

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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April 17, 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 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Preludium" Kaspar/Fischer

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #733 "Marching to Zion"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 23 (UMH 754)

*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

Rhonda Moore

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

CHORAL ANTHEM "Wade in the Water"

*GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30

SERMON "Surrounded" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

HYMN # 381 "Savior , Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Home" 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 #154** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Great Day" arr. Hampton



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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Calendar of Events

April 17, 2016 to April 25, 2016

- SUN** 04/17 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** 04/18 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 04/19 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 04/20 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 04/21 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
- FRI** 04/22 *Earth Day*
- SUN** 04/24 8:30 Worship Service - Chapel
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*Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org
for the full calendar of happenings.*

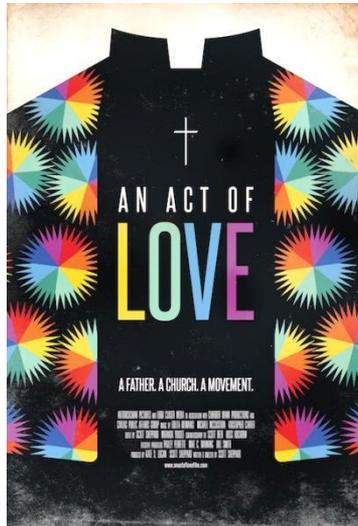
WHAT'S HAPPENING



Learn about the ministry of our Central District Global Mission Fellow US2 Rachel Ternes

The People's Garden is a place for neighbors of all ages to play, rest, grow and harvest fresh fruits and vegetables, organize, learn, and build community. Over the past year, North Philly neighbors, Serenity House, and other community members have been collaborating and organizing to transform a vacant lot into a community garden. We dream of a garden where neighbors could find nutritious food in the midst of a food desert, peace and safety in the midst of a city fraught with violence, and local pride and self-determination in a neighborhood threatened by disinvestment and displacement. Please [support this ministry by contributing](#) toward the purchase of seeds, seedlings, soil, tools, a rainwater collection system, food and supplies for work days, tuition for gardening education, and transportation of supplies. After you donate, please [sign up for occasional email updates](#) and come visit The People's Garden to see how you've helped our plants and our community flourish!

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE is at
10:30 AM instead of 11**



Featured will be the movie “AN ACT of LOVE”.

This award winning film follows Rev. Frank Schaefer who was put on trial in the United Methodist Church for officiating his son's same-sex wedding.

Marriage equality, is the law in all 50 States, but the U.S.'s 2nd largest protestant denomination is still sharply divided on this issue. This film will be a strategic and important tool used to elevate the conversation about LGBTQ rights the United Methodist Church. In May 2016, at the denomination's General Conference, there will be another chance for the rules of the UMC to change and allow for ordination of LGBTQ clergy and for same-sex marriage within the Church. This film was created with this critical turning point in mind. Simply put, this film is designed to reach as many Christian communities - liberal, conservative and everywhere in between - as possible. The conversation about LGBTQ rights within religious communities has often caused pain and division. This film brings all sides together to see the human side of this debate though the stories of those who have had to deal with the real consequences of their community's stance on this issue.

A discussion and dialogue will follow at our Get Acquainted Time.

POSTPONED:
ASUMC Member and Economist
Harold Glass Presents:

The special Get Acquainted Time "Is Wealth and Income Inequality Really as Great as Bernie Sanders Asserts?" has been postponed due to the showing of "An Act of Love". A date will be announced in the near future.

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 Swarthmore 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. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Sunday, **April 10, 2016** was 107 and for Grace Café 198. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

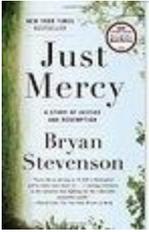
Sunday School

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 Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, and John 13:31-35. The readings for NEXT week are Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5, and John 14:23-29.





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:

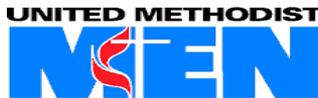
Book discussion of Just Mercy: a story of justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson. (UMW Reading Program category Social Action).

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

Friday, June 24th: UMW Annual Potluck at Margaret's, 6PM All women of the church are welcome. Call or email Margaret (215-568-2206 or margaretharris@me.com) with any questions.

NO meeting in July

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



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

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. 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 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 for more information on above events. Questions? Please contact Pastor Robin, Betsy Connor (215-232-7186) or Nancy Megley.

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.

Blessed Event: Congratulations to Jazzmen Cuevas, (and husband Bill), on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Chenelle Cuevas.

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*