

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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February 26, 2017
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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Reverend 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, Joe Kalil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE “Worrisome Blues” Mier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN 344 “Tu Has Venido a la Orilla”

*OPENING PRAYER

Litany in Honor of Women Here and Around the World

Letanía en honor a la mujer aquí y alrededor del mundo

A 21st Century Africana Worship Resource

by Stacey Cole Wilson

Un Recurso de Adoración Africana del Siglo XXI De Stacey Cole Wilson

One Voice: With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women, O God. We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God.

Una voz: Con santa reverencia, recordamos a mujeres insustituibles, O Dios. Honramos a las que nos alimentaron y nos enseñaron a honrarte y amarte, O Dios.

Many Voices: May their example of Christian faith help transform us into your image.

Muchas Voces: Que su ejemplo de fe cristiana nos ayude a transformarnos en tu imagen.

One Voice: We honor women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

Una voz: Honramos a las mujeres que alimentan a los hambrientos, vistieron a los desnudos, se hicieron amigos de los solitarios y confortaron a los desamparados. Las bendecimos por amar desinteresadamente a su pueblo como tu nos amas.

Many Voices: May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.

Muchas Voces: **Que sigan satisfaciendo sus necesidades mientras ministran a otros.**

One Voice: We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones.

Una voz: **Honramos a las mujeres afligidas por la pérdida de sus seres queridos.**

Many Voices: May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed. May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.

Muchas voces: **Que tú, oh Dios, sigues consolándolas con tu Palabra, hablada y bendita. Podemos aprender a animarlas como nos han animado.**

One Voice: We honor women pregnant with your unborn sons and daughters, O God.

Una voz: **Honramos a las mujeres embarazadas de tus hijos e hijas no nacidos, oh Dios.**

Many Voices: May You shelter them and the children they bear under the shadow of your almighty Presence.

Muchas voces: **Pueden albergarlos y a los niños que llevan bajo la sombra de su omnipotente Presencia.**

One Voice: We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.

Una voz: **Honramos a nuestras hermanas en todo el mundo que necesitan tu curación espiritual, económica y física**

Many Voices: May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.

Muchas Voces: **Que tú puedas satisfacer sus necesidades, El Sagrado, de acuerdo a sus riquezas en gloria, oramos.**

One Voice: We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.

Una voz: **Honramos a todas las mujeres que nos han precedido, nombradas y sin nombre.**

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.

Muchas voces: Te damos gracias, O Dios.

One Voice: We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.

Una voz: Bendicemos a las que lloraron por nosotros, se regocijaron con nosotros, nos limpiaron las lágrimas, oraron por nosotros, y se rieron con nosotros.

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.

Muchas voces: Te damos gracias, oh Dios.

One Voice: We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.

Una Voz: Bendicemos a aquellos que sacrificaron despiadadamente por nosotros.

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God

Muchas voces: Te damos gracias, O Dios

One Voice: We honor all those who stand alongside and for these women, We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.

Una voz: Honramos a todos que están al lado de las mujeres y para aquellas, Bendecimos los que las animan a soñar, que sacan lo mejor de ellas, que las ayudan a soportar sus cargas, y que las aman correctamente, O Dios.

All Voices: May You watch over and keep all your people, these women and all who love them, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for your glory. In the name of the Triune God, the one who parents us and creates us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen.

Todas las voces: Pueda velar y guardar a todo su pueblo, a estas mujeres y a todos los que las aman, con su cuidado, Dios misericordioso. Consagra este día para tu gloria. En el nombre del Dios Triuno, el que nos protege y nos crea, que nos redime y nos da poder para siempre. Amén.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love)

“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

*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.*

*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 levantara
mi corazon y voz
en paz renovaras
estando hoy aqui*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:126-21

Margaret Harris

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Great Days” spiritual

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON: “Don’t Be Scared”

Christ Servant Minister Melanie DuPree

***HYMN** “The Storm is Passing Over”

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY “The Ruby Dee Experience”

Storytelling and poetry by Cathy Simpson

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 #404** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

BENEDICTION

Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God! Amen.

¡No hasgas daño, Haz el bueno, Quédate en amor con Dios! Amén.

***POSTLUDE** “Jellybean Rag” Mier

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

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



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

Nursery Attendant: Samantha Nigrelli

Today's Guest Speaker

MELANIE ETHEL DUPREE

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Melanie is a proud product of the Philadelphia public school system. She graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1975 with a B.S. in Education and has since received Masters of Education from both Temple University and Chestnut Hill College. Melanie has been an educator for over thirty years and is currently employed as a special education teacher in the Philadelphia School District.

Prior to teaching in Philadelphia, she has traveled extensively in southern and west Africa and taught English to high school girls in rural Zambia.

Melanie started her Christian journey at Childs Memorial Baptist Church as a youth and became a member of Tindley Temple United Methodist Church after graduating from college. As a member of Tindley for over thirty years, she has served faithfully as a Christ Servant Minister, Chair of the Charles Albert Tindley Institute and Trustee. She currently sings on the Senior choir and is Chair of Finance.

Melanie is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, a photographer and avid walker. She is the mother of three adult children, Amina, Ashezi and Ahmadu and four grandsons.

Her faith tells her that “God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him”.

Calendar of Events

February 26, to March 7, 2017

- SUN** 02/26 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** 02/27 1:00 Tea and Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 02/28 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 03/01 **Ash Wednesday**
Noon Lenten Service
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 03/02 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN** 03/05 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
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- MON** 03/06 1:00 Tea and Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 03/07 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



(Photos: Barbara Jordan, Dorothy Vaughn, Odetta)

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.

Important Message

In order to have the bulletin produced in a timely manner please make sure all submissions are submitted by **Wednesday at 2pm**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation .

PHILADELPHIA MISSION CONNEXION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

❖ *Ash Wednesday, March 7th 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)



GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE
AT
TINDLEY TEMPLE
(12-3PM)

Seven Last Words:

REV. EBO

REV. HOLSTON

REV. CARR

REV. S. JOHNSON

REV. MONTE

REV. BRAUNER

REV. R. JOHNSON

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 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, and Matthew 4:1-11.

The readings for NEXT week are Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, and John 3:1-17.

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 Marge Donnelly. 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.

Arch Street UMC 2017 Lenten Series

The 2017 Lenten Series begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, 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, Holy Communion 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?

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, February 19th was 102 and Grace Café was 245. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

United Methodist Women

Come to GAT (Get Acquainted Time) today and learn about UMW!

The United Methodist Women are hosting GAT in the chapel today immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. Besides providing light refreshments, we will also be telling you about United Methodist Women, who we are, and how you can be involved in our work! See you soon!

Arch St. UMW Calendar 2017

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.



Upcoming Events from POWER and Related Organizations

February 28: *Power Analysis: Unpacking Harrisburg for Statewide Work Training*

POWER invites everyone to join us on **Tuesday, February 28 from 6:00–8:30 PM** at Second Baptist Church of Germantown (6459 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19119) as we work to gain a better understanding of the leadership at the state level and how it affects our issues, particularly education. Betsy Connor will offer rides from Arch Street (contact her at betsyconnor@gmail.com or 215-232-7186 to let her know you are coming). You can also get there easily on SEPTA's Route 23 bus (the Cliveden Street stop).

March 2 and 19: *New Sanctuary Movement*

NSM has launched "Sanctuary in the Streets" to support our undocumented neighbors when an ICE raid is underway. They are halfway to their goal to recruit and train 1,000 volunteers in Philly for this work. Margaret Harris says: "I have signed up for the training for Sanctuary in the Streets on **Thursday, March 2 from 5:00–9:00 PM** at the Germantown Mennonite Church (21 W. Washington Ave). I feel with the increased number of raids that Javier is in greater danger and we need to be prepared. It would be wonderful if others could join me on March 2." To register, email maria@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org. For those who can't make it that evening, the next training will be held Sunday, March 19 from 1:00–5:00 PM in West Philadelphia, location and details to come.

March 15: *Pushing Social Change through Social Media Training*

The power of social media is hard to dismiss. What once seemed like a trivial way to keep in touch with friends has become a force for social change. Join POWER on **Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00–8:00 PM** at American Friends Service Committee (1501 Cherry St.) as we put our heads together and discuss how to thoughtfully harness the power of social media, educating and empowering one another through today's technology and online platforms. Details to come.

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: *Anna Burton, Ms. Dolly , Virginia Wilks, Evelyn James, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Luca, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthis 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: *Anna Burton, 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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