



Growing in Christ

The Tower

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Advent: Waiting for the Light

December 18, 20 Fourth Sabbath of Advent

Friday Worship, 6 p.m. - Lesson & Carols, Hendrix College Choir

Sunday Worship, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Service of Hope and Healing, Sunday, 2 p.m. See page 7 for details.

Advent Prayer Stations at the Labyrinth on Tuesday will be available for quiet prayer.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Services, Sanctuary, 12, 8, 11 p.m.

Music with Brass, Organ, Sanctuary, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

Christ Tree Service for Families, Children, Everyone, Great Hall, 4 p.m.

New Heights Contemporary Communion Service, Wesley Hall, 6 p.m.

Please bring **new winter socks, gloves, deodorant and safety disposable razors** for the LR Compassion Center for Christmas. Staff and church members will be serving dinner at the shelter on Christmas Day. **The church will be closed Christmas Day.**

Service of Hope and Healing

All are welcome to attend the Service of Hope and Healing on Sunday, December 20, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service is primarily designed for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, job, or relationship and for those experiencing anxiety, sadness, or loneliness. However, others are welcome to do the following:

- To come to offer love and support to fellow church members. We all need each other!
- To invite someone to come and offer to pick him/her up
- To remember your family and friends who are no longer with you
- To make cookies or help serve at the reception after the worship service
- To pray that those who attend will be comforted and blessed

If you can help with any of the above, please call Rev. Lynn Lindsey, 664-3600, or Dr. Sandy Smith, 217-9968.

The worship service will be approximately 45 minutes long and will be followed by a period of refreshments and fellowship in the reception area afterward. Another option following the service will be the opportunity to visit stations where loved ones can be remembered in a variety of ways.



Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Services, Sanctuary, 12, 8, 11 p.m.

12 noon - Rev. Harriett Akins-Banman, Luke 2:1-7 "Done Waiting"

8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Rev. Victor Nixon "Shepherds, Christmas and You"

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Service of Hope and Healing

Sunday, December 20, 2 p.m.

Sanctuary

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me"

Rev. Lynn Lindsey

All are welcome to join those in grief.

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

Little Rock, Arkansas

501-664-3600; emergency: 688-9533

Worship Services

Friday, December 18, 6 p.m.

Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary

Hendrix College Choir

Sunday, December 20

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

Luke 1:39-45

"Mary, Christmas and You"

Sermon Series:

A Different Christmas

Rev. Victor H. Nixon

Sunday, December 20

10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall

Rev. Victor H. Nixon

Communion in Chapel

after Friday night

and Sunday morning worship services

every week with

opportunities for kneeling and quiet prayer

Childcare is provided for all services.

Hendrix Choir

Christmas

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 18

6 p.m.

Sanctuary

Hendrix College Choir

All are welcome.

Italy or Greece ?

Wayne and Lynn Lindsey will lead a trip in the fall of 2010...and it's between Italy in September or Greece in November. Both trips are 10 days. Cost: approximately \$2500 for Greece and approximately \$3200 for Italy. We will be traveling with Educational Opportunities, a group that specializes in travel for church groups. The decision about destination will be made very soon. If you are interested and have a preference, call Lynn ASAP. We will have a meeting to discuss options and answer questions about the trip on Tuesday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m. Come join us! It's wonderful to travel with a group of Christian friends!

Please Pray For...

DEATH

Our Christian sympathy goes to Withers Turner and family in the death of her mother; Sandy Turner; to Paul Bowen & family in the death of his mother, Donice Bowen; to Joe Purvis & family in the death of his father, Thomas Milburn Purvis; to the family and friends of Anne Spotts in her recent death; and to Brian Barkhurst and family in the death of his father, Don Barkhurst.

HOSPITALIZED (December 2-8): Andrea Allen, Susan Barham, Mary Drake, Carmen Fowler, Billy Gibbs, Elaine Hicks, Pat Holloway; Dorothy Kelso, Twila Holtzman, Stewart Hughes, Ruby Huntzicker, Angie Johnson, Keeton Myers Johnson, Henry Lee, Johnny Roberts, Cora Smith, Mag Thurmond, Jim Tucker, Judy Wilkins, Mary Ann Young

Creation Care

Go meatless at least once a week for huge environmental and health benefits, without compromising your taste for the occasional sustainably raised beef burger. Compared to meat eaters, vegetarians have lower rates of diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers and obesity. Come together for the planet. Livestock accounts for 18% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and 8% of water use. A meatless diet is 50% more effective in cutting CO2 than switching from a standard car to a hybrid. If 10,000 people switch from red meat to a vegetarian diet one day each week for one year, we can avoid the emissions produced by driving a car around the equator 464 times.

(source: www.idealbite.com)

Trash: for information on locations for ethical disposal of small appliances, electronics, and more, go to www.Earth911.com

UMW News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

● **Mary & Martha Group** will meet Dec. 21 at noon for a potluck and a program by Bobbye Dennis in Room C135. Call Martha Sue Jefferies at 296-9883.

● **Assembly of United Methodist Women**, April 29 - May 2, 2010, in St. Louis. This event is held every four years. The theme is "Faith, Hope, Love in Action." More information and registration forms are available at <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/assembly/assembly-faq> The UMW Unit at Pulaski Heights UMC can help with costs; the Executive Committee will disseminate funds. Those who register should notify Betty Gene Mann.

Here We Grow Again!



Shelley Griesemer

Dow & Amy Brantley
Virginia and Caroline



2012 Centennial

We are getting ready now to celebrate the 100th birthday of the church in 2012. The third in a series of commemorative pewter Christmas ornaments is for sale at church. Each custom-designed ornament is numbered on the back. Each 2009 ornament is \$25. A set of three ornaments for 2007-2009 is \$60.



Christian Formation

Advent Prayer Stations at the Labyrinth

Tuesday -December 22, prayer stations focusing on the advent season will be set up around the labyrinth. During this busy season, take some time for quiet and reflection. The labyrinth is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Look for the signs on Woodlawn and Lee indicating the labyrinth is open.

Flu Weather

In case of bad weather or a serious outbreak of a contagious illness, the church may be closed. All events may be cancelled. Watch television, listen to radio, check your e-mail, visit www.phumc.com, and wait for a phone message with updated information. If you need to update your e-mail address or phone number, please contact the church.

Before risking a trip to church, call 664-3600 to make sure a scheduled event has not been cancelled. If you get a recorded message weekdays between 8:30 and 4:30, then the church is closed. The church website at www.phumc.com will be your primary source of correct, updated information.

Mission Statement



Growing in Christ...

A Community Called to Love and Serve God and Neighbor

- Sharing the good news of Christ
- Making new disciples
- Providing opportunities for worship, ministry and mission
- Nurturing children, youth, adults and families in faith
- Retiring building and improvement indebtedness
- Living our vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness
- Becoming the people of peace and reconciliation
- Planning and celebrating PHUMC Centennial
- Caring for Creation through education, advocacy and institutional lifestyle

Children's Ministries

Families and Children: have your best Christmas ever by being at the Family Christmas Eve service in the Great Hall at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24! What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Christ! Each child should have received a letter from the church with an ornament in it to decorate and bring to this service to hang on the Christ Child's tree at specific times while everyone is singing carols. If you didn't get an ornament or can't find one you may pick one up at the church office or we will have extras at each entrance. **K-3rd-graders** are studying "The Gift of Jesus" in December.

Sunday School at 9:15 for K-5th graders on Dec. 27 - come to the top floor of the Children's Building and we will have a big time watching a movie and eating popcorn. Bring a favorite toy for a blessing of the toys!

Sunday School at 9:15 for K-5th graders on Jan. 3- Great Hall-back by popular demand-Game Day with adult Sunday School class

Jan. 10 - Feb. 14 - K-4th graders will be doing a fabulous rotation learning about Jonah!

January 10 to May 23, our 5th graders will have the wonderful blessing of being in a Bible study taught by Mark Doramus! This class will meet in S357 by the movie room on the top floor of the children's building. 5th-graders, grab your Bibles, come to Sunday School and finish your last year in the Children's Division strong by being part of the great class led by Mark Doramus.

Parents - make one of your New Year's resolutions to take care of yourselves! If you are married, make being with your spouse a real priority. If you are single be sure you are taking care of yourself. Mark your 2010 calendars for Parents Night Out when the children have a blast and you get some time for you! 2010 dates are Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, and May 7th-all Friday nights at 6-9 p.m. and one Saturday, February 20th, 4-8 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 for one child and \$5.00 for each additional child in the family with a family max of \$25.00. Pizza is served. Generous church members donate to the program to keep the cost so low.

Created by God - human sexuality class for 5th-graders - Feb. 19 & 20 with a mandatory parent meeting Feb. 16. Cost is \$40.00.

Pre-School Sunday school classes focus on Dec. 20... Jesus is Born

Dec. 27... Simeon and Anna See Jesus

Jan. 3... The Wise Men Find Jesus

Jan. 10... Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

Jan. 17 ... Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Jan. 24 ... Jesus and the Rich Young Man

Jan. 31 ... Jesus and Peter

Infant/Toddler ECA Sunday School focus;

Dec. ... Advent

Jan. ... Animals

New Heights Contemporary Worship

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall
with the New Heights Praise Band

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

"Mary, Christmas and You"

Rev. Victor H. Nixon

Good Samaritan Fund Needs Your Gifts

The Good Samaritan Fund is very low and needs increased support at this critical time for many needy families and individuals in our community. Meeting the basic needs of many people during tough economic times depletes resources available for those who need help with rent, prescription medications, utilities and other items we take for granted. Many working parents are struggling with transportation to work and caring for their families. Others are out of work.

Make your check out to PHUMC and mark it "Good Sam" in the lower left corner. Drop it in the collection plate at church. Please give generously.

PHUMC stories, photos on Facebook & website

DAILY CHURCH UPDATES

Go to www.facebook.com/pulaskiheightsmethodist. Join more than 450 others who keep up daily with upcoming church events plus involvement of members and friends. Learn the latest and see recent photographs from dozens of ministries.

You also may subscribe to RSS feeds at www.phumc.com to receive the latest church news several times a week.

If you respond to photographs and postings on Facebook, send your story about how a ministry touched your life. Recent examples include UMCOR mission trip and guest prison choir. Turn your brief online posting into a story (400 word maximum) and send a text file to sroussel@phumc.com for the Tower newsletter or church website. Share the good news! See Dewey Glasscock's story on the Nov. mission trip to Louisiana under "Our Stories." See photographs and video clips from "The First Noel" children's musical on Facebook and at the church website.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are updated daily at www.phumc.com

CHURCH ADDS SECOND FACEBOOK PAGE

Chuck Sanders, church member and volunteer, updates a second Facebook page featuring recent events. Go to www.facebook.com/PHUMCwhatchadoinnow to see recent photographs. You may post your own photographs or e-mail photographs to whatcha-doin-now@att.net. You also may call Chuck at 765-6378 to share a story with him.

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Fourth Sunday
of Advent

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Large print hymnals and
hearing enhancement
devices are available
from ushers.

+All are invited to stand if they wish.

Please turn off cell phones.

PRAISE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

+GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Nixon

PRELUDE 8:15 "Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella" Christopher Uhlein
10:30 "Medley of Carols" Traditional

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

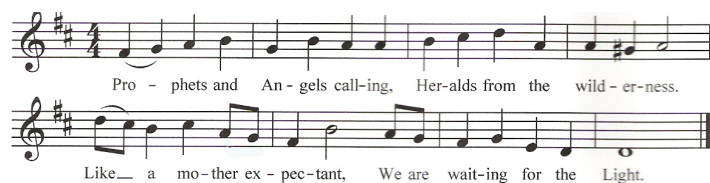
Leader: We light the Advent candles remembering God's light given through Christ, the prophets' words of justice and John's call to baptism.

People: *We open our hearts to the light of God's grace.*

Leader: We light a fourth candle to remind us that visions and angels may still light our way.

People: *We open our hearts to light from heaven, and ask for help bravely to believe. God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.*

RESPONSE



Pro - phets and An - gels call - ing, Her - alds from the wild - er - ness.
Like a mo - ther ex - pec - tant, We are wait - ing for the Light.

HEIGHTS

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

+GOSPEL Luke 1:39-45 New Testament

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Mary, Christmas and You" Rev. Nixon
Sermon Series: A Different Christmas

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

8:15 LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Lindsey
*All singing hymn 217 as children come forward and return
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.*

*The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

10:30 SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM Bishop Hicks
Rev. Lindsey

Ayden Cash Adams, child of Vanessa and Bryan Adams
Jack Ferris Dempsey, child of Jamie & Matty Dempsey
Michael Palmer Styduhar, child of Heather & Michael Styduhar

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Holy church, for we are all one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We promise to love, encourage, nurture and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ. The peace of God be with us as together we grow in faith.

ANTHEM "Ave Maria" Franz Biebl

JOYS AND CONCERNS 8:15 Rev. Lindsey
The Lord be with you. 10:30 Bishop Hicks

And also with you. Let us pray.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

God of the angels, hear us and help us!

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

God of the magi, hear us and help us!

God of the holy innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

God of the victim, hear us and help us!

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom we pray.

Amen. Pray in silence.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWING IN FAITH Rev. Lindsey
Members and guests, please register your attendance.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.*

OFFERTORY Fantasy on "Kingsfold" (Hymnal 179)
H. Dean Wagner
Offerings may be placed in collection plates for ushers to bring forward.

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 8:15 Rev. Lindsey
10:30 Bishop Hicks

*We believe in God, who drenches the world with love,
making it new with every breath.
We believe in Jesus, God become human.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present among us.
We believe in the sacred Trinity
that shines light in our darkness and our season of waiting,
offering hope to all.
We believe! Keep us faithful Lord Jesus. Amen.*

SENDING FORTH

+INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Lindsey

+HYMN 224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

+RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS Rev. Lindsey
We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's Holy Church and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

+BENEDICTION Rev. Lindsey

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE
"Go Tell It On the Mountain" arr. Carolyn Jennings

+POSTLUDE on "Hyfrydol" Gregg Near

Charles Crutchfield, Bishop, Arkansas Area, The United Methodist Church
Philip L. Hathcock, Central District Superintendent
Victor H. Nixon, Senior Pastor, 978-0517
Jeffery B. Hampton, Associate Pastor, Caring Ministries, 978-0532
Harriett Akins-Banman, Associate Pastor, Christian Formation, 978-0511
Andrea Allen, Associate Pastor, Preaching and Evangelism, 978-0530
Kenneth Hicks, Retired Bishop in Residence, 978-0537
Lynn W. Lindsey, Director, PHUMC Foundation / Columbarium, 978-0510
Larry Sweet, Administrator, 978-0501
Jay Clark, Minister to Youth and Families, 978-0538
Cindy Burns, Director of Children's Ministries, 978-0511
Kristie Finney, Associate Director of Children's Ministries, 978-0535
Courtney Frizzell, Children's Learning Center (pre-school & after-school), 978-0527
James Maase, Director of Music and the Arts, Organist, 978-0520
Michael Ekbladh, Associate Director of Music, 978-0521
Rodney Wallace, Associate Organist, 978-0534
Mary Boyce, Associate Director, Adventures in the Arts, 978-0522
Dustin Coats, Director of Contemporary Music, 978-0534
Mary Lewis Dassinger, Director of Missions
Scharmél Roussel, Communications Director, 978-0516

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Gene Mann, LaJauna Herrin, Sylvia Borchert, Lynn Monk

LAY READERS: Christian Harris, 8:15; Bill Mann, 10:30

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS: Mary Cantwell, 8:15; Jimbo, Fran, and Casey Carter, 10:30

USHERS: Helen Buchanan, Tracy Fox, Kim Spaulding, John Bufford, 8:15; Wayne Lindsey, Dickie Lunsford, Bill Coker, Edith Bowman, Laura Lamps, 10:30

CHOIRS: Pulaski Heights Singing Men, Pulaski Heights Ringers; Cherub Choir, Julie Jackson, director, 8:15. Musical texts are printed by permission of Church Copyright Licensing International #1544693.

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of the first wedding anniversary of Corey & Charles Brooks on Christmas Eve by Beverly & Buddy Villines.

HOLY COMMUNION with gluten-free wafers will be served in Shamblin Chapel following today's worship services. All are invited to the Lord's Table to share in this holy means of grace. The sacrament is available upon entering the chapel. Communion is served in the chapel after Friday night and Sunday morning worship services every week with opportunities for kneeling and quiet prayer.

STEPHEN MINISTERS will be in the back of Shamblin Chapel following each of today's services for those with prayer requests.

APPRECIATION goes to Larry & Freda Mobley, Jim & Lynn Monk, Blake & Shannon Montgomery, Janice Montgomery and Ruth Ann Moren for pledges and contributions to Broadcast Ministries, which provide for webcasting today's services from the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall at www.phumc.com; for televising the Sanctuary service at 10:30 a.m. on KATV with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Rachel Garrett, Christian Harris, Scott Jackson, Bob Worthington. Hearing enhancement devices are available from ushers.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS are available from ushers.

FRIDAY SABBATH casual in Sanctuary, 6 - 7 p.m. with childcare.

THE NEW HEIGHTS contemporary worship service Sunday in Wesley Hall with New Heights Band praise music, weekly at 10:30.

TO GIVE to church ministries, make your check out to PHUMC and drop it in the collection plate.

TM2 (Transforming Members Through Ministry) commitment cards may be placed in the collection plates, handed to an usher, or submitted at the reception desk.

WELCOME TO GUESTS

We welcome those of you visiting today. We invite you to participate fully in the worship and activities of our church. Please sign the registration pads, including your address and telephone numbers so that we may personally welcome you.

If you are without a church home, you are invited to join the PHUMC family. You may indicate your desire to join by coming forward during the closing hymn, visiting with a pastor after the worship service or calling Rev. Andrea Allen at 664-3600 during the week.

PHUMC Foundation

Contributions have been received for the glory of God, the JeJo Mobley Endowment and the PHUMC Foundation.

MEMORIALS

Peggy Fitzhugh by Judy and Don Adams, Roselyn St. John

JeJo Mobley by Jack Fryer, Jr.

Louise Hutto by Judy and Don Adams

Sandy Turner by Judy and Don Adams

HONORARIA

Church Archivists Betty Malone and Ernestine Martin by Fann Woodward for the wonderful job they do in keeping our church history.

Tower Class Officers by The Tower Class

Financial Health

Second Sunday Seminars

January 10, February 14, March 14

Presentations by attorney, CPA, financial planner, and insurance experts

9:15-10:15 in the Great Hall

Breakfast provided – no charge

Sponsored by the PHUMC Foundation

Cancer Friends Tree

Cancer Friends will decorate a Christmas tree at Entrance 8 to Wesley Hall with red ornaments honoring cancer survivors and gold ornaments memorializing loved ones lost to cancer. To honor or remember a loved one, please fill this form and return it to church with \$5 for each loved one. Names will be published in the January 17 issue of this newsletter in recognition of your gift. Thank you for supporting Cancer Friends Ministry.
DEADLINE: December 20

In memory of:

In honor of:

Donor name(s) and phone # :

Poinsettias in Sanctuary, Wesley Hall

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. & Mrs. Drew Agar Bob, Cynthia, Cash, Lizzy, Mary Carolyn, Tom, Collier, Ashley, and Jessica East

Felton & Ruth Allbritton Jim, Marsha, John & Drew Allbritton

Michelle Bartlett her family

Nick Benson Ron & Kathy Goss

Mr. & Mrs. E. Arden Boyce, Jr. Patti, Charlie, Turner & Arden Coleman

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Roland & Helen Custer, Jim Bishop & John Hersh Dyer & Linda Custer

Claude Deaton Clint & Flo Albright

Louis East Tom, Mary Carolyn, Collier, Ashley, Jessica, Bob, Cynthia, Cash & Lizzy East

Frank Fitzhugh & Peggy Fitzhugh Becky Fitzhugh

George Byrne Garrett Ned, Rachel, Victoria, Tori & Dumas Garrett

Anne Hansen Donna Davis

Anne Hansen Wayne & Lynn Lindsey

Clay & Carrie Hansen Wayne & Lynn Lindsey

Mary Alice & Bill Hill Billie and Skip Rutherford

Harryette Hodges Kevin & Cindy Burns, Randy, Annie, Jayden, Austin

Kaneaster Hodges, Sr. Kevin & Cindy Burns, Randy, Annie, Jayden, Austin

Agnes & N.D. Huneycutt Janice & Garland Head

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Rose Lindsey Wayne & Lynn Lindsey

Mam Donna Davis

Connie C. McBride Aubrey McBride & Wayne McBride

Elli McKellips Jo Knight

Elli McKellips Lawrence McKellips

Jack, Dot & Cindy McNeil Jim, Marsha, John & Drew Allbritton

Boice A. Minton Elizabeth Minton

JeJo Mobley Lynn & Jim Monk

Martha Modisette Parker, Preston & Cindy Simpson

Our parents Cathy & Lou Sanders

Roy Roper Jo Knight & Betty Drake

Bill Seay Fae Seay

Ellen & James D. Simpson Warren Simpson

Edith & Jake Smith Mary & Robert Powers

Thelma & Elbert Smith Libby & Gary Smith

Husband Wayne and son Kevin St. John Roselyn St. John

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Webb Bob, Cynthia,

Cash, Lizzy, Mary Carolyn, Tom, Collier, Ashley, and Jessica East

Ed Wimberly & Allison Anne Wimberly Wayne & Lynn Lindsey

IN HONOR OF

Harriett Akins-Banman Wes and Brooke Womack

Rev. Andrea Allen RIABS (Read It Again Bible Study)

Lindsey Bencick by Pat Dillahunty

Margie & John Buzbee Judy & Pat Goss

Buddy Coleman Charlie, Patti, Turner & Arden Coleman

Patti Coleman Charlie, Turner & Arden Coleman

Carew Davis Shirley Reid

The marriage of Jessica Dean and Blake Rutherford Billie and Skip Rutherford

Jamie, Matty & Jack Dempsey Pat & Judy Goss

The Dialogue Class Kearney Dietz

Dot-Dot East her grandchildren, Collier, Ashley, Jessica, Cash and Lizzy East

Marie Erwin Ceile Faulkner & family, Lynne Knight & family

Becky Fitzhugh her sister, Jennie Smiley

Sandra Dumas Garrett, Ed & Vicki Clement Ned, Rachel, Victoria, Tori & Dumas Garrett

Glenda Gazette Marshall Gazette

Elizabeth & Julius Hellums Libby & Gary Smith

Marcel Henderson Donna Davis

Mary Jo & Clyde Horton Laura and Mark Doramus and family

Benjamin David Hunt Carey, Andi, & Emmy Smith

Keeton Myers Johnson Carey, Andi, & Emmy Smith

Dr. John Jones Anne Hill

Jo Knight Friday Sabbath Supper Group

Molly, Tyler, Hannah, Maggie, Joseph, Matthew & Kate, our grandchildren Wayne & Lynn Lindsey

Jim Monk, Jimmy Faulkner and Sylvia Borchert Laura and Mark Doramus

Don & Dot Morey Donna Davis

PHUMC Staff Judy & Pat Goss

Gus Powers Cindy Simpson

Dolly Robinson Donna Davis

Melinda & Kate Sain Judy Goss

Cathy Sanders Lou Sanders

Vince Schallenberg Cristine & Bill Slikker

Jack & Judy See Bradley, Parker, Taylor, Patrick & Michael

Taylor, Patrick, Michael, Bradley & Parker Fletcher & Malinda See

Beverly Villines Dorothy Morey

Ralph & Allene Windham Shirley Reid

Dorothy Young Argue Class

Youth Ministry Mary & Robert Powers

Curan Gray Zachritz on his first birthday and Madeline Avery Zachritz Roger & Judy Zachritz

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

Youth Ministries

Sundays

- 8:15 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Handbells
- 4:30 p.m. Cornerstone Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Tuesdays

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study for Youth
- 7:15 p.m. Cross Training Worship

Dec. 20:

Youth will go as a group to the Arkansas Repertory Theatre to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, starring Katy Dunn and Madison Akins-Banman. Tickets are \$20-\$40. Call the box office at 378-0405 to purchase tickets for the 7 p.m. performance

Confirmation: Dec. 20 - "Practicing Passion: Charity, Justice, Peace" by the Peace Ministry

Dec. 21: Sr. High Christmas Party

Dec. 23: 6-8th-Grade Christmas Party, 7 to 9 p.m., at church

Cornerstone Choir: Christmas Eve worship service at 8 p.m. Warm up at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH OFFICE 978-0538

In Memoriam

Ann Spotts

Joined PHUMC May 18, 1952

Joined Church Triumphant Dec. 5, 2009



Finish 2009 Strong!

Look for weekly updates at church.

Who Cares? We Do!

Service of Hope and Healing

Sunday, December 20

2:00 p.m.

This worship service is for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, job, or relationship and for those experiencing anxiety, sadness and loneliness. All are welcome. If transportation is needed please call 664-3600. Childcare will be available.

Missions

● Please bring **new winter socks, gloves, deodorant and safety disposable razors** for the LR Compassion Center for Christmas. Staff and church members will be serving dinner at the shelter on Christmas Day.

● PHUMC will be hosting **homeless families** through IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) Dec. 20-Jan 2. The number of families has been low recently, but we do not know yet how many to expect. Sunday school classes and volunteers are needed to sponsor a family or to volunteer to provide meals. Your donation will help make Christmas special for the families. Please sign up at the front desk or call 664-3600. Or contact Betsey Mowery at 312-1621 for more information. We want to make this a very special Christmas for our IHN families!

● **Food of the Month:** Holiday Basket Items (stuffing mix and canned food - cranberry sauce, pumpkin, yams, green beans, corn). Bring donations to church for the Food Pantry... and also soap and hand sanitizers.

● **Helping Families at Christmas** was a huge success! The church sponsored 175 children from Wakefield Elementary, as well as children with the MiWatch program. *Thank you* to all the Christmas sponsors for your generosity! A special *thank you* is in order for Douglas Reeves Turner, Collin Callaway, Amy Simpkins, Pat Dillahunty and all the committee members. We appreciate your work and commitment!

● **Mission Board Meeting** - Tuesday, January 12 at 5:30. Members make plans to attend!

● Mark your 2010 Calendars and please be in prayer for these ministries as planning begins:

Miles for Missions - April 17, 2010

Guatemala Mission Trip - May 29 - June 6

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 18

● **Guatemala Mission Trip 2010:** May 29 - June 6 - surgical and medical team. Over the next few months we are collecting items for our neighbors in Central America. As you travel, shop and clean, please keep these needs in mind. Items may be dropped off at church for the mission closet: Soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste for health kits (collect travel size toiletries from hotels as you travel); Sunglasses (new or gently used); Ball caps and visors (new or gently used); Crayons; Small toys - Beanie Babies, matchbox cars, balls (new or gently used); Suitcase / duffle bag on wheels (used); Ziploc bags (snack, sandwich, quart, or gallon)

● A **Disaster Response Team** from PHUMC will respond to tornadoes and floods more immediately than ever before. Anyone age 14 and over with a desire to serve may join by completing a form at the receptionist desk. Or go to www.phumc.com to download a form,

Notices

● The church will be closed Christmas Day. Emergency: 688-9533

● Worried about holiday weight gain? Join **Weight Watchers** at church every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Susan 240-5006 A new **Weight Watchers** group starts Thursday, January 7, at 5:30 p.m. at church.

● **Church contributions for 2009** must be hand delivered and received by the church no later than Dec. 31, 2009 or if mailed they must be post-marked in December 2009 and received by the church by January 8, 2010 to be recorded as contributions for 2009. Any questions should go to the church administrator at 664-3600.

● **Dinner with Friends:** January 21, 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky Fitzhugh.

● **Congratulations to Bill Mann**, who will serve as Board President for the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute, starting in January.

● Until the Church Finance Office secures processing of VISA and Master Card for contributions to the church, contributors can call the Finance Office with credit card contributions for operating, broadcasting, and Imagine a Future. The Finance Office will process VISA and Master Card gifts.

● If you have a **church tablecloth**, please return it. No questions asked! We are missing 90" round tablecloths.

● **Men's Al-Anon** meeting every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room C237

● **Recent Church Photographs:** www.phumc.com. See photographs and video clips from "The First Noel" children's musical. Also at this site, you may subscribe to news posts online.

● **DVD** copies of worship services: \$10 each. Order forms are at the reception desk.
Flooding Assistance: 1-888-683-2336.

● **Webcasts:** www.phumc.com

● **RSS feeds:** www.phumc.com for church news as it happens

● **Advent Devotionals** are updated daily at www.phumc.com

● Listen for Rev. Nixon in **radio spots** on the BUZZ, KSSN, KARN, KHITS and B98.5 inviting guests to Christmas Eve worship services. The advertisements are made possible by a matching grant from ReThink Church, and they reach thousands of listeners.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS
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IHN: December 20 - January 2
 Volunteers are needed to serve homeless families in our community. See page 7 for details. Call Mary Lewis Dassinger.

WINTER WEATHER & FLU: In case of bad weather or a serious outbreak of a contagious illness, the church may be closed. All events may be cancelled. Watch television, listen to radio, check your e-mail, visit www.phumc.com, and wait for a phone message with updated information. If you need to update your e-mail address or phone number, please contact the church.

The church website at www.phumc.com will be your primary source of correct, updated information.

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Reminders...

- If you move or if you are hospitalized, let the church know by calling 664-3600. If you are unable to attend church and would like to be placed on the "at-home" list and receive visits, phone calls from ministers or at-home communion, let the church know!
- If you are able, park on the street away from church to leave space for those who cannot walk far. **Reserved parking** for elderly and physically challenged members and guests is in the Woodlawn St. lot across from church. Handicap spaces elsewhere are marked.
- www.phumc.com is updated each week with the most recent sermon text and webcasts of recent worship services. The electronic version of **The Tower** newsletter is posted at www.phumc.com every Monday. If you read the *Tower* on-line and would like to stop receiving it by snail mail, e-mail us at sroussel@phumc.com
- The **Tower deadline** is every Monday for the issue that will be in mailboxes the following week and in church the next Sunday (13 days after deadline date). Call 664-3600 or send a brief article to sroussel@phumc.com
- The printed version of **The Tower** is delivered to the post office every Monday. If you are not receiving your *Tower* by the following Saturday (6 days later), please call the post office at 228-4280 or 228-4288.

- Join 425 church members & friends at www.facebook.com/pulaskiheightsmethodist
- *The Tower* newsletter is printed on commodity brand, inexpensive, recycled, offset, lightweight paper with soy ink. This issue contains items received by December 7. Appreciation goes to proofreaders Jeslyn McCleary, Emily Erkel, Don Knutson, MaryLee McHenry, Dot East. *Thank you!*

What's Cool at Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

CLASS	This Sunday	ROOM
Agape	Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann	D385
All Things Considered	Fearless, book by Max Lucado, Debra Williams	M316
Argue	Living the Questions, DVD & discussion	M320
Bible Study Class	Discussions led by Tim Fox	C239
Butler Upper Room	Emmanuel is Born, Fann Woodward	C235
Christian Fellowship	Emmanuel is Born, Sylvia Borchert	M304
Dietz Dialogue	12 Ordinary Men, Kearney Dietz	C135
Explorer	12 Common Questions, Thomas Blackmon	
Fathomers	What Do You Want for Christmas? Katherine Jefferson	D371
Foundations	The Uncluttered Heart, S & ML Dassinger	C236
Generations of Wisdom	Strong With Her Faith, class for women, all ages	M324
Grades 11-12	Youth Bible Study, John Jones and Charlie Coleman	D379
Grades 9-10	Youth Bible Study, Jim Faulkner and Tim Taylor	D375
Grades 7-8	Youth Bible Study, Scott Beard	D377
Journey	Uncluttered Heart by Beth Richardson	D366
Koinonia	The Best Songs Come at Night, Mary Boyce	M307
Newton Good News	Prophets Foreshadow ..., S. Borchert, J. Faulkner	M101
Primary Parent	Advent Series, M. Thompson (single moms' class)	M322
Receiving Grace	Best Songs Come at Night, Michael Williamson	M313
Roundtable	Immanuel is Born, Andre Rollefson	M312
Spiritual Journey	Bible Study	M309
Teeter Evergreen	Lecture & group discussion, Bible Study, all welcome	D277
Tower	The Shack, Kathryn Griffin	C237
Wesley	Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors... Join Us!	M320
ECA	Early Christian Awareness (infants, toddlers) - donkey, sheep, camel	Story Building
Lions (age 2-3); Tigers (3-4); Bears (4-5)	Study of "Jesus is Born"	Story Building
Grades 4-5	God & Family, led by Bill Byrd, Dick Wallace	Story Building

M=Main Building, C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym)

D=Disciple Center, S-Norma Story Children's Building

Malone Phone Class Lesson led by Andre Rollefson by phone at 3 p.m. at home

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Roundtable Class: Christmas Dinner, Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m., Home of Mary Lou Billingsley
- Dialogue Class: Christmas Party, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., Home of Helen Buchanan
- Receiving Grace Class: Christmas Party, Dec. 18, 6:15 p.m., Home of Chris & Ellen Hill
- Primary Parent Class: visit homebound, Dec. 20
- Christian Fellowship Class: Christmas Dinner, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., church parlor