

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
March 13, 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

March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Musician: Cheryl Roebuck

Worship Leader: Remone Mundle

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING

“Majesty”

“At Calvary”

“Down at the Cross”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Lead Me to Calvary”

SCRIPTURE READING Russ Alexander

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Am Redeemed”

GOSPEL *John 12:1-8*

SERMON “God Does” Reverend Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN “Sign Me Up”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Calendar of Events

March 13, 2016 to March 20, 2016

- SUN** 03/13 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** 03/14 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 03/15 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 03/16 12:00 Lenten Service
1:00 Bible Study Wilhelmina Young-2nd Fl Conf. Rm.
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 03/17 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
- SUN** 03/20 Palm Sunday
8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Children's Sunday School
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11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel
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2:00 Native American Indian Awareness -2nd fl Conf Rm
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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

Robin to receive 2016 Mary Magdalene Award

The Southeastern PA Women's Ordination Conference unanimously selected Pastor Robin to receive the 2016 Mary Magdalene Award. The award will be presented on Holy Thursday at 10:45 AM in Sister Cities Park during the organization's annual Holy Thursday prayer vigil. The group cites Pastor Robin's commitment to the Catholic LGBT community during the Pope's visit, his fight for justice in general and his support for Women's Ordination in the Roman Catholic Church as reasons for their decision. Pastor Robin invites everyone to attend the event and to support the mission and ministry of this courageous organization and to celebrate this great honor.

BLACK VOICES FOR JUSTICE Continued

No doubt this series and the various speakers have stirred souls, raised questions; elicited deep emotions; caused concerns and challenged comfort levels. With input from the African Heritage Month Committee and from members of the congregation in a meeting held after services on Sunday, March 6, 2016, it was decided that an in-depth conversation will get started on Sunday, March 20, 2016 after the 8:30am and 11:00am services. The conversation will be facilitated by Pastor Robin and will involve both large group and small group dialogue. The following questions will help frame the conversation: *What did I hear? Why did I hear it that way? How did I feel about what I heard? Why did I feel that way? What did I see? Why did I see it that way? What did I learn? What will I do as a result of what I learned?* 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.

Serenity Soular Community Forum

Serenity Soular is a collaborative project between Serenity House (Arch Street UMC's North Philadelphia ministry) and Swarthmore College students to spread sustainable energy and build the green economy in North Philadelphia. Come learn more about Serenity Soular at this Community Forum in the chapel at Arch Street UMC on Wednesday, March 30th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. A light supper will be provided.

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 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.

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 Good Friday
-Noon to 2:30pm in the Sanctuary "The Seven Last Words"
-Stations of the Cross, 5:00 to 6:00pm, Sanctuary
a self-guided Meditation

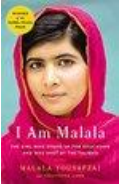
Easter Sunday, 6:30 am, Sunrise Service in Love Park
8:30 am in the Chapel, Resurrection Worship
11:00 am in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm in the Sanctuary
6:00 pm Grace Café Community Dinner

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

TODAY's 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 Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **March 6, 2016** was 136 and for Grace Café 220. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, and Luke 22:14-23:56. The readings for NEXT week are Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and John 20:1-18.

POWER

POWER has assembled an Action Team to better align the specialized work of our five strategy teams (Education, Economic Dignity, LiveFree, Fundraising, and Communications). [Our Action Team will meet once a month, on POWER Tuesday.](#)

During the meeting's first thirty minutes, all five strategy teams will gather as a whole to share updates on specialized campaign work. After spending time as a collective group, each strategy team will meet separately to further discuss team development and campaign work. Each congregation is encouraged to send at least three LOC members to every Action Team meeting.

Dinner will be available from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Our meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. If you have special dietary needs such as specific food allergies or intolerances, please inform us (soverton@powerphiladelphia.org) by Fri., March 11th. If you are not currently part of a team but interested in joining one, you will have the opportunity to do so Tuesday night.

[Join us next Tuesday, March 15th for POWER's second Action Team Meeting at Second Baptist Church of Germantown \(6459 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, 19119\).](#)

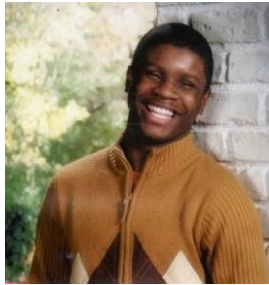
Free childcare offered by certified personnel is available upon request. If you are in need of childcare please contact soverton@powerphiladelphia.org If you would like a ride please contact Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186. A great way to meet other concerned Philadelphians and work for better lives for us all!

Wisdom's Feast Book Event

There will be a book-signing party for the 3rd edition of [Wisdom's Feast](#), co-written by **Susan Cole**, Marian Ronan, and Hal Taussig, on **Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 in the Arch Street UMC Chapel**. The congregation is invited to celebrate this event. The book was originally published in 1989, and served as a backdrop to some of the early days of Rev. Cole's pastorate at Arch Street UMC, and served as a backdrop to some of the early days of Rev. Cole's pastorate at Arch Street UMC.

Please come and see our Cathy Simpson in the play "A Fierce Kind of Love"

Come out and support our very own Cathy Simpson in "A Fierce Kind of Love" A play about the advocacy of persons with intellectual disabilities. Four of the cast members actually have intellectual disabilities. The play runs April 7 thru April 17, 2016 at the Christ Church Neighborhood House 20 N. American St. Old City Philadelphia. See Margaret Harris or call Cathy Simpson for more info.



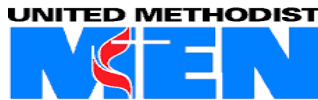
A loss of a beloved young man

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*

Are you ready to join us in POWER?

If now is the time for you to get involved with Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild, the interfaith moral conscience of our city and state, please join us at the monthly POWER Tuesday to hear plans for moving towards excellent public education, living wage and an end to mass incarceration. We meet at the Second Baptist Church of Germantown on Tuesday March 15 at 6:00 to 6:30 PM for dinner followed by a joint meeting and separate meetings of Action Teams. If you would like a ride please contact Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186. A great way to meet other concerned Philadelphians and work for better lives for us all!



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.

Community Forum

Was the U.S. Founded as a Christian Nation?

Wednesday, April 13th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Politicians often say they want to "reclaim" or "restore" America. This usually means they are calling for a return to the nation's Christian's origins. But was the U.S. founded as a Christian nation? If it was, can the U.S. be understood as a Christian nation today given its diversity? In the third Community Forum in our American Myths series, historian John Fea will help us take a careful look at the history of Christian-nation debates and help us to see past the emotional rhetoric of today to the recorded facts of our past.

Faith
is not believing that God
can, it is knowing that He will

Easter Flower Garden



On Easter Sunday the front of the sanctuary will be blanketed with the beautiful flowers of Easter and Spring. If you would like to order a plant for the Sanctuary Flower Garden, please complete the form below and attach payment (checks made payable to Arch Street UMC.) and place in the offering plate or return form to the office. Please order no later than Sunday, March 20th.

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EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

I wish to order _____ Easter Plants @ \$12 each

____ lilies ____ hyacinths ____ tulips ____ daffodil

____ instead, please accept my donation of \$_____.

Presented by,

Your name:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

____ I will take my flowers after the service.

____ No, Please give them to a home-bound person.

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.



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

*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*