

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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September 17, 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

September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Holy Holy Holy Is The Lord of Hosts" Nolene Prince

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT #400 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #315 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

*OPENING PRAYER

*RESPONSIVE READING #835 PSALM 114

*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 renovaras
estando hoy aquí*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Juanita Campbell Ford

Exodus 14:19-32, 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sithi Bonga"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON "490 times..."

Robin Hynicka

HYMN #389 "Freely, Freely"

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS 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

"Free in Him"

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #390

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

***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!

*CHORAL POSTLUDE

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

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Hearing devices available in the church office.



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Acolyte: Zharia White

Greeters: Barbara Nancy Megley, Jim Bibber

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill



“The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.” Psalm 114:3-4

Calendar of Events

September 17rd through September 24th

SUN	9/17	8:30 Worship, Chapel 9:45 Youth Bible Study 9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2 nd fl. 9:45 Choir Rehearsal, choir 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 Children's Sunday School 12:20-3 Deaconess Darlene 12:30 UMW 2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
MON	9/18	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	9/19	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:30 Unity Bible Study
WED	9/20	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
THUR	9/21	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
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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

Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar 2017

United Methodist Women Meets TODAY!

The United Methodist Women will have their first meeting of the fall today, immediately following the 11AM 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!

Although we usually meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month, in both September and October we are meeting on the 3rd Sunday instead. At the September meeting we will discuss our plans for the year and how you can become involved in our work to support women and children both near, at home, and around the world. We will also be distributing the book for our October book discussion, Falling into Place: A Memoir of Overcoming, by Hattie Kaufman. Don't worry you have plenty of time to read it before the discussion on October 15th.

Welcome back 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 volunteer groups. Today's dinner is provided by the donations from the community. 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 and Carmen Francesco at gracecafehillly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday September 10th was 87. 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 at *noon on September 23rd*. Our prayers go out to Rick Taylor and the Gatewood family.

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy crafts? Do you paint? Knit? Perfect! Come sign up to complete the mural in Nichols Hall. Our new secretary Charlie Meyers is also an artist. He has volunteered to lead in the completion of the mural. Email him at charliemeyers@gmail.com if you would like to participate and when you are available.

North Philadelphia Mission Connexion Event

Arch Street UMC is a member of this group of United Methodist Churches. Pastor Robin and Wilhelmina Young represent ASUMC. *Tindley Temple* has agreed to host the “*Joyful Noise Choir Concert*”: 3PM on November 5, 2017.

Facilitator: Rev. Robert Johnson (Tindley Temple)

Co-Facilitator: Minister Jennifer Crosby (Haven Peniel)

Welcome Visiting Students from Eastern University

A group of Masters Candidates studying Urban Studies from Eastern University will be visiting Arch Street United Methodist Church on *September 24th*. They will be here to join the congregation for worship; and after plan to discuss DACA, social justice values, tour the grounds, and possibly share in a meal at the Grace Café. These students participate in a residency twice a year and their Dean would like them to experience an urban church that reflects social justice values and understand how our community functions. We hope you share in welcoming them with hospitality and encourage members to participate in upcoming discussions and dialogue.

Exploration: Find Your Path!

Come enjoy worship, prayer, fellowship, and conversation to help you discern, explore, and respond to God’s call to Ordained Ministry in all its forms.

Friday, October 13, from 10AM to 2PM

Lancaster Theological Seminary

555 W. James St, Lancaster, PA

Email Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts: drroberts42@aol.com for more info

CCORD Asks, “Where is the Restaurant?”



The Aloft Hotel (101 N Broad Street) is a new hotel development, immediately across the street from Arch Street United Methodist Church. They are benefitting from \$33 million in tax-payer subsidies. In return for those subsidies it is reasonable that the project provide a significant community benefit. Often that benefit is defined in terms of the number of permanent jobs created. In this case, the project promised 170 jobs, but due to a change in plan 115 of those jobs were eliminated when they decided not to include a full-service restaurant. That change in plan did not affect the public subsidies. In fact, one funding source required that the project benefit a low-income community and it is clear Center City is not that.

ASUMC along with Old Frist Reformed United Church of Christ, The Ethical Society and POWER are a member of *Center City Organized for Responsible Development (CCORD)*. **CCORD** is registered with the City Planning Commission as a Recognized Community Organization and are authorized to engage developers in dialogue about their projects. **CCORD** has many questions concerning the community benefit now associated with the Aloft Hotel and has made several requests for information and a meeting to discuss questions without any success!

The time has come to stage an action that will press the developer to sit down with the members of **CCORD** and have a forthright dialogue about the public benefit the project will provide.

Please help us make this ask by joining us:

Tuesday September 19th 2017 at 5pm:

On the steps of ASUMC, on the Arch Street side across from the Aloft Hotel

Our goal is to gather 115 people to represent the number of jobs eliminated from their broken promise.

Our message is clear: Where is the restaurant? Where are the jobs? Where is the community benefit? Where is the accountability? There is a “RESTAURANT THEME” for the action and those attending are asked to wear an apron, chef’s hat or bring cooking utensils, pot and pans.

ASUMC is responsible for turning out 20 people to the event. Reverend Hynicka has been asked to address the rally and would appreciate your support.

**ACT
NOW**



New Sanctuary Movement

While we fight the Trump Administration's ending of DACA and increased enforcement, it is critical we move Philadelphia forward to create real Sanctuary for all. We are so grateful for the leadership Mayor Kenney has taken to fiercely defend Philly's Sanctuary city policy, AND we need to remind him that he needs to build on this leadership. He has the power to create local change no matter who is President, and he can amend the **Live Stop Law** to give people 30 minutes to call a friend or family member with a license to get their car. This can alleviate the fear and economic toll on poor people in Philly.

While we wait for his answer to our petitions, we need your help! Tell Mayor Kenney to stop discriminatory towing either by tweeting @PhillyMayor and @ComissionerRoss to end discriminatory towing to support poor people in Philly #fightlivestop or by emailing him at James.Kenney@phila.gov.

Please stay tuned for next actions!

Tell the White House ([202-456-1111](tel:202-456-1111)) & Congress ([202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121)) that You OPPOSE Terminating DACA!

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](#)).



A 5-Year Strategic Plan *and* a Possible New Team!

POWER's strategy teams have already planned their 1-year campaigns to achieve these major goals:

- Distribute *all* state education funding through the Fair Funding formula
- Dissolve Philadelphia's School Reform Commission and return our schools to local control
- Gain a 21st Century Living Wage of \$15/hr. for Philadelphia's contracted and subcontracted workers
- Get PECO's commitment to source 20% of its energy from local renewable sources by 2025
- End cash bail

The updated strategic plans are posted on the bulletin board in the chapel lobby or ask Nancy Megley for a copy.

Now the teams are drafting a 5-year strategic plan to lay out their vision for where we go next. At the quarterly Legislative Assembly next month, we will hear that plan and also vote on a proposal to establish a new Green Justice strategy team, split off from Economic Dignity. The Assembly will take place ***Tuesday, October 10th, from 7:00-9:00 PM*** (pizza at 6:30) at Congregation Mishkan Shalom, 4101 Freeland Avenue, Philadelphia 19128 (Roxborough). Rides are usually available so let us know if you are coming.

And of course, if you want to get involved in this work, you can speak 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). Information is also available at the POWER website (www.powerphiladelphia.org) or through the POWER office (215-232-7697).

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 16:2-15, Philippians 1:21-30, and Matthew 20:1-16. Readings for NEXT week are Exodus 17:1-7, Philippians 2:1-13, and Matthew 21:23-32



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers of Healing for: *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, Cynthia 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 Griscoll, 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: *William McCormick and family on the death of his mother, 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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