

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 24, 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 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" Arr. Haines

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN#246 "Joy to the World"

*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

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Juanita Campbell Ford

CHORAL ANTHEM "Stille Stille Nacht"

Wilste

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

#211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 7

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38

SERMON "Jubilee Celebrates Justice" Robin Hynicka

HYMN#251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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 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:** Go Tell It on the Mountain Mier

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



“Black Madonna & Child” by Tim Okamura

Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

*“Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.” Psalm 96:7*



Calendar of Events

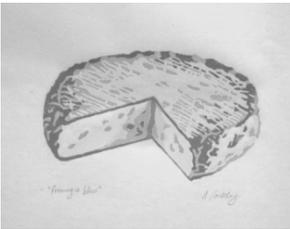
December 24th to New Year's Day

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 <i>Office Closed</i>
Mon	12/25	
Tues	12/26	
WED	12/27	6:00 AA, Nichols
THUR	12/28	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 10:00 United Methodist Men
SAT	12/30	8:30 Worship, Chapel
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MON	1/1	

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. *180 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided by Grace Café donations and volunteers. 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 gracecafe Philly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday December 17th was 112. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

Christmas Day Breakfast

Arch Street UMC will continue the tradition of sharing a delicious, hot breakfast on Christmas Morning, Monday, December 25, 2017. *The doors will open to guests at 8am and breakfast will be served until 10am.* The set-up and kitchen teams have been recruited. Volunteers are needed to greet and welcome guests, share music, support volunteers, serve food and clean up. Clean up volunteers are asked to arrive at the church and report to the chapel by 10am. All other volunteers are asked to arrive at the church and report to the chapel by 7:15am. All volunteers will be oriented and assigned to their tasks from the chapel. **We are still seeking last minute volunteers. Please sign up to be a volunteer with one of the sextons on staff today.**





“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.

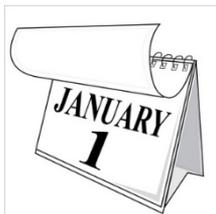
Please contact Betsy Connor (betsyfconnor@gmail.com, 215-232-7186), Nancy Megley (nmegley@msn.com, 215-574-8320), or Wilhelmina Young (thecatalyst212@yahoo.com, 215-227-4034) with questions and watch the bulletin board near the chapel office for POWER news.

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 Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Galatians 4:4-7, and Luke 2:22-40. Readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, and Matthew 2:1-12.

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.

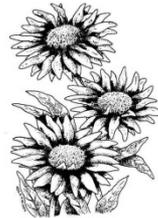
CHILD CUSTODY LAWS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arch Street United Methodist Church, 55 N. Broad Street – Chapel
Monday, January 8, 2018, 2 PM

Learn the basics of Child Custody Law with Katy, a Family Law Paralegal at Philadelphia Legal Assistance.

The info session will cover:

- Basics of Family Law
- Parental Rights
- Family Law Resources
- General Questions



Conference Raising funds, Sending Aid to Puerto Rico



*Will launch \$100,000 fundraising goal
in January*

Like the three kings, or Magi, who journeyed to Bethlehem bearing gifts for Christ's birth, three Eastern PA Conference Cabinet members will visit Puerto Rico in the coming months bringing aid to residents on the disaster-stricken island. Their journey will follow the launch of a \$100,000 conference-wide fundraising campaign to help the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico in its disaster recovery efforts.

Three district superintendents, the Rev. Irving Cotto, of the North District Superintendent, the Rev. BumKoo "BK" Chung of the West District and the Rev. Tracy Bass of the East District will visit in February some of the 96 Methodist churches in Puerto Rico and their pastors and members, as guests of Bishop Hector Ortiz.

Healing the Reproach of Women

Luke 1:24-25

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

As almost daily we hear from the "Silence Breakers"--Time magazine's name for the women (and some men) who are revealing painful, alleged sexual misconduct they have suffered at the hands of powerful men--Bishop Peggy Johnson challenges us to recognize and respond to the overall oppression inflicted upon countless women in our nation and around the world.

For Advent she recalls Elizabeth, once disdained for her seeming inability to conceive a child, expressing relief when she learned surprisingly that she would give birth to a son who would become John the Baptist: "Thus, the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." (Luke 1:25).

"The practice of sexism is a form of reproach," writes the Bishop Johnson in her latest Bishop's Blog essay. "Still today, women get paid less than men for the same work. Most corporations have men as their CEO's; and sexual abuse and domestic violence mostly happens to women."

She laments the still-common prejudice against and rejection of women pastors and the many complaints of sexual misconduct and harassment by clergy and laity she has received during her tenure in this area. She even recounts her own untold experiences with sexual abuse and admits that keeping silent is "how the practice of abuse continues."

"Many fine women pastors have had difficulties in ministry, not because of their lack of skills or calling, but because some in the church (men and women) cannot accept their authority or the unique gifts that they bring," she writes.

"The church needs to have honest conversations about these issues and strive to live in more healthy ways, as we continue the work of ministry," she pleads. "First steps include talking, teaching and creating safe spaces for people to share their stories."

Read more at the Bishops blog: <http://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com/>





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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