

Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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Harriet Tubman Mural in Cambridge, MD by Michael Rosato

February 16, 2020 11AM Service

Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka

Deaconess, Darlene DiDomineck

US2s, Kristi Painter and Ben Lasley

Music Director, Adam Haines

Musician, James Dell'Orefice

Building Supervisor, Frank Jones

Office Manager, Bethany Amey-Sutton

Sextons, Devon Goodwin, John Buzby, Mike Parson,

Antuan Heath, Ashley Robinson, Leon Harden

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE "Pine Cone Rag"

INTROIT "We Need Faith"

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #546 "The Church's One Foundation"

OPENING PRAYER

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

Proverbs 16:30-32

Romans 12:4-5

I Corinthians 6:19-20

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Lord Built House" Lentz

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON "Hiding in Plain Sight" Rhonda Moore Bonfante

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY "Lazy Days" Mier

***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!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #555** “Forward Through the Ages”

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

May God, who binds us together in communion with our siblings around the world, protect and guide you. May Christ, who was cast away by the powerful, challenge and comfort you. May the Spirit, who calls us to life, empower and sustain you. Amen

POSTLUDE “Ein Fieste Burg”

Bach

Worship Leaders- Robin Hynicka and Kristi Painter
Scripture Reader- Audra Wolfe
Section Leaders- Gillian Booth - Soprano
Samantha Dipompeo- Alto
Marcus Huber- Tenor
Cortlandt Rohsler – Bass



PRAYER CONCERNS

We are updating the Prayer Concerns list and invite you to submit names of those you are praying for and would like your church family to pray for. The names will remain on the list for one month and then removed and will need to be resubmitted each month in order to appear on the list again. The general categories of prayer appear below. We welcome your input by contacting the church office by telephone: (215) 568 6250 or email: officemanager@archstreetumc.org

Prayers of Healing: Jerry Mazzola, Cristerlin Goffner, Alex, Don Levitsky

Prayers of Encouragement:

Prayers of Protection:

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.

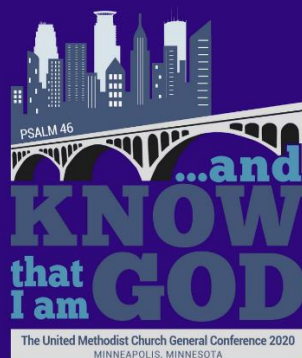
Volunteer Opportunities

Many Sundays, Rev. Hynicka reminds us that we are God's hands and feet in the world. When you feel that calling, Arch Street has many ways to help! The Volunteer Opportunities booklet on the rack in the chapel lobby describes our church's wide range of ministries and committees. Please take a look and see where you could contribute your talents and interests to make a difference inside and outside our walls. If you need more information or just a chance to explore what might be a good fit, feel free to speak with Rev. Hynicka or a member of the Ministry Fair team: 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).

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GMF'S BEN AND KRISTI WILL BE ATTENDING GENERAL CONFERENCE AND BEARING WITNESS TO LOVE AND JUSTICE. PASTOR ROBIN, DEACONESS DARLENE AND THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN HELPING TO DEFRAY THE GMF'S HOUSING COSTS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN. PLEASE INDICATE GC HOUSING ON YOUR CHECK OR ONLINE DONATION.

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Organ Repair - THANK YOU!

On November 3rd, the organ at Arch Street stopped working. Our organ builder, Patrick Murphy & Associates, examined our organ and discovered the Spencer blower's fan blades (from pre-1916) broke loose and were damaged from years of rust. As you will soon hear, we are happy to announce that the organ blower is now fully repaired and operational! Thanks to our generous congregation members and friends, we were able to cover the full cost of the repairs. The Music Ministry Team, Trustees and Congregation are deeply grateful for your support of the vibrant music ministry at Arch Street UMC. Enjoy the dulcet tones of our organ as you worship today!



VOTING CHALLENGE

In 2020, ASUMC challenges you to:

- Commit to Vote
- Register New Voters
- Engage Lapsed Voters

Voting is one means of resistance against injustice! Join us on February 16th at 12pm in the chapel to learn how to register voters and encourage your neighbors that their vote counts!





Transition News

Last fall, POWER's former executive director Rev. Gregory Holston and the board of directors reached an impasse about the future of the organization. Rev. Holston left and Bishop Dwayne Royster, the former executive director, returned as temporary head while a nationwide search for a new executive director takes place. On Tuesday February 25th, POWER will hold a Legislative Assembly where we will discuss the recent leadership transition at POWER. Join us in the POWER office at 7:00 PM, with dinner served beforehand at 6:30 PM.

Power will co-host:

The 1619 Project Symposium: Changing the Narrative in 2020

“Our founding ideals of liberty and equality were false when they were written. Black Americans fought to make them true. Without this struggle America would have no democracy at all.”

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 3:00-5:00 PM
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
568 Montgomery Ave.
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-1619-project-symposium-changing-the-narrative-tickets-89905115621>

And as always, 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) if you would like information about POWER and how you can get involved.

Black History Month @ ASUMC

Presented by the African Heritage Committee

Spiritual Reflections on the 400 years of Slavery: 1619 - 2019

"Resistance as a Lens"

Sun., Feb. 2nd

Wilhelmina Young

"It All Began On The Water"

Sun., Feb. 16th

Rhonda Moore Bonfante

"Hidden in Plain Sight"

Sun., Feb. 9th

Cathy Simpson

**"The Sound of
Resistance"**

Sun., Feb. 23rd


Regina Bedell

*Presentations during worship each Sunday at
8:30am and 11:00am*

*Get Acquainted Time each Sunday after the
11:00am service.*



Join the Eastern Pennsylvania Reconciling United Methodists and Methodist Federation for Social Action in supporting Bishop Johnson for taking a clear stand in refusing to move forward any trials related to LGBTQIA clergy or weddings in her [November letter](#) to Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference congregations. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.



True Justice: Seeking Equal Justice for People and Communities of Color

A Film Showing, Discussion and Action Planning for Change

TRUE BRYAN STEVENSON'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY JUSTICE

Feb. 22, 2020

(Snow Date: February 29)

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Cedarville United Methodist Church, 1092 Laurelwood Rd, Pottstown, PA. Cost: \$10. Lunch included. CEUs certification requested. Please register online by **February 17, 2020.**

Join us in viewing together the compelling HBO documentary film *True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality* about the lifesaving, life-changing crusade of **Bryan Stevenson**. Stevenson is a dedicated public defense attorney and the founder and Executive Director of the groundbreaking **Equal Justice Initiative** in Montgomery, Alabama.

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality examines his personal journey, as he labors to bring justice to wrongfully convicted and disadvantaged prison inmates. The film weaves together his own story, those of his clients, and a history of injustice and complicity in our justice system. As Stevenson reveals a troubling narrative of racial inequality still prevalent in this country, he challenges us to seek the truth, confront it and work towards reconciliation.

After we view this powerful film, we will hear from a panel of vital, visionary leaders seeking ways to foster racial justice in the criminal justice system. And then we will gather in groups to learn more and determine how we can live out our faith—how we can “do justice and love mercy”—by joining Stevenson's fight in a national campaign that seeks true justice for people and communities of color.

Topics for Discussion and Action Planning:

- The Legal System and Returning Citizens
- The School to Prison Pipeline
- Unconscious Racial Bias against People of Color
- Communities of Color: Impact of Mass Incarceration

Come join this diverse, dynamic gathering of advocates, as we learn to seek True Justice together.



This event is co-sponsored by the Eastern PA Conference's Prison Ministries & Restorative Justice Team and Commission on Religion & Race.



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Learn more about this event and about the film *True Justice* at www.epaumc.org/ministry/prison/truejustice.

Come learn the basics of building an LGBTQ-inclusive community and meet other Reconciling United Methodists in your region. Here are topics we will cover:

- LGBTQ 101 (sexual orientation and gender identity)
- Intersectional justice
- Being an ally
- How to build an inclusive church or community
- Engaging conflict well
- The ministry of a Reconciling Process Coach



Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran

Rev. Dr. Israel I. Alvaran (he/him) is a gay UMC clergy-person from the Philippines Conference serving as the Reconciling Process & Western Regional Organizer at RMN.

building an inclusive church

A WORKSHOP ON
THE BASICS OF THE
RECONCILING
PROCESS

March 14, 2020
Saturday | 10am - 4pm

FUMC of Phoenixville
865 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

FREE REGISTRATION
LUNCH/SNACKS
PROVIDED
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

register at:
tinyurl.com/PhoenixvilleBIC

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See My General Tubman on Friday March 6th!

Celebrate Black History Month and Women's History month by seeing acclaimed Philadelphia author Lorene Cary's exciting new play about Harriet Tubman at the Arden Theater on Friday March 6th. We have 15 tickets for the 8 pm performance of *My General Tubman* at a special group rate of \$40 per ticket. The Arden Theatre is located at 40 N. 2nd Street, between Market and Arch Streets. Please see or contact Margaret Harris if you are interested (margaretharris@me.com or 215-568-2206)



RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

Arch Street UMC

Calendar of Events

SUN 2/16

February 16th -February 23rd

8:30 Worship, Chapel

9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel

11:00 Worship, Sanctuary

12:30 Native American Awareness Group

4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting

5:30 Grace Café Worship

6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall

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MON 2/17

WED 2/19

SUN 2/23

Sunday School

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing each week's scripture are invited to meet in the Chapel every Sunday at 9:45am.

STAY CONNECTED WITH A.S.U.M.C!

Stay connected and sign up to receive weekly e-news from Arch Street United Methodist Church. Sign up on our website at www.archstreetumc.org

A Look at Our Faithfulness

Tithes, gifts, and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community.

Bulletin and Eblast Announcements

If your group or committee would like an announcement placed in the bulletin or the eblast, please make sure it is emailed to officemanager@archstreetumc.org no later than Monday 12 pm.
