

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 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

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "The Holy and the Ivy" Martha Mier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN #234** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*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

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Don Caskey

CHORAL ANTHEM "Prepare!" Carl Nygard Jr.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

#211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 3

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON "Joy > Happiness" Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN #217 "Away in a Manger"

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 Seño Amén.*

AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Pastorale" Calvin Hampton

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 #240**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

***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 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing! Felix Mendelssohn**

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

**"The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3**



Calendar of Events

December 17th December 26th

SUN	12/17	8:30 Worship, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2 nd fl. 9:45 Choir Rehearsal, choir loft 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary 12:20-3 Deaconess Darlene 2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel 4:30 Christmas Caroling 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
MON	12/18	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 Diversity, Nichols Hall 7:00 Band
TUES	12/19	12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary 6:30 Unity Bible Study
WED	12/20	6:00 AA, Nichols
THUR	12/21	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	12/23	10:00 United Methodist Men
SUN	12/24	8:30 Worship, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2 nd fl. 9:45 Choir Rehearsal, choir 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary 12:20-3 Deaconess Darlene 2:00 Unity Fellowship Serv, Chapel 4:30 Grace Café Devotions 5:30 <i>Grace Café</i> 7:00 Christmas Eve Music 7:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 8AM-10AM Christmas Day Breakfast
Mon	12/25	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues	12/26	<i>Office Closed</i>

Please see the events page on our web site: www.archstreetumc.org for the full calendar of happenings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 Café*. Today's dinner is provided by Eastern Mainline Mission. 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 gracecafephilly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday December 10th was 88. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Christmas Caroling Today at 4:30PM



Remember how much fun it was to go caroling as a kid? Well, now you can do it again! We've decided to go caroling on the steps of Arch Street UM Church today! We hope to be joined by both the Arch St. Choir and the Grace Café Choir. Later we'll go inside and join the Grace Café Worship Service and Grace Café dinner. We will have songbooks and song sheets so you don't have to worry about not remembering all the verses to your favorite hymns. We hope you can join us and invite your friends. Everyone is welcome! Questions, ask Margaret (215-568-2206 or margaretharris@me.com)



“This Year Will Be a Year of Justice”

Those words are the theme for the “**Watch Night for Racial Justice**” on New Year’s Eve at the newest POWER congregation, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral. Just reading those words makes it seem possible. Not that all injustices in education, healthcare, jobs, the criminal justice system, and climate change will be righted, but undoubtedly POWER’s work will build barricades against destructive and divisive forces and move steadily on the path to a “city of opportunity that works for all” (POWER’s unofficial rallying cry).

The Watch Night will be **“An Evening of Jazz to Benefit POWER.”** At 4:00 PM the music will start, featuring vocalists, pianists, a drummer, and the Clef Club Student Ensemble. A prayer service starts at 7:00 PM. No advance tickets are required. A free will offering will be taken at times throughout the evening. The cathedral is at 19 South 38th St. (University City), Philadelphia. Free parking is available at the lot at 39th and Market Streets.

It sounds like a wonderful way to see in the New Year, and of course to meet other POWER members.

For more information please see the event poster on the bulletin board outside the chapel office.

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.

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 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199), Romans 16:25-27, and Luke 1:26-38. Readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Galatians 4:4-7, and Luke 2:22-40

Arch St. United Methodist Women's 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.



2018 DATES OF UMW Meetings:

Next Meeting Sunday, *January 14*

Sunday, February 11

Sunday, March 11

Sunday, April 8

Sunday, May 6, a week early to miss Mother's Day

Sunday, June 10

UMW Assembly *May 17-20*, Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH

Cost is \$295 UMW Priority issues: Maternal and child health, Climate justice, Mass incarceration, Economic Inequality. Darlene, Carmen, Margaret and Wilhelmina are going! Don't you want to join us?

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed to making the Christmas Party, for our neighbors living in the Eliza Shirley Shelter it was such a fun event. Thank you to all the people who baked delicious treats, contributed juice to drink, or donated presents for the moms. Thanks to the decorators and the servers. Thanks to Santa Juan and Jolly Elf Raymond, and all those who helped give out the toys and books to the kids and gifts for the moms. Thanks to Rhonda who led us in dance and Robin who once again brought the house down with What Time is It Mr. Fox? A special thanks to Betsy Connor who wrote a detailed schedule and plan of what needed to be done and when, and then helped us every step of the way. And finally, big thanks to Frank Jones who makes everything at Arch St. run smoothly in spite of us.

Unique Ideas for Your Holiday Gift-Giving

Are you stumped about what to give a loved one this Christmas? Maybe they don't need another pair of shoes or another tie. Maybe they do not need anything! Consider giving them (or you!) a tax-deductible gift that will provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience and support our ASUMC ministry! We are about to embark on a \$250,000 façade repair program. These gifts will help us fund the program. Here are our suggestions:

1. \$25. Receive a piece of stone that was removed from the façade during the repairs.
2. \$50. Group guided tour of the Spire from the inside.
3. \$1,000. Group guided tour of the part of the Arch Street façade reached from scaffolding, approximately 50 feet above the sidewalk.
4. \$5,000. Ride in the crane basket and touch the cross at the top of the Spire, approximately 220 feet above the sidewalk!

Note that gifts 3 and 4 would be ideal for someone who is concerned about heights, to help them change to having an appreciation for heights.

Why are we asking?

As stewards of God's building, one of our Trustees' duties is to protect public safety. One aspect of this duty is a City of Philadelphia requirement. For any building that is over 60 feet tall and constructed prior to 1950 (this means ASUMC), we must submit a report indicating the condition of the entire façade (the exterior surface) of the building.

In August 2017, after a two-day inspection, the Trustees received a draft report from the engineering firm we hired. Their findings are that three jobs must be performed prior to issuance of their final report:

1. The three-decorative masonry architectural details on the Arch Street side ("Finials") must be removed;
2. The Spire requires a hands-on inspection that can only be performed from a 250-foot crane;
3. Several other items separate from the two items above, identified during the August inspection, and must be repaired.

The Church Council accepted the Trustees' recommendation that we invest approximately \$250,000 in these projects. The investment will be funded by a loan secured by the ASUMC endowment. The planning work has begun, and we hope physical work will begin in January 2018.

Assuring the safety of the building is not a one-shot deal. It requires an investment in continual maintenance. We will need an ongoing program

to assure the continued safety of the façade into the future. This is true not only because of our duty as stewards of the public safety, but because we must provide the same report to the City of Philadelphia every 5 years from now on.

We learned a lesson from the outcome of the planning and construction of the parking garage next door. Nothing is impossible with God. If we truly come from a perspective that puts the Kingdom of God first, and earnestly and patiently explain our needs, God will send the things, people, and resources to make our dreams a reality.

Maybe God wants to work through you! Please support this project with your donations (as described above, or in any amount you wish) and prayers. Your contribution should be marked “Façade repair fund.” We intend to pursue other sources of funding for this work. Thank you for your support! Please contact Russ Alexander or any of the Trustees with any questions.

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: craunders@thefoodtrust.org

Phone: 267-658-4148



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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, 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, 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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Parking

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