

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**January 28, 2018**

**8:30 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Deacons, Reverend Nikki Kelley Kleinberg,*

*Reverend David Krueger,*

*Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck*

*US2, Carmen Francesco*

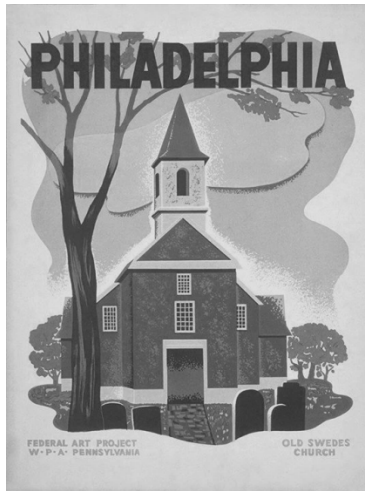
*Music Director, Adam Haines*

*Secretary, Charlie Meyers*

*Building Supervisor, Frank Jones*

*Sextons, Devon Goodwin, Russell Whaley,*

*John Buzby, Toni McIlwaine, Joe Kalil*



**Musician:** James Dell'Orefice

**Worship Leader:** Remone Mundle

**Nursery Attendant:** Guy McNeil

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 AM

January 28, 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude Instrumental

## PRAISE SINGING

#67 Why, thy People, Praise Thee"

#62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

#2213 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

## JOYS & CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER

## REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

## SCRIPTURE READING

Janis Campbell

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC #2117 "Spirit of God"

\*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

SERMON "When Knowledge Divides" Rev. David Krueger

CLOSING HYMN #2175 "Together We Serve"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #665 "Go Now in Peace"

# *Calendar of Events*

## January 28th to February 4th

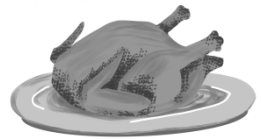
<b>SUN</b>	1/28	8:30 Worship, Chapel 9:45 Adult Sunday School. 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl. 9:45 Choir Rehearsal, choir 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary 11:00 Children's Sunday School 12:20-3 Deaconess Darlene 12:30 Get Acquainted Time 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
<b>MON</b>	1/29	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA Nichols Hall 7:00 Band Rehearsal, Chapel
<b>Tues</b>	1/30	12:00 Hour of Power 6:30 Unity Bible Study, Chapel
<b>WED</b>	1/31	6:00 AA, Nichols 7:00-8:15 Singing the Body, Nichols
<b>THUR</b>	2/1	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
<b>SAT</b>	2/3	10:00 United Methodist Men
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Please see the events page on our web site: [www.archstreetumc.org](http://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 Cafe.



Today's dinner is provided by **Grace Café and donations from our partners**. 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](mailto:gracecafe Philly@gmail.com). Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome. Thank you

## Dinner Invitation to Visitors and New Members



You are invited to the first in a series of monthly dinners for the purpose of getting to know a little more about the Church and enjoy an evening with other congregants. The first dinner will be this **SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 3RD, 6:00PM**, at the home of *Herb Snyder, Hopkinson House, Unit 902, at 604 Washington Square South, Philadelphia*. Our Pastor, Rev. "Robin," will be on hand to fellowship with us.

So if you are visiting or new to Arch Street, please try to attend. *It is requested that you make a reservation with Herb* and let him know if you have any dietary requirements by emailing him at [herbertsnnyder@gmail.com](mailto:herbertsnnyder@gmail.com) or calling him at [610 368 5988](tel:6103685988). Be assured that there will be no pressure to join the church or even get involved, just our way of living the inclusiveness we talk about.

## **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.

This year we will utilize the arts in messaging. So each Sunday in February will feature the theme mentioned above embedded in some artistic expression. We plan to use dance, choral music, drama and poetry. In our congregation, we have persons of African Heritage who excel in each of the four artistic expressions outlined above and will take the lead in designing a 20 minute experience to be the sermon on their assigned Sunday.

### *The SANKOFA calendar is the following:*

#### **February 4<sup>th</sup> Lead by James Hopkins: Vocal Artist**

The Negro spiritual is the mirror of the African American soul. In these songs are messages idioms and strength. The spiritual also shows you that in the mist of tyranny and cruelty one can still survive and persevere. These African folk songs were the only thing the slave had that reminded him of home. Hence, why crossing the river of Jordan was such a prevalent idiom used in the text of a lot of spirituals. I will also speak on the origin of spirituals.

#### **February 11<sup>th</sup> Lead by Rhonda Moore & Cynthia Oka:**

##### *Dance/Movement*

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, and 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!

**February 18<sup>th</sup> Lead by Anna Tinnhe & Cynthia Oka: Poets**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> Lead by Cathy Simpson: Drama**

*8:30 & 11:00A.M Worship Service*

*10:00A.M Workshops*

## **Mission Connexion: Lenten Season 2018**

**Ash Wednesday** – February 14 at New Vision UMC

**Bible Studies** at different churches on Wednesdays at 7pm

(Theme: Psalm 23)

- February 21 - Mt. Zion UMC (Tentative)
- February 28 - Mid-Town UMC
- March 7<sup>th</sup> - Emmanuel UMC
- March 14<sup>th</sup> - Haven Peniel UMC
- March 21m - Devereux UMC



Holy Week at host church – Arch Street at 7pm (churches bring their choir/program)

- Monday, March 26 - Trinity UMC
- Tuesday, March 27 - Haven Peniel UMC
- Wednesday, March 28 - Tindley Temple UMC
- Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Arch Street UMC

Good Friday Service will be at Mt Zion UMC from 12pm to 3pm

- 1) Father forgive them - Rev. Eric Carr
- 2) Today you are with me in Paradise - Rev. Shayla Johnson
- 3) Behold thy Son - Rev. Towanda Connelly
- 4) My God my God why have thou forsaken me - Dr. Gary George
- 5) I Thirst - Rev. Cherrill Wilson
- 6) It is Finished - Rev. William Brawner
- 7) Father into my hands: I commend my spirit - Rev. Reginald Monte

Interested in auditioning for a part in the play "Church People" contact: Thomasenia Harrell, Emmanuel UMC.

**Special Note:** Quarterly meetings are being hosted by Arch Street UMC in 2018

1st Thursday of the month in March, June, September and December at 6:30pm

*Millicent Clark, Mission Connexion, Secretary Cell# 267-230-1999*

## **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)



### **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 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, and Mark 1:29-39. Readings for NEXT week are 2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, and Mark 9:2-9.

### **A Look at Our Faithfulness**



Combined attendance for last Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> was 77. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.



## **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:***

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?

### **Petitions to support family in Sanctuary in the Church of the Advocate**

I am sure you've probably heard that New Sanctuary Movement (NSM) is working with a family in Sanctuary at Church of the Advocate. I am reaching out to request your support with collecting signatures for Carmela's and her four children's Sanctuary case. The petition is asking for the asylum case to be granted so that they family can stay safely in the U.S.

Additionally, Carmela's organizing committee is hosting weekly Friday dinners. We would love to have more NSM members come have dinner with the family. This is a great way to show support and provide company, since Sanctuary can be lonely, emotionally taxing and alienating. If you, or other folks from GMC, are interested in joining the family for a Friday dinner, please contact Margaret Harris at [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or 215-568-2206.

Margaret Harris will be collecting signatures on the petition every Sunday before and after church. If you would like to help collect signatures, please let her know. You can also collect signatures from people who are not at Arch Street or any church. You do not have to be a resident of Philadelphia or Pennsylvania. Anyone can sign the petition.

You can also access the petition online on New Sanctuary Movement's page on Facebook.

## Discuss Monique W. Morris's Pushout; the Criminalization of Black Girls in School on Sunday February 11th

Fifteen-year-old Diamond stopped going to school the day she was expelled for lashing out at peers who constantly harassed and teased her for something everyone on the staff had missed: she was being trafficked for sex. After months on the run, she was arrested and sent to a detention center for violating a court order to attend school.

Just 16 percent of female students, Black girls make up more than one-third of all girls with a school-related arrest. The first trade book to tell these untold stories, *Pushout* exposes a world of confined potential and supports the growing movement to address the policies, practices, and cultural illiteracy that push countless students out of school and into unhealthy, unstable, and often unsafe futures.

For four years Monique W. Morris, author of *Black Stats*, chronicled the experiences of black girls across the country whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish. Morris shows how, despite obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes, and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities, and beyond. (From the Amazon website)

Here's what people are saying about this book:

*Pushout is for everyone who cares about children, especially teachers, school administrators and policymakers, whose decisions - big and small - shape how black girls learn and live."*

—Washington Post

*"A powerful indictment of the cultural beliefs, policies, and practices that criminalize and dehumanize Black girls in America, coupled with thoughtful analysis and critique of the justice work that must be done at the intersection of race and gender."*

—Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*

*"If you ever doubted that Supremacy Crimes—those devoted to maintaining hierarchy—are rooted in both sex and race, read Pushout. Monique Morris tells us exactly how schools are crushing the spirit and talent that this country needs."*

—Gloria Steinem

*"The personal stories at the heart of the author's discussion create a compelling study that puts a human face on both suffering and*

*statistics...Morris' book offers both educators and those interested in social justice issues an excellent starting point for much-needed change. A powerful and thought-provoking book of social science."*

—Kirkus

*"Morris's work, buttressed by appalling statistics and scholarly studies, is supplemented by two useful appendices...and a list of community resources."*

—Publishers Weekly

*"A thoughtful appendix offers numerous questions and answers for girls and young women, parents, the community, and educators. Timely and important."*

—Booklist

So now I am sure you want to read this book and discuss it with others, right? Fortunately you can get a copy from Margaret Harris any Sunday at church, or contact her by email ([margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com)) or phone (215-568-2206). It is also available on Kindle.

The United Methodist Women will be hosting the discussion of the book, but the book discussion is for EVERYONE: men, women, others, members, non-members, strangers, and friends.

During February in celebration of Black History/African Heritage, each Sunday there will be refreshments in the Chapel following the 11 am worship service. The book discussion will take place on Sunday February 11th in the second floor conference room at 1 pm after we have enjoyed the food and fellowship in the chapel. Questions? Contact Margaret Harris ([margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or 215-568-2206).

## **BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR ADVENT GIFTS**

From Danielle at Nationalities Service Center:

"All of the families absolutely loved and appreciated their gifts. The warm coats and blankets especially came at a perfect time with this really cold weather. Thanks so much to you and all of the church members. We are preparing a thank you card from staff and clients and hope to have that to you in the next week or so. I can bring it to the church office.

Happy New Year!!!!

*Danielle"*



Thank  
You

## Singing the Body Electric is Back!

Our journey towards greater awareness of self and others through dance, embarked upon last year in November with members, friends and frequenters of ASUMC and of the neighborhood and beyond, is about to recommence. Please mark the following dates on your calendar and be absolutely sure to come and participate!

January 31, February 7, February 14 (with special attention to the Valentine's Day celebration and meanings), and February 21

*From 7-8:15p.m in Nichols Hall.*

*Contact: Rhonda Moore  
(267) 779-3451*

*Rhonda.moore@temple.edu.*



## PROTECTION FROM ABUSE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arch Street United Methodist Church, 55 N. Broad Street – Chapel  
Monday, February 5, 2018, 2 PM

Learn the basics of Protection From Abuse Law with Katy, a Family Law Paralegal at Philadelphia Legal Assistance.

### **The info session will cover:**

- Definition of Abuse
- What is a PFA
- How to File
- Other Resources
- General Questions



## Congratulations!



Monday January 22, 2018  
Aaliyah & John McCullough welcomed their newborn Jennah into the world. Pat Taylor is very excited to welcome a great grandchild into the world! In **Proverbs 139:13** it beautifully states: “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

## *Amy Durfee West*



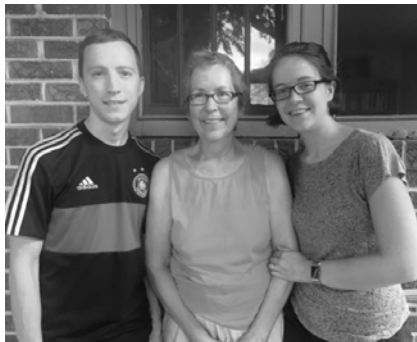
Amy Durfee West, (nee McElheny), age 63, died Sunday, January 14, 2018 at her home in Denver, surrounded by her family. Amy was born May 2, 1954, in Denver, CO. She was the second child of four to Richard and Evelyn (Gagos) McElheny.

She was a Ministry Intern at Arch Street UMC from September 2009 – May 2010, and a friend who often preached here. She was a lifelong student, a passionate activist, a lawyer-turned-pastor, a strident advocate for justice, and a dedicated mother. Amy expressed herself with creative hobbies - including writing, knitting, cooking, and singing in choir. Amy was a patient gardener, generous entertainer and natural teacher. One of her last blog posts, written after discovering her brain metastases, said “Be good to one another. Take nothing for granted. Be grateful, and stay in the light.”

Amy was preceded in death by her parents, her older brother, Ross McElheny, and her younger sister Nancy Lange. She is survived by younger brother, Lloyd; and her five children, Casey, Benjamin, Efegholo, Lillian, and Jesse.

A memorial service was held Sunday January 21, 2018 at Washington Park United Church of Christ, 400 S Williams St, Denver, CO 80209 at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Poverty Consortium or the Children’s Defense Fund.



## PRAYER CONCERNS



**Prayers of Healing** for: *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, Chris Whaley, James Hearn, Michael*

*Bowman, Jazzy, Helena & Jackie Yorcker, 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, Lawrence Madison Jr (Ozella's Cousin).*

**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, 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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