

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 18, 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 18, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE Musical Improv

OPENING STATEMENT

PRAISE SINGING 234 "O Come All Ye Faithful"
217 "Away in the Manger"
230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Love is what gives meaning to life:

El amor es lo que da sentido a la vida:

God's love for us and our love for God and one another!

¡El amor de Dios para nosotros y nuestro amor por Dios y por los demás!

Love heals, redeems, restores, reconciles and renews.

El amor sana, redime, restaura, reconcilia y renueva

Without love, all the gifts and get-togethers are meaningless.

Sin amor, todos los regalos y reuniones no tienen sentido

Love makes us alive to the Spirit of God and to the spirit of the season.

El amor nos hace vivir el Espíritu de Dios y el espíritu de la temporada.

God comes to us in love!

¡Dios viene a nosotros en amor!

We long to share that love with others.

Anhelamos compartir ese amor con nuestro prójimo.

Grant us courage and faith, Lord, to embody your love for the world to all people.

Señor, concédenos el valor y la fé para encarnar tu amor por el mundo para todas las personas.

LIGHT THE FOURTH CANDLE

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Verse 4)

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY 219 “What Child is This”

SCRIPTURE READING Russell Whaley

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC 218 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON: “Restore...!” Reverend Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN 246 “Joy to the World”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Vocalise” Segel Rachmaninoff performed by
Maria Terese on violin, accompanied by James

** Please stand in body or in spirit
Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the Chapel office.
Full participant with the Christian copyright license, inc. #715930*



8:30 am Music Director: James Dell’Orefice

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Calendar of Events

December 18 to December 26, 2016

- SUN 12/18 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
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 Christmas 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
- TUES 12/20 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED 12/21 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR 12/22 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN 12/25 *Christmas Day*
8 to 10 AM - Christmas Breakfast for
our Homeless Neighbors
9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
Grace Café will resume next week
Merry Christmas to all.
- MON 12/26 *Church Closed*
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



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Arch Street

Please join us on **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th at 7 PM** for an extended prelude, featuring trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba, performing Christmas music.

The **Candlelight Service** will begin at **7:30 PM**. The music, Communion and the candlelight set the tone for welcoming God's grace provided in the birth of the baby Jesus.



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

For those who took a name for this year’s Nationalities Service Center (NSC) welcome present we will be collecting holiday gifts for refugees **today, 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.



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 January 8th for a time of discussion of our experience.

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 Gilbertson 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 Ardmore UMC. 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 gracecafehillly@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 Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12), and John 1:1-14. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, and Matthew 2:1-12.

We couldn't have done it without us!

Thanks to Santa and all his helpers whose imagination, energy, and generosity helped make this year's Christmas Party a success. I know we made the season brighter for moms and children. I hope your season is bright too!

Love, Betsy

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, December 11th was 122 and Grace Café was 224. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please see the insert for an order form



A Resistance Movement of All Faiths from All Directions Exciting Plans for a Martin Luther King Day March Jan. 16, 2017

As people of faith, we must do all we can to put God's love into action and to resist policies and practices that hurt the vulnerable people of our country and the world. It is hard to know where to begin. Where do we put our efforts when our time and energy is in short supply?

POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild), the coalition of 60+ congregations of Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths in our area is looking for a way. It started last Monday night with a planning session at Mother Bethel Church attended by about 200 people, including 12 from our church.

The short term goal is to join with other like-minded groups to hold a Martin Luther King Day march and rally on Jan. 16, 2017. The plan is to have marchers walk four routes from the North, South, East and West to meet up at Mother Bethel where we will commit to continue the hard work of true social justice.

The 2015 MLK march, planned and executed by the same groups, was the largest MLK march in the country with over 7,000 people "praying with their feet"!

We would like you to join us on January 16, 2017 for the March. If you can, please come to Mother Bethel Church (419 S. 6th St.) on Dec. 19 for the second planning meeting where you can join a group working on logistics, fundraising, media relations, outreach (building a lasting coalition), or volunteers (signing up MLK Day marchers for the long haul).

If you have any questions please contact one of Arch Street's Local Organizing Committee members:

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Nancy Megley 215-574-8320 nmegley@msn.com

Wilhelmina Young 215-227-4043 thecatalyst212@yahoo.com



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Russ Alexander, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia 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 Grisco, 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: *Marlene McCormick, 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 pe