

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Leonard DiVinci, *Adoration of the Magi*, Unfinished Oil Painting, 1481

January 7, 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

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

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE "He Is Born"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather from East and West, from North and South. By crossing borders we encounter God. We gather to worship the God of all nations and peoples. We gather to praise the one whose love knows no borders. We gather to be strengthened as we work for justice and peace. We gather with faith and the hope that one day the love we carry in our hearts will matter more than the documents we carry in our hands. One day the walls and fences will come tumbling down and all God's people will live together in peace!

***OPENING HYMN#224** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

OPENING PRAYER

Our God, you have given us in our word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands - Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses. You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the way of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different contexts and cultures. Inform and inspire us in our daily living to welcome and assist those who are forced to move with both direct service and systemic change. Amen

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*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.*

CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING

Warren Cederholm

Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14

Act 19: 1-7

CHORAL ANTHEM "Carols of Joy"

Van Thompson

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12, Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

"Water - Another Gift"

Reverend Robin Hynicka

HYMN#219 "What Child Is This"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are a journeying people who not only move from place to place but from sorrow to joy, despair to hope, alienation to solidarity and from resentment to love. We confess that too often we turn from the path that You have put before us and we go our own way. Turn is toward You and to those who suffer so that we might work for a day when no one dies forgotten of unknown. Remind us that You and The Way, The Truth and the Life and in Holy Communion we share Your abundance

SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ welcomes all us even though our sin is still evident and our souls remain open to and in need of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. God simply loves you! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, accepted and included!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, accepted and included!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

As forgiven, reconciled and unconditionally loved people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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*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! Alleluia!*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical setting on pages 23-24

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Almighty God: Creator of heaven and earth; God of Sarah and Abraham; God of Miriam and Moses; God of Deborah and Joshua; God of Ruth and David; God of Mary and Joseph; God of our Ancestors and God of all generations.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is The One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ. By the baptism of Jesus's holy hospitality, resistance to injustice, execution by the Roman Empire and victory through and over it all, you gave birth to the

church, delivered us from sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night of The Last Supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, broke it, gave thanks and shared it with all those gathered around the table. Later that night, Jesus took a cup of wine and shared it too with his disciples. In sharing the bread and the cup Jesus offered his whole self - body, mind and spirit to the redeeming, reconciling and restoring work of God and invited those around the table at the time and now all of us to be nourished by the bread of life and renewed by the cup of hope. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living community in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the way Jesus is present now to nourish us to embody empathy, compassion, faith, love, resistance to oppression, truth-telling, justice-seeking and peace.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again, and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf and one cup, we, who are many, are one community of faith for we all partake of the one loaf and the one cup. May the bread which we break and the cup which we drink nourish us to share in the ministry of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us all pray:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN#246 "Joy to the World"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May Christ who walks with the wounded, blistered and calloused feet of a migrant walk the way with you. May Christ who serves with wounded hands open your hands to serve and may Christ who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love. Amen

*POSTLUDE: "Carol of Epiphany" arr. Haines



"A Shepard and His Flock" by Anton Mauve, 1888

+gluten free wafers are available upon request, 100% grape juice is used for communion

** Please stand, in body or spirit*

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“Interior of a Flemish Church”, oil on panel, by Peeter Neefs

Musician: Adam Haines

Worship Leader: Cathy Simpson

Nursery Attendant: Guy McNeill

“May the mountains bring prosperity to
the people,
the hills the fruit of
righteousness.” Psalm 72:3



Calendar of Events

January 7th to January 14th

SUN	1/7	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>
MON	1/8	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA Nichols Hall 7:00 Band Rehearsal, Chapel
Tues	1/9	6:30 Unity Bible Study, Chapel
WED	1/10	6:00 AA, Nichols
THUR	1/11	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	1/13	10:00 United Methodist Men
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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 — 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.

DOWNLOAD RESOURCES:

www.umcgiving.org/DownloadHRD

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

Thank you.

Black History/African Heritage Month Series

Every February we celebrate Black History/African Heritage Month and invite guest speakers to engage with us in the struggle to make racial justice a reality. **This year the theme is “Sankofa” “Go back and take what was taken.” “It is not wrong to go back for that which was taken from you.”** The symbol of “*Sankofa*” is a mythical bird seeking its past trail to take back what was lost in order to protect the 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. Each of them will be paired with a partner who also excels in their artistic media and together they will collaborate on developing their experience.

If you are interested in assisting with the series, please contact **Regina Bedell** through the church office.

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)

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.**



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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday December 31 was 93. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

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



POWER and the MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition present the third Martin Luther King Day of Action, Resistance and Empowerment:

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

Monday, January 15, 2018

1:00-4:30 PM

Dobbins High School
2150 W. Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19132

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The MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition consists of POWER and like-minded local organizations committed to increasing justice and opportunity in our city. Come to the 2018 Day of Action to hear about their work and how you can be part of the movement.

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 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and John 1:43-51. Readings for NEXT week are Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7:20-31, Mark 1:14-20.

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.

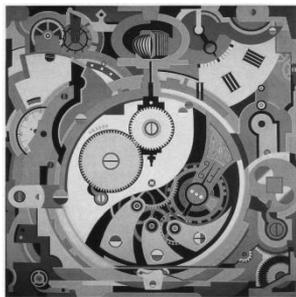
The info session will cover:

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



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.



Gerald Murphy, "Time", 1925

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.



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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