

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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December 31, 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 31, 2017

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" Arr. Haines

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN#219 "What Child is this"

*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 renovarás
estando hoy aquí*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Rhonda Moore

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

CHORAL ANTHEM "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

Butler

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:22-40

SERMON "The Works!"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN#250 Once in Royal David's City

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 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Traditional Irish Melody

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#251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

***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"**

Martha Mier

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*



Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

"Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding," Psalm 148:7-8



Calendar of Events

December 31st to January 7th

SUN	12/31	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 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i> 10:00 Watch Night Service, Unity <i>Office Closed</i>
MON	1/1	
Tues	1/2	6:30 Unity Bible Study, Chapel
WED	1/3	6:00 AA, Nichols
THUR	1/4	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall 10:00 United Methodist Men
SAT	1/6	
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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



Many Thanks

Thank You and God Bless You, Everyone!

The entire staff of Arch Street would like to thank the members of

the congregation for their Christmas generosity. We wish you all a blessed and happy New Year.

Thanks to all who helped to make The Annual Christmas Breakfast a huge success!

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped purchase, prepare and serve at our annual Christmas Breakfast. The many friends of Arch Street UMC prepared a wonderful breakfast for our many homeless neighbors. Special thanks to our clean-up crew. Your giving and kindness is truly a testament that the spirit of Christmas is alive at Arch Street!

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday December 24th was 229. About 280 people attended Christmas Breakfast. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.

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.

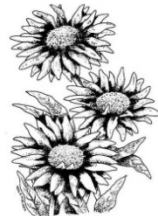
CHILD CUSTODY LAWS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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



Jan. 6: Live Nativity at Casa Del Pueblo

On January 6, Casa Del Pueblo will have a Live Nativity with live animals. All are invited to come and join us from 1-3 pm at Lehman UMC 300 South York Road, Hatboro, PA. 19040, Tel: 215-470-2229. We will have hot chocolate and the traditional Rosca de Reyes, Three King's pastry, come and join us for some fun.



2018: The Year of the Migrant

As they welcome a new year, Bishop Peggy Johnson asks churches to also welcome wandering sojourners yearning desperately for a safe place to

live. She prayerfully asks us to respond with Christ's love to a global crisis of suffering that holds millions of precious lives in its grip:

In the midst of the joyous celebration of Christmas there is a backdrop of suffering around the globe in the form of migrants.

Studies indicate that there are as many as 65 million migrants, immigrants, refugees and displaced people in the world today. More than half of them are under the age of 18.

There are many reasons why people leave their homes, including war, persecution, weather disasters, genocide, and terrorism. For the most part, migrants experience extreme poverty, disease, dangerous travel, unbelievable conditions of hunger, cold, lack of medical attention and sanitation. Sadly, many times they also face hurtful bias and discrimination from the countries that both receive them and reject them.

As the people of God we cannot turn a blind eye to this suffering. I would like for us all to observe 2018 as the “Year of the Migrant” in the Philadelphia Episcopal Area. I ask that every church do at least one thing to help mitigate this global crisis.

Churches can engage in studies about global migration issues. We can speak to our lawmakers about the situation, and even help to settle and welcome migrants and refugees in our areas and communities. Several of our churches are already doing this kind of work, and they could use more help from more donors and volunteers.

Remember that when we help migrants and sojourners in need we are helping Jesus, the Savior whose birth we welcome at Christmas time. Even he and his holy family became refugees in Egypt to escape the terror of murderous King Herod.

Jesus said “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me....truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:35, 40)

I pray that you and your church will have a heart for this critical ministry. What will your church do in 2018 to reach out, welcome others in, and help with the global crisis among desperate migrants? Please let us know.



“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.

Please join Arch Street and POWER members for all or part of this jazz and worship New Year’s celebration.

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 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, and Matthew 2:1-12. Readings for NEXT week are 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and John 1:43-51

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

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*

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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.



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 Griscoll, 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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