

### 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:** Sandra Parker, Alice White, Floretta Richardson, Alma Dopson, Susie Williams, Allen Goodwin, Marion Dabney, Jacob Bonfante, Mable Rather, Patricia Pape, Mattie Fletcher, Yazid Jones, Carl Davis, Evelyn Tinsley, Ernie, John Tucker, Bertha Morris, Bill Fidelo, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Noah Robeson, Andrea Simms, Ingrid McConkey, 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, Kim Carson, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Van Essie Cain, 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 Paul Cronmiller

**Prayers of Encouragement for:** Caroline Lopopolo, Michael Clanton, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, 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 5, 2012 to February 16, 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 2:00 Unity Fellowship Church 6:00 Grace Café
MON	1:00 Tea & Talk 1:00 SPIRE Mtg. 2:00 Adult Bible Study 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall
TUE	12:00 Hour of Power
WED	11:30 Municipal Services Prayer Group 12:00 SA, Engagement Center 6:00 AA
THU	SPIRE Deadline 5:30 AA 7:00 Action AIDS
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*"Do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart." 1 Samuel: 12:20*

## What's Happening At Arch Street!

### February 5, 2012



### Adult Bible Study

The Winter Bible Study for Adults will meet **tomorrow, Monday, February 6, 2012** and every Monday through April 2, 2012. The only exception will be Monday, February 20, 2012 which is President's Day; the group will not meet that day. 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.

### On February 19th come talk about *The True Cost of Low Prices!*

Join the United Methodist Women on **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.** Margaret Harris will bring copies of the book on Sunday January 22nd and Sunday January 29th to distribute. If you miss her on those days, you can get a copy for yourself. Please note that this February 19th meeting replaces the previously scheduled UMW meeting time of February 12. Hope to see all of you on February 19th!

*Sarah McNeill is the Nursery Attendant today.*

## Hymn-a-Thon 2012 in Germantown

The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (6001 Germantown Avenue) is hosting a fun fundraiser **today, Sunday, February 5, 2012** from **1PM-5PM** where you will sing your favorite hymns in their sanctuary. Pledges of \$5 per hymn in memoriam or \$15 for an exclusive personal organ improvisation will be accepted. For more information, contact the church office (215-438-3677).

## 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 Hopewell UMC. Volunteer greeters, servers and clean-up crew are welcome.

## Occupy Philly Fundraiser

You are invited to **OCCUDINNER**, an Occupy Philly Fundraising Dinner, on **Friday February 10, 2012**, at The Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. The program includes hors d'oeuvres (**6 PM**), a briefing on Occupy Philadelphia at 6:30 PM and dinner starting at 6:50 PM. Vegan and poultry options are available. There will be after-dinner discussions and opportunities to organize at 8:30 PM. Tickets start at \$35; tables for 8 start at \$280. Proceeds will benefit Occupy organizing and direct action, Flyers and direct action posters, Bail fund and the Food Working Group. **RSVP to [occudinner@occupyphillyga.net](mailto:occudinner@occupyphillyga.net) or 215.821.8120.** *Please share this invitation with family, friends, supporters, and all those who are interested in learning more about Occupy Philadelphia.*

## Construction Update

The contractor will continue working on garage foundations along our east wall.

## Assisted Hearing Devices

Arch Street now has devices for the hearing impaired to help enjoy the Sunday Services. Please ask an usher for information.

## February is Black History Month

*"Have a belief in yourself that is bigger than anyone's disbelief."* — August Wilson

## Mission and Justice Ministries To Meet

Representatives from the different Mission and Justice Ministries are invited to come to a coordinating meeting on **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.

*The Native American Indian Awareness group will meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. This month's topic is "Medicine Men."*

## 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, workshops, tours and a light lunch.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Service (Bishop Peggy Johnson will preach and District Superintendent Reverend Anita Perry as well as former clergy will participate in the service) followed by a luncheon Please help spread the word about this historic event!!

## A Look at Our Faithfulness

Combined attendance for **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** was 130 and 120 for Grace Cafe. Our identified giving for that day was \$2,548.

## 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.

## Invitation to NSM Shared Worship Service

On **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, NSM partner congregation **Central Baptist Church** (106 West Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA, 610-688-0664) will host members and friends of New Sanctuary Movement congregations for worship at **10:45AM** in the sanctuary, followed by lunch and a Haitian art exhibit in CBC's New Hall at 12:15PM. CBC's Immigration Justice Group invites everyone to join us as CBC welcomes our Haitian friend Ronald Desir as a new member of the congregation. Ronald has been an active participant in NSM activities. CBC will also be celebrating our new NSM friend from Zimbabwe, activist Ellen Chademana, who recently was granted political asylum! Following the worship service, please stay for lunch at 12:15 PM. During this fellowship time, you will be able to enjoy an exhibit of Haitian art in the CBC Hall; pick up a copy of the 2012 One Philadelphia One Book selection *Create Dangerously: The Immigrant Artist at Work*, by Haitian author Edwidge Danticat, consider signing up for a book discussion group and hear a brief update about NSM's New Leadership School for immigrant leaders.

## 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 from January to 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.

