

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Trinity Sunday May 22, 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

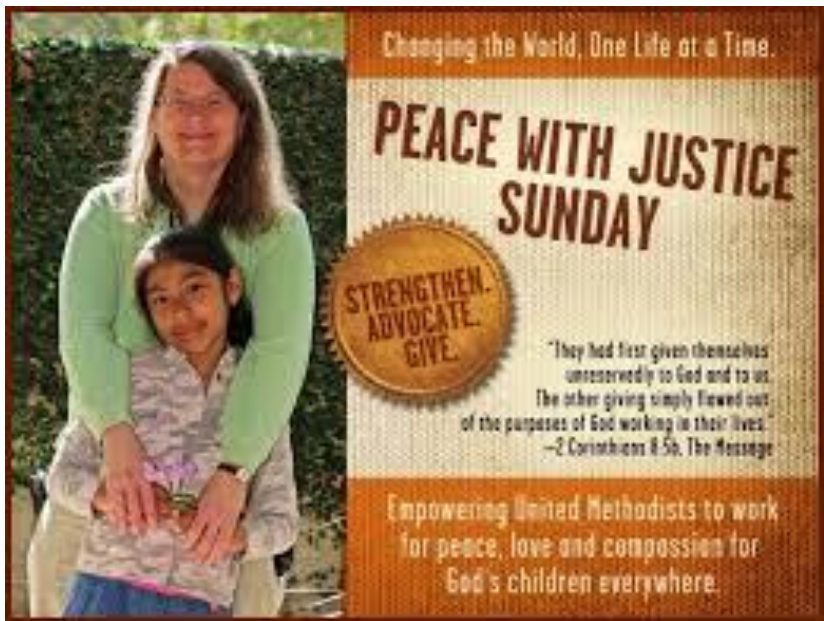
Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Carla Brickhouse, Anne McCormick

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/

Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine,/Ladonna Cuffee



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

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Calendar of Events

May 22, 2016 to May 30, 2016

- SUN** 05/22 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** 05/23 1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
- TUE** 05/24 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 05/25 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
6:30 Church Council Meeting
- THUR** 05/26 5:00 Diversity - Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN** 05/29 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
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- MON** 05/30 **Office Closed** for *Memorial Day*
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal

Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org
for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Sunday

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.

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.

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 26, June 2 & June 9.

Trans-Health Conference: Volunteers Still 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.

Volunteers are needed for the following time slots:

Thursday June 9th (3:30 – 7pm)

Friday June 10th (8:30 – 12noon) (12:30 – 3:30) (3:30 – 7pm)

Saturday June 11th (8:30 – 12noon) (12:30 – 3:30) (3:30 – 7pm)

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: 1 Kings 18:20-39, Galatians 1:1-12, and Luke 7:1-10. The readings for NEXT week are



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.

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.

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 on time 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.

This past Tuesday a bold POWER leader faced his own unease about confronting state legislators who are neglecting our children by underfunding public schools. As he said in an email afterwards: "I acted in spite of my reservations because I wanted this to be something people would remember. I don't care about looking reasonable in front of people who are proud or being unreasonable...we must continue to fight for what we believe in."

Please join us on **June 14th** or on **June 30th** as an Arch Street contingent bears witness to the child neglect of our state senators and representatives. Contact Betsy, Nancy (phone numbers above) or Pastor Robin.

Time to think about Summer Camp

Information about Gretna Glen, Carson Simpson Farm and Pocono Plateau Summer Camps is available in the Church office or online at:

www.gretnaglen.org, www.csfarm.org, and www.poconoplateau.org.

Upcoming Sunday events

June 5th – Choir Appreciation Day

June 12th – Gay Pride Parade

June 19th – Father’s Day

June 25 – Church Picnic



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.

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 the Unity Fellowship Church. There are still openings in 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.

EPAUMC Cabinet proposed redistricting

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>



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.**

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, **May 15, 2016** was 95, and for Grace Café 225. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



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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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*