

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 25, 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,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Haines

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "O Radiant Dawn" MacMillan

CALL TO WORSHIP

The baby Jesus is born and the day is well passed dawn.

El niño Jesus ha nacido y el día ya amanecio.

The Shepherds are tending their flocks and the cattle are grazing.

Los pastores cuidan de sus ovejas y los bueyes

Our hearts are beating and the time has come to wake up.

Nuestros corazón laten y es tiempo ya de despertar.

Our lungs are moving and the spirit is alive.

Nuestros pulmones respiran y el espíritu esta vivo.

Our hands and feet are restless and ready to go.

Nuestras manos y pies están inquietos y listos para ir.

Glorious God infuse our worship with wisdom, wonder and a willingness to pursue your purpose

Glorioso Dios, llena nuestra adoración con sabiduría, reflexión y el desea de hacer tu voluntad.

* HYMN #246 "Joy to the World"

*OPENING PRAYER

CHRISTMAS LITANY

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

Leader: One more time we light the candles of the wreath!

Lider: Una vez mas encendemos la velas de adviento.

People: The candle of hope, the candle of joy, the candle of peace and the candle of love.

Pueblo: La vela de Esperanza, La vela de gozo, La vela de paz y la vela de amor.

Leader: The candle in the center – Christ Jesus the Light of the world!

Lider: La vela del centro - Jesucristo la Luz del Mundo!

People: The light and warmth inspire us to come closer to God.

Pueblo: La luz y el calor nos inspira a acerarnos mas a Dios.

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN #246 “Joy to the World” (Verse 1)

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*Hay un dulce espiritu aqui
y yo se que es el Espiritu del Señor
Hay amor divino hoy aqui
y yo se que es la presencia del Señor*

*Dulce Espiritu, tierno Creador
quedate hoy aqui
llenandonos con tu amor
y para siempre yo levantare
mi corazon y voz
en paz renovaras
estando hoy aqui*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

Rhonda Moore

CHORAL ANTHEM “Carol of Joy ”

Thompson

GOSPEL John 7:1-14

SERMON: “Applaud the Appearance”

Reverend Robin Hynicka

CALL TO PRAYER

*Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.
Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino.*

*Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.
Porque Tuyo es el Reino el Poder y la Gloria por Siempre Señor
Amén.*

*HYMN # 251 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"
(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY "Love Came Down at Christmas"

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 # 240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

***BENEDICTION**

Restored by Your divine love.

Restaurados por Tu divino amor.

Restored by our fellowship in Your presence.

Restaurados por nuestra amistad en Tu presencia.

**Wondrous God - lead us into the world to be the love we see, feel
and know in You.**

*Maravilloso Dios – guíanos por el mundo para ser el amor que
vemos, que sentimos y que conocemos en Ti*

*POSTLUDE "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

Nursery Attendant: Frankie Dineen



Calendar of Event

December 25 to January 4 2017

- 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
- TUES** 12/27 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 12/28 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 12/29 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SAT** 12/31 10:00pm New Years Eve Service (Unity Fellowship)
- SUN** 01/01 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** 01/02 **Church Closed**
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 01/03 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 01/04 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall



*Please see the events page on our web site:
www.archstreetume.org for the full calendar of
happenings.*



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Robeson County Church Needs OUR Help

. What a great Christmas present it would make.

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 by Christmas.** Gifts can be made to this special cause in honor of a special person 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.



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. 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 Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, and Matthew 2:1-12. The readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10 34-43, and Matthew 3:13-17.

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 18th was 117 and Grace Café was 150. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



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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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 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: *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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