

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**Sunday**  
**May 8, 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

May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Diapason Movement" John Keeble

CHORAL INTROIT "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN #247 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 97 (UMH 816)

\*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

Rachel Ternes

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Over My Head"

African American Spiritual

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 17:20-26

**SERMON** "One In The Spirit" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

**HYMN # 363** "And Can it Be that I Should Gain"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **AFFIRMING OUR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** "Moderato" 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 #731** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Voluntary in D Minor" William Croft



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

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Barbara Williams and Dale Shillito

**Nursery Attendant:** Mark McNeill

# *Calendar of Events*

**May 8, 2016 to May 15, 2016**

<b>SUN</b>	05/08	<i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 1:00 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>	05/09	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Freedom Band rehearsal
<b>TUE</b>	05/10	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	05/11	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:00 Community Forum
<b>THUR</b>	05/12	5:00 Diversity - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nicholas Hall
<b>SUN</b>	05/15	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Choir rehearsal, choir loft 1:00 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

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for the full calendar of happenings.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## **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 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, and June 9.

## **Join Rev. Frank Schaefer & Rev. Mike Tupper for National Tent Night**

On Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> support the LGBTQ community , put up a tent at your home, your church, your Wesley Foundation or join us at the UMC General Conference in Portland, OR for the National Tent Night . F or more information go to [www.opendoorsumc.com](http://www.opendoorsumc.com) or find us on Facebook at National Tent Night .

## **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](http://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](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org) to sign up for a time slot. A volunteer information sheet will be shared with each volunteer.

## **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](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org).

## **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.



## 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/archstunitedmethodistchurc](http://www.crowdrise.com/archstunitedmethodistchurc) 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](http://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](http://rmnetwork.org/join) to receive all communications - especially General Conference-related announcements and needs.
- "Like" us on Facebook: [facebook.com/rmnetwork](https://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](http://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](http://rmnetwork.org/itstime) for more information.

# POWER

## POWER Meetings and Actions in May

POWER has plenty of work for us this month! Please consider supporting the Economic Justice team by coming to the Poverty Summit on May 19, the Education team by traveling to Harrisburg any Tuesday from now through the end of June, and Arch Street's POWER Local Organizing Committee by attending POWER's Action Team meeting this Tuesday May 10. Here are the details, and contact Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186 or Nancy Megley at 215-574-8320 for more information.

***Tuesday May 10, Action Team meeting:*** This is the monthly gathering of POWER members from around the city to review progress with the Education, Economic Justice, and Live Free (mass incarceration) campaigns and plan our next steps. The meeting takes place at Second Baptist Church of Germantown, 6459 Germantown Ave, from 6:30–9:00 PM (pizza from 6:00–6:30). The SEPTA #23 bus runs right past the church (Upsall Street stop) and Betsy will take riders if you let her know in advance that you are going.

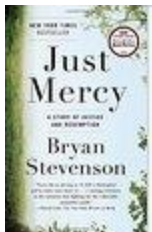
***Thursday May 19, The Poverty Summit—“Finding Philly Solutions to Philly Poverty”:*** This all-day conference will shine a spotlight on the problems of deep poverty in our city and call for bold and creative solutions. The summit will take place from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM at Community College of Philadelphia,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

***May 3–June 28, “Tabernacle Tuesdays”:*** Every Tuesday from May 3–June 28, POWER members will gather in Harrisburg for prophetic witness and action to call on the General Assembly to (1) pass a budget that provides for \$400 million in new education funding, (2) distribute the funding fairly according to the Basic Education Funding Commission formula, and (3) finish the budget on time. Contact Graie Barasch-Hagans, POWER's Education organizer, at 314-243-2110 or [arhagans@powerphiladelphia.org](mailto:arhagans@powerphiladelphia.org) to sign up, and let him know if you need or can provide transportation.





## 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 brinkmanship—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 24<sup>th</sup>:** 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](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.

## 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. I 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](mailto: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 the gracious members of Emilie 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.



## Birth Announcements

Congratulations to sexton Ladonna Cuffee on the birth of her son Ryan who was born on April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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

## **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 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, and John 14:8-17 (25-27). The readings for NEXT week are Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5, and John 16:12-15.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for those who made it through the congestion of the Broad Street Run Sunday, **May 1, 2016** was 80, and for Grace Café 189. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

## **Thank you to Arch Street UMC**

Carla Brickhouse and The Fulton family would like to thank everyone at Arch Street who has helped them through this very difficult time. Carla thanks you for your continued comfort, support, and understanding.

## Philadelphia Voices Of Pride

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Karl Jenkins

# THE ARMED MAN

## A Mass for Peace

**Saturday - MAY 21, 2016 - 8pm**

Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral - 19 S. 38th St, Philadelphia, PA

VIP Experience - \$40 | General - \$25 | Student - \$10 [with Student I.D.]

Ticket & Event Information available at [www.pvop.org](http://www.pvop.org)





The celebration of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, but the mother of Mother's Day in the United States was Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a Methodist from West Virginia

On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Ann's death, a program was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and in Philadelphia, subsequently, the church observed Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May each year, making Andrews the mother church of Mother's Day.

For the first official Mother's Day service in 1908, Anna sent 500 white carnations to the church to be given to the participating mothers. During the next several years, she sent more than 10,000 carnations there. Carnations -- red for the living and white for the deceased -- became symbols of the purity, strength and endurance of motherhood. In her campaign to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday, Anna called on clergymen, business leaders and politicians for help. Those included John Wanamaker, who presided over a Mother's Day service in the 5,000-seat auditorium of his Philadelphia store on May 10, 1908. More than 15,000 reportedly tried to attend the event, where Anna spoke for more than an hour.

The first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by West Virginia's governor in 1910. The day was celebrated in most states in 1911. In 1914, the U.S. House and Senate approved a resolution proclaiming the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson endorsed it, and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan proclaimed it.

Today, countries around the world celebrate Mother's Day. Some -- including Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium -- have joined the United States in observing it on the second Sunday in May. She died in 1948 at age 84 and was buried in Philadelphia. On the day of the funeral, the bell on Andrews Church in Grafton tolled 84 times in her honor.

# **Possible changes ahead in our districts and conference**

## *A letter from Bishop Peggy Johnson*

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.

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: Molly McNeill, Cheryl Roebuck, *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 *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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