

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Palm Sunday March 20, 2016 8:30 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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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 20, 2016

Palm/Passion Sunday



Musician: Vincent Rutland

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

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PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING

“This Is The Day That the Lord Has Made”

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

“Alleluia”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Regina Bedell

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Great Thou Art”

GOSPEL Luke 22:14-23:56

SERMON Reverend Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN “Make Me Your Servant”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Calendar of Events

March 20, 2016 to March 27, 2016

- SUN** 03/20 Palm-Passion Sunday
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 Native American Indian Awareness -2nd fl Conf Rm
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 03/21 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 03/22 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 03/23 12:00 Lenten Service .
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 03/24 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
7:00 Maundy Thursday, Chapel
- FRI** 03/25 **Good Friday**
12:00 "The Seven Last Words" - Sanctuary
5:00 The Stations of the Cross -Sanctuary
- SUN** 03/27 **Easter Sunday**
6:30, Sunrise Service –Love Statue in Dilworth Plaza
8:30 Resurrection Worship - Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School
9:45 Children's Sunday School
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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

“Free to be Chosen and Free to Choose”

The Reverend Janice Puliti

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 at the LOVE Statue
in Dilworth Plaza**

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

BLACK VOICES FOR JUSTICE Continued TODAY

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 **Today**, 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.



2016 Calendar of Events

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.

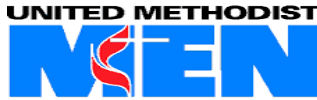
In the summer we will have a potluck supper and then in September we will resume with a book discussion of The Underground Girls of Kabul.

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 Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **March 13, 2016** was 105 and for Grace Café 210. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



UM Men's Meeting and Book Discussion

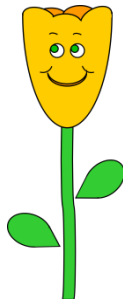
During the 2016 season, the United Methodist Men will explore the lessons contained in the book The Hidden Spirituality of Men by Matthew Fox. The book explores the question: Why do men hide their deepest feelings and spiritual insights? Among the reasons discussed are the following:

- 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.

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 Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and John 20:1-18.. The readings for NEXT week are Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, and John 20:19-31.



***TODAY is the last day to order Easter flowers!
Please see insert.***

POWER

A few weeks ago we reported on a temporary lull in POWER actions as part of a reflection and renewal process. As evidence that the lull is over, please see the following list of dates of planned actions around POWER's goals of Economic Dignity, LiveFree (addressing mass incarceration), and quality education for all Pennsylvania's school children.

Please consider which events you can make time for. High numbers of participants are important in drawing attention to our causes and changing the minds of our leaders and legislators!

April 12, evening: Location and exact time to be determined. The next POWER quarterly meeting (the last one was held at Arch Street in January and several hundreds attended, including Mayor Kenney). This meeting keeps us all up-to-date on POWER and gets us refocused on doing God's work.

April 13, all day: Come with us to Harrisburg immediately before tax day to ask "We pay our taxes, why don't you fund our schools?" and to say "Taxes are due now, a budget was due 9 months ago!". Sound like good signs to hold up outside the state capitol building? Let's do it! Transportation provided.

April 14, daytime: exact time and location to be determined-activities from City Hall up N. Broad St. Be part of a nation-wide action with POWER and other groups demanding a living wage.

May 10, time and location to be determined: A chance for education and action on Green Jobs in Philadelphia.

May 19, Philadelphia Community College, 9 AM to 7 PM: POWER needs at least 100 people to help at this major event. We will coordinate the Poverty Summit to look at Philadelphia solutions for Philadelphia's poverty.

Please watch this space for more information as to times, locations, logistics. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Robin, Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186, or Nancy Megley.

We welcome and need your willingness to "pray with your feet".

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>

Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) will be open **every Sunday** until June 26, 2016. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by Jefferson University Occupational Therapy Associates. 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 ddidomineck@epaumc.org. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome..

*“And those who went before and those who followed cried out,
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

Mark 11:9

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 *Mrs. Bowman, 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: *Carla Brickhouse.*

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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