

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation  
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**May 21, 2017**  
**8:30AM 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

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Easter

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## PRELUDE

## PRAISE SINGING

#89 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#2001 "We Sing to You, O God"

#384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

## JOYS & CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER

## REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Regina Bedell

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

SPECIAL MUSIC # 2142 "Blessed Quietness"

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21

SERMON "In God's Hands" Reverend Robin Hynicka

CLOSING HYMN # 2272 "Holy Ground"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #2208 "Guide My Feet"

**Musician:** James Dell'Orefice      **Nursery:** Samantha Nigrelli

**Worship Leader:** Remone Mundle

# *Calendar of Events*

May 21, to May 28, 2017

**SUN** 05/21 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  
12:20 to 3:00 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary  
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service  
5:30 Grace Café Devotions  
6:00 Grace Café

**MON** 05/22 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

**TUES** 05/23 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary

**WED** 05/24 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall

**THUR** 05/25 5:00 Diversity, Chapel  
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happenings.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for last Sunday May 14, 2017 was 102 and Grace Café was 250. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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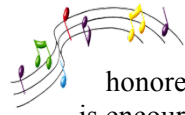
Observed on the third Sunday of May (to correspond with Aldersgate Day), Heritage Sunday calls the denomination to honor its heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God known and spread initially by John and Charles Wesley, along with others in the early Methodist movement and eventually here in America.

United Methodists celebrate [Aldersgate Sunday](#) to mark the day their founder John Wesley experienced and indeed, felt God's life-changing assurance of his salvation. It is an ideal day for members to reflect on our own faith journeys and what it means to be Christian and United Methodist.

UM Communications offers a short, inspirational video (about 3 minutes long) about that seminal experience. See it and read the transcript at [How Aldersgate Changed John Wesley](#). In the video, the Rev. Fred Day, head of the General Commission on Archives and History and former pastor of Historic St. George's UMC in Philadelphia, explains Wesley's revelation and what it can mean for us today.

## Student Appreciation and Choir Recognition Sunday

**Sunday, June 4th**, is *Choir Appreciation and Student Recognition Sunday*. Most of ASUMC's 2017 graduates will be in worship that Sunday and will take part in the service. Several of ASUMC's graduates have been featured in recent announcements. Parents, guardians and friends of our graduates are asked to submit information about each graduate so they too can be featured in the What's Happening.



Also on Sunday, June 4, 2017 The Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Adam Haines will be featured and honored for their dedicated service to the congregation. Everyone is encouraged to share with Adam and the choir their personal thanks and appreciation for the beauty and depth of meaning they add to the worship experience at ASUMC.



**HEALTH FAIR**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21**  
**1-4 PM**

**Grace Café Health Fair**

The Grace Café Community will host a Health Fair **today**. Everyone is welcome to visit the various tables in Nichols Hall where they can access health related services and information. For more information contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at [darlene.didomineck@gmail.com](mailto:darlene.didomineck@gmail.com)

## **What About the Hotel Across from the Church on Arch Street?**

Arch Street UMC (ASUMC), along with representatives from The Old First Reformed United Church of Christ, The Ethical Humanist Society and Unite Here have created a community based organization called Center City Organized for Responsible Development (CCORD). We have been meeting for several months and have done research on the hotel development at 101 North Broad Street. The group learned that New Market Tax Credits, a federal subsidy to benefit low income communities, and a state grant have been allocated to the project. In addition, public pension funds are also included in the financing of the project. With such a significant investment of public funds and in particular with the New Market Tax Credit Program, the question arises: how will the public and in particular how will a low-income community benefit from the project?

**A community meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2017 (6:30pm) at ASUMC.** At the meeting church members and representatives from the community at large will learn more about the hotel's day to day operation, its impact on the community and the community benefit proposed by the developer and hotel operator. Pastor Robin has set a goal of having at least 50 people at the meeting. ASUMC is asked to provide at least 25 of the 50 person total. Please contact the church office to confirm your attendance.

### **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 Acts 1:6-14, 1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, and John 17:1-11. Readings for NEXT week are Acts 2:1-21, 1Corinthians 12:3b-13, and John 7:37-39.

### **Summer Camp Information**

Check out the EPA UMC Camp & Retreat Ministry camps

Carson Simpson Farm: [csfarm.org](http://csfarm.org)

Gretna Glen: [gretnaglen.org](http://gretnaglen.org)

Pocono Plateau: [poconoplateau.org](http://poconoplateau.org)

Camp Innabah: [innabah.org](http://innabah.org)

Written materials available from the church office.

## **Come see Cathy Simpson in her new show, *Peaceable Kingdom!***

You can see Arch Street's own favorite star of stage and screen, Cathy Simpson, in her new show, *Peaceable Kingdom*, at Christ Church Neighborhood House, located at 20 N American Street. The show is running from May 10 through Sunday May 28. I am planning to go on Saturday May 27 at 7 pm and I would love to have you join me!

The play is a dark comedy about the Quaker settlement of Pennsylvania. Inspired by the famous series by Philadelphia painter Edward Hicks (1780 - 1849), *Peaceable Kingdom* is a fable about the longing for utopia. In a mythical Quaker colony inhabited by wild creatures both native and foreign to the Americas, the audience is offered a bird's-eye view of two cultures encountering each other for the first time. *Peaceable Kingdom* is also a warning: an exploration of how ecosystems are impacted by invasive species, be they squirrels, giant cats, or human beings.

Our special rate for tickets are \$20 in general and \$15 for students. Please let me know right away if you would like to come. Margaret Harris (215-568-2206) or [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com)



### **News and Events**

Please read below and choose a quick walk down Market Street, a bus trip to Harrisburg, an education in labor history and future in Philly, and/or a volunteer job on the Rapid Response Team! We need your help.

**Tomorrow, Monday May 22, 12:00 noon**—Take a lunchtime walk on the solar side! Let's meet outside church at 11:45 AM, then cross the street to meet up with people from POWER congregations and other local organizations to walk down Market St. to PECO (at 23rd St). Or just go straight to City Hall at noon to join the march. We are going to ask PECO for a commitment to solar jobs for Philadelphians and to 20% of electric power from solar energy by 2025. This is the last leg of a total of 100 miles of walking to local examples of "dirty" and "clean" energy in the area.

**Wednesday May 24, 7:00 PM**—Learn more about the Black Work Matters report and how to organize in your community for the workers in Philadelphia. During the Black Work Matters training you will learn about current economic realities in Philadelphia so that you are better equipped to hold conversations with friends, neighbors, and community members about the importance of standing with workers across the city. The training will be held at Church of St. Martin-in-the-Field, 8000 St. Martins Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more information, contact Economic Dignity Strategy Team Co-Chair Carol Duncan ([carol.duncan8031@gmail.com](mailto:carol.duncan8031@gmail.com)).

**Tuesday May 30, 6:00 PM**—Remember when thousands of Philadelphians gathered at the airport with only a few hours' notice to protest the travel ban (that has since been suspended by the courts)? There are so many threats to our causes and our people that POWER is establishing a Rapid Response Team to alert us to urgent issues and what we can do (like show up to protest, write letters, call our legislators). Come to the Rapid Response training to learn how you can help with this important work. The training will take place at the POWER office, 1429 North 11<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Finally, please **save the date of Wednesday June 21** to take a POWER bus to Harrisburg. We will join hundreds of other PA citizens to demand that our legislators end the immoral and racist funding of our schools. Fact: if Philadelphia received the funding it is entitled to if all state dollars were fairly distributed, *our schools would receive \$1900 more per child (!)* than we are getting now through a system proven to be racist. To learn more, please watch the 10-minute video by POWER member David Mosenkis, who has been analyzing and reporting on this state-sanctioned racist system. Go to YouTube and search for Racial Bias in PA School Funding (you will see David Mosenkis' name) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NbVILri7X2A>.

*We can make a huge difference together!* Please join us.

As always, for POWER-related questions please contact Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, [betsyfconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, [nmegley@msn.com](mailto:nmegley@msn.com)), or Wilhelmina Young (215-227-4034, [thecatalyst212@yahoo.com](mailto:thecatalyst212@yahoo.com)).





**Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Church Picnic  
Carson-Simpson Picnic Grounds  
Sign-up starts next week.**

**Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar 2017**

**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.

**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 Arch Street United Methodist Church. 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 [gracecafehilly@gmail.com](mailto:gracecafehilly@gmail.com) Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome

## HELP US HELP ROBESON COUNTY !!



### **Spring is here and Robeson County Church is hard at work.**

For the last eight years, **ASUMC Youth** have traveled to Lumberton and Pembroke NC to work alongside local leaders on various improvement projects. The Robeson County Church and Community Center is the heart and soul of support for the poor of Robeson County – the poorest county in NC. The Center was under flood waters in the Fall of last year due to Hurricane Matthew. The Center and the people that work there are well known to Arch Street UMC. Currently, the Home Store has been restored but there are other buildings of the center that still need work. Pastor Kelly stated that funds and volunteers are desperately needed to clean up and restore the Center so they can resume all functions. **The United Methodist Church is the driving force behind the Center's work** and the **ASUMC Youth** are so close to this NC community they ask for your help. **Pastor Robin has set a stretch goal of \$8,000.** We have collected a little over \$3000. Please use the special offering envelope inserted in the bulletin for your gift. Checks should be made out to Arch Street UMC with the words ***Flood Relief*** on the memo line. Bless your heart for your generosity.

*When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I.*

*Psalm 61:2*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Laura Dragon, Joyce Mojher, Arlice White, Bill Hilley, Anna Burton, Ms. Dolly, Virginia Wilks, Evelyn James, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia Dupree, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, Zeke Sanders, Geraldine Bradley, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorker, Mrs. Bowman, Ann Bishton, Rev. James Pittman, Evelyn Tinsley, Constance James, Deanna Cotton, 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, 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:** *The family of Leroy Middleton, Anna Burton, Rick Taylor and family, Marge Donnelly and family, Bill Gatewood, 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, 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, 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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