

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**November 20, 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, Frank Jones, Russell Whaley/*

*Devon Goodwin/Toni McIlwaine*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

November 20, 2016

Last Sunday after Pentecost

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN # 435 "O God of Every Nation"

### OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE READING # 208 Luke 1:68-79

\*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 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

ANTHEM "We Praise Thee Oh God"

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\*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:39-43

SERMON "Who are you With" Rev. Nicholas O'Rourke

**HYMN # 451**            “Be Thou My Vision”

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**AFFIRMING OUR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**            Andante Elegiaco   Flor Peters

**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 # 419**        “I am Thine, O Lord”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**        Andante con Moto e Maestoso   Flor Peters

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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:** Frankie Dineen



# Calendar of Events

## November 20 to November 30, 2016

<b>SUN</b>	11/20	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
<b>MON</b>	11/21	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUES</b>	11/22	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	11/23	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	11/24	<b>Thanksgiving Church Closed</b> 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>FRI</b>	11/25	<b>Office Closed</b> 2:00 Mobley luncheon
<b>SUN</b>	11/27	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
<b>MON</b>	11/28	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>TUES</b>	11/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
<b>WED</b>	11/30	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## **The Rev. Nicolas V. O'Rourke is today's guest speaker**

A native son of Indianapolis, Indiana, The Rev. Nicolas V. O'Rourke is the Assistant Pastor of Worship & Liturgical Arts at the Living Water United Church of Christ in Oxford Circle and a Faith Based Community Organizer for POWER. Since joining POWER's Staff, his focus has been towards dismantling the crippling effects of Mass Incarceration and Police Brutality on people of color and combating Islamophobia within the city of Philadelphia. Rev. O'Rourke studied Adolescent/Young Adult Education at Central State University in Wilberforce, OH as well as Ministry & Leadership at Crossroads Bible College in Indianapolis. He is currently pursuing studies in Urban Ministry & Leadership at the Lancaster Bible College: Center for Urban Theological Studies in Philadelphia with intentions to further his studies towards a Master's in Divinity. Rev. O'Rourke is a recognized licensed and ordained minister within several denominations and fellowships, working across wide ranging lines of thinking to highlight common ground in Christ for all people. As a strong proponent of social justice & spiritual awareness, Rev. O'Rourke considers himself a "Sacred Activist" and contends for the rights of people with the guidance of God. Rev. O'Rourke is married to his dearest Wife, Mrs. T. Leslie O'Rourke and is a proud God-Father, Uncle, Son, & Servant.

## **Robeson County Church Needs Your Help**

The Robeson County Church and Community Center in Lumberton, NC was under water due to flood waters from the Lumber River. The Center and the people that work there are well known to Arch Street UMC. For the last eight years, ASUMC Youth have traveled to Lumberton and Pembroke NC to work alongside local leaders on various church and community improvement projects. The Center is the heart and soul of working with the poor of Robeson County – the poorest county in NC. The United Methodist Church is the driving force behind the Center’s work. In a conversation, with Pastor Kelly (local leader), he stated that funds and volunteers are desperately needed to clean up and restore the Center so they can resume and upgrade service. The ASUMC Youth are so close to this NC community and ask for your help. Pastor Robin has set a stretch goal of \$8,000 to be raised before Christmas. Gifts can be made to this special cause in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please use the special offering envelope inserted in the bulletin. Checks should be made out to Arch Street UMC with the words ***Flood Relief*** on the memo line.

### **A Place for Javier**

Last week we welcomed Javier Flores Garcia in to safe sanctuary at Arch Street to prevent his deportation. This is a moment in history and a precious opportunity to do something prophetic and faithful. Javier will be living at ASUMC. We will make provisions for family, friends and supporters to visit throughout his stay with us. Javier was the breadwinner in the family. If you would like to assist his family please donate to any of the three organizations indicating your donation is to go to his family.

<http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/get-involved>

<http://vamosjuntos.org/>

<http://archstreetumc.org/>

## Children's Christmas Party!



On **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **2 to 4 PM** we will celebrate Christmas with our neighbors from the Eliza Shirley shelter. Please mark your calendar to help us set up (any time from 10AM on) and/or help at the party. We also love to get homemade cookies or cash donations to buy food and decorations. It is always fun to watch the children playing games (led by Pastor Robin) and choosing toys. Please call Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186 to help



## Hanging of the Greens

**Next Sunday, just after the 11:00am service**, come and help us decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Please plan on staying and helping as more hands make less work. So many of our youth are off at college so your assistance is greatly needed.

## 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 Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, and Matthew 24:36-44. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, and Matthew 3:1-12.

## Center City Residents Association Sacred Spaces Tour



On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm, Arch Street UMC will be part of a tour of Center City Churches. Ever wonder what's behind those closed doors of Liberti Church and First Baptist Church (at the First Baptist Church Building) 123 S. 17th St, or Saint Mark's Episcopal Church at 1625 Locust Street. Visit many more along this great tour. More information to follow.

Orders for the **Christmas Garden** will start next week. Prices are \$10 for 6 blooms and \$15 for 12 blooms. Remember friends and family in our Poinsettia Garden.



### Next Sunday is United Methodist Student Day

#### Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So although you can't meet every need you'd like to, your giving allows members of Christ's body, people like Ricky, to do it in Jesus' name.





## Do You Need Post-Election Therapy?

Are you depressed because your candidate lost? Sad at how divided our country is?

As always, the best way to move through it is 1) give to God all that you cannot control and 2) get involved. As people of God we know that helping others lightens our own burdens.

POWER members (now 60 interfaith congregations in and around Philadelphia) are determined to protect the incredible progress we have made and to move forward on our core issues of public education, living wages, and mass incarceration.

The POWER monthly meeting this past Tuesday had an overflow crowd of people of faith looking to God and each other for support and hope. We found both in serious discussion and planning. Our plans will succeed with enough active congregations supplying enough members committed to all of God's people, especially the least among us. Also needed are funds to pay for staff, buses, meeting space, etc. that any successful social justice organization needs.

Please join POWER by making a contribution of your time and effort to keep the good work going. Please donate to fund us. And, of course, please pray for us.

To hear more about POWER and how to get involved please call or talk to:

Wilhelmina Young at 215-227-4034

Nancy Megley at 215-749-2392

Betsy Connor at 215-232-7186



The Arch St. United Methodist Women invite you to join us. You do not have to be a member of Arch St. UMC.

**Upcoming:**

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.

Saturday December 10th Holiday Party for our neighbors, the mother and children residing in the Eliza Shirley Shelter.

Questions? See Margaret Harris.

[margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or 215-568-2206

## **Grace Café NOW Open**

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. Tonight's meal is from Yardley UMC. 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 [gracecafe Philly@gmail.com](mailto:gracecafe Philly@gmail.com) Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for last Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> was 180 and Grace Café was 181. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Russ Alexander, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthis Dupree, Marion Ambrose, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, Sarah Rowe, Mat Hearn, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Geraldine Bradley, Bill Gatewood, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, Deanna Cottom, D. Nicholas Tyrone Christy, Virgil Watson, 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:** *Prince Chinedu Onyeneke, 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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## **Parking**

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for the Convention Center self-park next door. You must show the number on your ticket and give your name at our office to receive your coupon.*