

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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April 3, 2016
11:00 AM Service

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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 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "He Is Lord"

PRELUDE "March" Robin Dinda

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN # 315 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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

Margaret Harris

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1: 4-8

CHORAL ANTHEM

Siyahamba-South African

*GOSPEL John 20:19-31

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

I believe in God, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only child, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN # 331 "Holy Spirit"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Allegretto" Flor Peeters

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical setting on pages 23-24

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,

We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us all pray:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN # 181** "Ye Servants of God"

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE "Full Organ Fanfare"**

** Please stand, in body or spirit*

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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

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Calendar of Events

April 3, 2016 to April 11, 2016

- SUN** 04/03 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** 04/04 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 04/05 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 04/06 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 04/07 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas
- SAT** 04/02 2:00 Rev. Sue Cole's book signing
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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.

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) will be open **every Sunday** until July 3rd, 2016. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by Arch Street's own Marge Donnelly. 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.

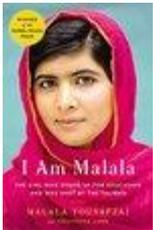


Wisdom's Feast Book Event

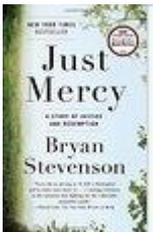
There will be a book-signing party for the 3rd edition of Wisdom's Feast, co-written by **Susan Cole**, Marian Ronan, and Hal Taussig, on **Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 in the Arch Street UMC Chapel**. The congregation is invited to celebrate this event. The book was originally published in 1989, and served as a backdrop to some of the early days of Rev. Cole's pastorate at Arch Street UMC,



2016 Calendar of Events



Sunday April 3: UMW meeting and book discussion of *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. (UMW reading program category: Leadership). **This is a change from the previously scheduled UMW meeting on April 10th**. I thought we ought to meet sooner than later so those of us who have read the book will still remember it!



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 woman 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.

"A Fierce Kind of Love"

Please come and see our Cathy Simpson in this play

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 performed by a mixed ability cast. All performances are ASL interpreted and CART captioned. Audio description available upon request. *A Fierce Kind of Love* is for anyone who has ever wanted to be accepted, heard, or loved for who they are.

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)

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 9:1-6 (7-20), Revelation 5:11-14, and John 21:1-19. The readings for NEXT week are Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30.

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!

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 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 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.

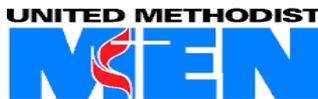
Please watch this space for more information as to times, locations, logistics. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Robin, Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186, or Nancy Megley.

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 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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