

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**August 27, 2017**

**8:30 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*

# "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free"

by Billy Taylor

I wish I knew how  
It would feel to be free  
I wish I could break  
All the chains holding me  
I wish I could say  
All the things that I should say  
Say 'em loud say 'em clear  
For the whole round world to hear

I wish I could share  
All the love that's in my heart  
Remove all the bars  
That keep us apart  
I wish you could know  
What it means to be me  
Then you'd see and agree  
That every one should be free

I wish I could give  
All I'm longin' to give  
I wish I could live  
Like I'm longin' to live  
I wish I could do  
All the things that I can do  
Though I'm way overdue  
I'd be starting anew.

Well I wish I could be like a bird in the sky  
How sweet it would be  
If I found I could fly  
I'd soar to the sun  
And look down at the sea  
And I sing 'cause I know  
How it feels to be free

# PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27, 2017

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## PRELUDE

## PRAISE SINGING

- #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"  
#549 "Many Gifts, One Spirit"  
#555 "Forward Through the Ages"

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

## JOYS & CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER

## REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Russ Alexander  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Romans 12:1-8

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free"

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON "Is Jesus Political?" Reverend David Krueger

CLOSING HYMN # 378 "Amazing Grace"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE # 2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**Musician:** James Dell'Orfice

**Worship Leader:** Cathy Simpson

# *Calendar of Events*

**August 27th through September 5th**

<b>SUN</b>	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
<b>MON</b>	08/28	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
<b>TUES</b>	08/29	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	08/31	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>SAT</b>	09/02	10:00 United Methodist Men, Hall
<b>SUN</b>	09/03	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
<b>MON</b>	9/04	<i>Church Closed on Labor Day</i> 5:30 AA
<b>TUES</b>	9/05	12:00 Hour of Power 6:00 Unity Bible Study

*Please see the events page on our web site: [www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org) for the full calendar of happenings.*

# 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, have 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. 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. After the flood, they sought to raise a relief fund; we are happy to say that the **ASUMC** has accomplished the goal of raising over **\$8,000 for Robeson County**. We thank you for your generosity.



### Request for Assistance from Scranton, PA

Dear Arch Street Church,

My name is Evie, and my daughter is Maria. She is adopted from Russia. Maria is 20 and has Aspergers. We live in NE, PA. Maria will be getting special services in Philadelphia over this year to allow her to become more functional in her adult life, which is only available in your area. We are looking for temporary housing during the week for September through June 2018, excluding weekends and holidays. It could be a room with kitchen privileges or part of a house. I could even be a senior companion while my daughter is busy during the day. I can pay for housing. I am very active in church. Thank you for your time and prayers. [EvangelineMur@msn.com](mailto:EvangelineMur@msn.com)



**ACT**

**NOW**

DACA has allowed thousands to pursue their dreams, to live without fear of deportation in the country they call home, and to invest in their future and in the future of our country. Ending DACA would be morally reprehensible, denying hundreds of thousands of young people the chance to integrate and thrive. Our immigrant brothers and sisters deserve dignity, welcome, and the opportunity to flourish.

The United Methodist Church supports the steps taken by President Obama (including DACA) as a necessary, temporary step that allowed certain groups of immigrants to apply for temporary legal status ([Book of Resolutions, 3281](#)). The Church also supports the adoption of the DREAM Act as legislation to protect DACA recipients ([Book of Resolutions, 3164](#)).

**Please send a letter to your member of Congress telling them to do all in their power to preserve DACA.**

For more information about how DACA affects your state, email our director of civil and human rights, the Rev. Jeania Ree Moore, at [jmoore@umcjustice.org](mailto:jmoore@umcjustice.org).

## **The Other**

Arch Street plays host once more to a Fringe Festival performance on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and 9<sup>th</sup> at 3PM and 7PM.

Yes! And... Collaborative Arts' Shadow Company

The teens of the Shadow Company of Yes! And... Collaborative Arts are back with another original, innovative piece using the power of shadows, movement and... music. Dive into the world of “The Other”, a place where people have segregated themselves into us vs. them. Who have you made the other? Tickets are available at the door or contact the Fringe box office at 215.413.1318.

**\$10 / 60 minutes**



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](mailto:info@powerphiladelphia.org)) or speak directly with 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 ([thecatalyst212@yahoo.com](mailto: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 3:1-5, Romans 12:9-21, and Matthew 16:21-28. Readings for NEXT week are Exodus 12:1-14, Romans 13:8-14, and Matthew 18:15-20.

## **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**

In the last six months, NSM has collected 2,500 petition signatures, working with a committee of immigrant leaders to coordinate this work. POWER has joined the campaign. NSM held a meeting with the Police Commissioner, which happened as a direct outcome of applying direct pressure on the city to listen. The goal is to lift up people in poverty who are affected by this - people who can't make an insurance payment get hurt the most. The city made \$6.5 million from this program, half from auctioning cars taken through LiveStop. NSM is ready plans to deliver the petitions and conduct a creative action on Thursday, September 7th, involving 25 people each carrying 100 signatures. NSM needs each congregation to send two representatives to the action. NSM has 25 member congregations, which is perfect for this! More info will be sent out soon!

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> was 100. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you

### **Bill Gatewood**

Bill passed away on August 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA's (RUM-EPA) participation at the 2017 Philadelphia Trans Health Conference is taking place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Center City, Philadelphia. The conference runs from Thurs., 07-Sep-2017 to Sat. 09-Sep-2017. There are still several slots available (marked "OPEN") across each of the 3 days, particularly on Friday and Saturday. Their goal is to staff 2-3 volunteers at the table at a time for 3-hour shifts.

RUM-EPA currently has a table reserved at the Convention Center where we will be circulating pamphlets and literature about our organization in a manner similar to what was done at the UMC's Annual Conference and last year's Outfest. **If anyone has any extra pamphlets, business cards, banners, signs, posters, etc. that they would like to use at the table to advertise their congregation, please let me know.** There's a short baptismal renewal liturgy we will be performing at our station for conference attendees who are transitioning to male or female and are interested in renewing their baptismal vows. Any of us can recite the liturgy and I think doing so at the conference will highlight our organization's support of the LGBTQIA community.

<https://www.mazzonicenter.org/trans-health>

### Open Shifts:

September 7; 8:30-11:30am (one spot)  
11:30-2:30pm (two spots)

September 8; 12:00-2:30pm (three spots)  
2:30-5:30pm (two spots)

September 9; 8:30-11:30am (two spots)  
11:30-2:30pm (two spots)  
2:30-5:30pm (two spots)

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Rethel M. McCormick, Debbie DeShields Michael Adams, Owen Brazelton, Rick Taylor, Holly McVaughn, Bill Witman, Laura Dragon, Joyce Mojher, Bill Hilley, Anna Burton, Jonathan Legg, Lisa Lore, Max Northouse, Pat Taylor, Cynthis Dupree, Mrs. Mastrando, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, 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 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.*

**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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## **Parking**

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for the Convention Center self-park next door. You must show the number on your ticket and give your name at our office to receive your coupon.*