



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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Raising Hope for All Children



Because we are working jointly with St. Luke UMC to begin an affordable childcare facility for low-income families, I think the story of my early life is pertinent to our current discussion.

In 1967, at the age of six, my parents divorced and my mother became a single parent. It was a good thing because my father's alcoholism was causing trauma and financial problems. However, my older siblings had all moved out of the house and gone to college, work, or married. I lost a lot of family in a short period of time and my caregivers. Although I

attended a good public school in the neighborhood and my mom had a government job and health insurance, I was not prepared for school. I didn't know my alphabet or much about numbers. I had also been in a turbulent situation. Often, I felt insecure. I was behind. I suffered from anxiety. I didn't know that's what it was, but I do now. I often walked home and let myself in the house. I would pick up the landline and call my mom or older sister (who had her own family by then) just to let them know I was okay. I also called them because it was sometimes lonely.

Certainly, our situation could have been much worse, but I understand how one sudden life change—a divorce, a job loss, a death—can increase the challenges of our least, our children, and it is not their fault. It's too bad our neighborhood church didn't have a program for me or my mom. Back then, I believe too many of us thought these problems were not ones the church should tackle because difficult circumstances don't happen to people who are trying hard. I believe now we know better.

Below is a brief list of projects for you to consider to help children.

- **Give to the St. Luke's Childhood Center** for construction and future needs. Right now!
- **Dr. Seuss Bookfest, March 4 at St. Andrew UMC**, serving a number of nearby schools, including Wakefield, which is, of course, our partner in education. Other nearby schools are receiving flyers for the event as well. Donate books for K-5th grade or volunteer. See Page 3 for details.
- **Dia Del Ninos or Day of the Child, April TBA.** Hosting a celebration of children in the community at St. Luke UMC with St. Luke friends.
- **Cooking Matters** - Help empower children to learn to cook and prepare snacks and meals. (Currently an after school program at Bale Elementary.)
- **Summer meals** for children and families - Coming Summer 2017.

For more details about other missions concerning children, contact me at bssnyder@phumc.com or text at 501-517-1661. From foster and adoptive support, to food insecurity, and early education, there is much to do!

See you Sunday!

Betsy Singleton Snyder
Pastor of Preaching and Missions

Worship Services - Sermon Series: *Raising Hope*

Counting the Cost - Genesis 4:8-12

Friday, February 17, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, February 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

(9:00 am service is Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, February 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights | Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, February 19, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove



PHUMC
WOMEN'S
Retreat
PHENOMENAL WOMEN:
Remembering Our Stories
 Led by Martha Sharp
AT SUBIACO ABBEY

MAY 5-7 2017

Join us for the Women's Retreat Spring 2017, Phenomenal Women: Remembering Our Stories at Subiaco Abbey on Friday, May 5 (arrive before dinner) through Sunday, May 7 (leave shortly after breakfast). Our retreat leader is Martha Sharp, who is certified in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction.

The theme "Remembering Our Stories" helps us journey into wholeness through our own unique stories. Your story is your legacy. Your own life is the thing that most influences and shapes your outlook, tendencies, choices, and decisions. Discover where your story connects with God's story. Sharing our stories is a gift we can offer each other.

The cost of the retreat is \$200 per person double occupancy (two to a room). A deposit of \$75 is due by March 12. The balance of \$125 is due by April 23.

Please reserve your spot by calling the church office at 664-3600, by Connect Card during worship or by emailing Belinda Price at bprice@phumc.com with your reservation or for questions.



Jillian & Grant Hastings



Janet & Emily Freeman with son Boone



Margaret & Trey Payne with children Reid and Cross

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Administrative Assistant for Membership

PHUMC is accepting applications for the fulltime position of Administrative Assistant for Membership. This position will be responsible for handling clerical duties related to church membership which include church mailings, recording attendance, maintaining the church membership database and other tasks as assigned. The candidate should have strong interpersonal, organizational and computer skills, as well as the ability to multi-task in a large staff environment. Experience with Shelby Systems software a plus. This position will have hours Sunday through Thursday. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. A cover letter, resume and salary requirements may be emailed to Trent Hubbard, Church Administrator, at thubbard@phumc.com.



FOR SALE Rose Window Note Cards to Benefit the Primetimers Travel Fund

\$7.50 for a package of 10 cards and envelopes
 Available for purchase at the Welcome Center and outside Wesley Hall during February

Columbarium Garden Flowers

Flowers may be placed honoring the memory of a loved one in the Columbarium Garden for \$35. Please call Jennifer Shannon, Columbarium director, at 978-0533 to arrange a date for 2017.

PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment, the Jack Fryer Music Endowment, and the glory of God.

Birthday Club

Sherry Bird
Rhonda Bolls
Davis Crow
Allen Finney
David Hodges
Marian Hodges
Gary Isom
George Knox
Mary Margaret Knox
Maddie Polk
Sarah Reddick
Sam Spencer
Randy Wyatt
Lauren Elizabeth Yearian

Honoraria

Jimmy Faulkner by Julie & Wally Allen; Jackson, Thomas & Wallis Allen; Jamie Bandy, Pam & Richard Blank, Cathy & Tony Bozynski, Robin & Lee Brown, Martha & Ron Clark, Patti & Charlie Coleman, Bobbye Dennis, Kearney Dietz, Laura & Mark Doramus, Robert Dunn family, Martha Ann Fox, Cindy Green, Misty & Drake Hawkins, Judy & Jim Irwin, Angie & Jordan Johnson, Joann & Garth Martin, Donna & Mack McLarty, Barbara & Mack Moore, Miss Selma's Schools, Jimmy Moses, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Shinn Ptak, Susie & Brian Rosenthal, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Vicki & Mark Saviers, Robin Smith, Beverly & Robert Sullenger, Bev & Buddy Villines, Boots & Alan Warrick, Penny & Gordon Wilbourn
Dent Gitchel & Johnny Roberts by Linda & Phil Deloney

PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following gifts were received for the Music Ministry, and the glory of God.

Honoraria

Dr. Drake Hawkins by Nick, Mary & CJ Thompson
Carol Isom by Elizabeth & Tom Small
Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder by Brenda Mize

Memorials

John Compton by Martha Faulkner; Melinda, Eddie, Marlee & Trip Martin; Carolyn & Tommy Polk
Barbara Day by Cathy & Tony Bozynski
Bill Hoffman by Ellen Coffield, Joyce & James Faulkner
Arthur Lee Kelly by Cromwell Architects Engineers, Linda & Buddy Pledger
John Puckett by Jim Adamson, Elise & Jim Argue, Dr. Gladwin Connell, Danna Davis, Annadell & Fred Fowler, Carolyn & Jim Spradley
Kimberly Lorenz Smith by Jim Adamson, Jane & Bill Arthurs, Carolyn Davis

Recent Baptism

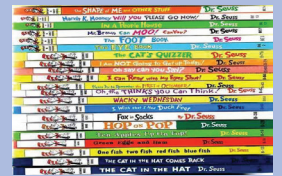


Garrison Phillip Price, with parents Kayce Green & Matt Price and brother Rhys Price

FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION. Thursday, February 23, 6 pm, C236. Mia Jernigan, Community Engagement Specialist, DHS Division of Children and Family Services, will provide information and answer questions about foster and adoptive parenting. Sign up by Connect Card during worship or email juneflye@att.net for more information.



SAVE THE DATE - DR. SEUSS BOOKFEST. March 4, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm, at St. Andrew UMC. Volunteers and K-5th grade books are needed. The event will benefit children near Baseline and Wakefield Elementary Schools. Sign up by Connect Card during worship or contact Rev. Betsy at bssnyder@phumc.com, or text 517-1661. Please bring new or gently used book donations to the Welcome Center or Welcome Desk in Wesley Hall or the Children's Building.



THERAPY DOG TRAINING ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION SESSION. Tuesday, March 14, 6 pm, Parlor (please no dogs at orientation). **Training sessions will be on Tuesdays, March 21 - May 2, 6 pm, in the Great Hall.** Therapy dogs visit facilities and can also help in Mission projects. Dogs must be at least 1 year old. Contact Gayle Fiser at 766-3810 or Gaylefiser@att.net for questions.



PHUMC FOOD PANTRY

Item of the Month: Canned Chili

Bring donations to church to help our neighbors in need. Place items in the collection boxes outside Wesley Hall and the Parlor.



WAKEFIELD TUTORS NEEDED. It's never too late to join the PHUMC team and tutor at Wakefield. It's not unusual to have a tutor who must withdraw from tutoring due to health or family obligations. During these times we prefer to find someone to fill in for the tutor to finish out the school year. We have this sort of opportunity now, and this is a great way to try tutoring for a few months. To become a tutor does not require prior teaching experience; it simply requires volunteers who enjoy reading and working with children.

Tutoring at Wakefield has never been better. Our tutors now have a dedicated PHUMC reading room and a variety of tools and resources to use with the children. The Wakefield reading specialist is available to all tutors to guide us with children who struggle to read.

Providing individual attention through tutoring can help a child to advance with their reading and can increase their sense that education is important. If you would like to learn more about our tutoring program at Wakefield, then contact Brenda Mize at 412-9889. We would love to have you join us.



PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Larry Davis and family in the death of his mother, Lorna Mangold; to Lloyd Mobley and family in the death of his brother, Dan Mobley; and to Quentin Whiteside and family in the death of his grandfather, Jack Hollis Whiteside.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Luke Eugene Honeycutt, child of Amanda and Julie Honeycutt.

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Births, Prayer Requests, Etc.

Call church office: 501.664.3600
 Text: 501.529.0323
 Email: phumc@phumc.com
 Connect Card: Complete in worship
 Emergency Pager: 501.688.9533



Thanks to everyone for supporting the PHUMC Food Pantry by purchasing soup on Souper Bowl Sunday!



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Watch us on YouTube!!
youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

- All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)
- Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) Honduras Mission Trip Presentation
- Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)
- Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Genesis," Tim Fox
- Christian Fellowship, M312 (ages 60+) "Freedom in Christ," Karen Hart
- Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)
- Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) "The Faith of a Mockingbird," Kearney Dietz
- Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) "Raising of America," Pat and Judy Goss
- Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Raising of America"
- Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)
- Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+) "Raising of America," Bitsi Bonner
- Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "Raising of America," Courtney CarLee
- New Class, M308 (all ages)
- Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/young singles)
- Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "Freedom in Christ," Andre Rollefson
- Tower, C237 (ages 40+) "Raising of America," Dr. Alan Mease
- Wesley, (reconciling) M320 All are welcome. Please come share your views.

(All youth meet at 10 am in the phyouth Assembly Area for fellowship before class)

- Agape Class, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann
- 12 Grade, D368 Youth Bible Study, Leslie & Tim Taylor
- 9-11 Grades, D379 Youth Bible Study
- 7-8 Grades, D377 Youth Bible Study
- Confirmation, 6th Grade, phyouth Assembly Area, Rev. Jay Clark

- Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Bldg.
- February Lessons: Family - Fisher Price Little People, Snowflakes, Motions
- Preschool Lions (age 2-3), Tigers (age 3-4), Bears (age 4-5)
- K-4th Grade, Rotation Sunday School
- 5th Grade, Bible Study

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home

- M=Main Building
- C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym/Fellowship Central)
- D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)
- S=Norma Story Children's Building

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary) 10:10 - 10:50 am (1st Sun.)
 PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 12:30 - 2:30 pm

MONDAY

PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 - 12:00 pm

TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
 PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 5:00 - 8:00 pm
 Yoga (Rm. C236) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Memory Loss Caregivers (C135)
 5:30 - 6:30 pm (2nd Tues.)
 1:00 - 2:00 pm (3rd Tues.)

WEDNESDAY

Cancer Friends Support Group (C236) 5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)
 Al Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Men's Basketball Open Gym (Great Hall) 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Men's Al Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
 Primitimers Luncheon (Parlor)
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (4th Thurs.)

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7:00 - 8:00 am
 PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 3:00 - 6:00 pm
 Parents' Night Out (Children's Building)
 6:00 - 9:00 pm (4th Fri.)

SATURDAY

Youth Basketball League (Great Hall) 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

The Chapel is available Wed. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

*PHkids Open Gym is subject to change if other activities are scheduled.

Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments
 Sundays from 8 - 11 am | Gathering Hall & New Heights Lobby