

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 11, 2016
8:30 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,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 AM

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Musical Improv

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING 207 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
196 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
251 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Creator God, show us The Way!
¡Dios Creador, muéstranos El Camino!

Show us The Way to "an essential oneness" that includes everyone.
Muéstranos El Camino a la "unidad esencial" que incluye a todos.

Show us The Way to establish equity on earth.
Enséñanos el camino para establecer la equidad en la tierra.

Show us The Way to live in "mutual responsibility and respect."
Enséñanos la manera de vivir en "responsabilidad mutua y respeto".

Show us The Way to accept everyone's creative capabilities.
Enséñanos la manera de aceptar las capacidades creativas de todos

Show us The Way to build a more compassionate community.
Enséñanos el camino para construir una comunidad más compasiva.

Creator God, show us The Way!
¡Dios Creador, muéstranos El Camino!

LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 3)

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Musical Improv

SCRIPTURE READING Janis Campbell

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

SPECIAL MUSIC 218 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

GOSPEL Luke 1:46-55

SERMON: “Magnify” Reverend Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN 706 “Soon and Very Soon”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 665 “Go Now in Peace”

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the Chapel office.

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8:30 am Music Director: James Dell’Orefice

Worship Leader: Remone Mundle

Nursery Attendant: Joyce Mojher

Calendar of Events

December 11 to December 19, 2016

SUN	12/11	<i>Third 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 12:00 United Methodist Women, 2 nd fl. Conf. rm. 12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary 1 to 4 Sacred Places Tour of Church 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 Grace Café
MON	12/12	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUES	12/13	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
WED	12/14	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	12/15	5:00 Diversity Group 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
FRI	12/16	6:00 Juntos Program, Nicholas Hall
SUN	12/18	<i>Fourth 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	12/19	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



Center City Sacred Spaces Free Open House Tour

TODAY from 1-4 pm, for those who walk by our neighborhood's houses of worship but have yet to view their splendid interiors, join [CCRA's self-guided tour](#) which can be commenced at any of twelve participating congregations each of which will have a map and booklet describing tour stops. Participating congregations opening their doors to the public are:

Arch Street Presbyterian Church, 18th & Arch

Arch Street United Methodist Church, Broad & Arch

First Presbyterian Church, 21st & Walnut

First Unitarian Church, 22nd & Chestnut

Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, 19th & Walnut

Liberti Church and First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom

Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, 21st & Chestnut

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Locust St. btwn 16th and 17th

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 20th & Locust

The Shambhala Meditation Center, Sansom St. btwn 19th and 20th

*Tenth Presbyterian Church (2:15-4pm), 17th & Spruce

*Trinity Memorial Church (1-3 pm) 22nd & Spruce

Note from the Women's Prayer Ministry

Please remember those who are sick and shut in during the holiday season. A call or a card will mean so much. If you would like a list please contact the church office and Merry Christmas.



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 of a special person. What a great Christmas present it would make. 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.

Holiday Gifts for Refugees

REMINDER: For those who took a name for this year’s Nationalities Service Center (NSC) welcome present we will be collecting holiday gifts for refugees **NEXT Sunday, Dec. 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. *Thank you.*



POWER Announces Two Important Events Next Week

As people of faith, we are called to act prophetically and courageously. In response to outrageous threats to our nation's most vulnerable communities, POWER asks all member congregations to come to an emergency community meeting on **Monday, December 12th from 6:30–8:30 PM at Mother Bethel AME**, 419 S. 6th Street (at Lombard) as we partner with allied organizations to strategize and protect marginalized individuals in our city, state, and region. Please RSVP so that appropriate accommodations can be made (call the POWER office at 215-232-7697 or go to the online calendar page at <http://powerinterfaith.org/calendar/#!/calendar> and click on the event).

Then on Thursday, December 15th, POWER will join with other PICO organizations to travel to Washington, DC to press President Obama to protect our undocumented brothers and sisters by providing clemency to persons with low-level, nonviolent drug offenses. Buses will depart from the POWER office, 1429 N. 11th Street (2 blocks north of Girard Ave.) at 6:30 AM and are set to return to Philadelphia around 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to save your spot on the bus.

For information about POWER and Arch Street's role in the organization, please speak with Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, betsyconnor@gmail.com), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, nmegley@msn.com), or Wilhelmina Young (215-227-4034, thecatalyst212@yahoo.com).

And thank you for supporting POWER in their important work against injustice and oppression.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, December 4th was 139 and Grace Café was 188. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



The United Methodist Women invite everyone to join them on TODAY for two important discussions:

We will meet in the second floor conference room immediately after the 11 am Worship Service. Our meeting will focus on:

- 1) A discussion of the book, The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordburg (a discussion that was postponed from November)
- 2) Reflections on the Advent Study: Silence and other surprising invitations of Advent by Enuma Okoro.

Here are details about both subjects:

The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordburg.

An investigative journalist uncovers a hidden custom that will transform your understanding of what it means to grow up as a girl. In Afghanistan, a culture ruled almost entirely by men, the birth of a son is cause for celebration and the arrival of a daughter is often mourned as misfortune. A *bacha posh* (literally translated from Dari as “dressed up like a boy”) is a third kind of child – a girl temporarily raised as a boy and presented as such to the outside world.

You do not have to be a member of Arch St. UMC to attend.

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 us during this busy season. We will gather on **both December 11 and 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.

Questions? See Margaret Harris.

margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206

LGBT CHRISTMAS Theatre Event

On Friday evening, December 30th, the Arch Street LGBT group will go to see the heart-touching musical comedy, "The Carols," starring Mary Martello, at Plays and Players, 1714 Delancey Place, at 8pm. It is an 1812 Production. Cost of a ticket is \$42. Please give your name and \$20.00 holding deposit to Mike Golbertson no later than December 18th.

A Place for Javier

We welcomed Javier Flores Garcia in to safe sanctuary at Arch Street to prevent his deportation to Mexico. 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/>

Grace Café

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 Danielle Kim and Neighborhood.

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 gracecafe Philly@gmail.com Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

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 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, and Matthew 1:18-25. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12), and John 1:1-14.



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, 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, Mat Hearn, 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.*

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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**.

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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: _____

Please print clearly

I will take my flowers after January 1st service.

No, Please give them to a home-bound person.