

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation
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Ascension Sunday **May 28, 2017** **11:00 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

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Easter

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #698 "God of the Ages"

*OPENING PRAYER

LITANY

Follow the Lord, rest in lush green grass, drink from pure spring water and feel your soul refreshed.

Siga al señor, descanse en la hierba verde exuberante, beba del agua pura de la fuente y sienta que su alma se refresca

We will follow, rest, drink and feel refreshed.

Seguiremos, descansaremos, beberemos y nos sentiremos refrescados.

Fear nothing, feel the peace of the Holy Spirit and receive comfort and strength.

No teman nada, sienten la paz del Espíritu Santo y reciban consuelo y fortaleza.

We will not fear and we will trust God.

No temeremos y confiamos en Dios.

Come to the table of grace, receive the anointing of the Loving Spirit and live in the Lord's presence where you are always welcome.

Ven a la mesa de la gracia, recibe la unción del Espíritu Amoroso y vive en la casa del Señor donde siempre eres bienvenido.

We will gather together and share the Lord's blessing of peace, love and joy.

Nos reuniremos y compartiremos la bendición del Señor y la paz, el amor y la alegría.

*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 espíritu aquí
y yo sé que es el Espíritu del Señor
Hay amor divino hoy aquí
y yo sé que es la presencia del Señor*

*Dulce Espíritu, tierno Creador
quédate hoy aquí
llenándonos con tu amor
y para siempre yo levantaré
mi corazón y voz
sin duda sabremos
en paz renovarás
estando hoy aquí*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Juanita Campbell Ford

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

CHORAL ANTHEM “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 17:1-11

SERMON “Set in Stone” Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #697 “America”

PASTORAL 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 libranos del mal. Porque Tuyo es el Reino el Poder y la Gloria por Siempre Señor Amén.

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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 #696 "America the Beautiful"**

***BENEDICTION**

Walk in the light; the beautiful light; Jesus is the light of the world!
Camina en la luz: La hermosa luz: ¡ Jesus, es la luz del mundo!

***POSTLUDE**

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



Guest Musician: James Dell'Orefice

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Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Greeters: Alice Ming and Raymond Wilson

Calendar of Events

May 28, to June 4, 2017

SUN 05/28 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 05/29 Office Closed
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

TUES 05/30 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary

WED 05/31 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall

THUR 06/01 5:00 Diversity, Chapel
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Please see the events page on our web site:
www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of
happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Student Appreciation and Choir Recognition Sundays

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.



On **Sunday, June 11, 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.

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.

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.

**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 last day to catch this show is **today, Sunday May 28.**

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.

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 2:1-21, 1Corinthians 12:3b-13, and John 7:37-39. Readings for NEXT week are Genesis 1:1-2, 4a, 2Corinthians 13:11-13, and Matthew 28:16-20.

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 gracecafe Philly@gmail.com Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome



News and Events

Thanks to everyone who joined the Green Jobs walk to PECO or attended the "Black Work Matters" presentation last week. Here are the next POWER events:

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 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19122.

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), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, nmegley@msn.com), or Wilhelmina Young (215-227-4034, thecatalyst212@yahoo.com).



**Sunday June 25th
Church Picnic
Carson-Simpson Picnic Grounds
Sign-up starts Tuesday May 30, 2017 .**

Summer Camp Information

Check out the EPA UMC Camp & Retreat Ministry camps
Carson Simpson Farm: csfarm.org
Gretna Glen: gretnaglen.org
Pocono Plateau: poconoplateau.org
Camp Innabah: innabah.org
Written materials available from the church office.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday May 21, 2017 was 110 and Grace Café was 225. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Would you like to
attend a Summer
outing?

Join Arch Street
UMC for a trip to
Shady Maple
Smorgasbord &
Farmers Market

Monday, June 19th
from 10 to 3pm

Cost of Luncheon \$15-\$20 (without transportation)

If interested call the church office at 215-568-6250 to
sign-up

129 Toddy Dr.
East Earl, PA 17519
www.shady-maple.com

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.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Laura Dragon, Joyce Mojher, Bill Hilley, Anna Burton, Ms. Dolly, Evelyn James, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthia Dupree, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, 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 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: *The family of Leroy Middleton, Anna Burton, Rick Taylor and family, Marge Donnelly and family, Bill Gatewood, Mat Hearn, 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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