

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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May 7, 2017
11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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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 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Easter

PRELUDE "Preludium" Johann Kasper Ferdinand Fischer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "They'll Know We Are Christians"

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 su alma refrescada.

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.

OPENING HYMN #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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 Rhonda Moore

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

CHORAL ANTHEM “A Lord Built House”

***GOSPEL** John 10:1-10

SERMON “Follow Me” Reverend Robin Hynicka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

I believe in God, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only child, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #381 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and *People:* **Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Home" arr. Haines

***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! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

God created order from chaos, calling the creation “good,” and God loves us with an everlasting love. Whenever people turn away from God, God’s love remains. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God’s love knows no bounds. The power of God’s kin-dom is realized in Jesus’ table community with those on the margins, those who are left out or kept out, and those who long for God.

With Whom did Jesus spend time?

Outcasts. People who were on the edge. Remember?

We remember!

Jesus spent his time eating and healing. He spent his time calling for justice. He spent his time in community – trying to teach us. Remember?

We remember!

The reality of Jesus’ community – of the realm of God as he taught it to us – is not holiness, but wholeness. God is present and available. Jesus healed the sick, redefined what is “clean,” and spoke truth to power. He told stories about the lost who are found, of the uninvited who are invited, of the last who will be first.

He used symbols and signs to cast out fear and to help people return to a God of love. He talked about a festive meal – a banquet!

Jesus spent time with women; his closest friend was called “Beloved;” his disciples were given a new commandment: they were the witnesses. We know they were there when Jesus gathered his friends, took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread saying, “take eat: remember me.” Come Loving Spirit, bless this bread, symbol of your abiding presence. Jesus took the cup, saying, “this is the new covenant: remember me.” Come, loving Spirit, bless this cup, symbol of your life-giving presence.

Amen

(This Great Thanksgiving was shared by the UM Queer Clergy Caucus during Holy Communion after the recent Judicial Council session in Newark, NJ)

THE LORD'S 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 líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es
el reino, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we
all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of
Christ.

COMMUNION HYMN "Come to the Table of Grace"

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This
is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of
grace.
2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of joy...

(Sung during communion - Words and Music by Barbara Hamm)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, the bread of Life given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, the cup of Joy given for you. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us all pray:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which
you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the
world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN #618 "Let Us Break Bread Together "

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Walk in the light; the beautiful light; Jesus is the light of the world!

Camina en la luz: La bella luz: ¡ Jesus, la luz del mundo!

***POSTLUDE "Great Day" arr. Hampton**

* *Please stand, in body or spirit*

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



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Nicola Jefferson

Nursery: Guy McNeill

Greeters: Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

Notes from today's service

Calendar of Events

May 7 to May 14, 2017

- SUN** 05/07 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 UMW Meeting, 2nd Fl. Conference Room
12:20 to 3:00 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 05/08 1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- TUES** 05/09 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 05/10 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
- THUR** 05/11 5:00 Diversity, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
- SUN** 05/12 8:30 Worship Service, 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

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.



Hearts on Fire will feature ASUMC members: Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck, US-2 Missionary Rachel Ternes, and Grace Café Worship Team Member John Buzby.

Faithful Christians from around the Eastern PA Conference, whether committed to or just concerned about biblical and Wesleyan values of peace with justice, are invited to gather on **Saturday, May 13, at Holy Cross UMC in Reading, PA from 9am to 3pm.** There they will explore and engage hearts and minds in their shared struggles against racism and other forms of oppression. **Hearts on Fire** is planned as a major learning, networking and mobilizing event, unlike any before it, to create “a diverse network of people connected by story, committed to justice and collaborating for peace.” The theme is inspired by the Apostle Paul’s encouraging admonition in Romans 12:11-13: “Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God’s people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.”

The event is FREE but if you wish to attend please register with the Church office at 215-568-6250 or secretary@archstreetumc.org. Carpooling is needed. Please indicate whether you can drive or whether you need a ride. Holy Cross UMC is located at 329 N. 5th Street, Reading, PA 19601.

Yes, count me in! Name: _____

Phone number: _____

I can drive and take (number of people) _____

I need a ride _____ and will be at the church 7:30AM.

Please remember to leave your phone number so we may confirm your ride.



News and Events

It's hard to keep up with POWER. This organization is always working to improve life in Philadelphia. If you are concerned about public education, good jobs with a living wage, our judicial system including mass incarceration—POWER is the place to be.

Here are upcoming POWER will be hosting. Be sure to *mark your calendars and try to attend!*

POWER Social Justice Revival: Today, May 7th at 6:00 PM, POWER will hold a “Social Justice Revival” at Mother Bethel AME Church (419 S. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147).

The POWER Local Green Jobs campaign will be walking 100 miles across the 5 counties in PECO's service territory, from May 8th to May 22nd, to show the utility the way to a clean energy future with good paying jobs for those who need them the most. Our "Walk for Green Jobs and Justice" initiative is the next step in our campaign to press the electric company to massively increase its use of local solar power. Walk with us a while on May 8, or just be there to cheer on the marchers as they start the trek. If you can't make the May 8 kick-off (Morris Chapel Baptist, 2701 N. 12th St., Phila.,) at 8:00 AM, save the date for the final march-May 22 from City Hall down Market St. to PECO headquarters.

POWER Legislative Assembly: On Tuesday, May 9th from 7:00–9:00 PM, POWER will hold its spring Legislative Assembly at New Vision United Methodist Church, 3259 N Broad St. Get there at 6:30 for pizza before the meeting. Childcare is provided. This is a good place to get started in POWER's work.

As always, 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) with any POWER-related questions.

Sunday May 7th: Learn about Wage Theft and the Upcoming Primary Election!

Today, May 7th, in a belated celebration of International Workers Day which takes place on May 1st, we invite you to join the United Methodist Women as they discuss wage theft and the upcoming Primary Election. We will meet immediately following the 11 am worship service in the second floor conference room. **Everyone is welcome** - men, women, children, crying babies---come one, come all! The basis of our discussion is a **16-page comic** in Spanish and English written by Interfaith Worker Justice entitled **Wage Theft: Crime and Justice** . In addition to the discussion of the topic of wage theft, there will also be a discussion of the **upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, May 16**. In this election, voters will elect the Party candidates for District Attorney, Controller, and Judges on the Court of Common Plea, and the Municipal Court in Philadelphia. In addition, there are three important state-wide elections in Pennsylvania—we are electing judges for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, and Pennsylvania Superior Court. **We will have information on all the candidates**. So plan to join us on May 7th! For more information, contact Margaret Harris (margaretharris@me.com).

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday, April 30, 2017 was 103 and Grace Café was 250. 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 Acts 7:55-60, 1Peter 2:2-10, and John 14:1-14. Readings for NEXT week are Acts 17:22-31, 1Peter 3:13-22, and John 14:15-21.



The Shalom Center invites you to meet and to honor three crucial activists who “Sow the Seeds of Transformative Leadership” at a celebration on **Sunday May 21, 2017** in Philadelphia:

Bill McKibben, world-renowned leader of 350.org and of campaigns against the Keystone XL Tar Sands dirty-oil pipeline.

Bishop Dwayne Royster, political director of PICO, the national umbrella for religious congregation-based community organizing, with a special concern for and involvement with African-American and Latino communities.

Sophia Wilansky, the young anti-pipeline organizer who, after stints working against oil-delivery pipelines in New England and New York, came to Standing Rock as a Water Protector and was cruelly wounded by the militarized police.

The celebration will include a dinner and an honor event where we will hear from these three activists. Registration is now open. It is \$50 for an individual registering for the honor event, and \$180 for both the dinner and the honor event. A student/disemployed discount is available.

Seating is limited, and prices go up on 5/8/17. Register today at: <https://theshalomcenter.org/SowingSeeds>

Proceeds of the event go to the Shalom Center's work for justice, peace, and healing of the Earth.

Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar 2017

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. **Everyone is welcome!**

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.

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 Isis Kalpo. 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 Family Notes

Good news and bad news: A beloved former sexton of Arch Street, Leroy Middleton, passed away last weekend. The service will be held Thursday, May 11th at the Jason Lloyd funeral home 2125 N 22nd Street Philadelphia. The viewing will be held from 9:30 am – 11am and the service will be immediately following the viewing.

The Good news: our own **Anana Tinnhé** graduated from Penn State Erie Campus on Friday with a BA in Psychology, she also will have a behavioral health counseling certification. Anana wants to work with adolescents in either a shelter or group home setting providing counseling and other mental health care.



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 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, 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, 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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