

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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November 26, 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

November 26, 2017

Last Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE “Andante Cantabile” Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT “Awake O Sleeper”

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #75 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*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

Anana Tinnhe

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Am But A Small Voice" Coates

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON "Thank God"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #2178 "Here Am I"

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 "Sostenuto"

Flor Peeters

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 #706

"Soon and Very Soon"

***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 & Fughetta”**

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader:

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.”
Psalm 100:4



Calendar of Events

November 26th to December 3rd

SUN	11/26	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 2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
MON	11/27	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 Diversity, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	11/28	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:30 Unity Bible Study
WED	11/29	6:00 AA, Nichols
THUR	11/30	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	12/2	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. *200 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided by volunteers and staff. There are still openings for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 190 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 gracecafephilly@gmail.com Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.



A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday November 19th was 115. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Calling: "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." (Buechner)

Find it on UMC
#GivingTuesday! Nov. 28, 2017
umcmmission.org/give

The Advance GENERAL MINISTRIES
MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES

#GIVING TUESDAY

Decorate Arch Street UMC



On *November 26th* after *11AM* worship, please come help decorate *Arch Street* for *Advent* and *Christmas*. Following service, please meet in the Sanctuary and join other members in our yearly tradition of adorning the church for the holidays.

Arch Streets LGBTQ Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 2nd, at 7:00pm at the home of Mark and Rob Nectan Lord Schell, 517A South Sixth Street, Philadelphia. Mark and Rob will be serving hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, coffee, tea, and hot cider. Those who like wine are welcome to bring some along. Please call Rob or Mark right away at (267)-909-9903 to let them know if you will be joining the fun.



Arch St. United Methodist Women's Calendar

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.

Sunday December 3: Another opportunity to sign up to buy gifts for refugees in both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship services.

Sunday, December 10: A third opportunity to sign up to buy gifts for refugees in both worship services.

Sunday, December 17: Collection of Advent gifts for refugees after church.

Saturday, December 9: 2- 4 pm. **Eliza Shirley Christmas Party 2- 4 pm.**

Sunday December 10: UMW meeting: Advent focus led by **Wilhelmina Young.**

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 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

Holiday Gifts for Refugees: Take a card today to buy a gift!

This year has been a frightening time for immigrants and refugees, as the U.S. has chosen to turn its back on the thousands of people seeking safety from war, persecution, and violence. Nevertheless, the Nationalities Service Center (NSC) has continued to welcome refugees to the Philadelphia area, and to protect and help those who are already here.. If you were lucky enough to be at the NSC Thanksgiving celebration, which took place at Arch Street Church on Saturday November 18, you got a chance to meet some of these wonderful new members of our community. Now it is more important than ever that we welcome and support our new neighbors. One way we can do this is by buying some things they need to help them rebuild their lives here.

We will be collecting holiday gifts for refugees again this Advent season. This Sunday, November 26. and for the next two Sundays, you will have the opportunity to choose a gift to buy for a newly arrived refugee. These gift items have been identified by NSC staff as things these families really need or want. Margaret and other volunteers will be at the doors as you exit the sanctuary today with a collection of postcards with a description of the requested item on each card. These items will be specific such as "coat for Syrian girl, size 3T" and an identification number, such as # 4. Take the card for the gift you wish to purchase, and sign a sheet so that we can have a record of who is purchasing what. **After purchasing the gift, bring the gift along with the original card in a bag to the church by Sunday December 17th.** Do not wrap the present since we need to be able to identify the gifts. Questions? Ask Margaret Harris, 215-568-2206 or margaretharris@me.com





3 Questions and 3 Opportunities!

- (1) **Do you believe all city workers should earn a Living Wage?** Come to the 4th Floor of City Hall at *9:15 AM on Thursday, November 30th* for the Economic Dignity team's press conference for the 21st Century Living Wage. Council needs to hear from all of us! \$12/hr is not enough to lift people out of poverty. Ask City Council to lead by example and implement an hourly wage of \$15 by 2020 for Philadelphia's contracted and subcontracted workers. It is time to do the right thing for the nation's poorest large city! For more information contact POWER Community Organizer Jordan Ford (jford@powerinterfaith.org).
- (2) **Did you read about control of public education returning to Philadelphia?** The SRC, our state-controlled school board, has voted to dis-band. POWER played a role in making that happen and POWER will have a seat on the nominating committee for the interim school board (to be named by Mayor Kenney). If you are interested in improving public education locally and statewide, talk to Wilhelmina or Betsy (see below) and come to the next Education Strategy Team meeting on *November 30th, 7:00 PM*, at POWER headquarters (1429 N. 11th St., Philadelphia).
- (3) **Do you wish our city/state/country was trying harder to go solar?** A new POWER Climate Justice/Green Jobs working group is holding a rally at PECO Headquarters, 2301 Market St., on *December 7th at 12:00 noon* to demand BIG CHANGE—20% of electrical power from solar by 2025 and thousands of good green jobs for Philadelphians! We will be bringing jars of small change (pennies, nickels, dimes) because small change is all that PECO has given us so far. Bring your pennies and join fellow Arch Street members there!

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 and watch the bulletin board near the chapel office for POWER news.



Celebrate Javier Junior's Birthday & Javier Seniors Stay of Deportation

Javier Junior's birthday celebration is on December 2nd at 4:30PM. This will also be a celebration of Javier's stay of deportation. If you're interested in attending, please contact the church office at 215.568.6250 and Charlie will give you all the information.



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.



Annual Advent Gathering for Women in Professional Ministry

December 5 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, at Holy Cross UMC

Hello, Women in Professional Ministry!

We would like to invite you to our annual Women in Professional Ministry's annual Advent gathering. This year, we will be celebrating the *Messiness of Traveling to the Manger*. Bring your favorite funny or ridiculous Advent or Christmas Eve church story to share. We will gather with Bishop Johnson this year on December 5, 2017 from 10 am-12 pm at Holy Cross UMC in Reading. Light Refreshments will be served.

Holy Cross is located at 329 N. 5th St., Reading, PA. Parking is available behind the church. If you are traveling from the East on 422, please follow Penn St. detour signs. To RSVP, please call or text Jenny Freymoyer at 678-977-7559 or email her at jenny.freymoyer@gmail.com

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. 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.

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 Isaiah 64:1-9, 1, 20-24, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37.

Readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, and Mark 1:1-8

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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“Finding our Way in a Time of Uncertainty and Opportunity”: A letter from the Council of Bishops

November 10, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 4:1-2 admonishes us “to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

All of us are witnesses to increased animosity and growing conflict over political, religious and justice issues in many places in our world in word and deed. We believe this serves to threaten our safety and security. In antagonistic discussions about our faithful witness in the world, we may encounter verbal abuse, disruptive behavior, harassing emails, letters and phone messages, and confrontations.

As Bishops of your United Methodist Church, we serve a Church which is diverse in its theological understanding of Scripture and Christ’s call in our lives. Conflict and differing opinions, a natural part of the human and faith experience, come in a variety of forms. We are called to address our differences with authenticity and respectful conversations which enrich our understanding of God and of one another.

In recent months, we have experienced these negative behaviors escalating into more aggressive, and violent expressions of hate, prejudice, and anger directed against others. We are hearing of and observing angry words now escalating to actions that are resulting in fear, anxiety, loss of security, and even physical harm. These actions are repugnant to us as your bishops.

We renew our covenant to one another to lead as a council and in our respective residential areas in ways that reflect our commitment to do no harm, do well, and stay in love with God. We renew this covenant within the Council of Bishops to engage in holy conversation and Christ-like behavior especially when we do not agree with one another. We call upon all United Methodists, even in the midst of disagreement and uncertainty about our future as a church, to do the same, and to love each other as Christ loved us (John 12:34).

In Christ’s shalom,

Bishop Bruce R. Ough,

President

The Council of Bishop



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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