Arch Street United Methodist Church

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Harriet Tubman Mural in Cambridge, MD by Michael Rosato

February 9, 2020 8:30 AM Service

Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck US2s, Kristi Painter and Ben Lasley Music Director, Adam Haines Muscian, 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 February 9, 2020

20 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

PRAISE SINGING #134"O Mary Don't You Weep" #251"Go Tell It on the Mountain" #288"Were You There"

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME TO ARCH STREET

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:

There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

REGISTRATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

SPECIAL MUSIC #474 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13–20

SERMON "The Sound of Resistance" Cathy Simpson

*CLOSING HYMN #316 "He Rose"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE #333 "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

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 Levistsky

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.

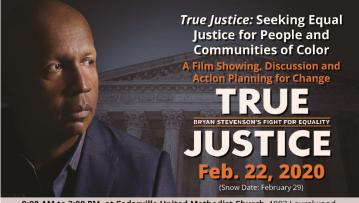
Support our witness at GC2020

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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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 re-veals 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 togethe



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

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

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



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.



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: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-1619-project-symposium-</u> 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.









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!





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)

Women Who Made a Difference- Meet TODAY

You're invited to join Arch Street United Methodist Women to read and discuss the book, <u>When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to</u> <u>Give Up.</u> 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 <u>margaretharris@me.com</u>. 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.



<u>Calendar of Events</u>		February 9 th -February 16 th
SUN	2/9	8:30 Worship, Chapel
		9:45 Adult Sunday school & GAT, Chapel
		11:00 Worship, Sanctuary
		12:30 United Methodist Women, 2 nd Fl
		Conference Room
		4:45 Grace Café Volunteer Meeting
		5:30 Grace Café Worship
		6:00 Grace Café, Nichols Hall
MON	2/10	5:30 AA Nichols Hall
WED	2/13	6:00 AA, Nichols Hall
SUN	2/16	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

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 <u>officemanager@archstreetumc.org</u> no later than Monday 12 pm.