

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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March 12, 2017
8:30 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse

Deacons, Reverend Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING

389 "Freely, Freely"

369 "Blessed Assurance"

2008 "Let All Things Now Living"

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

SPECIAL MUSIC # 2246 "Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

GOSPEL John 4: 5-10

SERMON: "From Promiscuity to Promise"

Elder Melanie DeBouse

CLOSING HYMN # 2214 "Lead Me Guide Me"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Go Now in Peace"

Musician: James Dell'Orefice

Nursery Attendant: Frankie Dineen

Calendar of Events

March 12, to March 21, 2017

- SUN** 03/12 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** 03/13 1:00 Tea and Talk
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 03/14 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 03/15 **Noon Lenten Service**
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 03/16 5:00 Diversity Group
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
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happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Elder Melanie DeBouse
Is today's guest speaker



Melanie DeBouse is a pastor of Evangel Chapel in Philadelphia and a board member and leader of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild), a coalition of faith, political, and labor leaders that seeks to influence the systems and policies of Philadelphia so that the needs and priorities of the city's inhabitants are met. She is also the Executive Director of Children's Mission Incorporated, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to positively impact the many lives that she touches. Elder DeBouse has spent time advocating to reduce poverty and to create opportunities for all. As a leader of faith, Elder DeBouse has expressed her willingness to "heal the sick and feed the poor" and to stand up to prevent sickness and poverty.

Elder DeBouse was educated in the Philadelphia public school system. She received her Bachelors degree from Temple University. She completed her Masters and Doctoral studies in the field of Educational Leadership. As a curriculum specialist she has utilized these skills to develop an intense educational program that serves the community of black and brown citizens of North Philadelphia.

Elder DeBouse is the proud parent of two daughters and grandparent of four grandchildren.



(Photos: Sally Ride, Malala Yousafzai Lebenslauf, Mary Brave Bird)

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.

Pastor Robin is Out of the Country

Pastor Robin will be out of the country from March 1 - 15, 2017. He is on a Peace-Witness Tour of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and attending the 2017 Sabeel 10th International Conference in Bethlehem. Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians who promote theological, moral and legal principles for peace, practice a spirituality based on justice, peace, non-violence, liberation and reconciliation and articulate the heritage and witness of Palestinian Christians. The movement grew out of a struggle to interpret scripture in light of the

Palestinian experience under occupation. As local Palestinian Christians struggled together they forged a Palestinian version of Liberation Theology which holds the Gospel call for freedom from political, social and economic oppression. **While Pastor Robin is away please contact the church office if you have a pastoral need. Retired Elder Rev. Herbert Snyder, Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck and Deacons David Kruger and Nikki Kelley Kleinberg are all willing to be of assistance.**

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.

Hola, we are looking for Spanish speakers

Fluent and comfortable with reading aloud in Spanish during our church service? What a wonderful way to become more involved through the sharing of our talents! Any Arch Street members and visitors interested in becoming part of a speaker rotation for the Sunday 11 a.m. bi-lingual worship service is invited, moreover encouraged to contact **Rhonda Moore via e-mail (rhonda.moore@temple.edu) or telephone (267-779-3451), making sure to leave contact information.** Once we have compiled a list of volunteers, a schedule will be generated, based on availability.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, March 5th was 112 and Grace Café was 225. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, and John 4:5-42. The readings for NEXT week are 1Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, and John 9:1-41.

Arch Street UMC 2017 Lenten Series

The 2017 Lenten Series began 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 took place in the main sanctuary and featured 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?

Learn what you can do about Trump’s anti-immigrant policy on Sunday March 26 at GAT!

Upset by the news? Come to GAT (Get Acquainted Time) in the chapel immediately following the 11 am Worship Service on Sunday March 26 to hear leaders from New Sanctuary Movement talk about what you can do in response to Trump’s anti-immigrant policy. United Methodist Women is hosting this special GAT, so

you can be sure that you will find food for the body as well as the soul. There's been a lot going on with Trump's various Executive Orders so this is a chance to find out how this is impacting people in Philadelphia and what we can do. As you know, our church is a member of New Sanctuary Movement, so this is an opportunity to learn more about what's going on locally and nationally and what we can do to act for justice. Questions? Contact Margaret Harris (margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206)

PHILADELPHIA MISSION CONNEXION
 EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

❖ *Ash Wednesday, March 1st at Haren 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

<p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT TINDLEY TEMPLE (12-3PM)</p> <p><u><i>Seven Last Words:</i></u></p> <p>REV. EBO REV. HOLSTON REV. CARR REV. S. JOHNSON REV. MONTE REV. BRAWNER REV. R. JOHNSON</p>
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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 Herb Snyder and family. 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.

Book discussion of Liberating Black Church History on Sunday March 12th!

The United Methodist Women will host a discussion of the book, Liberating Black Church History by Juan Floyd-Thomas, **today** Sunday March 12 immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. We will meet in the second floor conference room. **All are welcome. You don't have to be a woman or a United Methodist Woman to join in the fun.** There will be food for the body as well as the soul.

This book lays out how the lessons of the dark past shaped a people's religious quest for liberation and their long struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. The book bears witness to the story of a liberating faith in action in three moves. First, the book narrates the transformation of Black faith and culture in the North American context from enslavement to emancipation. Second, it discusses Black people's confrontation with the crisis of segregation and how it led to the culmination of the civil rights struggle in the United States and beyond. Finally, the author focuses on the contemporary developments in the religious experience of African Americans as they moved from the Black Power era to the Age of Obama. Questions? Ask Margaret (margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206)

Arch St. UMW Calendar 2017

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 16: 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

March 15: *Pushing Social Change through Social Media*

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 and the Media Mobilizing Project 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.

March 19: “*Sanctuary in the Streets*”

The New Sanctuary Movement 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 March 2nd. 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.” The next training will be held **Sunday, March 19 from 1:00–5:00 PM** in West Philadelphia, location and details to come.

With Sympathy

We regret to inform you of the passing of James E. Cooper, father of Regina Bedell. The service will be held Saturday March 18, 2017 here at Arch Street United Methodist Church. More details to follow. Our prayers are with the entire family.



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: *Regina Bedell and family, 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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