

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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February 11, 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
Administrative Assistant, Charlie J. 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 Attendant: Guy McNeil

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 AM

February 11, 2018

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude Instrumental

PRAISE SINGING

#703 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

#704 "Steal Away to Jesus"

#2107 "Wade in the Water"

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET & PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING

Dottie Wells

Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

SPECIAL MUSIC #2207 "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:2-9

SANKOFA "The Spell of the Senses" Rhonda Moore & Belle Alvarez

CLOSING HYMN #2153 "I'm Goin Live So God Can Use Me"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #585 "This Little Light of Mine"



Calendar of Events

February 11th to February 18th

SUN	2/11	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 12:30 Get Acquainted Time 12:30 UMW 5:30 Grace Café Devotions 6:00 <i>Grace Café</i>
MON	2/12	1:00 Tea & Talk, Chapel 5:30 AA Nichols Hall 7:00 Band Rehearsal, Chapel
Tues	2/13	12:00 Hour of Power 6:30 Unity Bible Study, Chapel
WED	2/14	12:00 <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> 6:00 AA, Nichols 7:00-8:15 Singing the Body, Nichols
THUR	2/15	5:00 Diversity, Chapel 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
SAT	2/17	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

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!

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.

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:

TODAY with Rhonda Moore & Belle Alvarez: *Dance/Movement*

Our church service today 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.

Belle Alvarez is an artist, educator, and community organizer working with dance, movement, and storytelling for the purpose of community building and fostering creative dialogue that is rooted in kinesthetic empowerment. Using interdisciplinary collaboration to inform her facilitation and

community engagement practice, Belle aims to offer a joyful, healing, nourishing experience that catalyzes reflection, unity, and social change.

Currently, Belle is a Local Organizer with Carnival De Resistance, an Ensemble Member with Just Act, and a project based collaborator/performer. Belle is a Teaching Artist and Guest Instructor working with youth and adults throughout PA, NJ, and DE.

In 2017, Belle was awarded a BrideNext residency at the Painted Bride Art Center in 2017 where she developed work on advocacy and selfhood for American Immigrants. In 2015, Belle was a featured artist in Birds on a Wire Dance Theatre's HATCH residency. Belle earned her BFA in Dance from Temple University.

February 18th Led by Anana Tinnhe & Cynthia Oka: *Poets*

February 25th Led by Cathy Simpson: *Drama*

August Wilson, American Playwright, has a body of work that represents Black History and I believe a true representation of Sankofa. "The revered West African concept of looking back to understand where we have been, where we are and where we are going." His works deal with subjects hailing from the middle passage to present day up to and including the 90's. He died in 2005, so many untold stories. I will perform an excerpt from, Gem of the Ocean" the work that represents the beginning of his cycle. My Improv Workshop will be led by Sharon Geller a noted artist here in Philly, who also teaches an improv class at the Walnut Theatre.

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

10:00A.M Workshops

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. *100 people attended last week's Grace Cafe.* Today's dinner is provided **Temple University Service Association.** **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.

Lenten Series 2018

Theme: “Jesus Insurgency”

The 2018 Lenten Season commences on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 12 Noon with Ash Wednesday. The Liturgy will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. The 2018 Lenten Season Series entitled “Jesus Insurgency” will be introduced. Based on the book with the same title, co-written by Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Rudy Rasmus pastors in the United Methodist Church, the Lenten theme will explore the realities of living The Way of Jesus in a time of great challenge for the institution of the church.

The Way of Jesus is alive in the justice-seeking and compassionate caring that is going on in solidarity with the most vulnerable and oppressed people of the world. Filling the pews on Sunday Morning is less of an indication of the health of a congregation than it used to be. Filling the emptiness and ending the despair of those often left outside of the four walls of the church is what the “Jesus Insurgency” is all about. You are invited to join Pastor Robin in this season of self and communal reflection and to meditate on the meaning of faith, fellowship and the future church.

The Lenten Series will continue after Ash Wednesday each Wednesday up to Holy Week.

- Wednesday, February 21st – “At the Crossroads”
- Wednesday, February 28th – “The Insurgent”
- Wednesday, March 7th – “The Church Revolution”
- Wednesday, March 14th – “From the Edge”
- Wednesday, March 21st – “Postscript”

All sessions will begin at 12 noon and conclude at 12:50pm. Meditative music, purposeful prayer and relevant reflection will carry the shared time of worship and preparation for the coming Easter Celebration. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the book Jesus Insurgency: The Church Revolution from the Edge, let Pastor Robin know and he will see that you get a copy.

Come and discuss it TODAY” **After Enjoying the Sankofa Lunch!**

Why should you read Monique Morris’s book Pushout?

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:

"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

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 TODAY after church.** You then have a week to read it before the discussion next Sunday February 11th. 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 lunch in the Chapel following the 11 am worship service. **The book discussion on Sunday February 11th will take place in the second floor conference room at 1 pm after we have enjoyed Sankofa lunch in the chapel.**

Questions? Contact Margaret Harris (margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206)



If you can get to Arch St. Church you can be part of a team as powerful as the Eagles!

We mean the POWER team of course!

If you can be at Broad and Arch this Tuesday Feb. 13 at 6:00 PM to join other church members for POWER's first quarterly Legislative Assembly of the year, you can check out one of 5 POWER teams and be as active as you want in working for their goals:

Green Jobs/Climate Justice

Economic Dignity (living wage issues)

Education Strategy (full funding and an end to racial apartheid for Pennsylvania public schools)

Live Free (ending cash bail and mass incarceration)

Health Care Campaign

A ride will be provided to Grace Christian Fellowship at 6208 Grays Ave for pizza at 6:30 followed by a POWER assembly and team meetings. The time to join us is now!

Another important event will be held right across from our church on Thomas Paine Plaza on Saturday Feb 24 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Come for any or all of this National Day of Action rally to demand “an end to a rigged economy in favor to the wealthy and most powerful”. In the tradition of Martin Luther King who believed in organizing workers, this gathering is sponsored by social justice groups and unions.

If you can't make it to either event (or even if you can) please go on the POWER website (powerinterfaith.org) and find the archived live stream of a meeting hosted by POWER spotlighting candidates for the new school board. These passionate speakers from the “People’s Board” will inspire and inform you as our city seizes the chance to take over from the state-run school board of the past.

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.

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for last Sunday February 4th was 124. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

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 7th - Emmanuel UMC
- March 14th - 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 29th - 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 thy 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

Arch St. United Methodist Women's 2018 Calendar

We meet **TODAY** 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:

TODAY

Sunday, *March 11*

Sunday, *April 8*

Sunday, *May 6*, a week early to miss Mother's Day

Sunday, *June 10*

Dinner Invitation to Visitors, New Members, Old Members, and anyone in-between!

You are invited to the second in a series of monthly dinners to welcome newcomers and visitors and give us a chance to get to know each other and learn about the church. This second dinner will be on **FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 2ND, 6:00PM**, at the home of *Margaret Harris*. Our Pastor, Rev. "Robin," will be on hand to join the fun.

So if you are visiting or new to Arch Street, you're invited. If you are a member and want to come and welcome newcomers, you are invited too! *It is requested that you let Margaret know* if you are planning to come, if you have any dietary requirements, need the address and/or directions, by emailing her at margaretharris@me.com or calling her at 215-568-2206.

Don't worry! There will be no pressure to join the church, promise your firstborn child, or remember us in your will. We just want a chance for us to get to know you and you to get to know us.

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. "

(Please see the following thank you card!) ->

Muchísimos
Gracias Amii!

Thank you for the gifts, clothes, ho

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عمل وسعوا
Thank you for
all your efforts

Thank you

Thanks SO MUCH

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Merci
beaucoup
- Chirine
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Glenn

СПАСИБО!

Thanks so much maria

Thanks so much Azig

Thanks
for support
Rebecca H.

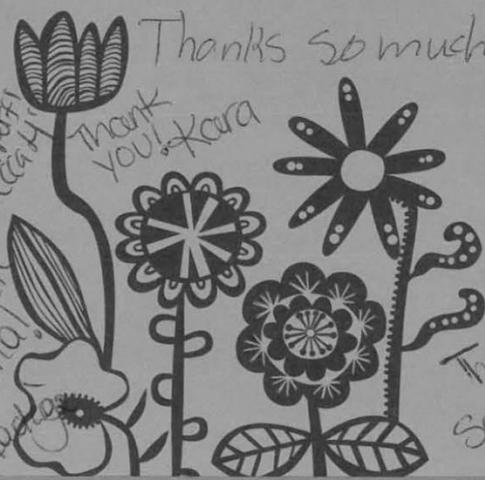
Thank
you! Kara

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Sana!
Noah

Merci
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Meteri mingi

Thank you
so much!
Mat



household items and gift cards!

Muchas Thank you so much Jane

Gracias Merci Beaucoup! Tania J. Merci beaucoup on your advice

Thank you Deborah
And you so much! Thanks so much - Tiffy

We all just want to thank you
for everything you do
and take the time
to let you know
how much we think of you.

Muchisimos
Gracias por
todos los juguetes!
- Emily Dittaj

Gracias!
Carolyn

Muchas Thank soul
Gracias!
Nite. SAMEERAH
¡Muchisimas Gracias!

Gracias mille
Per la tua generosità!
Felic anno nuovo!
- Chloe

Thank you for
your generosity!
Thank you so much!

Thank you so much!
- Chloe
Thanks!
Chloe

Thank you
so much
Daniel

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 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, Lawrence Madison Jr (Ozella's Cousin), Jarrod Bolden*

Prayers of Encouragement: *The family and friends of Michael Canon, Anna Burton, Marge Donnelly and family, Rick Taylor, Mat Hearn, Steven Whaley, Qing-Song Chen, and David, Rev. Brett Charsky, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Laura Harrigan, the Robertson family, D, for Rich, and Elaine Jenson and family. Prayers of comfort for Anthony Mastrando and family on the death of his mother, and Jean Bibber on the death of her sister.*

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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