

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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February 19, 2017
8:30 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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Reverend David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

US2, Rachel Ternes

Music Director, Adam Haines

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Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING

#395 "Take Time to be Holy"

#474 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

#2208 " Guide My Feet"

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING

Dottie Wells

Esther 1:1-12

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

SPECIAL MUSIC #527 "Do Lord, Remember Me"

GOSPEL Matthew 5:38-48

SERMON: "The Right to Righteous Refusal"

Rev. Naomi Leapheart

CLOSING HYMN #404 "Every time I feel the Spirit "

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #665 "Go Now in Peace"

Calendar of Events

February 19, to February 28, 2017

- SUN** 02/19 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 3:00 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 02/20 1:00 Tea and Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 02/21 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 02/22 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 02/23 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN** 02/26 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School
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5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 02/28 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Today's Guest Speaker

Naomi Washington Leapheart

Naomi Washington Leapheart, a daughter of Detroit, is a minister, educator, organizer, and organizational consultant. She earned the Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2016. While at Lancaster, Naomi was a Presidential Scholar and received awards for preaching and worship. She was also honored to receive the United Church of Christ's Joseph H. Evans Scholarship for her justice advocacy and proven leadership abilities in the church and world.

Naomi is the Faith Work Director for the National LGBTQ Task Force, the country's oldest national LGBTQ justice and equality group. She also is a member of the adjunct faculty of the Theology and Religious Studies department at Villanova University. She delights in singing with the Philly Threshold Choir, a group whose mission is to bring comfort to people in transition from life to death.

Before joining the Task Force, Naomi was the suburban community organizer for POWER, a multi-faith, multi-racial network of congregations working to shift power, change public policy, and do justice for the most vulnerable in Metro Philadelphia. She also served as Co-Pastor and Minister of Music at the Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's United Church of Christ. She is proudly affiliated with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, an ecumenical group of predominantly-Black religious leaders and laity who are invested in a theology of radical inclusivity.

Naomi's work is included in the volume, "From Generation to Generation: A Commemorative Collection of African American Millennial Sermons from the Festival of Preachers 2010-2015," a rare and unique compilation of what the nation's most promising young African-American ministers are thinking and proclaiming about the Christian faith (Chalice Press, 2015).

Naomi shares her life with her partner in love and ministry, Kentina, a chaplain and religious educator. Together, they are raising a curious, energetic, future Oscar-winning tween, Sophia.



ASUMC Celebrates Great Women in History

ASUMC's African Heritage Committee has established the theme, "WOMEN OF INDOMITBLE SPIRIT" that will inform worship four consecutive Sundays in 2017 (February 19th, February 26th, March 5th and March 12th). Reverend Naomi Leapheart, Christ Servant Minister Melanie DuPree, Reverend Kym McNair and Elder Melanie DuBouse are the guest speakers in that order. Each of them will identify a woman in their life who provided inspiration, shared insight and demonstrated integrity. Using the example of this woman's influence they will tell their story of the woman/women who undergird(s) their spirit and sacred service. In addition, pictures and descriptions of other women who exhibit an indomitable spirit will be posted throughout the church. Each guest preacher will speak at both morning services and join the Adult Sunday School class at 9:45am. There will be a Get Acquainted Time after the 11am service on all four Sundays.

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 sharing, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal hosted by the Eastern Mainline Mission ConneXion. 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.

PHILADELPHIA MISSION CONNEXION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

❖ *Ash Wednesday, March 1st at Haven Peniel UMC - 7 pm*

Location: 2301 W. Oxford Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121

❖ *Bible Studies: "Fruits of the Spirit" at 7pm*

March 8th - (Love)

Location: New Vision – 3259 N. Broad St, Phila., PA 19140

March 15th - (Joy)

Location: Emmanuel – 2346-50 N. 17th St, Phila., PA 19132

March 22nd - (Peace)

Location: Tindley Temple – 750 S. Broad St, Phila., PA 19146

March 29th - (Long Suffering)

Location: Haven Peniel - 2301 W. Oxford St, Phila., PA 19121

April 5th - (Kindness)

Location: Trinity at Tindley Temple

750 S. Broad St, Phila., PA 19146

APRIL 9TH - PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

❖ *Holy Week Revival at Devereux UMC – April 10th – April 14th 7pm*

Location: 2527 W. Allegheny Avenue Phila., PA 19132

Mon. - Trinity (Rev. Maxwell) / Weds. – Tindley (Rev. R. Johnson)

Tues. - Arch Street (Rev. Hynicka) / Thurs. – Devereux (Rev. Wilson)



LENT

GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE

AT
TINDLEY TEMPLE
(12-3PM)

Seven Last Words:

REV. EBO

REV. HOLSTON

REV. CARR

REV. S. JOHNSON

REV. MONTE

REV. BRAWNER

REV. R. JOHNSON

2017 Lenten Series

The 2017 Lenten Series begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and continues through Holy Week. The theme for the series is "The Last Week" based on the book with the same name by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The Ash Wednesday service will take place in the main sanctuary and feature piano music, preaching and the imposition of ashes. The remainder of the Wednesdays in Lent, including the Wednesday of Holy Week will feature an in depth study of the last week in the life of Jesus. Each Wednesday will feature a different day's events of the last week and will connect the events to the surrounding social/economic/political/religious context of the time. This study will take place in the Prayer Chapel and will include a piano prelude with hymn singing. The Ash Wednesday Service and the Wednesday study sessions will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 12:50pm.

LGBT Event: Philly Gay Chorus

The LGBT group will attend the Philly Gay Chorus event on March 24 at 8 p.m. at the Prince Theatre. Tickets cost \$27.50 each. If you plan to go, please see Mike Gilbertson before or after church or email him at michael.e.gilbertson@gmail.com. We need to buy the tickets before March 3 to get this discounted price. Here is what the Chorus says about the show: Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus presents Philly Made, our official 35th Anniversary concert. Philly Made will feature artists, composers, and songs who, like PGMC, originated in and embody the spirit of Philadelphia. What better way to celebrate our home in the City of Brotherly Love than to honor its musical talent and traditions?

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 Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21 and Matthew 17:1-9. The readings for NEXT week are Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, and Matthew 4:1-11.

United Methodist Women

For those who missed our UMW meeting and celebration of Wilhelmina's and Rachel's birthdays today, here is the calendar of UMW events for the next year. Poor you if you weren't there. We had some mighty good cake and homemade pretzels.

Please note that we have an opportunity to provide hospitality and welcome on Saturday February 25 at a Gathering for Refugees from NSC in Nicholls Hall from 1 pm to 4 pm. Bring food to share. Be ready to make new friends. I will have copies in church of Liberating Black History by Juan Floyd-Thomas, which is our book for the book discussion on March 12. Let me know if you want one.

Arch St. UMW Calendar 2017

Saturday February 25: 1pm to 4 pm in Nicholls Hall: Potluck Gathering for Refugees and Immigrants (from NSC). Bring food to share. Be ready to dance.

Sunday February 26: UMW GAT; presentation on UMW's purpose, mission, plans.

Sunday March 12: 12:15-2:00 pm. UMW Quarterly Book discussion of Liberating Black History by Juan Floyd-Thomas (Education for Mission). Copies of the book are available from Margaret.

Sunday March 26: UMW GAT: Presentation from New Sanctuary Movement

Saturday April 1: UMW Conference Leadership Development. 9 am to 2 pm. Wilhelmina to share information about location.

Sunday April 9: UMW meeting. Darlene Di Domineck to give presentation.

Easter Sunday April 15: UMW to volunteer to serve and help at Grace Cafe: 4:45 to 8 pm.

Sunday April 23: UMW GAT

Sunday May 7: UMW :Discussion of Wage Theft, which is an 18 page comic. I've ordered it. This counts as Social Action. We will also have a discussion about the upcoming Primary Election? Know your candidates, etc.

May 20 - Spiritual Life Retreat 9:30 - 12:00- Theme - A Bead & a Prayer presented by our own Rachel Ternes. This is a Conference UMW event.

June 4: UMW: Quarterly Book Discussion: Spiritual Growth Book: Living into Hope by Joan Brown Campbell.

June 11: Pride Parade Sunday! March everybody, march!
June 25 UMW GAT.

Friday August 11: 6 pm to whenever. Annual UMW Potluck at Margaret's house. No book discussion. No agenda. Just fun.

September 10: UMW: Welcome back Fall meeting.

September 24: UMW GAT

Sunday October 1: UMW Quarterly Book Discussion: I am asking to schedule this a week EARLIER than usual. Falling Into Place: A Memoir of Overcoming by Hattie Kaufman (Leadership development)



POWER's 100 Days of Faithful Resistance

As a new government moves to divide and denigrate, POWER plans 100 Days of Faithful Resistance. More than 50 faith organizations in Philadelphia make up POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild), which has been working in the city and state to improve public education, wages and the criminal justice system.

Several well attended training sessions and planning meetings, a huge airport demonstration, and an equally large "Save Our Healthcare" rally and march have been planned and carried out by POWER and allies **since the inauguration 3 weeks ago.**

Please make every effort to join us, the POWER Local Organizing Committee (LOC) on **Tuesday Feb 21 at 6 PM** at Arch Street Church to hear about POWER's 100 Days of Faithful Resistance and how you might participate. Even if you can't join the resistance, come to follow the progress of this amazing organization that is so important in the life of our church and in improving lives in Philly and PA.

For those of you who want to know what you can do in these frightening times, here is a great opportunity to get started.

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Robeson County Church Needs OUR Help Target Goal \$8,000



The Robeson County Church and Community Center in Lumberton, NC was under water due to flood waters from the Lumbee 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.** We have collected 1/3 of our goal. 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.

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/>



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia Dupree, Marion Ambrose, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, Sarah Rowe, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Geraldine Bradley, 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, 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: *Rick Taylor and family, Marge Donnelly and family, Bill Gatewood Bill & Marlene McCormick, 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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