

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

-Psalms 25:4-5

September 18, 2016
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Nikki Kelley Kleinberg, David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

September 18, 2016

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts N. Prince

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Come Thou Fount"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #399 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE PSALM # 79: 1-9 pg. 741

*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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 Timothy 2:1-7

CHORAL ANTHEM "What Gift Can We Bring?" See page 4

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13

SERMON “Come What May” Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN # 375 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Free in Him” Haines

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #354** “I Surrender All”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Voluntary” John Stanley

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



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Nancy Megley and Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

What Gift Can We Bring?

Words and Music by JANE MARSHALL

Congregation join in stanza 4:

4. This gift we now bring, this
pres - ent, this to - ken, these
words can con - vey it, the
joy of this day! When grate-ful we
come, re - mem - bering, re -
joic - ing, what song we now
of - fer in hon - or and praise!

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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Calendar of Events

September 18 to September 26, 2016

SUN	09/18	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Children's Sunday School 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	09/19	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	09/20	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	09/21	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall 6:30 Church Council, Chapel
THUR	09/22	5:00 Diversity Group, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SUN	09/25	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Children's Sunday School 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	09/26	1:00 Tea & Talk - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING



New Time for Children's Sunday School

NEW TIME for our Children's Sunday School. Starting **today** Sunday, September 18th children will meet at **11AM** in Nichols Hall. New curriculum with lots of fun.

Interpreting God's Call: A Mentoring Program of Arch Street United Methodist Church

What social issues are you called to address? Who are you called to stand with in the struggle for justice? How will you grow your experience, compassion, and capacity to make change in the world? Explore these questions through a year-long, part-time mentoring program for young adults ages 18 to 25 discerning a call to service and social justice.

Experience trainings, one-on-one mentoring, and peer group community building, while serving in a specific context addressing living wage, mass incarceration, education reform, racial justice, immigration reform, or homelessness.

People of all faith traditions, genders, and sexual orientations are welcome and encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, visit bit.ly/youcalledprogram

Grace Café Opens Today

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) is open **every Sunday** through the end of June. After a brief period of faith, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by folks at Arch Street Church. There are still openings 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@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

Adjourned Session of Annual Conference

All Delegates to Annual Conference are encouraged to register online by September 23 for the 2016 Adjourned Session of Annual Conference at Bethany UMC Macungie, Pa.

Members will ratify the 2017 Conference Budget, hear more about a proposed new apportionment formula for funding ministry, and vote on these resolutions:

- A redistricting proposal (previewed in April) to reduce districts from six to four and save about \$400,000 a year in conference spending.
- Revised Safe Sanctuaries policies.
- A proposed new Computer Network and Internet Access Policy to ensure safe and responsible usage.
- A proposed Ad-Hoc Study Committee to Evaluate Alternative Fair Voting Methods for Electing Members to Committees and Delegations.
- The annual Comprehensive Funding Plan for clergy and staff benefit obligations.

Onsite registration is at 8:30 AM. Worship and Holy Conferencing begins at 9 AM. Session ends by 3:30 PM. A special offering will be received to fund scholarships for clergy and laity to attend Changing Racism Workshops. Devotions will be led by the Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor of Tindley Temple UMC, Philadelphia. Lunch items will be available for sale by the church, though there will be no formal lunch break; bring your own snacks. Gently used clergy shirts, stoles and robes for clergy in Africa will be collected – donation bins will be available in the registration area.



2 Million Eligible Pennsylvanians Are Not Registered to Vote!

Are You One of Them?

On **Sunday, September 25**, Arch Street's POWER Local Organizing Committee will hold a special Get Acquainted Time after the 11:00 service where you can:

- Have a bite to eat and re-connect with church friends
- Register (or re-register) to vote
- Find out if you are registered – and sign up if you are not
- Volunteer to help register Grace Café guests on September 25 and October 2

We will also be registering voters in the Serenity House neighborhood in North Philadelphia and can use your help:

- Saturday, September 24: Corner of Germantown & Lehigh and Broad & Lehigh, 10 AM -noon

For more information and to volunteer, please speak with Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, betsyfconnor@gmail.com) or Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, nmegley@msn.com).

Thank you for supporting POWER in this important work!

LGBTQ WEEKEND in the POCONOS

All LGBTQ persons are invited to the fun weekend in Canadensis, PA on October 28-30, 2016. The Chalet includes a game room and hot tub. Also planned is an exploration of "Homosexuality in the Bible." The cost is \$80. per person, which includes two evenings in the beautiful chalet, two breakfasts, one lunch, and one supper. Shared transportation will be arranged. One dinner and one lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant. Financial assistance for those requesting it is available. Please contact Mike Gilbertson or Herb Snyder for more information and to make a reservation, which includes a \$30.00 deposit. Space is limited, so please don't delay on this!



The Arch St. United Methodist Women invite you to join us. You do not have to be a member of Arch St. UMC or United Methodist Women to come. All women are welcome. Don't know anything about United Methodist Women? We welcome new ideas and newcomers. Questions? Contact Margaret Harris at margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206.

Looking ahead, the Arch Street United Methodist Women will meet on the following dates in 2016:

Sunday October 2 (book discussion of Dreamers)

Sunday November 13 (book discussion of Girls of Kabul) and introduction of Advent study

Sunday December 11th- Advent study, led by Wilhelmina Young.

In addition, we invite you to participate in

Saturday November 19: Nationalities Service Center Thanksgiving Celebration and Welcome for Refugees, 1216 Arch Street.

Saturday in December (date TBD) Holiday Party for our neighbors, the mother and children residing in the Eliza Shirley Shelter.

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 scriptures readings for today's class Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, 1 Timothy 6: 6-19, and Luke 16:19-31. The readings for NEXT week are Lamentations 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, and Luke 17:5-10.

See Cathy Simpson perform for free! Yes, really!

Arch Street's own fabulous star of stage and screen, Cathy Simpson, will be performing in Revolution Shakespeare's *King John*, as part of the Fringe Festival In Hawthorne Park (located at 12th and Catherine) September 21 to October 1st. The performances are FREE and you do not need tickets or reservations.

Politics, Intrigue, Murder, War – this *King John* is set in a future world after the collapse of civilization. A corrupt “ruling class” has seized power and is now embroiled in a vicious struggle for total dominance. Through the midst of this mayhem strides ‘Philip the Bastard’, one of Shakespeare’s most dashing and delightful characters, who, with a deadly sword and a healthy dose of humor, saves the honor of his country.

The schedule of performances is as follows:

Preview: September 23 at 6:30 pm
Regular run: September 24 at 6:30pm,
September 25 at 1:00 pm
September 28 at 6:30 pm
September 29 at 6:30 pm
September 30 at 6:30 pm
October 1 at 6:30 pm

You are of course welcome to attend any of the performances, but I am suggesting Arch Streeters join me for the September 30th performance. It would be fun to go together. Bring something to sit on! Questions? contact Margaret Harris at margaretharris@me.com.

Opportunity Knocks Meeting Postponed Stay tuned for new date

The meeting and conversation to advocate for worker rights, and about the hotel construction across the street has been postponed.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, **September 11th**, was 138
Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in
our community. Thank you



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Chris Whaley, Sarah Rowe, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Margaret Harris, Geraldine Bradley, Bill Gatewood, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Molly McNeill, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, Deanna Cottom, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, Roxy Setzer, Jim Griscol, Gloria Young, Russell Whaley, Tanya Graves, Dorothy Hurley, 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, 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 *Pat Taylor, Steven Whaley, Qing-Song Chen, 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, Carla Brickhouse, Alexander Grant, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, for 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

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