

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

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**September 3, 2017**

**11:00 AM Service**

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Reverend David Krueger,  
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# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

September 3, 2017

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

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PRELUDE "On Holy Ground"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

\*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

Nancy Megley

Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 12:9-21

## SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

\*GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON "Follow?"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #2052 The Lone, Wild Bird

## 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 #299 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\*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*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven We  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind.  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
At his ascension you exalted him.  
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ/the bread of life and cup  
of hope that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## 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 bread of life.

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

## 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

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**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

Walk With Me

\* Please stand, in body or spirit

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



*The altar flowers are dedicated  
in honor of Denise Whaley Cannon  
and in memory of Michael Eisler*

**Musician:** James Dell'Orefice

**Worship Leader:**

**Nursery:** Guy McNeill

**Acolyte:** Zharia White

**Greeters:** Shirlee Chambers and Bryan Sieber

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in his  
sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!  
Psalm 150:1*

# *Calendar of Events*

## **September 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 12th**

<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, Nichols Hall
<b>TUES</b>	9/05	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:00 Unity Bible Study
<b>WED</b>	9/06	10:00 One Step Away 6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>THUR</b>	9/07	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>FRI</b>	9/08	10:00 One Step Away, Room A
<b>SUN</b>	9/10	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 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:30 <i>Grace Café Community Meal</i>
<b>MON</b>	9/11	10:00 One Step Away Room A 1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
<b>TUES</b>	9/12	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 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



## 5 Things You Can Do In Response to Hurricane Harvey

1.) Please **continue to pray** for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many staff and volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.

2.) **Make flood buckets, relief kits and health kits.** - UMCOR has warehouses across the country stocked with Relief Kits and other supplies ready for the next truck headed to an area of immediate need. Putting together Relief Kits can be done by a family or small group or as a larger church effort.

3.) **Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts.** -You can give online to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster **Advance #901670**; or send a check for UMCOR, with the Advance number in the notation line, to our **Conference Treasurer**, Eastern PA Conference, United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482.

4.) **Wait to donate only those items requested.** As needs become known in Texas and neighboring states, the affected conferences will reach out. Please do not send "stuff" to the damaged areas. Wait for specific requests from UMCOR or local governments.

5.) **Please wait** for an invitation to volunteer

## Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar 2017

### United Methodist Women Meet on September 17th

The United Methodist Women invite all women to join them for their first meeting of the fall on Sunday September 17th. We meet in the second floor conference room, immediately following the 11 am worship service. Everyone is welcome. If you are unsure where that is, ask anyone for help.

Although we usually meet on the second Sunday of the month, in both September and October we are meeting on the third 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.



### **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)

### **Ideas Request From Reverend Robin**

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



**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.

**Everyone: SAVE DACA (Deferred action for Childhood arrivals) by making calls today!**

**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](#)).

## **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 12:1-14, Romans 13:8-14, and Matthew 18:15-20. Readings for NEXT week are Exodus 14:19-31, Romans 14:1-12, and Matthew 18:21-35.

## **New Sanctuary Movement**

Join the Petition Delivery to Mayor Kenney in Support of Live Stop Campaign on September 7th at 1 pm

On Thursday September 7th at 1pm please meet other New Sanctuary Movement members at the northeast corner of City Hall to deliver petitions to the Mayor about the Live Stop Campaign. This is a campaign to end discriminatory towing in Philadelphia. Only drivers in Philadelphia who are stopped by the police that can't show a driver's license have their car towed immediately. They aren't given the opportunity to call friend or family members who have a driver's license to come meet them and drive the car away. This means that they must pay for towing and other fees to retrieve their car. The Live Stop Law penalizes poor people who have to drive to meet their basic needs in Philadelphia. By automatically towing cars and charging cumulative fees for their recovery, it disproportionately affects people who cannot afford to renew their insurance, undocumented immigrants who by law cannot obtain driver's licenses, and drivers of color who are frequently stopped as a result of racial profiling.

## **Good News! 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.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for last Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> was 87. 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)

**Email : [secretary@archstreetumc.org](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org) if you're interested in participating.**



## 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, 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 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

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