and for Grace Café, 213. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



## 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](mailto:donnely_386@msn.com)



## United Methodist Women 2016 Calendar of Events

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday January 10th**, when there will be a discussion of the book, Things your mother never told you; a woman's guide to sexuality by Kim Gaines Eckert. Yes, this really is a selection of the United Methodist Women Reading Program in the category of Spiritual Growth. I will have copies in church on Sunday December 20, December 27, and January 3. It is also available in Kindle. **If you would like me to mail you a copy, please tell me and send me your address.** At this meeting, Sunday January 10, we will also make our pledges for the upcoming year, vote on our budget and pledge to mission, and discuss other mission activity we wish to support

**Sunday, February 7:** (We are meeting a week early to avoid Valentine's Day) UMW Meeting.

**Sunday March 13th: UMW meeting and book discussion of I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai.(UMW reading program category: Leadership)**

## **Sunday, April 10: UMW Meeting**

**Sunday May 1:** (We are meeting a week early to avoid Mother's Day) and General Conference (which is May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon).

Book discussion of Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson. (UMW Reading Program category Social Action).

**Sunday June 7th:** This is a week early to avoid the annual Pride March. Book discussion of Dreamers: An immigrant generation's fight for their American Dream by Ellen Truax.

In the summer we will have a potluck supper and then in September we will resume with a book discussion of The Underground Girls of Kabul.

## **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.



## 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** *Alice Ming and family on the death of her father, Ray Mount and family on the death of his Father, 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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