

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**April 10, 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

April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Toccatina on Old 100th" Austin C. Lovelace

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN #173 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 30 (UMH 762)

\*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

Warren Cederholm

Acts 9:1-6

Revelation 5:11-14

CHORAL ANTHEM "Rejoice the Lord Is King" Joel Raney

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 21:1-19

SERMON "Follow Me"

Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

**HYMN # 378** “Amazing Grace”

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**AFFIRMING OUR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** “Elijah” arr. Haines

**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 #453** “More Love To Thee O, Christ”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Toccata”



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Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the Chapel office.*

**Worship Leader:** Remone Mundle

**Greeters:** Barbara Williams and Dale Shillito

**Nursery Attendant:** Guy McNeill

# *Calendar of Events*

**April 10, 2016 to April 18, 2016**

<b>SUN</b>	04/10	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
<b>MON</b>	04/11	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	04/12	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:00 Trustee Meeting
<b>WED</b>	04/13	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	04/14	5:00 Diversity - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas
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*Please see the events page on our web site: [www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org) for the full calendar of happenings.*

## **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 Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30..The readings for NEXT week are Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, and John 13:31-35.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## **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.

### **ASUMC Member and Economist Harold Glass Presents:**

"Is Wealth and Income Inequality Really as Great as Bernie Sanders Asserts?" Come hear Harold answer this question and maybe a question you have about the economy on **Sunday, April 24, 2016** at a special Get Acquainted Time. Harold, recently retired, taught economics at the University of the Sciences. He travels widely and has a seasoned perspective on the national and global economy. Please rsvp for this event by contacting the church office: 215 560 6250 or [secretary@archstreetumc.org](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org).

### **Blessed Event**

Congratulations to Jazzmen Cuevas, (and husband Bill), on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Chenelle Cuevas. Their beautiful baby girl was born on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:27 PM and weighed 7.11oz. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

## Recommended Reading on Confronting Racism

A total of 30 people shared their thoughts and feelings in response to the February Sunday Series entitled "Black Voices for Justice." The conversation was sincere and sacred – thanks to all who trusted the group and the process enough to speak openly and honestly. Everyone that attended the sessions agreed that an immediate next step is to encourage folks to read books and articles that speak to the issue of Racial Justice and to show up at POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild) meetings and events. Here are a few resources to consider:

White Privilege: Essential Readings on the Other Side of Racism – Paula S. Rothenberg

Uprooting Racism – Paul Kivel

Family Properties – Beryl Salter

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness – Michelle Alexander

Between the World and Me – Ta-Nehisi Coates

Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? – Beverly Danial Tatum

Killers of the Dream – Lillian Smith

A People's History of the United States – Howard Zinn

Blood Justice: The Lynching of Mack Charles Parker – Howard Smead

The Cost of Privilege – Chip Smith

The Magnolia Jungle: The Life, Times and Education of a Southern Editor: P.D. East and Mark Ethridge

## Grace Café

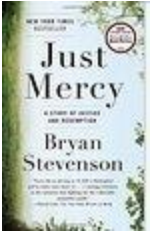
Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) is open **every Sunday** until July 3rd. After a brief period of faith, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by Yardley UMC. There are still openings in May and June for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 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.

## A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **April 3, 2016** was 126 and for Grace Café 225. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



## 2016 Calendar of Events



**Sunday May 15:** (We are meeting a week LATE to avoid Mother's Day). I postponed this one week because of the delay in discussing the last book I thought people would need more time to read this:

Book discussion of Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson. (UMW Reading Program category Social Action).

**Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>:** This is a week early to avoid the annual Gay Pride Day Parade. No book discussion.

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:** UMW Annual Potluck at Margaret's, 6PM All woman of the church are welcome. Call or email Margaret (215-568-2206 or [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com)) with any questions.

NO meeting in July

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Book discussion of Dreamers: An immigrant generation's fight for their American Dream by Ellen Truax.

## "A Fierce Kind of Love"

Please come and see our Cathy Simpson in **A Fierce Kind of Love**, on **Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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. **Margaret Harris has bought 25 tickets for Arch Street to attend.** They are going fast. Please contact Margaret if you would like to buy one. (215-568-2206 or [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com))

*A Fierce Kind of Love* is a collage of stories of Pennsylvania's Intellectual Disabilities' Rights Movement. Through words, movement and song, the play explores a remarkable history and celebrates the activism and fierce love that fuel the desire for dignity. *A Fierce Kind of Love* is performed by a mixed ability cast. All performances are ASL interpreted and CART captioned. *A Fierce Kind of Love* is for anyone who has ever wanted to be accepted, heard, or loved for who they are.

# POWER

POWER is launching a listening campaign as a first step in a new drive called "Live Free", our effort to address mass incarceration. We need to hear the stories of those living close to the pain. If you have a story of your own or a family member with any experience with the bail, jail, or prison system that you are willing to share in a private one on one conversation, contact our organizer Nicholas O'Rourke: [norourke@powerphiladelphia.org](mailto:norourke@powerphiladelphia.org). Listening is a key first step to any successful campaign.

Below is a 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!

***Please note**--there have been some changes to the POWER events for April and May listed below. All interested are invited to all events. (April 12 Legislative Assembly (POWER Quarterly Meeting) moved to 4/19 (April 13 Trip to Harrisburg moved to 4/21, see below)*

**April 13**, Poverty Summit Second Public Hearing, 4:00-7:00 PM at First UM Church of Germantown, 6001 Germantown Ave: We will share academic solutions to eliminate deep poverty in Philadelphia.

**April 14**, A Nation-wide "Day of Action" 3:30 PM to 5:00PM: POWER and many other groups concerned with economic dignity and a living wage will march from Broad and Cecil B. Moore to City Hall led by our POWER clergy.

**April 19** POWER Legislative Assembly: 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Harold O. Davis (4500 N. 10th St.) - The most recent Legislative Assembly was held at Arch Street Church in January and several hundred attended, including Mayor Kenney. This meeting keeps us all up-to-date on POWER and gets us refocused on doing God's work.

**April 21**, Trip to Harrisburg: Trip will involve an action to highlight state officials' immoral refusal to provide adequate funding for public schools. Details to be determined.

**April 29**, 7:00 PM at New Vision UM Church, 3259 N. Broad St.: POWER's Live Free Strategy Team (addressing mass incarceration) will host a "Stop-and-Frisk Town Hall" with Mayor Kenney and Police Commissioner Richard Ross.

Stay tuned for details on May POWER events. Please watch this space and visit the POWER website: [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org) for more information on above events. Questions? Please contact Pastor Robin, Betsy Connor (215-232-7186) or Nancy Megley.

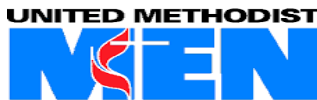


# Central District Clergy and Missionaries serving in Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointments!

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>



## 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 conference



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for *Pete Lattanzio, Helena & Jackie Yorke, 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 Encouragement:** for *Carla Brickhouse, 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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