

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 3, 2017

8:30 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



Musician: James Dell'Orefice

Worship Leader: Anana Tinnhe

Nursery: Guy McNeill

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

“Instrumental”

PRAISE SINGING

#719 *“Oh What a Morning”*

#706 *“Soon and Very Soon”*

#2086 *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Russell Whaley

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SPECIAL MUSIC #434

“Cuando El Pobre” (When the Poor Ones)

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 10-13-16

SERMON *“Road Trip”*

Reverend Robin Hynicka

COMMUNION *“Jesus, Bread of Life”*

CLOSING HYMN #2173 *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #434 *“Cuando El Pobre” (When the Poor Ones)*



Calendar of Events

December 3rd to December 10th

SUN 12/3

8:30 Worship, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2nd 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 *Grace Café*

MON 12/4

1:00 Tea & Talk
5:30 Diversity, Nichols Hall
7:00 Band

TUES 12/5

12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
6:30 Unity Bible Study

WED 12/6

6:00 AA, Nichols

THUR 12/7

5:00 Diversity, Chapel
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall

SAT 12/9

10:00 United Methodist Men

SUN 12/10

8:30 Worship, Chapel
9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2nd 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
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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



A Day of Prayer and Support for Migrants and Refugees

The United Methodist Church is this first Sunday of Advent. It is 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. Offerings will go to the denomination's Global Migration Advance (#3022144), to assist more than 46,000 migrants.

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. *225 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided by Swarthmore UMC. 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 November 26th was 109. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

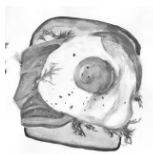
Sunday School

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 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, and Mark 1:1-8, Readings for NEXT week are Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, and John 1:6-8, 19-28.

LOOK in Your Bulletin for Two Important Inserts



Christmas Garden order forms are available in each bulletin. Our yearly tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary with the gift of Poinsettias and also bringing them to our homebound is back. If you are interested in participating please fill out the form and return it no later than the 3rd Sunday of this month.



Arch Street UMC will hold their traditional breakfast on Christmas Morning breakfast on December 25, 2017. If you would like to volunteer please fill out the form in your bulletin. Volunteers are a vital part of running the yearly breakfast and your support is appreciated.



Two More Questions and Opportunities from POWER

- 1. 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!
- 2. Do you want to be alerted when an urgent need for action is identified and a rapid response is planned?** When a presidential directive was issued last winter to severely curtail non-citizens from entering the country, many Arch Streeters headed to the airport to join thousands of others to protest. Fortunately, this occurred on a Sunday and we heard about it in church. POWER is launching a “Rapid Response Network” using an app that coordinates a massive response whenever needed. Training on the system is on *December 6th from 6:30-8:30 PM* at the POWER office (1429 N. 11th St., two blocks north of Girard Ave. on Septa’s Route 23 bus). If you are interested, please find more information—including how to install the app on your phone before you go—on the POWER website calendar (POWERinterfaith.org).

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.

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.

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

Sunday December 10: **UMW meeting:** lunch at 12pm in the conference room and Christmas Concert at 1pm.

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.

Go Caroling on Sunday December 17th

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 on Sunday December 17th beginning at 4:30pm! We hope to be joined by both the Arch St. Choir and the Grace Cafe Choir. Later we'll go inside and join the Grace Cafe Worship Service and Grace Cafe 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)

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

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. From 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

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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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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