

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
February 28, 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

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

February 28, 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING “Leave It There”

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

“I’ve Got a Feelin’ Everything’s Gonna Be Alright”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Lord I Want to be a Christian in My Heart”

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

PRAISE DANCING Janelle Fontaine

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 13:24-30*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER Regina Bedell

SERMON “End Stop and Frisk Now!”

Reverend Gregory Holston

CLOSING HYMN “Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION



Musician: Cheryl Roebuck

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

A Get Acquainted Time this week will be held in the Chapel

Calendar of Events

February 28, 2016 to March 6, 2016

SUN	02/28	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 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
MON	02/29	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
TUE	03/01	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 7:00 Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom (see Small Bible Study group below)
WED	03/02	12:00 Lenten Service 1:00 Bible Study Wilhelmina Young-2 nd Fl Conf. Rm. 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	03/03	5:00 Diversity - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
SAT	03/05	10:00 United Methodist Men, Nichols 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

“Black Voices for Justice”

The Reverend Gregory Holston

is Today's Guest Speaker

Pastor Gregory Holston is the Senior Pastor of New Vision United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. He served as Assistant to the Pastor of Tindley Temple UMC. He is a Full Elder of the United Methodist Church. He is a member of POWER as the Co-Chair of the Economic Dignity Team. Rev. Holston was one of the Conveners of the Martin Luther King DARE Coalition, a coalition of over seventy organizations in the city of Philadelphia dedicated to bringing justice, jobs, and better education to our community. MLK Coalition led a successful march of over seven thousand people to advocate for the end of Stop and Frisk, \$15 Minimum wage and a fair funding formula for our schools. He is a former President of Black United Methodist Preachers, member of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and is Co-Founder of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Urban Commission. Rev Holston is also the national President of the Opportunities Industrial Corporation (O.I.C.).

Rev. Holston 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 speaker's presentation and provide the sacred space for us to engage more deeply with the racial justice movement. Dr. Chanelle Rose from Rowan University will facilitate the dialogue sessions.

BLACK VOICES FOR JUSTICE

No doubt this series and the various speakers have stirred souls, raised questions; elicited deep emotions; caused concerns and challenged comfort levels. **Next Sunday, March 6th**, after the 8:30 and 11am services, everyone is invited to process all of the above in an atmosphere of sacred conversation. Pastor Robin will lead a process and conversation that will provide the opportunity for forthright sharing. Issues and insights, thoughts and feelings, ideas and concerns shared will lead to greater understanding and personal and organizational growth. Please make it a priority to join this conversation.

Next week:

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

For more than 70 years, UMCOR has brought hope and solidarity to communities both at home and abroad.

Together, we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. There will be a special envelope in your bulletin. Please use it to give generously.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 20

8:30 and 11 AM and 5:30 PM Worship services
10 AM Palm Sunday Procession to
City Hall begins outside the Chapel entrance.

Wednesday, March 23rd noontime service

Thursday, March 24th Maundy Thursday, 7PM, Chapel
Scripture Reading, Songs, Candlelight and Holy Communion

Friday, March 25th

-Noon to 2:30pm in the Sanctuary

-Stations of the Cross, 5:00 to 6:00pm, Sanctuary

a self-guided Meditation

Good Friday

"The Seven Last Words"

Easter Sunday, 6:30 am, Sunrise Service in Love Park

8:30 am in the Chapel, Resurrection Worship

11:00 am in the Sanctuary

5:30 pm in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm Grace Café Community Dinner

Arch Street United Methodist Church

invites you to join us for our 2016

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 23: “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 St. 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 us at secretary@archstreetumc.org.



Small Bible Study Group

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.

Sarah Herman and Jessica Strom – Tues. March 1st @ 7pm
2636 Chestnut Ave. Ardmore, PA Sherman2@eastern.edu

Warren Cederholm & Don Caskey – Wed. March 2nd @7pm
4520 Chester Ave. Please R.S.V.P. 215-662-1921,
gablesbb@ourlook.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 Joshua 5:9-12, 2Corinthians 5:16-21 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8.

Central District Clergy and Missionaries serving in Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointments!

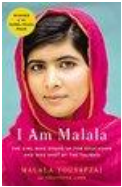
We are hosting a part two to the CR/CC appointment training that was held last October and would love for you to join us! You do not need to have attended the training in October, however, this event will build on topics discussed during the October training. If you are interested in serving as an Intercultural Conversations Trainer for the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference then this training is also for you!

The Annual Conference will cover the cost of clergy, missionaries and up to 3 members of your congregation to join you. Additional participants are \$10 per person. The training will take place on Saturday, April 23rd from 9AM-4PM at Royersford UMC (380 Church St, Royersford, PA 19468).

Space is limited so, please register by April 10, 2016. The registration link is: <https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/19946>



2016 Calendar of Events



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

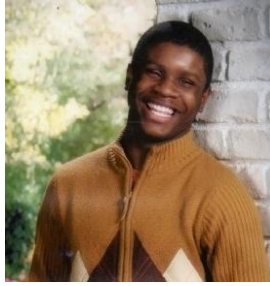
Sunday, April 10: UMW Meeting

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.

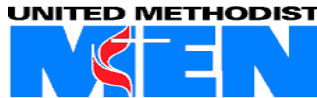
In the summer we will have a potluck supper and then in September we will resume with a book discussion of The Underground Girls of Kabul.



A loss of a beloved young man

Montae Fulton, the only son of our secretary, **Carla Brickhouse**, was a victim of gun violence on Saturday night. Our hearts and prayers go out to Carla and family. The funeral was held on Thursday, February 25th at 11:00 AM at Masjid Muhammad of Philadelphia. A memorial fund has been established at Arch Street in Montae's memory with proceeds going to his mother. Please make checks out to Arch Street UMC and put *Montae Memorial* on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support for Carla at this very difficult time.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*



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.

The United Methodist Men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10AM for breakfast in Nichols Hall. Please make arrangements to attend these informative and educational discussions.

Possible changes ahead in our districts and conference

Three years ago the possibility of decreasing our number of districts from six to four was considered and that possibility is being considered again.

The rationale for downsizing the number of districts is financial. We continue to receive less money from our churches in Connectional Ministry Fund apportionment giving; and fewer churches are paying in full their billed funds for clergy pension and health benefits and for property and liability insurance. In addition, many churches have not fulfilled their pledges toward the capital campaign to fund Pre-1982 pensions, and the recent revision of the mortality tables, weak financial market conditions, and lower interest rate assumptions will increase our unfunded liability. Meanwhile, more churches have closed, more churches are going part-time, and less money is coming in each year. We simply have to consider ways to live within our means so that we are able to pay our bills, fulfill our obligations to our retirees and not continue to raise apportionments.

The cabinet is currently working on a model for reconfiguring the conference into four districts.

The conference treasurer, the district superintendents and I will be visiting every district during the month of April to show the map of the proposed plan and to get suggestions and answer questions. The date and district location is Tue. April 5, 2016 – 7:00 pm – First UMC in Phoenixville (**Central**).

Lay and clergy are invited to these gatherings and anyone can attend the meeting which is most convenient.

Following these question and feedback sessions, we will consider the proposed configuration design further and make any necessary modifications. The final draft will be presented at our Annual Conference June 16-18, 2016. It will not be voted on until our Adjourned Session of Conference on Saturday, October 1, 2016. If we vote to decrease the number of districts, it will not go into effect until July 1, 2017.

The jurisdiction's overall membership has dropped below the prescribed number needed to maintain nine episcopal areas.

An appeal to postpone this downsizing until 2020 is being made to the Interjurisdictional Episcopacy Committee, which will meet at General Conference May 15, 2016. If the appeal is not granted the Eastern PA and Peninsula Delaware conferences that make up the Philadelphia Episcopal Area will be split and each become part of two other episcopal areas with different partner conferences.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **February 21th, 2016** was 133 and for Grace Café 212. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for *Ann Bishton, 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 Comfort: for our secretary, *Carla Brickhouse*, on the death of her son *Montae Fulton*, the family of *Nancy Wang Cheng*

Prayers of Encouragement: for *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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Parking

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