

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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February 14, 2016 **8:30 AM Service** **African Heritage Month**

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck

US2, Rachel Ternes

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick

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Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/LaDonna Cuffee

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING “We’ll Understand it Better By and By”
“Farther Along We’ll Know All About It”
“I Am On the Battlefield For My Lord”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

SCRIPTURE READING Russell Whaley
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13 Ms. Cathy Simpson

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER Regina Bedell

SERMON “Black Voices for Justice “ Ms. Erica Mines

CLOSING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine “

BENEDICTION

Guest Musician Cheryl Roebuck

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher



Calendar of Events

February 14, 2016 to February 21, 2016

- SUN** 02/14 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
12:00 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
- MON** 02/15 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUE** 02/16 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 02/17 12:00 Lenten Service
6:00 Community Forum- Art Activism - Chapel
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 02/18 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas 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

VOICES FOR JUSTICE

“Black Voices for Justice”



Ms. Erica Mines is Today's Guest Speaker
(Organizer/Activist The Philly Coalition for Real Justice)

February 21, 2016 Dr. Anthony Monteiro
(Scholar/Organizer The Black Radical Tradition)

February 28, 2016 The Reverend Gregory Holston
(New Vision UMC/President OIC America)

All of the speakers will speak at both the 8:30am and the 11:00am services and after each service there will be a time of light refreshment and facilitated dialogue. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for questions and comments related to the speakers' presentations and provide the sacred space for us to engage more deeply with the racial justice movement. Dr. Chanelle Rose from Rowan University or Cathy Simpson, Lay Leader at Arch Street United Methodist Church, will facilitate the dialogue sessions.

Small Lenten Group Bible Study

For those persons who would like to engage in further discussion around the topic of each Wednesday's message and the Lectionary readings for the week, join Wilhelmina Young following the noonday service through the Lenten season. We will gather from 12:15-1:30 in the second floor conference room. Feel free to bring your lunch. ALL are WELCOME!!!

CONGREGATIONAL INVITATION TO CONVERSATION

ASUMC'S African Heritage Month celebration will include word, thought and deed, all delivered through conversations employing word, sound, rhythm, music and movement. The entire church community, made up of visitors and all those who for one reason or another find themselves in attendance at the 8.30 or 11.30 Sunday morning services—**AND THIS MEANS YOU!!**—on, February 14 or 21—is being resourced to assist in the creation of a movement poem. The poem will be presented during services on Sunday, February 21 and will represent *in movement* your inklings, ideas, sensations and sentiments in response to the following theme:

BLACK/ALL LIVES MATTER: BATTLING WHITE PRIVILEGE

At tables located at the narthex and chapel lobby exits, index cards and markers are provided for writing your responses and reactions to this theme, and can be expressed as action(s), emotion(s), or possibility (ties). The responses, all anonymous, can be single words and should be recorded as spontaneously as they come to you. There are no wrong answers; remember, this is one part of a growing and open conversation. All responses should be placed in the containers labelled "completed index cards". Your responses will be the "raw material" used to shape this poem.

Please help "feed" this poem; join the conversation!

Further information/questions: contact Rhonda Moore –
rhonda.moore@temple.edu (267) 779-3451

"Make me to know Thy ways,
O Lord; teach me Thy paths." Psalm 25: 4

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Our Community Forums series has started again for its Winter season! Join us in the chapel on Wednesday evenings to learn about and experience diverse and fascinating subjects that are important to our community. For more information, check out our website archstreetumc.org and our Facebook page facebook.com/archstreetumc, or email Rachel at RTernes@umcmmission.org.

Dates for upcoming community forums

Art Activism Animating Antiracism Advocacy Wed. Feb. 17 6PM
Spiral Q uses creativity to build just and joyful communities. Come learn how the cause of racial justice can be pursued through art and storytelling. A light supper and childcare will be provided.

Why Myths Matter to Americans Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 7 PM
A conversation with author David M. Krueger about his book Myths of the Rune Stone: Viking Martyrs and the Birthplace of America.



Small Bible Study Groups

The Bible Study sessions for the 2016 Winter season are beginning. Each group has a different schedule so please contact the Study Group Leaders for the exact timing of their study

Cathy Simpson Wed. February 17th@7pm (The Scottish Rite House) for more info: catactsimpson@gmail.com.

Wilhelmina Young Wed. February 17th@ 1pm Arch Street Church
2nd Floor conference room Thecatalyst212@yahoo.com

Robin Hynicka - robin@archstreetumc.org

Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom - Sherman2@eastern.edu

Warren Cederholm & Don Caskey - gablesbb@outlook.com

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

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **February 7th, 2016** was 148 and for Grace Café 210. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Arch Street United Methodist Church
invites you to join us for our
Noon Lenten Series

This is the 91st consecutive year for the Lenten Series and the theme and sub-themes for the remaining services are:

“THE CROSS SETS US FREE!”

Wednesday, February 17, 2016: “Free to be Loved and to Love”
The Reverend Timothy Thomson-Hohl

Wednesday, February 24, 2016: “Free to be Forgiven and to Forgive”
The Reverend Tom Ebersole

Wednesday, March 2, 2016: “Free to have Peace and to be Peaceful”
The Reverend Cyndi Skripak

Wednesday, March 9, 2016: “Free to be of the Spirit or to be of the World”
The Reverend Scott McDermott

Wednesday, March 16, 2016: “Free to have Life and to Live Forever”
The Reverend Truman Brooks

Wednesday, March 23, 2016: “Free to be Chosen and Free to Choose”
The Reverend Janice Puliti

All of the Lenten Services will begin with an extended musical prelude at 12 Noon, with the liturgy beginning at 12:15pm. The services are designed to conclude on or before 12:50pm.

Free parking is available in the Convention Center Parking Facility (yellow signs) which is the multi-level parking garage right next to the church on Arch Street. Please be advised that Arch Street is one way going west. The church will provide a parking voucher that you will use when you exit the garage.

Everyone is welcome to join this Lenten journey and encouraged to bring family members, friends and co-workers. If you have questions or need more information please contact the church office at secretary@archstreetumc.org.

POWER SURGE

On the evening of January 19, MLK Day, our church hosted hundreds of people of diverse religions, ages and races in an event that looked into the future of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild). This group's forceful and faithful past actions brought changes to our city and state that surprised even founding congregations (of which Arch Street UM Church is one!)

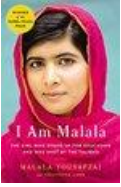
That meeting, after a season of reflection and renewal for POWER, set the wheels toward racial, economic, and educational justice in motion again.

This week, on Mardi Gras Tuesday, another well attended meeting in Germantown immersed us in the nitty-gritty of organizing. How will we affect a state legislature that refuses to adequately fund education? How do we ensure that recent increases in the wage structure for low-income Philadelphians are implemented and sustained? How can we keep the issue of race and inequality, and mass incarceration in particular, front and center in our own organizations as well as in the community and country?

Of course the more people of faith involved in this work the more effective we will be. Please consider joining our Arch Street POWER Local Organizing Committee or attending a POWER meeting or action. Look for dates and events in this bulletin and/or contact Rev. Hynicka, Betsy Connor (betsyfconnor@gmail.com), Nancy Megley, or Wilhelmina Young.



2016 Calendar of Events



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 5th: 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.

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.

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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, and Luke 13:31-35.

The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 55:1-9, 1Corinthians 10:1-13, and Luke 13:1-9



UM Men's Meeting and Book Discussion

During the 2016 season, 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.

Please make arrangements to attend these informative and educational discussions.



ARCH STREET CHURCH LGBT BOWLING PARTY

Saturday, February 27th, from 8pm to 10:15pm

at

PEP Bowling, 1200 S. Broad St. (Broad and Federal)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

(Includes bowling shoes, hoagies, chips, cakes, and beverage)

Please make reservations with Mike Gilbertson as soon as possible.

Space is limited, so first come, first serve!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for David Ellison, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Pat Taylor, Constance James, Deanna Cottom, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Roxy Setzer, Jim Griscol, 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, , Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, 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, 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, Carla Kelley

Prayers of Encouragement, the family of Nancy Wang Cheng, Floretta Richerson, 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., 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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