

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Sunday
May 15, 2016
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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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 McIlkwaine,/Ladonna Cuffee

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Hymnus" Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT "Hail Thee Festival Day"

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #475 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 104 (UMH 826)

*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

Juanita Campbell Ford

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

CHORAL ANTHEM "God is Our Refuge" Allen Pote

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 14:8-17 (25-27)

SERMON "Spirit of God" Guest speaker Kyle Wyman

HYMN # 347 "Spirit Song"

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Andante" Starling Goodwin

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 #539** "O Spirit of the Living God"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Cornet Voluntary" John Travers



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

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Mark McNeill

Calendar of Events

May 15, 2016 to May 23, 2016

- SUN** 05/15 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 UM Women's Meeting & Book club
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** 05/16 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 05/17 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
7:00 Trustee's Meeting
- WED** 05/18 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
6:00 Community Forum
- THUR** 05/19 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
- SUN** 05/22 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
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for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



General Conference Advocacy

Pastor Robin will join hundreds of other advocates for the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the United Methodist Church by attending the second week of General Conference in Portland, Oregon. Please pray that the General Conference delegates vote to open the doors of the church for real. Sunday, May 15, 2016 while Pastor Robin is away, Kyle Wyman will preach at all three services. Please come out to hear Kyle and to assemble all of the spiritual energy you can to move the church to a place of full inclusion.

Free Healthy Cooking and Eating Classes at Serenity House!



Trying to eat healthy on a budget? Join us at Serenity House (1209 W. Lehigh Ave.) for a free, six-week PEACH (People Eating and Cooking Healthy) cooking class! Come to as many of the six sessions as you can, and learn a new dish each time! This class is for adults,

but children may attend with a parent or guardian. Call Rachel at 503-475-2387 to sign up! Sessions are Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM: May 19, May 26, June 2, and June 9.

Why United Methodist General Conference?

History and highlights

Every four years, The United Methodist Church convenes at [General Conference](#). May 10-20, 864 delegates elected by their annual conferences—half of them [clergy](#) and half [laity](#)—will gather in Portland, Oregon, for the latest conference. They will consider [more than 1,000 petitions](#) that will order the [work of our churches](#), pastors, and agencies, and set official positions on a variety of subjects.

Our history

[John Wesley](#) first called Methodist preachers together in 1744 for a conference in London. When the Methodist movement spread to America, the preachers gathered there for the first time in Philadelphia in 1773.

During the Revolutionary War between England and the American colonies, many Anglican pastors returned home to England, causing a clergy shortage in the new nation. When the Methodists gathered for the [Christmas Conference in 1784](#), they formed a new church, The Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church preachers would continue to gather in conferences where they published the first [Book of Discipline](#) in 1785, and adopted their first constitution in 1808. In 1792, they decided to meet every four years, a practice we continue today!

Jacob Albright set out to spread Methodism to the German-speaking people of Pennsylvania. In 1803, those Methodist class meetings met in a conference where they ordained Albright to lead them. In the years that followed, they would name themselves the Evangelical Association, and would continue to hold conferences to lead the new church.

At about the same time, another group of German-speaking Pennsylvanians gathered under the leadership of William Otterbein and Martin Boehm. At their conference in 1800 they ordained bishops and organized themselves into a new church called Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and agreed to meet in annual “General Conferences.” Soon they would also move to a [quadrennial](#) (once every four years) cycle. The Evangelical Association and United Brethren in Christ would form the Evangelical United Brethren in 1946. Then in 1968, they would join with The Methodist Church—formed through a series of splits and unions of The Methodist Episcopal Church—to become The United Methodist Church.

General Conference highlights

Through the years, Methodists have met in General Conferences to make decisions about the life of the church, and to take stands on social issues.

Sometimes we have been a leading voice. Other times we have been a bit slower in our decision-making.

Abolishment of slavery: [Slavery was a social topic](#) discussed by The Methodist Episcopal Church almost from the very beginning. At General Conference of 1800, The Methodist Episcopal Church issued a pastoral letter on abolishing slavery, and passed legislation further reinforcing their rules that no Methodist preacher should be a slaveholder or slave trader. Slavery wouldn't be abolished in the United States until 1865.

Women clergy: Though the church had appointed [women to serve as class leaders](#) from the time of John Wesley, and ordained women as early as 1866, it wasn't until General Conference of 1956 that women received full clergy rights in The Methodist Church.

Education: UM bishops from Africa dreamed of a university that would educate young people from all over Africa. They brought the idea before the 1988 General Conference where it was overwhelmingly accepted, and [Africa University](#) (AU) was established. AU, the first private university in Zimbabwe, has graduated more than 4,000 students.

Global health: The 2008 General Conference showed the commitment of The UMC to global health with the establishment of [Imagine No Malaria](#). Nearly \$75 million have been raised and used to purchase mosquito nets, fund health facilities, train medical providers, and so much more. At General Conference 2016, we will [celebrate the culmination of the Imagine No Malaria campaign](#), even as we continue to work toward improving the health of all the world's people.

Where is God calling us to go from here?

The [theme of General Conference 2016](#) is "Therefore go..." These words begin Jesus' commission to us his followers: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20 CEB).

As we become a more global church with congregations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, we continue to discern how God is calling us to be the church in all nations. General Conference 2016 will consider legislation to make [The Book of Discipline more global](#), and in 2020 will consider a more global [Social Principles](#). Then in 2024, General Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. This will be the first General Conference to meet outside of the United States. For more information: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/why-united-methodist-general-conference-history-and-highlights>.

Trans-Health Conference: Volunteers Needed

Arch Street UMC is organizing volunteers to staff the Reconciling United Methodists' table at the Trans-Health Conference which is scheduled to be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from June 9 – 11, 2016. Visit the conference website - mazzonicenter.org/trans-health - to learn more about the mission and schedule for the conference. In order to demonstrate the commitment on the part of the Reconciling Congregations to the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church, a welcome table will be on display at the conference. Flowers, candy, brochures, pictures and a banner will provide visual interest but what is really needed is the personal touch. Pairs of volunteers are needed to take 3 ½ hour shifts staffing the table each of the three days of the conference. The approximate timing would be 8:30am to 12noon; 12noon to 3:30pm; and 3:30pm to 7pm. The first 3 ½ hour period on Thursday is covered but all of the other time slots need volunteers. Please contact secretary@archstreetumc.org to sign up for a time slot. A volunteer information sheet will be shared with each volunteer.



What's going on in the Serenity House Neighborhood?

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 going to: www.crowdrise.com/archstunitedmethodistchurch which will help 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 at: goo.gl/pnPJ87 and come visit The People's Garden to see how you've helped our plants and our community flourish!

Help bring about an LGBT inclusive UMC

WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE to bring about an LGBT inclusive United Methodist Church, so will you please SIGN UP before General Conference in three weeks as "Individual Reconciling United Methodists?" Do so by going to <http://bit.ly/RUMPerson> and registering right away.

YOUR OWN ACT OF LOVE:

GET INVOLVED WITH RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

- Become a Reconciling United Methodist by joining as a member at rmnetwork.org/join to receive all communications - especially General Conference-related announcements and needs.

- "Like" us on Facebook: facebook.com/rmnetwork

Follow us on Twitter: @rmnetwork

Follow us on Instagram: @rmnetwork

- Share your story on the RMN blog! Send your story of being LGBTQ in The UMC, becoming an ally, or why you believe it's time for change to blog@rmnetwork.org with a photo & a short bio.

- Send a letter to your delegate telling them why "It's Time" to vote for full inclusion at General Conference. Visit rmnetwork.org/itstime for more information.

Philly Pride Parade

The Philadelphia Pride Parade is scheduled to begin at 11:30am on Sunday, June 12, 2016. Our times for worship that Sunday will be 8:30am and 10:00am. After the 10:00am service everyone is welcome to join Pastor Robin in the parade. Other Reconciling Congregations will participate and be encouraged to come to ASUMC for worship that Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at 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: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5, and John 16:12-15 The readings for NEXT week are 1 Kings 18:20-39, Galatians 1:1-12, and Luke 7:1-10.

POWER

POWER Meetings and Actions in May

POWER furthers the causes of economic justice and good public education in several ways this month and in June. Please join us for any or all of the day-long Poverty Summit on May 19, at Voter Registration Training on May 26, and on an Arch Street Church trip to join POWER in Harrisburg on June 14 (or any other Tuesday from now through June 28). Details are below. Please contact Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186 or Nancy Megley at 215-574-8320.

Thursday May 19, The Poverty Summit—“Finding Philly Solutions to Philly Poverty”: This all-day conference will shine a spotlight on the problems of deep poverty in our city and call for bold and creative solutions. The summit will take place from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM at Community College of Philadelphia, 1700 Spring Garden Street. Visit <http://powerinterfaith.org/> to learn more and to register to attend.

Thursday May 26 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM (location TBD—please watch this space or call Betsy or Nancy)

Voter Engagement Training for Philadelphia Team Leads will be held. More information is coming soon. We will be focusing on voter registration. Reports from other congregations are that this is not nearly as labor intensive as our past Get Out The Vote phone banking and door-knocking has been. Our goal will be to register all of our church members and hold some community events to register new voters.

May 3–June 28: “Tabernacle Tuesdays”

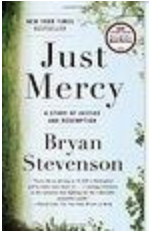
Every Tuesday from May 3 to June 28, POWER members will gather in Harrisburg for prophetic witness and action to call on the General Assembly (1) to pass a budget that provides for \$400 million in new education funding, (2) to be distributed fairly according to the Basic Education Funding Commission formula, and (3) an ontime budget. Pastor Robin and several of us are planning to go to the June 14 Tabernacle Tuesday. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know if you can go and if you need or can provide transportation.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for Mother’s Day Sunday, **May 8, 2016** was 104, and for Grace Café 198. 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). **What's the book about?**

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machinations, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

JUST MERCY is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice.

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.

New Freedom Theatre presents the world premier "The Ballad of Trayvon Martin"

*A poetic docudrama with music, inspired by the tragic event
of Trayvon Martin's death.*

Cathy would like to create a group of people to attend on May 21 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Cathy Simpson at 215 73-6787 or email: catactsimpson@gmail.com if you would like to attend!

Grace Café

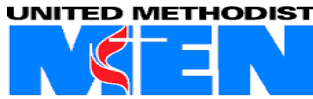
Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) is open **every Sunday** until July 3rd. After a brief period of faith, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by Arch Street's own Warren Cederholm and Don Caskey. There are still openings in May and June for hosts to bring 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.



Birth Announcements

Congratulations to sexton Ladonna Cuffee on the birth of her son Ryan who was born on April 29th. Ryan weighed in at 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Mother and son are doing fine. Blessings and best wishes to LaDonna and Ryan!

Congratulations to Phil and Jen Gressman on the birth of their son Henry. While we are waiting for details of Henry's birth, Phil did say that mother and son were doing fine. Details to follow. Many blessings and well wishes to Phil, Jen and little Henry!



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.

Take me out to the ballgame...

Want a great place to spend a warm, cozy mid-July night, with just the right mix of laid-back calm and moments of competitive drama and excitement? A fun place to hang with family, friends and fellow church members, where you can all get your cheer on? How about a **Phillies ballgame at Citizens Bank Park on Methodist Night?**

Join hundreds of Eastern PA folks from across our conference at the ballpark to root for the home team on **Saturday, July 16, at 7:05 p.m.** Come see the Philadelphia Phillies play (and yes, beat) the New York Mets. The conference **United Methodist Men** have once again arranged for us to buy discounted tickets, with \$10 of each ticket we buy supporting their men's ministries.

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$38. Check out our "Methodist Night" Webpage at www.phillies.com/methodist. To order your tickets, click on the green "T" icon and enter the promotion code **METHODIST**. **Place your order now! Tickets are subject to availability.**

EPAUMC Cabinet proposes redistricting in 6 town hall meetings

Bishop Peggy Johnson, with her Cabinet and staff, completed scheduled town hall meetings in all six districts in April to present their proposal to reduce the conference's six districts to four. And while the proposal's primary objective is to reduce costs in the face of shrinking resources, it offers ideas for enhancing ministry as well.

Bishop Johnson prefaced her presentation with highlights of ministries across the conference worth celebrating and then offered her rationale for redistricting. She shared extensive information that, despite the vibrancy of our ministries, showed our decline in the number of churches, local church membership and connectional finances. While several solutions were considered, the best long-term solution offered was the reduction in districts. **Learn more...**

<https://www.epaumc.org/news-information/bishop-peggy-johnson/2016/05/cabinet-proposes-redistricting-in-6-town-hall-meetings>

Peace with Justice Sunday is coming May 22

The Peace with Justice Sunday offering supports deserving ministries across the U.S. and around the world. But each annual conference may retain one-half of its offering to provide grants to local applicants who strive to achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- Assist United Methodists in understanding and responding to violence and militarism;
- Involve United Methodists in efforts to end global conflicts and violent aggression;
- Promote just national and international policies and actions seeking to restore communities and respond to the disproportionate effect of injustices on racial and ethnic people; and
- Support policies that promote systematic economic justice and the self-development of peoples.

On **Peace with Justice Sunday** and everyday may we search for peace. May we hear and respond to cries for justice. And may we actively pursue Christ's ministry of reconciliation.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Jazzy, Molly McNeill, Cheryl Roebuck, Helena & Jackie Yorker, 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, 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 *Louis Darnaby, 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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