

### 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, or physical or mental ability. We welcome all to share in the ministry, fellowship, and blessings of full participation as members of Christ's body.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing for:** Rev. James Pittman, Sandra Parker, Alma Dopson, Allen Goodwin, Marion Dabney, Jacob Bonfante, Mable Rather, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Carl Davis, Evelyn Tinsley, Ernie, John Tucker, Bertha Morris, Bill Fidelo, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Andrea Simms, Jada Bascom, Michael Eisler, Alonzo Minor, Sr., Minerva Clark, Mrs. Capelli, Iris Caskey, Tim Brazelton, Vanessa & Yaddy Sellers, Nakia Rimmer, Alice Ming's father, Madeline Donahue, Don Allen, Anna Cole, Christopher Browne, Betty Flowerree, Troy McColley, Maria Eugenia Almeida e Sousa, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Maupin, Anana Tinnhe, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Dan Moran, Amy Durfee West, Mayra Malonada, Emory Champ, Mary Moore, Elizabeth Cross, Dennis Murphy, Josh McHugh

**Prayers of Comfort for:** the family and friends of Susie Williams

**Prayers of Encouragement for:** Caroline Lopopolo, Michael Clanton, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, Tamika East, the Robertson family

**Prayers of Protection** for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. And, 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.

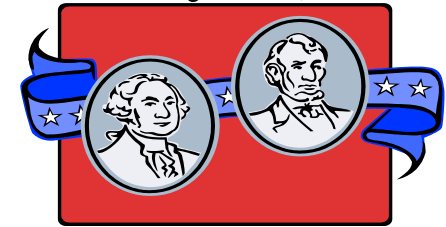
## Calendar

February 19, 2012 to March 1, 2012

SUN	8:30 Worship, Chapel 9:45 People's Academy 9:45 Youth Bible Study 9:45 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary 12:20 Get Acquainted Time 12:30 UMW, Book Discussion 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church 6:00 Grace Café
MON	1:00 Tea & Talk 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUE	12:00 Hour of Power 7:00 Trustees' Mtg.
WED	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 11:30 Municipal Services Prayer Group 12:00 Lenten Service 12:00 SA, Engagement Center 6:00 AA
THU	5:30 AA 7:00 Action AIDS
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## What's Happening At Arch Street!

### February 19, 2012



**Come talk about *The True Cost of Low Prices*  
TODAY!**

Join the United Methodist Women today, **Sunday February 19th** to discuss the book, *The True Cost of Low Prices* by Vincent A. Gallagher. We will meet immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service in the 2nd floor conference room. **Everyone is welcome--men, babies, children, and yes, women.**

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

Services will be held every Wednesday at 12 Noon during the Lenten season. The theme for 2012 is *The City of God*. The series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 with a musical prelude at 11:50 AM. Ms. Yvette Davis, Director of Urban and Global Ministries, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, will preach. Ashes will be distributed and an offering will be received to advance the mission and ministry of our church.

### Grace Café

Grace Café (ASUMC's outreach to folks currently without homes) will be opened every **Sunday until June 24, 2012**. After a brief period of faith-sharing **tonight**, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by members of Exton UMC. Volunteer greeters, servers and clean-up crew are welcome.

## Adult Bible Study

*The Winter Bible Study for Adults will not meet this week.* The group will meet again **next Monday, February 27, 2012** and every Monday through April 2, 2012. The Winter Study will focus on the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah. Pastor Hynicka will lead the study and everyone is welcome to join the fellowship. No previous knowledge of the Bible is required and the study format combines discussion and group sharing. Please contact the church office for more information or indicate your decision to join the group.

## Mission and Justice Ministries To Meet

Representatives from the different Mission and Justice Ministries are invited to come to a coordinating meeting **next Sunday February 26** immediately following the 11 AM Worship Service. At our Annual Charge Conference and at recent Church Council meetings we discussed and agreed to rename the Outreach Committee the *Mission and Justice Ministries*. We felt that it would be helpful to have quarterly meetings of representatives from the many groups and ministries involved with Mission and Justice in order to better co-ordinate our work, support and learn from each other, and increase our capacity for mission, justice and service. We identified the following groups as engaged in Mission and Justice at Arch Street: United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Grace Cafe, the new Overnight shelter, Reconciling Ministries, Bread for the World, Immigration and the New Sanctuary Movement, Christmas Breakfast group, P.O.W.E.R., Native American Indian Awareness Group, and the AIDS Awareness Group. If you are involved in any of these groups, or simply want to know more about opportunities for service and mission at Arch Street church, please join us at the meeting on February 26. If I have omitted a group that should be included, please let me (Margaret Harris) know. Any questions or concerns, please contact me at [margaretharris@me.com](mailto:margaretharris@me.com) or (215)568-2206.

## Church Cleanup day

Bring your vacuum cleaner and dust rags to ASUMC on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the Sanctuary for our Anniversary Weekend and Easter guests. Come join us at **1:00 PM**, following the Lenten Service.

*Sarah McNeill is the Nursery Attendant today.*

## People's Academy

All are invited to attend a weekly course called "The Evolution of Christianity," facilitated by Dr. Dave Krueger, adjunct professor of religion at Temple University. The class meets on **Sundays** from **9:45-10:45 AM** in the 2nd floor conference room. Both occasional drop-ins and regular participants are welcome. For more information, email [davidkrueger01@gmail.com](mailto:davidkrueger01@gmail.com) or call 267-259-4995. You may also visit our website, [www.archstreetumc.org](http://www.archstreetumc.org), and click on the People's Academy link.

## Arch Street's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Arch Street UMC will be marked by a weekend of special events.

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** -Talent Show and Potluck dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity for Arch Street's singers, dancers, thespians, etc. to show case their talents.

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**-- Open House with building tours, forums on church history, local history; church architecture; pipe organ mechanics, and displays depicting current church programs and affiliations.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Services at 8:30 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM. (Bishop Peggy Johnson will preach and District Superintendent Reverend Anita Perry as well as former and current clergy will participate). Please help spread the word about this historic event!!

## Overnight @ Grace Café

Last month, ASUMC, in partnership with the Student Run Shelter and Project Home, began providing overnight accommodation for men without permanent housing. Student volunteers will provide the overnight supervision with support from seasoned advocates and service providers. A security person will be on sight as well. The ultimate goal is to create pathways to permanent housing for as many of the guests as possible. The program will run until April and the same guests will return each night – that is until they get a home. Volunteers are needed to assist with providing a warm welcome for our guests as well as for our student partners. Please contact the church office (215) 568 6250 if you want to help.

*"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou dost preserve my life; thou dost stretch out Thy hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Thy right hand delivers me." Psalm 138: 7*

## 2012 Tools for Ministry Training Event

Equipping, Empowering and Engaging Laity for Ministry  
**Saturday, March 3, 2012 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

You are invited to attend this important event at Christ UMC (1020 S. Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA). Choose from training sessions on Church Administration, Lay Ministries, Worship, Evangelism, Methodism 101, Missions, Prayer and Bible study. Cost: \$10/person. This covers registration, packet of materials and breakfast. Registration deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration forms are available in the church office.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Laity Retreat

*Finding, Nurturing & Empowering The Disciple Within Us* will be held on **Friday, March 30, 2012 –Saturday, March 31, 2012** at Camp Innabah (712 Pughtown Road, Spring City, PA). Reverend Evelyn Kent Clark is the Retreat Leader. Overnight cost is \$100. Registration forms are in the church office.

## SEPTA Bus Change

Effective today, **February 19, 2012**, The Route C bus designation is being eliminated. It will be replaced with 2 new designations: **Route 4** Fern Rock Transportation Center to Broad & Pattison and **Route 16** Cheltenham & Ogontz to City Hall (15<sup>th</sup> & Market).

## Welcoming Ministry Online Course

If you've ever wanted to learn how to reach out to the local community or identify what your church is known for, register for the "Welcoming Ministry 100 Online Training course." This easy, online 6-week course begins February 29<sup>th</sup> and ends April 11<sup>th</sup>. You can work at your own pace. The cost is \$29. Register at [http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFKMG/b.3587525/k.44E2/Welcoming\\_Ministry\\_Online\\_Course.htm](http://www.umcom.org/site/c.mrLZJ9PFKMG/b.3587525/k.44E2/Welcoming_Ministry_Online_Course.htm).

## Construction Update

Work continues on garage foundations along our east wall.

## A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** was 109 and 160 for Grace Cafe. Our identified giving for that day was \$3,392.

**February is Black History Month: "Don't bother people for help without first trying to solve the problem yourself."**

Colin Powell

