

Arch Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday
February 1, 2015
11:00 AM Service

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Deacons, Reverend David Brown, David Krueger
Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck
Guest Musician- 11:00 am, George Grace
Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci
Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/
Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee*

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

February 1, 2015

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Tornquist

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "I've Got Peace Like a River"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN #719 "My Lord, What a Morning"**

***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.

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Lea Booth

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Creator?

I believe in Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the creator, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters and brothers in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

CONFIRMATION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Name, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" arr. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1: 21-28

PRESENTATION "Rhythms of Righteousness" Drumming
Tepa Khu Corinaldi Percussionist

HOMILY "Walking to God's Beat" Reverend David Brown

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to the table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Over My Head"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94 Doxology

*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! 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. Does 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
Our 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

Because there is one loaf,
We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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 # 404** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

***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.

***POSTLUDE** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Shrubsole

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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

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Calendar

February 1, 2015 to February 12, 2015

- SUN** 2/8 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Children's Sunday School
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
12:30 Get Acquainted Time for Dolores Farinre-Carey
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 2/9 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 2/10 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 2/11 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Trustee's Meeting
- THU** 2/12 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Diversity Group, Chapel
- SUN** 2/15 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



February is African Heritage Month@ASUMC

Theme: "Rhythms of Righteousness"

ASUMC will celebrate the spiritual and social wisdom of African Heritage throughout the month of February. This year the worship services at ASUMC will explore, experience and execute various forms of Rhythmic Expression – Drumming; Singing; Poetry/Spoken Word and Body Percussion. Using the Common Revised Lectionary's suggested Psalm for each Sunday, the worship experience will highlight the still relevant effect the Psalms have on the rhythm of worship and the rhythm of God's word in awakening and animating authentic action in the all the world.

Today's Psalm is # 111.

The Key Verse is: *"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation."*

Today's Rhythmic Expression is **Drumming**. Our guest percussionist is Tepra Khu Corinaldi, who started drumming at 5 years of age. Tepra is a graduate of Morgan State University; he works as behavioral health staff for children. He is on the seasonal staff of musicians and drummers for The Freedom Theater, accompanying children and adult dance classes and folk tale sessions. He is also a member of the Ausar Auset Society, playing regularly for churches in the Tri-State Area and Washington, DC.

Welcome New Members!

Remone Mundle will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 11 AM service **TODAY**. *Kieta Carter, Karen Flynn, Michael Gilbertson, Jayden Hensley, Mark Lord, Robert Schell, Michael W. Smith and Emi Starr* will also become members of Arch Street UMC this morning.

If You Are a Regular Arch Street Attendee, You Are On The Welcome Team!

Our church is growing, and one of the reasons is that we make visitors feel the sweet, sweet spirit in this place. But all of us need to be sure that whoever comes through our doors, whether for "church shopping" or a one-time visit, goes away with a good memory.

To that end, we are starting weekly Get Acquainted Times (GATs) after the 8:30 and 11:00 services to give us all a chance to greet visitors and further friendships with one another. These weekly opportunities for fellowship will be a very simplified version of our past GATs and will be hosted by **all of us**.

We envision the new GATs providing a drink and a cookie (or whatever else you, as host, you would like to provide). We don't want it to be elaborate. You don't need to cook or spend a lot of money. Men and women, singles or couples, and church groups should all sign up for a Sunday or two. If you take public transportation and are worried about bringing food and drink on the bus or train, please "buddy up" with someone. We will supply all paper goods to make it easier.

There will be a sign-up sheet and detailed information on the bulletin board outside the chapel office. We are a busy, busy bunch here at ASUMC, but one GAT a year should only add a little bit to your church-related duties and will add a lot to our opportunity to strengthen ties with members and warmly welcome visitors. We hope you will sign up today!

Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) will be open **every Sunday** until June 28, 2015. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by Pat Taylor, Regina Bedell and Betsy Connor. There are still openings in the spring 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 the church office at 215-568-6250 or Darlene DiDomineck at ddidominick@epaumc.org. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

"The Lord is a refuge to His people." Joel 3: 16



BUTCH BALLARD

12/26/18 – 10/1/2011

Butch Ballard was born in Camden, NJ and grew up in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. He was a jazz drummer who played with musicians such as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. He moved to Harlem in the early 40's. As a performer with the Cootie Williams Orchestra, he worked with Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Dinah Washington and Pearl Bailey. Following his World War II service in the Navy, he returned to New York but later moved back to Frankford where he gave private music lessons, led his own band and served as the Democratic leader of the 23rd Ward there. In 2006, he received the Mellon Jazz Community Award for his musical career and his continued education of young jazz musicians.

Student Run Emergency Shelter

In partnership with the Student Run Emergency Shelter Program and Project Home, ASUMC will welcome up to 30 men to sleep overnight in Nichols Hall. The goal is to assist the guest to make the transition from homeless to permanent housing. Students from several area colleges and universities volunteer to serve a light supper, share in community building activities and provide support and assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250.

We Need Your Help

This winter promises to be very, very cold. Please bring new or “gently used” blankets, sweatshirts & hoodies to church. Darlene DiDomineck will distribute them to our friends who need them.

Support Renewable Energy and the Clean Air Council!

Arch Street UMC is partnering with ChoosePAWind and the American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic in a unique campaign to encourage PECO electricity consumers to choose renewable sources, especially Pennsylvania wind. Pennsylvanians already have the power to go renewable and help **clean the air we breathe, reduce greenhouse gas emissions** (especially carbon pollution that contributes most to climate change) and **create local green jobs**. But if you make the switch to clean, local electricity through this campaign, you can also support Arch Street UMC. For each member/friend who **enrolls by the end of the day today February 1, 2015**, ChoosePAWind will donate \$20 to Arch Street.

Please consider making the switch if you haven't already - there is no easier way to go green and reduce your carbon footprint. The online process is quick and easy, and you'll be able to compare and choose among a variety of suppliers and plans. Simply go to

www.choosepawind.com/make-the-switch to enroll or for more information (be sure to list Arch Street United Methodist Church in the "How did you hear about ChoosePAWind?" section to ensure the donation is properly credited). If you have any questions about the campaign, contact Tim Emmett-Rardin, ChoosePAWind's community outreach organizer, at choosepawind@deeper-green.com.

Arch Street will only receive the incentive if you make the switch by **today Sunday, February 1st (final day of the Philadelphia area campaign)**. We have a long way to go to put a dent in our country's/state's dependence on fossil fuels, but everything you and your

organizations do ongoing helps increase the demand and get us that much closer!

Ushers' Meeting

Robin would like to meet with all ushers (and anyone who wants to be an usher) after the 11AM service on **Sunday, February 22nd**.

Throw in the (kitchen) towel

Did you get a new kitchen towel and mitt set for Christmas? Why not bring your old ones in for the Arch Street kitchen? We would love to put them to use. Just drop them off in the Chapel office and ...thanks.



Adult Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages in preparation for the next week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel at **9:45AM today**. Readings for **February 15, 2015** are 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 and Mark 9: 2-9.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for all children will be held between Services at **9:45AM**. Primary and Early Elementary years will meet with Dottie Wells in Nichols Hall, Room G. The Nursery is open for all infants and toddlers from 8AM – 12:30PM. If you would like to assist with Sunday School, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250 or speak to Pastor Robin.

Hear Ye!

Here at Arch Street UMC we would love to hear you **read scripture** at the 8:30 or 11:00 services. If you are interested, please indicate it on your card or call the church office at 215-568-6250

United Methodist Women Will Meet on Sunday February 8th

All women are invited to come to the meeting of the United Methodist Women on **Sunday February 8th in the second floor conference room immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service.** You don't even have to read a book! That's right. There is no book discussion this month so you don't have to avoid us because you didn't finish the book. Instead we will have refreshments and talk about Lent. It's a wonderful way to get to know other women in the church, so don't be shy. You don't have to be a member of anything. You're welcome. Come join us.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, January 25, 2015** was 117 and 215 for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Read *Americanah* and discuss it with us on Sunday March 8th!

I invite you to join me (Margaret Harris) in reading and discussing *Americanah*, my favorite book of 2014. It's won lots of awards. Here's a review from Good Reads:

"From Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the award-winning author of Half of a Yellow Sun, a dazzling new novel: a story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

As teenagers in a Lagos secondary school, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are leaving the country if they can. Ifemelu—beautiful, self-assured—departs for America to study. She suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships and friendships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race.

Obinze—the quiet, thoughtful son of a professor—had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

Years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a writer of an eye-opening blog about race in America. But when Ifemelu returns to Nigeria, and she and Obinze reignite their shared passion—for their homeland and for each other—they will face the toughest decisions of their lives.

Fearless, gripping, at once darkly funny and tender, spanning three continents and numerous lives, Americanah is a richly told story set in today's globalized world: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's most powerful and astonishing novel yet."

The book was selected as one of the 10 Best Books of 2013 by the editors of the New York Times book review. It won the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Award and was shortlisted for the 2014 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction of the United Kingdom. It is in development as a movie for 2015.

It's a gripping story, but it is long. **It is 588 glorious pages.** So start now! Margaret will have copes at church most Sundays from now until March 1st. It is also available on Kindle. It is really worth the time it takes to read it. You won't be sorry. And you will have lots to discuss when we meet on Sunday March 8th!

*Please see the Events page on our
web site:*

www.archStreetumc.org

for the full calendar of happenings.

UM Day with the Sixers: Saturday, February 7

Join us for some high-flying pro basketball excitement when the Philadelphia 76ers play the Charlotte Hornets (the team owned in part by NBA legend Michael Jordan). Game time is **7 PM** at the Wells Fargo Center. Take advantage of a special ticket discount and help raise funds for United Methodist Men's ministries: \$5 from every ticket sold will go back to UM Men's Ministries. Lower Level seat prices start at \$35. Mezzanine seats start at \$22. (Discount prices are based on availability and do not include the additional \$2 per ticket order fee.) Reserve your tickets at www.nba.com/sixers/promocode. Please enter the promo code: UMC. For orders of 10 tickets or more, and for more information, contact Chris McKeown at 215.339.7601 or email him at chrismckeown@sixers.com

Children, youth choirs to help Simpson House celebrate 150 years

Simpson House, the oldest United Methodist retirement community in the U.S., turns 150 in 2015. To celebrate this sesquicentennial milestone, the institution will hold monthly festive activities, including a **Children and Youth Choir Festival Sunday, April 26, at 3 PM**. They invite congregations from around the conference to register their young singers to participate in a mass children and youth choir, and in ensembles and as recommended soloists. Church directors will receive music in advance to prepare their choirs for the concert. The festival will include a rehearsal at 1:30 and an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Other Celebration highlights include: an antiques appraisal event (**May 3**); a cooking competition using historic Simpson House recipes (**June 13**), and a special worship service with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching (**June 14**). Use the Schedule of events to register for activities. Contact Robbe Healey at rhealey@simpsonsenior.org or call 610-660-0116 for more information.

Tools for Ministry 2015

Saturday, March 7th

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Mark your calendars now to join the Central District for this important event, which will be held at Christ UMC, 1020 S. Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA! The day will include worship, a plenary, fellowship and participation in 2 workshops.

Registration and continental breakfast: 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM.

Standard Registration (now until 2/15/15) is \$25; late registration (2/16/15-2/21/15) is \$30. The fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Register at

<https://centraldistrict.smartevents.com/public/events/tools-for-ministry>

Please see registration site for workshop description and details.

Message for the Men of Arch Street

The United Methodist Men of ASUMC is in dire need of supporters. Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 7th at 10 AM**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Steve Whaley (267-229-4838) or Daniel Lee.

Schedule Changes:

The Native American Indian Awareness Group will not meet until March, 2015.

The party honoring Dolores Farinre-Carey, originally scheduled for last Sunday, has been postponed until the spring.

A Winter Twilight

A silence slipping around like death,
Yet chased by a whisper, a sigh,
a breath; One group of trees, lean,
naked and cold,
Inking their cress 'gainst a
sky green-gold;

One path that knows where the
corn flowers were;
Lonely, apart, unyielding, one fir;
And over it softly leaning down,
One star that I loved ere the
fields went brown

Written by Angelina W. Grimke (1880-1958), an African-American journalist, teacher, playwright and poet, who was part of the Harlem Renaissance



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Kevin Malone, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Charlene Arcila, Floretta Richerson, Felipe Velazquez, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, David Harris, 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, John Moore, 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, Evelyn Tinsley, 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

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Prayers of Protection *for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. And, 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

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