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Grace Café Receives a Grant from the Francis Fund

Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck



(Photo by UPI)

"None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice."

— Pope Francis

Grace Café, Arch Street UMC's Sunday evening worship service and community meal, was honored last fall to receive a \$35,000 grant from the Francis Fund to be used for capital improvements to our church building!

The Francis Fund is a special fund in honor of Pope Francis's 2015 visit to Philadelphia. The Fund represents a variety of faith and non-denominational organizations serving the region's most vulnerable men, women, and children; a list of recipient organizations can be found at <http://mercyandjustice.org/organizations-supported-francis-fund>.

Recipients of Francis Fund grants will use their grants to meet concrete needs of people in the Philadelphia region and Camden who are struggling with hunger, homelessness, and poverty, in the spirit of Pope Francis's own special call to ministries of mercy and justice.

Arch Street's Grace Café was the only United Methodist program or organization to receive a

grant from the Francis Fund and we are excited for the opportunity to be counted among organizations throughout Philadelphia and Camden engaging in ministries of love, justice, and service with our neighbors. Arch Street will use the funds to improve Nichols Hall with a new floor in the hall, a community-designed mural, shelving for our Grace Café supply room, a fire suppression system in the kitchen, and updates to the men's restroom! These improvements will enable Grace Café to better engage in ministry with our community as well as benefit the wider mission and ministry of our congregation.

Special thanks to our fabulous volunteers! Please consider joining us! To volunteer with Grace Café, please contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at darlene.didomineck@gmail.com. To support the ministry of Grace Café, consider donating to our first online fundraising campaign at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/gracecafe>

News & People

Lent: Self-Reflection Moves Us to an Outward and Visible Sign of Love

Warren Cederholm

Editor's Note: During this Lenten season, Arch Street UMC will collect gifts of needed items for families living with HIV/AIDS.

Lent is a time of preparation for Christ's death and resurrection, *darkness and light*. Over the centuries it has been a time used for inward reflection, but inward reflection must lead to an outward expression of love and commitment. During Lent we move from *solitude to community, from doubt to faith*. When Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, we are contemplating inwardly about our own mortality, and through the forty days we move forward and are even jolted to a celebration of eternal life!

Let us take this time to acknowledge our vulnerabilities and those of others, and advance to a spirit of thankfulness and joy by offering gifts to families affected by HIV/AIDS. We know that we can make a difference in people's lives by showing kindness and generosity and witnessing about our personal journey. We can reach out to others in dire need so that they too may come to know the love of Christ, who overcame death.

A list of items that are needed for families affected with HIV/AIDS has been provided for us by Action AIDS. Please take a name card, purchase the gift, and wrap it in plain white tissue or wrapping paper. Tape just the section of the card with the person's name to the wrapped package. If you are so inclined, some of you may want to provide Pastor Robin with a brief statement of your Lenten reflections and a witness of your personal journey from *sadness to joy, death to resurrection*. If these short expressions seem appropriate, we will make copies

and send them along to the gift recipients for their contemplation. Gifts and reflections must be brought to the church by Palm Sunday, March 20.

You may even want to try this with your own family and friends. Sometimes it is hard to talk about what we believe and feel deep down. Sharing a gift along with a story of personal witness can be an opportunity to share your faith with those you love.

Forums Invite the Community to Learn, Share, and Come Together

Rachel Ternes

People from many different communities and backgrounds gathered at Arch Street UMC over the course of four Wednesday evenings last September and October. We were coming together for the first season of Arch Street's Community Forum project to learn, share, connect, and grow together.

The Community Forum project will span two more seasons, and consists of four diverse thematic tracks. Last season, we learned during "Interrupting Injustice: Maternal and Child Health" about how women of color disproportionately face risky pregnancies and infant mortality, and what work is being done to counter that. We talked about the prophetic role of art in justice work and created our own protest banner for "Art Activism: Finger Painting for Fun and Prophet." "American Myths: The Myth of Discovery" brought us a fascinating and compelling panel on the United States' flawed reverence for Christopher Columbus to the erasure of painful Indigenous histories. And during "Community Mixtapes: Good Songs for a Funeral," we engaged without fear with the concept of death as we listened to live and recorded songs contributed by the community.

As each of the forums came to a close, many of us felt hungry for more, and were excited to be able to anticipate two more seasons of learning and coming together. The winter season starts January 13, and the four forums will be:

Interrupting Injustice: Mass Incarceration
American Myths: The Myth of a Christian Nation

Community Mixtapes: Songs to Ease the Anxious Mind

Art Activism: Animating Antiracism Advocacy

The winter forums will be held at Arch Street at 6:00 PM on four consecutive Wednesdays, and child care and a light supper will be provided.

The diverse range of topics and formats means there's something here for everyone, so this is a great opportunity to engage members of other communities you are involved in.

For more details, watch the weekly bulletin and the Arch Street UMC Facebook page!

Plans for Improvements to Our Church Building

Jack McGrath

The Trustees are responsible for the health and wellbeing of God's House and its worshippers and visitors. In addition to routine care and maintenance of our building and its systems, we try to anticipate what needs to be done now and in the future. For the past two years, the Trustees have conducted a "brainstorming" session to determine what projects are important to put on the "to do" list and determine their priority. Our process is designed to ensure that all trustees have an opportunity to express their opinions of what needs to be done and the order of importance.

Upon completing this process in 2014, we had far more projects to do than money to do them—a typical scenario for us when dealing with an old building with limited resources. Nonetheless, we were able to identify some critical areas that could be worked on, such as repairs to the sidewalk and leaks from the sanctuary roof and painting the office at the chapel entrance.

In 2015, the situation changed dramatically for us. The church's house on Gratz Street became vacant in the spring and Church Council voted to sell the property and use the proceeds to make repairs and improvements to our church building. In contrast to 2014, the Trustees' 2015 brainstorming session was much more ambitious with suggestions ranging from purchase of a van to inspection, repair, and possible replacement of the sanctuary roof. The approved projects were then categorized as "mission critical"—things that must be done now or in the future—and things that are considered enhancements.

The identified projects, in order of priority, are as follows. It should be noted that Mission Critical projects may not always be done before Enhancements. The timeline for each item will depend on cost, time for completion, need, and resources.

Mission Critical

- Roof inspection and repair
- Air conditioning system inspection and repair
- Chapel exterior door security; closed-circuit TV with ability to monitor and control door access
- Regrouting of the front marble steps (already approved and in process)
- Repair of panic bars on the chapel entrance doors
- Inspection and repair/replacement of electrical system

Enhancements

- Sanctuary audiovisual system, including projection system
- Flooring in the chapel and chapel entrance

New Members



Arch Street UMC was blessed to receive 14 new members in 2015:

Tim Adams	Jayden Hensley	Robert Piper
Abel Wediondo Adungy	Mark Lord	Daniel Seekins
Kieta Carter	Deb McAllister	Emi Starr
Magunbu Chritelle	Kevin McAllister	Rachel Ternes
Michael Gilbertson	Remone Mundle	

It is a great joy to welcome them into our church family!

- Sanctuary flooring
- Improved sanctuary lighting
- Rehab of the chapel office (already approved and in process)
- Repair of the "egg lamps" above the altar
- Replacement of sanctuary cushions

In the past, this ambitious list would have been inconceivable to even consider. With the sale of the Gratz Street house, however, we can entertain almost all of these projects. Our top priority, inspection of the sanctuary roof, showed that we face a very extensive (and expensive) replacement project. With the Gratz Street money, we will be able to do essential repairs while we embark on a capital campaign for total replacement.

God has blessed us, and continues to bless us, as we strive to do His work. We pray that we are up to the challenge.

Editor's Note: In 1993, Arch Street partnered with Habitat for Humanity and the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness to restore, and later purchase, a derelict house at 1817 Gratz Street in North Philadelphia. Initially, as Habitat House, it was used to provide supervised housing for homeless men. Next, it became Seed House when the vacant lot next door was converted to a garden and used to teach horticultural skills.

The mission changed over the years and eventually the house was offered as a rental opportunity for nonprofits such as Covenant House (a Catholic mission that operates shelters for runaway teenagers) and Nationalities Service Center (an immigrant assistance agency). Now, the house will support Arch Street's mission and ministries by helping to make our building safer and more welcoming.

Columns

Minister's Message



Rev. Robin Hynicka,
Senior Pastor

The Adjourned Session of Annual Conference, called to complete unfinished business from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference's sessions last May, was held on November 14, 2015 at the Macungie Campus of Bethany Church.

Driving to and from the session was eye opening and jaw dropping. The beauty of the countryside as seen from the curving, uphill and downhill roads was stunning, but the prominence of boldly displayed Confederate flags was deeply disturbing. The opening worship service was energetic and engaging but left me empty. The message called for a return to our

"Just. Fed. Up. . . ."

Rev. Reinhard Kruse

It is still months before general elections and the race has already been going on long enough. Here are a few pointed quotes which, along with my prayers, help me keep my sanity. I hope they will bring a smile and uplift you a little in these times.

"A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul"—*George Bernard Shaw*

"Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money even to lose."—*Will Rogers*

United Methodist roots, but somehow sounded strange coming out of a place that deliberately diminishes United Methodist from its name—Bethany Church.

The entire experience at the Adjourned Session left me "strangely warned." The warning is that unless I do something to orient myself and my clergy colleagues about our shared realities, I will fail to honor our shared call to itinerant ministry. So, I have decided to use the 2016 Lenten Season to address this warning.

Clergy colleagues from various non-urban settings will be invited to preach during our Wednesday Lenten services. In addition, invitations will be sent to nearby suburban congregations to encourage their members who work in the city to come to Arch Street UMC for the Lenten Series.

The overall theme for Lent 2016 is: "The Cross Sets Us Free." Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, the Lenten Series will launch with deacons Reverend Nikki Kelley Kleinberg and Reverend David Krueger conducting the service, which will include the Imposition

"There can be enough for everybody's need, but not enough for everybody's greed."—*Gandhi*

"If you ever injected truth into politics you'd have no politics."—*Will Rogers*

"Income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf."—*Will Rogers*

"Capital punishment means that if you have the capital, you don't get the punishment."—*From a convict*

"Starting a war is no way to make peace."—*Harry Truman*

of Ashes. The preaching series with guest speakers and their assigned subthemes will proceed according to the following schedule:

February 17: "Free to Be Loved and to Love"

February 24: "Free to Be Forgiven and to Forgive"

March 2: "Free to Have Peace and to Be Peaceful"

March 9: "Free to Be of the Spirit or to Be of the World"

March 16: "Free to Have Life and to Live Forever"

March 23: "Free to Be Chosen and Free to Choose"

All of the Lenten services will begin with an extended musical prelude at 12:00 noon each Wednesday with the liturgy beginning at 12:15 PM. The services are designed to conclude on or before 12:50 PM.

Please share this information widely and plan to attend if your schedule permits.

"A fanatic is one who won't change his mind and won't change the subject."—*Winston Churchill*

"Not so much brain as ear wax."—*Shakespeare*

"A politician...one that would circumvent God."—*Shakespeare (Hamlet)*

"Our municipal election ran true to political form. The sewer was defeated but the councilman got in."—*Will Rogers*

"All politics is applesauce."—*Will Rogers*

"Politics makes strange bedfellows."—*Charles D. Warner*

An Active Autumn for the Reconciling United Methodists

Rev. Dave Krueger

Rev. Benjamin Hutchison, the pastor who was asked by his bishop to step down from his role as pastor of a United Methodist church in Michigan last summer, visited Arch Street UMC in October. Hutchison was forced out of his position because of his open relationship with another man, whom he has since married. On Saturday, October 17, he told his inspirational story of faith and courage during a special community dinner and preached at both Arch Street services the following morning.

Arch Street UMC was also blessed by a visit from Rev. Lois McMullen-Parr, the Northern Regional Organizer of the UMC's Reconciling Ministries Network, who preached the two morning services

on Sunday, November 8. During her visit to Eastern Pennsylvania, Lois also visited our Reconciling allies in the Lancaster area and met with representatives of the Philadelphia-area Reconciling churches at Rev. Herb Snyder's home to discuss how our local efforts fit into the national movement to fight for a church that is fully welcoming of LGBTQ persons. Additionally, Lois co-facilitated the "Building an Inclusive Church" training held at Hope UMC in Havertown on November 7. The training attracted an ecumenical gathering and Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodists gained skills to mentor and guide congregations to make a commitment to become Reconciling.

Finally, on November 14, clergy and lay representatives of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference met in Macungie, Pennsylvania for the Adjourned Session. Due to an electronic voting snafu last May, the Annual Conference had to re-vote for delegates to the General and Jurisdictional conferences coming up in 2016. We are delighted that several inclusive-minded delegates were elected including Jordan Harris, Rev. Robin Hynicka, and Wilhelmina Young!

Please contact davidkrueger01@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved with the work of the Reconciling United Methodists.

Lenten Reminder

Please come to the Wednesday noon services throughout Lent and take part in our special Lenten collection of items needed by families living with HIV/AIDS (see page 2).

Our History: Friendly Hour and Other Events in the 1950's

Dale Shillito, Arch Street Historian

We remember that Friendly Hour was first started at Arch Street in 1928 by Henrietta Burnham with the help of her father, George W. Burnham, who, having a food distributorship, generously provided refreshments. Dr. Nichols enthusiastically participated, taking particular delight in inviting international visitors to give informal talks about their native lands.

Betty Davison served as 'directress' of Friendly Hour from 1930 through 1949. After the pastoral departure of Dr. Alex K. Smith, Betty left with him to become his wife. Friendly Hour continued under Dr. John McElroy. A 1955-56 report called the season very successful. The Outreach Committee, now in charge, was headed by Ethel Hoelscher. She informed the con-

gregation that Jay Hartman, who had procured remuneration-free entertainment and talent for the weekly Sunday night event, was retiring. He had also served as song leader for Friendly Hour. Dr. McElroy and Rev. Richard Simmons, his assistant pastor, now regularly led festivities on Sunday night.

The Outreach Committee did much to benefit the church. At Christmas, they staged a Christmas party and traveled to homes for the aged and incurables to sing carols and distribute Christmas cards to each of the residents. The committee also made stuffed animals for the Home for Retarded Children at Pennhurst.

In addition, the Friendly Hour sub-committee provided boxes of food to six

needy families who were members of the congregation. They participated in setting up dinner parties at the church, bowling parties, summer picnics, and swimming events. They catered weddings, cleaned flags, bought lampshades, and contributed toward the new Chapel of Prayer. This was all done through volunteers and donations.

In 1951, Arch Street distributed an innovative calendar listing members of the congregation on the date of their birth throughout the year. From Frances Faux on the first of January to Rev. John McElroy himself on December 28, everyone was recognized by their church on their special day.

Events

Regular Sunday Activities

- 8:00 AM - Nursery, 1st floor (open till 12:30 PM)
- 8:30 AM - Worship, Chapel
- 9:45 AM - Adult Sunday School, Chapel
- 9:45 AM - Youth Bible Study, 2nd floor Office
- 9:45 AM - Children's Sunday School, Nichols Hall
- 11:00 AM - Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM - Get Acquainted Time
- 2:00 PM - Unity Fellowship Church Service, Chapel
- 5:30 PM - Grace Café, Sanctuary and Nichols Hall

Weekly Activities

- Monday 1:00 PM - Tea and Talk, Chapel
5:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall
7:00 PM - Freedom Band Rehearsal, Chapel
- Tuesday 12:00 PM - Bible Study with Rev. Waller, Sanctuary
- Wednesday 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall
- Thursday 5:30 PM - AA Meeting, Nichols Hall
7:00 PM - Diversity Group, Chapel

Please check the "Events" tab on our website (www.archstreetumc.org) for the latest calendar activities.

Committee Meetings, Special Events and Activities

United Methodist Men meet the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM; United Methodist Women meet the second Sunday of the month immediately after the 11:00 AM service; the Native American Indian Awareness Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Refer to the weekly "What's Happening" bulletin for exceptions to these dates.

January 2016

- Fri Jan 1: New Year's Day – *Office closed*
- Sun Jan 17: Human Relations Day
- Mon Jan 18: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service – *Office closed* (AA will meet)

February 2016

- Wed Feb 10: Ash Wednesday – Lenten Series begins (every Wednesday through Mar 23)
- Mon Feb 15: *Presidents Day*

March 2016

- Sun Mar 6: One Great Hour of Sharing
- Mon Mar 7: World Day of Prayer
- Sun Mar 13: Daylight Savings Time begins

Submit calendar events to Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com).
Listings for Spring 2016 issue due March 1.

Birthdays

January

- 1 - Nikole Daniel
- 2 - Elizabeth Garcia
- 4 - Stacy Powers
- 5 - Diana Pearce
- 8 - Nathan Jefferson
- 10 - Dolores Farinre-Carey
- 11 - Shirlee Chambers
- 14 - Aaliyah Halliday
- 18 - Jazzmen McIlwaine Cuevas, Sam Starnes
- 19 - Melanie Beers, Jennifer Olree Collazo
- 22 - Mark McNeill
- 27 - Albert Crawford
- 29 - Bart Everts
- 30 - Opal Ripley, Seni Tienabeso

February

- 2 - Nancy Cheng
- 4 - Bill Gatewood, Sabrina McLaughlin
- 6 - Thomas Brislin, Carl Dargan
- 7 - Kate Buckley, Frederick Farmer, Jr.
- 9 - Lily Menaldi
- 11 - Kristen Johnson, Elaine Tara Petrossian
- 12 - Wilhelmina Young
- 13 - Laura Long
- 16 - Angela Berry
- 18 - Cashor Farmer, Cathy Simpson
- 22 - Katie Hoch Mount
- 23 - Lori Timmerman
- 25 - Russ Alexander, Danielle DiLeo Kim
- 27 - Alice Farmer, Sarah McNeill
- 28 - Jack McGrath

March

- 1 - Yvonne Perri
- 7 - Mary Allen, Megan Oxenford
- 8 - Phil Dellinger, Denise McGiboney
- 9 - Frank Lexa
- 10 - Emma Falcon Wing Walton
- 12 - Elizabeth Donnelly, Gbarbea-Nuwoo Dunlap
- 14 - Rhonda Moore
- 15 - Arthur Pershing
- 17 - Nancy Hahn
- 18 - Diannajean Giganti
- 23 - Betsy Connor, Nancy Megley
- 25 - Martin Williams
- 26 - Judy Claude, Evelyn Estrada
- 27 - Anthony Mastrando, Stephanie Ng
- 29 - Grace Regino
- 30 - John Gatter
- 31 - Thomas Fithian, Steven Whaley

Thanksgiving at NSC, our Arch Street Neighbor

Nancy Megley

If you read the *Philadelphia Inquirer* for Sunday, November 22, it's likely you saw the lead article in the Local section about the Thanksgiving celebration at Nationalities Service Center (NSC). On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, over 300 NSC clients from dozens of countries gathered at the agency's headquarters on Arch Street to enjoy a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner of turkey with all the trimmings and traditional Pakistani and Burmese food, followed by pumpkin pie and other goodies.

The *Inquirer* named a number of organizations and individuals who helped to make the Thanksgiving celebration possible. What they failed to mention was the all-important kitchen crew! For the past 3 years, the American Thanksgiving dinner has been prepared in our church kitchen by Arch Street volunteers. Joe Kalil organized the past efforts but was not available this time. Marge Donnelly took on the project with incredible help from her daughter Katie and Katie's Chi Omega sorority sisters at Ursinus College.



Left: Marge Donnelly with volunteers from the Chi Omega sorority at Ursinus College. Right: Katie Donnelly tackles the cleanup.

Photos courtesy of Katie Donnelly (left) and Dayna Honrychs (right).

The Thanksgiving celebration was particularly sweet for the NSC guests. People can wait 10 to 20 years in refugee camps for permission to enter the United States as legal refugees. They often arrive with nothing more than what they can wear and carry, and while our government grants them legal status to live here, they receive very little financial assistance. Others enter the U.S. without refugee status, hoping to be granted asylum once they arrive. They receive no assistance and very few are allowed to stay.

Margaret Harris, a longstanding member of Arch Street, began teaching English to NSC clients 25 years ago and has served 20 years on the NSC Board. She along with our deacon, Reverend Nikki Kelly Kleinberg, is also active with the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia (NSM), an organization that advocates for the rights of all immigrants, both documented and undocumented.

Largely through Margaret, our congregation has been made aware of the difficulties faced by so many who come to this country looking for a better life. Please contact Margaret at 215-568-220 or margaretharris@me.com if you are moved to help in this work.



POWER Outage? Not at All!

Betsy Connor

So many of Arch Street UMC's members have responded to calls for support from POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild). You have called voters and knocked on their doors, donated money, visited legislators at City Hall and Harrisburg, turned out for rallies and marches, taken part in religious services for racial justice, and walked in the largest MLK parade in the country—to name just some of POWER's actions since its founding five years ago.

If you have wondered why your help hasn't been requested lately and were thinking 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.

At a Leadership Assembly in November, we heard about a top-to-bottom appraisal underway at POWER with help from an outside consultant and input from hundreds of POWER members, including Arch Street's Local Organizing Committee. A revamped Board of Directors will have a new, more professional structure, the organization is taking a hard look at internal issues of race and gender, and a need for better communication has been acknowledged. So while we are not pounding the pavement, making phone calls, or attending workshops and meetings as intensely as last year, 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.

POWER's winter Leadership Assembly will take place at Arch Street UMC the evening of Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 18. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there to hear the outcome of POWER's reassessment and what it means for us going forward.



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Future Dates

Mother's Day
May 8

Pentecost Sunday
May 15

Father's Day
June 19

Church Picnic
June

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Spirit Wing shared their faith, inspiration, and music at our Native American Sunday services on November 15

(Photograph courtesy of Vernetta Morningstar Carroll)

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