

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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August 20, 2017

11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Deacons, Reverend Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,

Reverend David Krueger,

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

US2, Carmen Francesco

Music Director, Adam Haines

Secretaries, Anne McCormick, Charlie Meyers

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

August 20, 2017

11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "How Firm A Foundation" Haines

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*OPENING PRAYER

*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

Rhonda Moore

Genesis 45: 1-15

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

SPECIAL MUSIC

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

SERMON "Active Listening"
(A skill worth adopting)

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #361 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Were you there"

Teresa Wilhelm

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 #383

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

***BENEDICTION**

The Holy Spirit is upon all of us. Go and be the Good News!

Bendición El Espíritu Santo está sobre todos nosotros. ¡Vayan y sean las Buenas Noticias!

***POSTLUDE**

“Alleluia”

Jerry Sinclair

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Greeters: Nancy Megley, Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant:

Calendar of Events

August 20th through Aug 31th 2017

SUN	08/20	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Children's Sunday School, Chapel 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
MON	08/21	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	08/22	12:00 Hour of Power 6:00 Unity Bible Study
WED	08/23	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	08/24	5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 5:00 Diversity Group
SUN	08/27	8:30 Worship Service, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary 12:20 Get Acquainted Time 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service
MON	08/28	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	08/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	08/31	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of happenings.

The church *office* is closed on Fridays in August.
The church will remain open.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



ASUMC Youth and Young Adult Travel to Robeson County

The Youth and Young Adults, accompanied by Pastor Robin Hynicka and Marge Donnelly, returned safely from their Mission Trip to North Carolina. For the last eight years, **ASUMC Youth** have traveled to Lumberton and Pembroke NC to work alongside local leaders on various improvement projects. The picture above shows our group meeting for Dinner at the local UMC church after a long day with the UM Disaster Response. This year they helped restore a home of an elderly couple whose house was destroyed in last year's Hurricane Matthew and the flooding that ensued. **ASUMC Youth** are so close to this NC community they ask for your help. Many homes are still in need of repair in this impoverished area. **Let's show our youth that we support their efforts by giving to the relief fund. Pastor Robin has set a stretch goal of \$8,000; we have just over \$5,800 so far.** Please use the special offering envelope inserted in the bulletin or give online on our web page. Checks should be made out to Arch Street UMC with the words **Flood Relief** on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.



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Wednesday evening, Aug. 16th, POWER convened a community response to show solidarity with justice-seekers in Charlottesville, VA. Nearly 3,000 people gathered at Rodeph Shalom at 7pm and marched to Arch Street UMC. Along the way, marchers heard speeches by community leaders on topics related to public school funding, police brutality, immigration justice and raising the minimum wage.

The overall theme for the march and rally was “Unmasking White Supremacy.” Over 1000 in the march entered the church for the rally and the largest part of the crowd filled both lanes of Broad St. An outdoor public address system tied into the church’s system allowed the music, prayers and speeches going on inside to be broadcast outside.

The speeches highlighted how white supremacy has an impact on POWER’s campaigns and engaged the crowd in taking action to address educational apartheid, economic exploitation and mass incarceration.

One of the most powerful moments in the event was when Javier, who is in Sanctuary at ASUMC, addressed those gathered and told them that he is standing strong not only for his own family but for future generations of immigrants. The ovation was deafening and the sacred nature of the whole event was self-evident. After, utilizing several social media applications to communicate the demands for State Senator Eichelberger to set a hearing date on fair and full funding for Pennsylvania Schools, for City Council President Clarke to endorse a living wage provision for city contract workers and for Mayor Kenney to fund and empower the Police Review Board to investigate police misconduct, the 3000 justice-seekers dispersed.



Betsy, Wilhelmina, Dottie, and Nancy went to an exciting Action Team meeting on August 8th and we want to share it with you. Briefly, POWER is developing a 5-year strategic plan to attract funding and keep our efforts focused. The first step was for each strategy team to draft a 1-year plan. We heard those presentations and gave feedback. The teams will now refine their plans for presentation at the September meeting. Here is what they are proposing:

Education – In time for the 2018/19 school year: (1) pass a new state law to distribute 100% of school funding through the Fair Funding Formula; (2) dissolve the SRC and return control of city schools to Philadelphia.

Economic Dignity – (1) Enact a Twenty-first Century Minimum Wage of \$15/hour for city contractors and subcontractors; (2) get PECO’s commitment to source 20% of its energy from local renewable sources by 2025.

Live Free – End cash bail. This would reduce Philadelphia’s jail population by two-thirds and end the devastation caused to individuals and families when a poor person is unable to make even a modest cash bail and loses his or her job and home while waiting for a trial date.

This is a bold, prophetic vision for changing entrenched laws and practices that hurt some of our most vulnerable communities and neighbors. Stay tuned for ways you can help in this important work—and start by joining us at the September 12th Action Team meeting!

You can read the full strategic plans at the bulletin board in the chapel lobby or ask Nancy Megley for a copy. And of course, if you want to get involved in this work, you can contact the POWER office (215-232-7697, info@powerphiladelphia.org) or speak directly with Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, betsyfconnor@gmail.com), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, nmegley@msn.com), or Wilhelmina Young (thecatalyst212@yahoo.com, 215-227-4034).

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 1:8-2:10, Romans 12:1-8, and Matthew 16:13-20. Readings for NEXT week are Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21, and Matthew 16:21-28.

Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar 2017

United Methodist Women Meet Sunday Sept. 17th

The United Methodist Women will have their first meeting of the fall on Sunday September 17th immediately following the 11 am Worship Service. As usual, we will meet in the 2nd floor Conference Room. Come learn about our plans for the upcoming year and how you can participate!

New Sanctuary Movement

New Sanctuary Movement Community Vigils:

Remembering those deported and fighting to protect immigrant communities

On Friday August 25th from 6 pm to midnight New Sanctuary Movement will hold vigils in two locations. One at West Philadelphia at Calvary Church and one in Northwest Philadelphia at the Presbyterian Church in Chestnut Hill. We invite you to stand with New Sanctuary Movement and our immigrant brothers and sisters by joining in these vigils.



Ideas Request From Reverend Robin

Think about a word that describes the 8:30 & 11am service and write it down in your service card.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday August 13th was 96. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you

Bill Gatewood

Bill passed away on August 8th. A memorial service will be held here at Arch Street UMC on September 23rd. Our prayers go out to Rick Taylor and the Gatewood family.

Darounda A. Nicholas

Darounda passed away on August 6, 2017. Her funeral was held August 16th at Christ Community Baptist Church. Our prayers go out to her family.



Statement by Bishop Peggy Johnson on the tragic weekend events in Charlottesville, Virginia August 11, 2017

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson released a powerful statement called, “*Our Terrorism: Fears Within, Fightings Without*” on August 13th. In this response to the racial violence and white supremacy in Charlottesville, the Bishop speaks to the terror and hate driven acts seen this past weekend and lately throughout the world. She reminds us that although the white nationalist groups displayed power through outrageous fear mongering, below the surface exists an internal world of weakness and inferiority. Bishop Johnson goes on to optimistically note that: “Meanwhile, memorials to paragons of the slave-holding Confederacy disappear, as God’s beloved community comes more clearly into view.” She then reflects on the strife seen this past weekend, and speaks out against any righteous indignation or division that can occur in our church community, asking us all to engage in spiritual work.



“We must celebrate and find ways to enhance our marvelous diversity. This is slow and heart-searching, heart-changing work. The "terrorism within" us is deep-seated and can only be cleansed by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.”

-Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
(<http://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com/>)



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *Owen Brazelton, Rick Taylor, Holly McVaughn, Bill Witman, Laura Dragon, Joyce Mojher, Bill Hilley, Anna Burton, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Alma Dopson, Cynthis Dupree, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, Geraldine Bradley, Michael Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorcker, 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 Darounda A.Nichols, The family and friends of Michael Canon, Anna Burton, Marge Donnelly and family, 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. The Richerson family, The Taylor 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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