

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**Sunday**  
**March 6, 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 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDE

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”  
“I Surrender All”  
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “There Is Power in the Blood “

SCRIPTURE READING

Dottie Wells

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SPECIAL MUSIC “Here I Am Lord”

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON “Reconciliation for Real” Reverend Robin Hynicka

COMMUNION “We Remember You”

CLOSING HYMN “I Know It was the Blood”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Guest Musician** Cheryl Roebuck

**Worship Leader:** Cathy Simpson

**Nursery Attendant:** Samantha Nigrelli

# *Calendar of Events*

**March 6, 2016 to March 13, 2016**

<b>SUN</b>	03/06	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 1:00 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>	03/07	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	03/08	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	03/09	12:00 Lenten Service 1:00 Bible Study Wilhelmina Young-2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Conf. Rm. 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	03/10	5:00 Diversity - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
<b>FRI</b>	03/11	5:30 POWER mtg., Chapel
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for the full calendar of happenings.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



ONE  
GREAT  
HOUR  
OF  
SHARING

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.

## 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. **This Sunday**, 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.

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

invites you to join us for our 2016

## Noon Lenten Series

**This is the 91<sup>st</sup> consecutive year for the Lenten Series and the theme and sub-themes for the remaining services are:**

**“THE CROSS SETS US FREE!”**

**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](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org).

## 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 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, and John 12:1-8. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, and Luke 22:14-23:56.



## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>** noontime service

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** 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!**

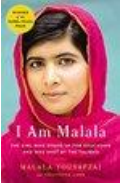
We are hosting a part two to the CR/CC appointment training that was held last October and would love for you to join us! You do not need to have attended the training in October, however, this event will build on topics discussed during the October training. If you are interested in serving as an Intercultural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



**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.

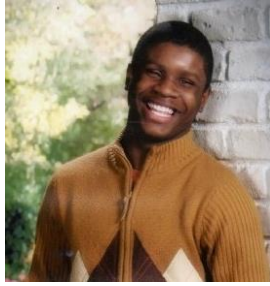
### **Book Signing with former Arch Street pastor Reverend Cole**

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 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.

### **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for Sunday, **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016** was 105 and for Grace Café 203. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

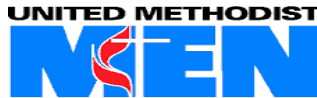




## A loss of a beloved young man

**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.



# 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 20<sup>th</sup>.*

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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 Grisco, 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*