

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**March 27, 2016**  
**11:00 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*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Andante” Telemann

## GATHERING AS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT “Easter Chorale” Samuel Barber

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN #302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,*

*And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;*

*There are sweet expressions on each face,*

*And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

**Refrain:** *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove*

*Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;*

*And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;*

*Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived;*

*When we shall leave this place.*

## CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Donald Caskey

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

CHORAL ANTHEM “Rejoice the Lord Is Risen” Wagner

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 20:1-18

**SERMON** "LOOK!" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

**HYMN # 364** "Because He Lives"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **AFFIRMING OUR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94**

*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!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #303** "The Day of Resurrection"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Allegro" Telemann



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**Worship Leader:** Remone Mundle

**Greeters:** Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

**Nursery Attendant:** Guy McNeill

**Guest Instrumentalist** Yuri Benjamin

# *Calendar of Events*

March 27, 2016 to April 3, 2016

<b>SUN</b>	03/27	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:30 Resurrection 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
<b>MON</b>	03/28	<b>Office Closed</b> 1:00 <b>NO</b> Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUE</b>	03/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	03/30	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	03/31	5:00 Diversity - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas
<b>SAT</b>	04/02	10:00 Men's Day Breakfast/Meeting
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for the full calendar of happenings.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Robin presented with the 2016 Mary Magdalene Award**

The Southeastern PA Women's Ordination Conference unanimously selected Pastor Robin to receive the 2016 Mary Magdalene Award. The award was presented on Holy Thursday in Sister Cities Park during the organization's annual Holy Thursday prayer vigil. The group cited 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. Several members of the congregation were on hand to witness the award presentation.



### **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,

### 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 folks here at Arch Street. 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](mailto:ddidomineck@epaumc.org). Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.



### 2016 Calendar of Events

The book discussion of ***I am Malala; the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb, which was originally scheduled for March 13, has been rescheduled for **Sunday April 3rd**. The discussion will take place in the 2nd floor conference room immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. All are welcome!

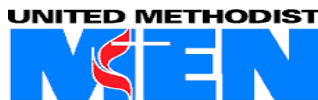
**Sunday, April 10:** UMW Meeting

**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.



### UM Men's Breakfast and Meeting

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 10am the United Methodist Men will hold a Men's Day breakfast and meeting at Arch Street. All men are welcome to come out and fellowship with us.

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

Go see Arch Street's own star of stage and screen, the fabulous **Cathy Simpson**, in her latest play, **A Fierce Kind of Love**, on **Thursday April 14th**. The performance is at 7 pm at Christ Church Neighborhood House, 20 N. American Street (just north of Market Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets). Tickets are \$10 or what you can pay.

*A Fierce Kind of Love* is a collage of stories—large and intimate—of Pennsylvania's Intellectual Disabilities' Rights Movement. Through words, movement and song, the play explores a remarkable (and largely untold) history and celebrates the activism and fierce love that fuel the desire for dignity. Written by Obie-nominated Suli Holum, directed by David Bradley, and produced by the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, *A Fierce Kind of Love* is for anyone who has ever wanted to be accepted, heard, or loved for who they are.

*A Fierce Kind of Love* is performed by a mixed ability cast. All performances are ASL interpreted and CART captioned. Audio description available upon request.

Margaret Harris has bought 25 tickets for Arch Street to attend on April 14th. They are going fast. I have already sold 15 of them. Please see her, call her or email her if you would like to buy one.

Margaret Harris (215-568-2206 or [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.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 Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, and John 20:19-31. The readings for NEXT week are. Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Revelation 5:11-14, and John 21:1-19.



# 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>

### A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **March 20, 2016** was 185 and for Grace Café 240. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.





## 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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## 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*

