

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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AND HE SAID, "MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH YOU,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

HAVE A RESTFUL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 4, 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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

September 4, 2016

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN # 152 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*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

Rhonda Moore

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1-21

*GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

"The Price of Life"

Reverend Warren Cederholm Guest speaker

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 #377

"It is Well with My Soul"

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, and 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

***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! 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 Our Father, let us pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kin-dom 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 Kin-dom, 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 #159** “Lift High the Cross”

***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**

** Please stand, in body or spirit*

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



Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

Guest Musician: Marianne Lipson

Calendar of Events

September 4 to September 15, 2016

SUN	09/04	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 2:00 No Unity Fellowship Church Service
MON	09/05	<i>Labor Day, Church Closed</i> 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	09/06	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	09/07	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	09/08	5:00 Diversity Group, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SUN	09/11	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:00 Get Acquainted Time, Chapel 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
MON	09/12	1:00 Tea & Talk - Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	09/13	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	09/14	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	09/15	5:00 Diversity Group, 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



Connecting Children with Christ A new training event for Children's Ministry leaders

On Sept 10, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00p.m. The Eastern PA Conference will make children our priority by offering training for adults involved in all forms of Children's Ministry.

"Connecting Children with Christ"

Welcomes anyone who teaches, supervises, advocates for, or works with children in any role—from classroom to choir loft, from nursery to playground, from children's church to kids' camp. This event is ideal for anyone who seeks to connect children with Christ Jesus as their personal guide, friend and savior, and to remove any hindrance to their safety and development. Questions? Contact: Elizabeth Christie:

Elizabeth.d.christie@gmail.com **Hurry! Deadline is Sept 7th.**

Special Birthday

Our friend and member, Evelyn Tinsley will be 93 years old on September 11, 2016. The Women's Prayer Ministry asks that you shower Evelyn with birthday cards. She has not been able to make it to church and misses it immensely. Please send her a card:

Ms. Evelyn Tinsley
Centennial Center, Room 305
4400 W. Girard Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19104



THE NATIONAL LGBTQ TASK FORCE INVITES YOU TO QUEERING RACIAL JUSTICE!

Racism and heterosexism share much in common. As people of God, we need to stand against forces of privilege and dehumanization where ever they manifest themselves. Come to this training to learn about how white privilege and heterosexual privilege "intersect" with one another. This training will be critically important for Reconciling United Methodists as we seek to broaden our support base in our EPA conference. It is sponsored by the National LGBTQ Task Force and it will be held at the African American Museum in Philadelphia. Please encourage your church members/friends to attend this event. Find out more about the event here: <http://www.thetaskforce.org/qrji.html> Click on the registration link to sign up.

Now is the time to deepen our intersectional organizing skills! Join us for a day of learning, storytelling and skill building for queer and ally people of color and white folks who want to build their anti-racist skills and explore applying these in the LGBTQ movement and beyond.

Join us and scores of other people from Philadelphia who care deeply about creating change in our communities.

Saturday, September 10, 2016

9:00AM-6:00PM

The Philadelphia African American Museum

701 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Workshops will be offered on Islamophobia, economic justice, decriminalization, coalition building, being a better ally to transgender people, working through white privilege, and sustaining ourselves and each other.

Bring your family, your faith community, your colleagues and classmates! This day of teaching and learning will enrich us and prepare us for more action towards justice.

POWER

Register to Vote, and Help Others Get Registered!

Did you know:

- If you are registered to vote but you have not voted in the past 5 years, your name has been dropped from the rolls and you will need to re-register
- If you are registered but you have moved or your name has changed since the last time you voted, you will need to re-register
- If you have a prior felony conviction, you are eligible to vote but will need to reregister

If any of the above applies to you, Arch Street's Voter Registration team can help you get registered! Watch for event dates in the coming weeks.

Also, we will be registering voters at MLK High School and in the Serenity House neighborhood in North Philadelphia, and can use your help. Training will be provided. Here are the dates:

- Monday, September 5 (Labor Day): Serenity House, 1209 West Lehigh Ave., 4-8 PM
- Thursday, September 9: Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, 6100 Stenton Ave., 10 AM-3 PM (all or part of the time)
- Monday, September 12: Social Security/welfare office, 2929 N. Broad St., 9 AM-11 AM
- 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!

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 are Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, 1 timothy 1:12-17, and Luke 15:1-10. The readings for NEXT week are Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1, 1Timothy 2:1-7, and Luke 16:1-13.

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!

You Called?

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



The Arch St. United Methodist Women invite you to join us on **Sunday, September 11th** for our first meeting of the fall.

As usual, we will meet immediately after the 11 am service in the 2nd floor conference room for about an hour and a half. You do not have to be a member of Arch St. UMC or United Methodist Women to come. All women of the church are welcome at this meeting. Don't know anything about United Methodist Women? Here's your chance to find out more. And yes, there will be food for the body as well as the soul. We will be discussing our plans for the year, including book selections, excursions, and activities. We welcome new ideas and newcomers. Hope to see you Sunday Sept. 11th! Questions? Contact Margaret Harris at margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206.

We will also be distributing the book Dreamers, which will be our discussion topic at our next meeting on Sunday October 2. Can't come to the September 11th meeting, but want a copy of the book? See Margaret.

Hope to see you Sunday Sept. 11th! 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 September 11

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.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, **August 28, 2016**, was 103. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you

Arch Street United Methodist Church
is hosting a

Lupus

Education Conference and Luncheon

55 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Saturday, September 17, 2016
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

COST OF CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON: \$20.00

COST OF CONFERENCE: \$10:00

At this Conference, we will be honoring the memory of:

Weslia Hynicka

Robin Whaley

The following elected officials will be in attendance and a group
of professionals will disseminate information about Lupus:

Governor Tom Wolf (tentatively)

Bishop Peggy Johnson

Rep. James Roebuck, Honorary Chairperson

Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell

and the presenters will be:

Dr. Sally Pullman Moorar

Dr. David Verbofsky

Ms. Cheri M. Perron – Lupus Foundation

*To reserve tickets and for more information,
please call Virginia Brown
at 215-240-1148.*



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, 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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