

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

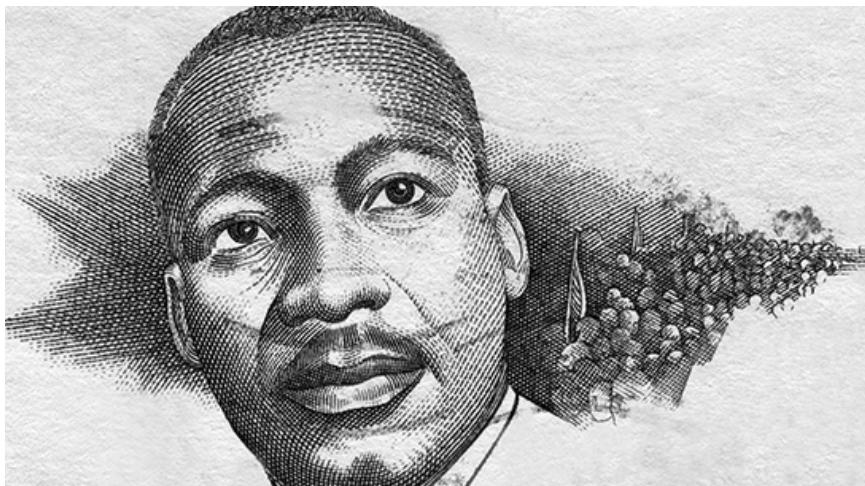
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January 14, 2018

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

Secretary, Charlie Meyers

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,

John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

January 14, 2018

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "Three Kings"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Breathe On Me Breath of God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN #459 “The Serenity Prayer”**

***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.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,*

Refrain:

*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

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11:20)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Nancy Megley

CHORAL ANTHEM "Mercy" Courtney

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51

SERMON "Guide My Feet"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN#593 "Here I Am, Lord"

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 "You Are My Dwelling Place"

John Sellers

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#98 "To God Be the Glory"

*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: "Fugue"**

Johann Kasper

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Hearing devices available in the church office.*

faith is taking
the first step
even when you
don't see the
whole staircase.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made"
Psalm 139:13-14



Calendar of Events

January 14th to January 21st

SUN 1/14

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 Get Acquainted Time
12:30 UMW
5:30 Grace Café Devotions
6:00 *Grace Café*

MON 1/15

Office Closed for MLK Day

Tues 1/16

6:30 Unity Bible Study, Chapel

WED 1/17

6:00 AA, Nichols

THUR 1/18

5:00 Diversity, Chapel

SAT 1/20

10:00 United Methodist Men

SUN 1/21

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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

HUMAN RELATIONS *Day*



HUMAN RELATIONS DAY – JANUARY 14, 2018

The Human Relations Day offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Join the People's Garden



Live in North Philly? Interested in community gardening? Join The People's Garden first meeting of the New Year! Contact Carmen for more information at thepeoplesgardenphilly@gmail.com.

Black History/African Heritage Month Series

This year's African Heritage reflections are centered on **SANKOFA**, *the revered West African concept of looking back to understand where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.* Often associated with the proverb in the Twi language of Ghana, “*Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi*” (It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten), the words help us to remember that all people, place, and things—regardless of their age—possess a past, present and future.

Our church service on Sunday, February 11 will focus on the physical embodiment of **SANKOFA**. I am delighted and excited to collaborate with movement artist and colleague Belle Alvarez on creating a meaning-filled sensory experience. As part of our process, Belle and I are asking for input from Arch Street’s congregation, friends, and visitors. Please respond freely to any one or all of the following queries:

- What wisdom or experience from your past do you especially remember or have carried forward into the now? Why?
- What beliefs have led you to where you stand today?
- What hope(s) do you hold for the future, based on your past and present experiences and/or circumstances?

Your responses can be stream of consciousness, single word, one or several sentences, a picture, a poem, a quote—in short, whatever you may be inspired to say. Belle and I will use everything we collect as the raw material for our and ultimately, your, presentation.

Responses can be emailed to: secretary@archstreetumc.org, making sure to write **SANKOFA** as the subject of the email. In addition, each Sunday there will be a table set up in the narthex and outside of the chapel with everything necessary to record and collect responses.

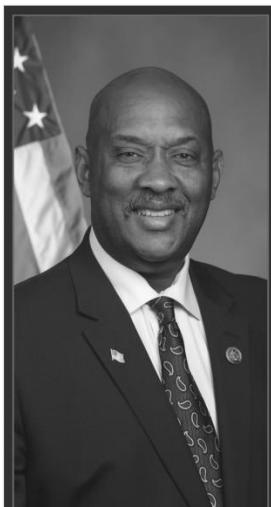
Please help us make our SANKOFA reflection as collective and communal as possible!

- **Rhonda Moore**

ASUMC Awarded General Commission On Religion and Race Grant

The General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) will award \$463,025 to projects developed by local churches, district annual conferences, and seminaries in all 5 jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church through the CORR Action Fund (CAF) United States 2018-2020 grant cycle. The following U.S.-based projects or programs, which are listed in parentheses, will receive funding in the 2018-2020 grant cycle:

Arch Street UMC, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference (“Sabbath Solidarity”): Arch Street UMC in partnership with Juntos, New Sanctuary Movement Philadelphia and POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild) seek to put forth this initiative. New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia (NSM) builds community across faith, ethnicity, and class in the work to end injustices against immigrants regardless of immigration status, express radical welcome for all, and ensure that values of dignity, justice, and hospitality are lived out in practice and upheld in policy. Regarding the concept of Sabbath, they have developed a shared understanding that Sabbath is the basis of a fundamental right of all humans to occupy space and time simply because they are — no control, no exploitation, no oppression, and no expectation. Sabbath becomes a reality for everyone when white supremacy, xenophobia, racism, heterosexism, patriarchy, ableism and all the ways they are embedded in our society and minds are eradicated. (\$35,000)



Representative Dwight Evans is the Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives from Pennsylvania's 2nd congressional district.

“We have an obligation to build a stronger tomorrow for all members of our communities.”

– Congressman Dwight Evans

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Forum: A Conversation with Congressman Dwight Evans

Immigration
Care for Earth
Affordable Health Care Act
Homelessness and Poverty
Let's build a stronger
tomorrow together!

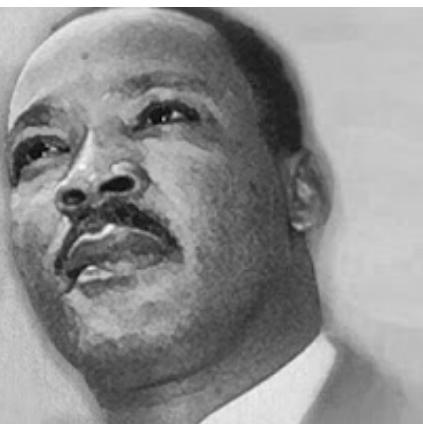
Sunday, January 14, 2018
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Convent of Mercy Auditorium
515 Montgomery Avenue
Merion, PA 19066

This event is sponsored by:

Adath Israel	The New Sanctuary Movement
Beth Am Israel	POWER Metro
Bethel AME Church	Project HOME
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian	St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church
Holy Trinity Lutheran	Church
Lower Merion Baptist	Sisters of Mercy
Merion Friends Meeting	Sisters of St. Joseph
Narberth Presbyterian	Temple Beth Hillel

Arrested but Undeterred

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”



Monday January 8, 2018

In a blog post titled “Ten Things You May Not Know about **Martin Luther King, Jr.**,” by Christopher Klein, published April 4, 2013, we read some interesting facts about the great civil rights leader who changed the world forever.

For example, I never knew that his birth name was “Michael” but was later changed to “Martin Luther” after his father went to Germany and learned about theologian Martin Luther’s pivotal Protestant Reformation work. King’s father legally changed his own name as well. The renaming was perhaps a premonition of the groundbreaking work that young Martin was later to accomplish.

I did not know that Dr. King started college at the age of 15, or that he survived a near-fatal assassination attempt by a woman who stabbed him with a letter opener in a department store.

I did not know that King’s mother was assassinated in 1974 by an armed intruder during a Sunday worship service while she was playing the organ. How did I miss this? Church shootings are not new, although they are still rare. But they are becoming more common and more deadly. That tragic trend, as reported in our news media, makes them feel new to many of us.

On and on Klein’s article goes, offering amazing facts about the life of a man whose legacy continues to shine the light of truth and courage, of freedom and justice. Only that light can dispel the shadows of deception, cowardice, injustice and oppression that still enshroud our nation in its mistreatment of people without privilege or power.

The thing that I was not surprised to read was that King was arrested 29 times for his faithful social justice work. Be it civil disobedience, or trumped-up arrest charges, or something as trivial as jail time for driving

30 miles per hour in a 25-miles-per-hour zone, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was no stranger to prisons and jails.

Still today, “truth” is often put in jail. “Power” is not pleased with the concept of equality. To unleash that value on the world is an affront to those who hold all its authority and privilege.

The crucible of incarceration gave King time to write important letters and to pray. But it also no doubt steeled his determination to keep doing the work. Indeed, his imprisonment was in itself a glaring example of the injustice he was confronting.

Still today, people are put in prison unfairly; but often it is the very impetus that spawns liberation. Consider that word “impetus.” It is defined as “the force or energy with which a body moves” or “the force that makes something happen or happen more quickly.”

Former South Africa president and anti-apartheid revolutionary Nelson Mandela used his 27 years in prison to become a force of deliberate wisdom that unleashed the firepower for a whole new way of life—of truth and reconciliation—for all his people. King’s frequent imprisonment did the same.

I am reminded of the Apostle Paul’s assertions in 2 Corinthians 4 of overcoming similar adversity and frequent imprisonment to spread the truth of Jesus Christ’s gospel:

“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.” (v. 8-10)

How many times would I be willing to be imprisoned for my convictions, for my mission to spread truth and advocate for justice? How can we work to make our law enforcement and prison systems more equitable for people of color and for people who are doing the sacrificial work of promoting human rights?

These are thoughts I ponder on the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. I thank God for his courage and his voice that continue to challenge us and help shape and inspire our world. And in my thanks, I am reminded, as we all should be, of Paul’s opening words in that chapter: “Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.”

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

From The Bishops Blog: <http://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com>



Clergy Lenten Day Apart to Explore Answers to Opioid Crisis

Bishop Peggy Johnson invites all clergy to set aside the morning of Monday, **Feb. 12**, and gather as one body for a Lenten Day Apart at Hempfield UMC, 3050 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA. The Rev. Barry Steiner Ball will speak on responding to the current opioid addiction crisis through direct ministry. His keynote will begin at 9 AM, following a continental breakfast. Worship and Communion will ensue at 10:30.

Steiner Ball served churches on Maryland's Eastern Shore before moving to West Virginia, where his wife, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, is the episcopal leader. There he served on a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force in Hagerstown, Md., an assignment that exposed him to the plight of drug-endangered children. Earning a doctoral degree in 2017, he works with UM churches to help them discover ways to support children in response to the opioid epidemic.

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 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 gracecafephilly@gmail.com. Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7:20-31, and Mark 1:14-20. Readings for NEXT week are Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, and Mark 1:21-28.



Again this year, POWER and the MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition will observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action with a rally and series of teach-ins to empower us to act locally to make positive change in our city.

A People's Call to Action: Rally and Teach-Ins

Monday, January 15th, 2018

1:00-4:30 PM

Dobbins High School

2150 W. Lehigh Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19132

facebook.com/reclaimmlk twitter.com/reclaimmlk

The MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition consists of POWER and like-minded local organizations committed to increasing justice and opportunity in our city. During the rally, we will hear from movement leaders whose fight for justice is felt throughout the city. The teach-ins, beginning at 2:30, will offer long-term tools, resources, and pathways to address the issues that plague our communities as they relate to education, living wages, climate justice, and healthcare.

POWER's events are always energizing and inspiring. We hope you can join us at the rally to get revved up for our work in 2018!

Please contact Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, betsyfConnor@gmail.com), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, nmegley@msn.com), or Wilhelmina Young (215-227-4034, thecatalyst212@yahoo.com) with any POWER-related questions.

'Act Now' to Continue DACA, says UM Social Justice Agency

The UM Board of Church and Society says "Act now" to help protect DACA Recipients, as the deadline is quickly approaching for Congress to pass legislation that protects from deportation undocumented young people who were brought to the U.S. by their parents. Send an email to your members of Congress today. Tell them that your faith calls you to stand with immigrant youth.



Arch St. United Methodist Women's 2018 Calendar

Meeting Today: January 14th

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:

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday January 7th was 85. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

Conference Leadership and Service Interest Form

If you may be interested in serving as a member or leader of a Conference ministry board, committee, council or organization, please complete this brief questionnaire as a first step and submit it by February 15, 2018. Your answers will be considered by the Conference Committee on Nominations and shared with appropriate ministry groups or organizations. Thank you!

The Eastern PA Conference Committee on Nominations has created this new Leadership and Service Interest Survey Form as part of its new process for identifying capable, gifted persons to lead and serve in various important areas of conference-wide ministry. Responses will help the committee recommend future members and leaders to ministry groups--including boards, councils, committees, commissions, organizations, etc.--that work together to plan and implement ministry and mission throughout the conference.

This interest survey form may enhance your personal discovery of vital ministry opportunities on a broader, connectional level, as you share and develop your talents, skills and wisdom in service to God. Your cooperation in completing this form will enable us to enhance our conference's ministry effectiveness in ways that will benefit local churches and communities in Eastern PA and far beyond.

Participation in ministry and mission beyond the local church level may be an important venture in your journey of discipleship as you discover the rich diversity among the people of God and seek ways to make a greater impact on God's kingdom as a connectional church. Ultimately, and prayerfully, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, may become more effective together in bearing fruit for God's purposes, "fruit that will last." (John 15:16). *Email secretary@archstreetumc.org or call 215.568.6250 for a form. Due February 15, 2018.*

**WOMEN'S
MARCH** 
ON PHILADELPHIA
January 20, 2018

"We Resist.

We Persist.

We Rise"

Making the anniversary *march* and rally a day of activism, enlightenment, and progress!
Gather at Aviator

Park/Logan Square; 11am - marching from Logan Square to Eakins Oval;
12pm - Rally with speakers and performers kick off.



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

*Garage parking coupons are available from the Chapel office **only** for the Convention Center self-park next door. You must show the number on your ticket and give your name at our office to receive your coupon.*