

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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November 12, 2017

11:00 AM Service

Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

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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

November 12, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Prelude" Johann Krieger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Faith of our Fathers"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*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 renovaras
estando hoy aquí*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Juanita Campbell Ford

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

CHORAL ANTHEM "I want to walk as a child of the light"

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON "Bidialectal"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #662

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

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 "See How Great a Flame Aspires" Charles Wesley

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 #719**

"My Lord, What a Morning"

***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** “Prelude in F Major” Bach

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Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
Psalm 78:1



Calendar of Events

November 12th to November 19th

SUN	11/12	8:30 Worship, Chapel 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 United Methodist Women 2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
MON	11/13	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 Diversity, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	11/14	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:30 Unity Bible Study
WED	11/15	6:00 AA, Nichols 7:00 Singing the Body, Nichols
THUR	11/16	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	11/18	10:00 United Methodist Men
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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

Christmas Concert

December 10th | Sanctuary | 1pm | Music Director: Adam Haines



On Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm *Adam Haines* will present a Concert of Organ and Piano works, featuring Alto *Samantha DiPompeo* and Trumpeter *Ethan Wolfe*. The recital will conclude with a time of caroling accompanied by *The Arch Street Choir*. We ask the Arch Street Community to use this opportunity as an outreach to the broader community.

Welcome to 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. *180 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided by Haddonfield UMC Youth Group. There are still openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 220 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 gracecafe Philly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.





Singing the Body Electric

Igniting Our Physical Vessel

I am a firm believer in the language of the body; we are, effectively, the physical manifestation of our thoughts, so what is inside of us inevitably “shapes” how we present ourselves in the physical world. Come and travel along with me in a voyage of practice, inquiry, and discovery of the connection between thought and deed as we work our way through social dances of the past and present. Through shared learning we will challenge our brains, bones, and belief—in us as individuals, as a group, as a community!

When: **Wednesday, November 15 – 7 – 8.30 p.m.**

Where: Arch Street United Methodist Church – Nichols Hall (lower level)

Attire: Dress comfortably, ready to move!

Contact: Rhonda Moore (267).779.3451, Rhonda.Moore@temple.edu

CoNAM Fellowship Event Today

Join CoNAM for an evening of worship, fellowship, and education today, from 4 to 7 PM. The gathering will be at Innabah Camp & Retreat Center in Spring City, and includes a meal. CoNAM leaders will lead attendees in a participatory exercise titled "**The Loss of Turtle Island.**" The provocative experience dynamically portrays the historic, troubling relationship between European, Christian settlers, convinced of their presumed superiority and sovereignty, and Indigenous nations who originally inhabited the land we now know as America. *712 Pughtown RD Spring City, PA 19475, 4-7pm.*

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 Judges 4:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, and Matthew 25:14-30. Readings for NEXT week are Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday November 5th was 109. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar

UMW meets today for the Age of Dignity Book discussion.

Arch Street reads *Age of Dignity* in November

Arch St. United Methodist Women invite everyone, including men, visitors, curious bystanders, to join us in discussing the book *Age of Dignity* by Ai Jen-Poo on Sunday **November 12**, immediately following the 11 am Worship Service, in the second floor conference room. **Copies of the book will be available from Margaret Harris at church every Sunday until that date, or until we run out!**

Why should you read this book?

In *The Age of Dignity*, thought leader and activist Ai-jen Poo offers a wake-up call about the demographic reality that will affect us all. “We have more senior citizens in America today than we’ve had at any time in our history,” Poo writes, pointing out that more than 14 percent of our population is now over sixty-five; by 2030 that ratio will be one in five. In fact, our fastest-growing demographic is the eighty -five-plus age group—over 5 million people now, a number that is expected to more than double in the next twenty years. This change presents us with a new challenge: how we care for and support quality of life for the unprecedented numbers of older Americans who will need it.

Despite these daunting numbers, Poo has written a profoundly hopeful book, giving us a glimpse into the stories and often hidden experiences of the people—family caregivers, older people, and home care workers—whose lives will be directly shaped and reshaped in this moment of demographic change. *The Age of Dignity* outlines a road map for how we can become a more caring nation, providing solutions for fixing our fraying safety net while also increasing opportunities for women, immigrants, and the unemployed in our workforce. As Poo has said, “Care is the strategy and the solution toward a better future for all of us.” From Amazon Review. Hope you can join us on November 12th.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with immigrants and refugees on Saturday November 18th

Each year NSC (Nationalities Service Center), our neighbor at 1216 Arch Street, welcomes newly arrived refugees and immigrants to a Thanksgiving celebration. This year we are once again hosting this wonderful event in Nichols Hall at Arch St. Church, with our own Marge Donnelly preparing the feast in our kitchen. Guests are invited to come between 1:30 and 3:30 on Saturday November 18th. Would you like to help to make sure everyone feels welcome and has a great time? If so, contact Margaret Harris at margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206

UMW Calendar

Arch Street United Methodist Women (UMW) Schedule 2017-2018 Calendar

We usually meet in the second floor conference room of Arch Street UM Church on the second Sunday of the month, but there are several exceptions to this schedule so please check the calendar below to be sure of the dates. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, November 18: 1- 4pm. NSC Thanksgiving Celebration in Nicholls Hall at Arch St. UMC.

Sunday November 26: UMW GAT in the chapel following the 11 am service. This is the first Sunday in Advent, when we would present the opportunity to sign up to buy gifts for refugees for the first time in both worship services.

It's Not Too Soon to Think about Christmas

Volunteer For our Christmas Party

Every year Arch St. Church hosts a Christmas Party for the Moms and Kids living in the Salvation Army's Eliza Shirley Shelter next door to the church on Arch Street. For years, this party has been organized under the very able and dedicated leadership of Betsy Connor, but this year she has stepped down, so I am asking you to step up so we can once again make it happen.

The date and place are set and on the calendar: Saturday December 9th from 2 to 4 pm in Nichols Hall.

Here are some the ways you can help join in the fun:

- -Bake cookies or brownies to share.
- -Come early on Saturday to help set up and decorate
- -Come to the party and play games, serve food, line dance, and give out presents to Moms and kids.
- -Donate money to help cover costs
- -Stay late after the party to help clean up
- -Invite your friends to volunteer for the day of the party
- -Suggest new ideas to make the party more fun

Please talk to Margaret if you have any questions or to volunteer. I can be found sitting near the front of the church near Wilhelmina at the 11 am Worship service, reached by telephone (215-568-2206) or email:margaretharris@me.com



A Good Problem to Have

POWER is growing in size. What started in Philadelphia as an interfaith group with a mission to create “a city that works for all” has expanded to 3 new affiliates: POWER Metro, POWER Northeast, POWER Center State.

POWER’s influence in City Hall and Harrisburg is impressive and is growing. We bring a moral perspective to local and state officials as we address injustices in education, jobs and wages, mass incarceration (our original targets) and now climate change, health, immigration and women’s issues.

POWER is more active than ever. Our efforts require more man and woman power (and even children-power at our education-related actions).

These are good problems to have but keeping Arch Street UMC folks up-to-date is getting tough! Your participation can be as brief as making a call, sending an email, attending a meeting or rallying to support the cause you care most about.

To help you stay involved we are **posting POWER items on the bulletin board** outside the first floor office. Please check there regularly for news of victories and future actions.

If you give us your name and email we can alert you to last-minute actions that weren’t on the bulletin board or in the Sunday bulletin notices.

This week— come to the Action Team Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th from 7:00–9:00 PM (6:30 for pizza!) at the POWER office, 1429 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia (two blocks north of Girard Ave. on SEPTA’s #23 bus route). Rides from the church are available. ASUMC’s POWER Local Organizing Committee will give you a warm welcome when you join us.

Please contact Betsy Connor (betsyfconnor@gmail.com, 215-232-7186), Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com, 215-574-8320), or Wilhelmina Young (thecatalyst212@yahoo.com, 215-227-4034) with questions.

Prayer and reflection on how God is working through us are part of every POWER meeting. We ask God for help, of course, and as more people join us and more people are helped by our work, we know our prayers are being answered.

The Uniting Methodist Conference

The **Uniting Methodist Conference** will be held **Nov. 13-14** at Impact UMC in East Point, Ga. Uniting Methodists is "a movement of Christ-centered, hope-filled United Methodists who challenge in love that which divides and offer God's saving grace to all people." For those who are unable to attend in person, a virtual viewing option is available. For \$25, a viewing link will be sent via e-mail Nov. 1. Lean more at UnitingMethodists.com.

Continuing Conversations about Racism, Dec. 2

The conference Commission on Religion & Race (CORR) will sponsor its next Continuing Conversations about Racism workshop on Saturday, **Dec. 2, from 9 AM to 3:30 PM, at the Conference Office**, 980 Madison Avenue, Norristown (Audubon). This workshop is open to all who have completed Changing Racism or Healing the Wounds of Racism workshops at any time.



Dec. 3: A Day of Prayer and Support for Migrants and Refugees

The United Methodist Church has set Sunday, **Dec. 3**, the first Sunday of Advent, as a time to raise awareness, prayers and funds to aid migrants and refugees and to support displaced people around the world. The Upper Room has created a bilingual devotional booklet for use. The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries says the mission of Global Migration Sunday is threefold: Learn, pray, respond. Go to umcmigration.org. A number of resources are available to help you celebrate this special Sunday. Offerings will go to the denomination's Global Migration Advance (#3022144), to assist more than 46,000 migrants.

Act Now: Sign Up For the Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act, despite efforts to repeal earlier this year, remains the law. Open enrollment for those who need to buy health insurance through state and federal exchanges **begins Nov. 1st and is open until Dec. 15th.** Please visit *HealthCare.gov* and encourage your friends, family and members of your congregation to enroll.



Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief

While UMCOR is preparing to step in and deliver aid to the victims of hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico, there are a lot of needs that require immediate attention for our sisters and brothers there, says the Rev. Irving Cotto, Superintendent of the North District. While there is financial need in Puerto Rico, there are great physical needs as well.



If monetary donations are made, please **make checks payable to the EPA UMC North District Office with "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line** and mail to: North District Office, Eastern PA Conference UMC, 2336 S. 9th Street, Unit 3, Allentown, PA 18103. For more information, e-mail nesuper@rcn.com or call 610-395-6661. In order to expedite this effort, the North District Office will insure that funds will go directly to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico Headquarters.

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HEALTHY COOKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a free healthy cooking workshop that includes:

- Low-cost cooking Ideas
- Nutrition Tips
- Food Tastings
- Giveaways!

When: Every Other Tuesday

Dates: November 7th and 21st,
December 5th and 19th

Time: 1:30-2:30PM

Where: The Serenity House
1209 W. Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia

Cost: FREE

For more information please contact: Chalise Saunders
Email: csaunders@thefoodtrust.org
Phone: 267-658-4148



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Another Tragedy, another Reminder

Our country is still reeling from the recent incident in New York City where a terrorist brutally ran over and killed innocent people with a truck. Now we learn of another heinous, hateful act of unbelievable violence against innocent people.

This time it is in the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, Texas. This time it strikes especially close to home. This time it is in church, where unsuspecting members—children and adults—were gathered for worship.

Fifteen seconds of automatic weapon gunfire erupted in a horrific mass murder, the worst ever in an American place of worship and in Texas' history, killing 26 people and wounding many others. This terrible act of violence has caused profound devastation and inconsolable grief. There are no words that can come close to healing such emotional and spiritual wounds.

The Baptist church's pastor, the Rev. Frank Pomeroy, was out of town when these murders happened. But the words that he preached to his congregation the Sunday before may shed some light on the future. On a website known as www.heavy.com (November 5, 2017) the pastor's sermon was quoted: "God's understanding is far greater, and there may be things that are taking place that you don't understand. But you still need to do what God is calling you to do."

These prophetic words speak to us this day. As Christians, we are called to pray, to continue to speak out about how to live in this world in nonviolent ways, to examine our weapons laws for ways to be more protective, and to find ways to prepare our churches for the unthinkable.

A final reminder is that mental health is often in the mix when people perform horrific acts of mass murder. Our country could and should be doing much more to provide for more mental health services. It is just as important as medical (physical) health care.

Please remember that the vast majority of people with mental illness are not murderous or violent, and we as the church need to continually be about the business of ministering to this community with compassion and grace.

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson; Bishop of the UMC

From: The Bishop's Blog
Entry: November 6, 2017





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, 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: *William McCormick and family on the death of his mother, 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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