

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**November 27, 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, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

Toni McIlwaine

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

November 27, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Adante Cantiabile Flor Peters

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT #551 "Awake O Sleeper"

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN #196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: The grace of God is coming.

All: Bringing justice, hope, peace, love and salvation to all!

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: We have promised to follow a Savior who conquered evil and even death for everyone. For that reason, our message of love must be for all people in our community. Around us, we have people who are poor and rich, those who are from "here" and those from "there," those who share our skin color and those who don't. There are some who speak Spanish, English, or another language; all are beloved by God. Jesus Christ came to show us all how to love. This Advent, let us pray to see the church, the nation and the world united beyond race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation. Let us unite to eliminate poverty, care for the sick and the lonely and encourage each other to grow in God's grace.

One: God is calling us to serve everyone in our community.

All: Alabado sea Dios.*

One: God is calling us to ministry with everyone in our community.

All: Alabado sea Dios.*

One: God is calling us to love everyone in our community.

All: Alabado sea Dios.*

LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE.

One: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.

All: So that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!

*Praise be to God.

HYMN #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Verse 1)

*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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Warren Cederholm

CHORAL ANTHEM “Thanksgiving” John Ness Beck

Oh radiant Dawn splendor of eternal light. Sun of justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah prophesied, the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shown. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON: “Education that Liberates”

Deacon Dave Krueger

CALL TO PRAYER

***HYMN** # 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY “Sustenuto” 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!

***HYMN** # 626 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Prelude & Fughetta Johann Kasper, Ferdinand Fischer

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

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Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

Advent Wreath Litany written by the Rev. Greg Henneman, serving as a Church & Community Worker assigned as HEAL director, Church for All People in Columbus, Ohio.

*Learn more and support his ministry at: www.umcmission.org/ghenneman
(advance #3022046)*

Follow his blog: lookedwithcompassion.wordpress.com

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Calendar of Events

November 27 to December 5, 2016

SUN	11/27	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 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 <i>Hangin' of the Greens</i> 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	11/28	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	11/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	11/30	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	12/1	<i>World AIDS Day</i> 5:00 Diversity Group 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	12/3	10:00 UM Men Meeting, Nichols Hall
SUN	12/4	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 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	12/5	1:00 Tea & Talk 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



TODAY 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.



Hanging of the Greens

TODAY, 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 and appreciated.

Robeson County Church Needs OUR 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

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/>

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, November 20th was 108 and Grace Café was 220. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Children's Christmas Party!

On Saturday, December 10th, 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.

Center City Residents Association Sacred Spaces Tour



On Sunday, December 11th 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.



LGBT Christmas Party

This year's "Drinks and Dessert" party will be held at the home of Michael Gilbertson, 1919 Chestnut St., Apartment 1209, Philadelphia, PA 19106, this Saturday, December 3rd, beginning at 7:00pm. Please let Mike know at michaelgilbertson.com or 215 767 9818 if expecting to attend.



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 or 215-568-2206

United Methodist Women's Advent Study

Traditionally when we think of the Advent story Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabriel come to mind, but in the Gospel of Luke, Elizabeth and Zachariah are the first two people we meet. This year we will approach the Advent story a little differently by starting with their story.

Join the United Methodist Women as we read Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent. These reflections will help center 8us during this busy season. We will gather on January 8th for a time of discussion of our experience.

Please join us for this time of reflection. Books will be available from Margaret Harris after the 11:00 am service.

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. We are thankful for Tonight's meal. 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 gracecafephilly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.



2016 Christmas Flower Orders

Christmas Flowers will beautify the Sanctuary and Chapel on **Christmas Eve and January 1st**. To order, complete all information below and return to the church office, with your payment, (make checks payable to *Arch Street UMC -memo for "poinsettias"*) by the deadline, Sunday, December 18th.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

\$10 per 6+ blooms \$15 per 12+ blooms

instead of flowers, please accept my donation of
\$ _____

Presented by:

Your name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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- I will take my flowers after January 1st service.
 No, Please give them to a home-bound person.



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



Holiday Gifts for Refugees

This year the Nationalities Service Center (NSC) has welcomed a record number of refugees to the Philadelphia area. If you were lucky enough to be at the NSC Thanksgiving celebration, which took place at Arch Street Church on Saturday November 19th, you got a chance to meet some of these wonderful new members of our community. In the aftermath of an election in which immigrants and refugees were frequently blamed for every social problem by the President-elect, it is more important than ever that we welcome and support our new neighbors. One way we can do this is by buying some things they need to help them as they rebuild their lives here.

We will be collecting holiday gifts for refugees again this Advent season. Next Sunday, December 4th, you will have the opportunity to choose a gift to buy for a newly arrived refugee. These gift items have been identified by NSC staff as things these families really need or want. We will have a collection of small cards with a description of the requested item on each card, such as "coat for Syrian girl, size 3T" and an identification number, such as # 4. Take the card for the gift you wish to purchase. After purchasing the gift, bring the gift along with the original card in a bag to the church by Sunday December 18th. Do not wrap the present since we need to be able to identify the gifts. Questions? Ask Margaret Harris, 215-568-2296 or margaretharris@me.com.

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 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, and Matthew 3:1-12. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, and Matthew 11:2-11.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Luca, Max Northouse, 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

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Hope

