

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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

## **February 9, 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 9, 2020**                      **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

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**PRELUDE**                      “Wild Honeysuckle Rag”                      Mier

**INTROIT**                      “Together We Serve”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN #206** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**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**

Isaiah 58:1-12  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**                      Matthew 5:13-20

**PSALTER READING #833** Psalm 112

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**                      “Total Praise”                      Smallwood

**SERMON**                      “The Sound of Resistance”                      Cathy Simpson

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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**                    “Red Rose Rendezvous”                    Mier

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**                    #94

*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 #377**                    “It is Well with My Soul”

**\*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**                    “Verset”                    Zipcoli

Worship Leaders- Frances Preston  
Scripture Reader- Nancy Megley  
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:**

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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, [betsyconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyconnor@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.

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PSALM 46  
...and  
**KNOW  
that  
I am  
GOD**  
The United Methodist Church General Conference 2020  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

## 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!





Seven Arch Streeters including Pastor Robin attended the POWER Leadership Assembly on January 28th, where we heard about POWER's plans for the new year. This spring, we will work to ensure that *everyone is registered to vote* and that *everyone will take part in the 2020 Census*. Stay tuned for details.

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>

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.

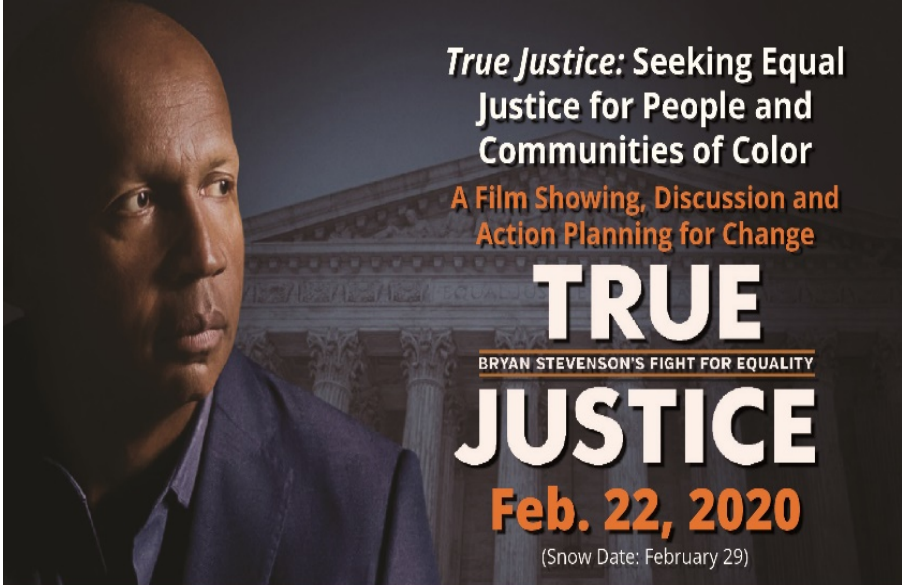
**See My General Tubman on Friday March 6th!**

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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or 215-568-2206)





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

**A Film Showing, Discussion and Action Planning for Change**

**TRUE JUSTICE**  
BRYAN STEVENSON'S FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

**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 1, 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.



Learn more about this event and about the film *True Justice* at [www.epaumc.org/ministry/prison/truejustice](http://www.epaumc.org/ministry/prison/truejustice).



**Women Who Made a Difference- Meet TODAY**

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 **TODAY** immediately following the 11 am Worship Service in the 2nd floor conference room. **Everyone is welcome**



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.

## **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 <b>Wilhelmina Young</b> <b>"It All Began On The Water"</b>	Sun., Feb. 9th <b>Cathy Simpson</b> <b>"The Sound of Resistance"</b>
Sun., Feb. 16th <b>Rhonda Moore Bonfante</b>	Sun., Feb. 23rd <b>Regina Bedell</b>

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

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



**RADICALLY INCLUSIVE**  
**Arch Street UMC**

**Calendar of Events**

**SUN** 2/9

**February 9<sup>th</sup> -February 16<sup>th</sup>**

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  
5:30 AA Nichols Hall  
6:00 AA, Nichols Hall  
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

**MON** 2/10

**WED** 2/13

**SUN** 2/16

**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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