

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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*Harriet Tubman Mural in Cambridge, MD by Michael Rosato*

## **February 2, 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 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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PRELUDE "Clarinet Blues" Mier

INTROIT "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN #87 "What Gift Can We Bring"

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

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM "Total Praise" Smallwood

SERMON "It All Began On The Water" *Wilhelmina Young*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today in our worship, we recognize people of African Descent and lament anti-Black racism and violence. We pray that the Spirit will reorient us: challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement; expecting us to be a blessing to the earth. We pray that by acknowledging our brokenness, we will be closer to becoming a church where the good news is lived out: faith nurtured and hearts comforted gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God. (taken from A Song of Faith - Dr. Alydia Smith)

## SILENT MEDITATION

## WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God is our refuge and home. God is our strength and center. God is a very present help. God has always been and always will be, our very present help.

## 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

“Skippin Around”

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## \*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!*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

### TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you praise God, for your beauty, goodness, creating power and providential care: in making the world; establishing the covenant; teaching us how to care for one another and creation, speaking truth through the prophets; showing mercy in spite of our violence, selfishness and systems of oppression; and giving us the Your love in the gift of Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving and faith, we remember the Lord Jesus, born into our world, breathing our air, celebrating our humanity, building community with all people of all ages, the despised, the popular, the powerful and meek, mourning our losses, dying in our state sanctioned violence, faithful to everything God laid before him, and steadfast in his redeeming love for us. In resurrection he showed us that death and all that leads to death can be overcome by this life and love. Holy Spirit, draw us into communion with Christ and with one another; to nourish us in Christ's body and in the beloved community you are making; to keep us faithful in ministry; and to hasten the coming of the reign of God, with justice and beauty.



## 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](mailto:officemanager@archstreetumc.org)

**Prayers of Healing: Jerry Mazzola, Cristerlin Goffner, Alex,**

**Prayers of Encouragement:**

**Prayers of Protection:**

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### **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.



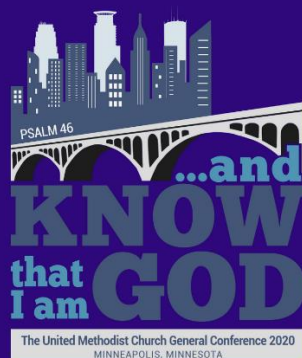
## Volunteer Opportunities

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](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)), Nancy Megley (215-574-8320, [nmegley@msn.com](mailto:nmegley@msn.com)), or Wilhelmina Young (215-227-4034, [thecatalyst212@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

[WWW.ARCHSTREETUMC.ORG](http://WWW.ARCHSTREETUMC.ORG)





### Organ Repair

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 (from pre - 1916) fan blades (from years of rust) have broken loose and are now damaged. The good news is that these Spencer blowers are able to be rebuilt and we will not need a new blower. The trustees have approved the rebuilding of the organ fan blades at a cost of \$12,000. Donations can be made online by visiting our website, [www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org) or by mailing a check to Arch Street UMC, 55 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Please write "organ fund" on the memo line. The Music Ministry Team, the Trustees and the Congregation thank you for any gift you offer to support the vibrant music ministry at Arch Street.



# CHURCH POTLUCK



Bring a dish to share and join us for our  
monthly church potluck.

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**February 5, 2020 | 6PM**  
**Arch Street United Methodist Church**  
**55 N. Broad Street**

## **Women Who Made a Difference- February 9th**

You're invited to join Arch Street United Methodist Women to read and discuss the book, When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up. **Ask Margaret for a copy of the book if you want one.** If you don't see her in church, you can email her at [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com), or call her at 215-568-2206. We will meet to discuss the book on **Sunday February 9** immediately following the 11 am Worship Service in the 2nd floor conference room. **Everyone is welcome.**

# **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. 9th

**Cathy Simpson**

Sun., Feb. 16th

**Rhonda Moore Bonfante**

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.*





# 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!



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.



# RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

## Arch Street UMC

### Calendar of Events

**SUN** 2/2

**MON** 2/3

**WED** 2/5

**SUN** 2/9

### February 2<sup>nd</sup> - February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Worship, Chapel  
9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel  
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary  
4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting  
5:30 Grace Café Worship  
6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall  
5:30 AA Nichols Hall  
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall  
6:00 Pot Luck  
7:00 Administrative Council  
8:30 Worship, Chapel  
9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel  
11:00 Worship, Sanctuary  
12:30 United Methodist Women, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
Conference Room  
4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting  
5:30 Grace Café Worship  
6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall

### 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](http://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](mailto:officemanager@archstreetumc.org) no later than Monday 12 pm.

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