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THE PERFECT STORM: NAVIGATING COMMUNICATIONS IN CHOPPY SEAS

It's the perfect storm. In the midst of a laidback "catch up on the events of the day" conversation with Karen, my smartphone rings. It's a call from the bishop. Ironically, at this exact moment, a red category email pops up from a parishioner in distress, along with a text message from an old friend who needs to talk tonight, and a Facebook notification of a private message from "God only knows" who. "Are you paying attention?" asks Karen. "Well, no! No, I'm not!"

For all the advances we have made in the area of communications today (How many seconds did it take to notify the world of Aretha Franklin's death?), it's complicated. The proliferation of media outlets has created a distracted culture that is unable to focus on any one subject for more than five seconds. As a result, we often miss the most important news — the things that matter most.

Our staff and leaders at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church are keenly aware of these issues and we want to help you navigate the incredible opportunities for worship, learning, mission, and ministry at both our Woodlawn and St. Luke campuses. Under the leadership of our new Director of Communications, Shelby Brewer, we are updating and upgrading the way we communicate our message to you, the community, and the world.

Beginning in October, the Tower will become a monthly publication filled with stories and testimonials of the people and ministries that make our faith community so special. This more in-depth issue will also provide information and notifications of all upcoming events and activities at both of our campuses. This new and improved Tower will serve as your inspiration and guide for the month ahead. Shelby invites you to submit your own stories of how PHUMC has touched your life by emailing her at sbrewer@phumc.com.

Oh! And our weekly eblast will continue to inform you of upcoming events. If you receive our newsletter by mail and you want to start receiving the weekly eblasts, please email Shelby and she will subscribe you to the email list. Finally, stay tuned for exciting information about our new campuswide website that is scheduled to be launched soon!

Together on the voyage,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

SERMON SERIES - THE ESSENTIAL PRAYERS

"AMEN!" - 1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-17

Worship Services

Friday, August 24, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, August 26, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, August 26, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andrea Cummings





PHUMC DIAPER DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 2018

We all know how expensive diapers are. One in three U.S. families struggle to provide diapers for their children. Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is kicking off a Diaper Drive to help low-income families at the St. Luke Children's Learning Center.

Throughout the month of September, we invite you to bring diapers (size 2 and up) and unscented wipes to the PHUMC front desk, or encourage your children to bring them to the front during the children's message in all services. You may also make a monetary donation or have online orders delivered to the church at 4823 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock, AR, 72205.

We are also in urgent need for volunteers to collect children's diaper and wipe donations during worship and to assist as the drive moves forward. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Erin Hawley Newbolt at hawleyerine@gmail.com or Allyson Pittman Gattin at allyson7657@gmail.com.

Rod Hocott To Oversee New Youth Ministry Program



We would like to welcome Rod Hocott to the PHUMC family. He will be joining the phyouth staff as Director of "MID-phyouth, too," a new Wednesday evening ministry for 6th and 7th graders. With more than 50 years of youth ministry experience, he will be overseeing this new ministry, as well as working with 6th grade confirmation students. Rod is no stranger to PHUMC. He and his wife, Rev. Gail

Hocott, have been longtime members.

"MID-phyouth, too" will feature a snack supper, fun activities, relationship building, and some time for spiritual growth. What is the goal of this program? Some younger youth want and enjoy the small group experience, topical message, and worship that Sunday evening phyouth offers. For others, high-energy activities and a devotional is the perfect mix of fellowship and faith. PHUMC 6th and 7th graders are invited to both programs, and friends are welcome.

The ministry will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help get this program off the ground and to provide the snack suppers. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Rod at (501) 804-4065.

Train Your Dog to Help Others

Would you like to get your dog certified as a therapy dog? PHUMC will offer an orientation session on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. in room C239 at PHUMC. (No dogs at this meeting.)

Training classes for handlers and dogs will be held every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. from September 18-October 30 in the Great Hall. Contact Gayle Fiser at (501) 766-3810 or gaylefiser@att.net for more information.

Honduras Medical Mission Meeting Set for Sept. 6

An informational meeting regarding the 2019 Honduras Medical Mission will be held Thursday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in room 239 at PHUMC.

Physicians, dentists, nurses, and willing helpers are invited to attend. The mission trip dates are Jan. 19-27. For more information, contact Dr. Lee and Nancy Archer at (501) 912-7706 or nlarcher@yahoo.com.

Interfaith Prayer Service Set for Sept. 6

The Interfaith Center is hosting its annual InterFaith Prayer Service on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Little Rock.

"Love Thy Neighbor" will feature musical performances by local artists, speakers from various faiths, an interfaith children's chorus, and a presentation by the Multifaith Youth Group.

The Interfaith Food Festival will follow the prayer service and will feature food from several faith communities. Although no childcare will be provided, children are welcome. For more information, visit lovethyneighbor2018.eventbrite.com.

New Sermon Series Begins Sept. 2

"Happy? What It Is and How to Find It" will be the theme of the September sermon series.

Where do we seek for and find lasting happiness? Is it found in possessions, adventure, or achievements? Is it found in legacies, looks, or pleasure?

What if someone told you that lasting happiness is about much more than our own lives? Wouldn't you want to know more?

Join us as we look beyond ourselves to living a life that has true meaning. Check out next week's Tower for more information.

Spiritual Formation Classes Begin Sept. 4

The "Grow Your Faith" fall spiritual formation class series will kick off with "The Enneagram Journey: For Exploration, Growth, and Transformation." The class will be led by Martha Sharp, who is certified in spiritual formation and spiritual direction.

The Enneagram is a tool for learning more about your motivations, increasing awareness of the workings of your personality, and discovering ways to enhance balance and wholeness in your life.

The cost to attend is \$40 for book. The classes will be held on Tuesdays, Sept 4-Nov. 13, from 6-8 p.m., in room C237 at PHUMC. Register by calling the church office at (501) 664-3600, or email bprice@phumc.com. Childcare is available upon request.

Rev. Andrea Cummings to Speak at UMW Circle of Hope Meeting

Rev. Andrea Cummings, pastor of the St. Luke Campus, will be the speaker for the Monday, Sept 10, Circle of Hope meeting in the PHUMC parlor at 11:45 a.m.

She will speak about her life and ministry. Register at the reception desk at PHUMC. Bring your own lunch. Dessert, chips, and drinks will be provided.



We are excited to sponsor best-selling author JEN HATMAKER and award-winning singer/songwriter NICHOLE NORDEMAN as they make a stop in Little Rock as part of their "Moxie Matters" tour.

The show is Monday, Oct. 8, at the Robinson Center in Little Rock. It will feature lively conversation and heartfelt music on "wrangling delight out of the mess of life." Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance is from 7-10 p.m. General admission is \$34.

Church members are eligible to receive a \$5 discount on the Sassy and Moxie Circle seats by using the code 5MOXIE at check-out. Tickets may be purchased at celebrityattractions.com. For more info, contact Rev. Belinda Price at (501) 978-0531.

You are invited to our first Mission Mixer on Thursday, Sept. 20! The free event will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the party room at Lost Forty Brewing on 501 Byrd Street in Little Rock. This event will give you the opportunity to meet and mix with service and mission leaders from PHUMC to discover ways you can serve God and neighbor beyond the church walls. You will learn about various service projects in which you can take part.



Seating, food, and libations are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Childcare will be available at PHUMC during this event, but advance reservations are required. If you are using childcare, please provide a meal for your child before, or bring one with you for allergy safety.

Deadline for both mixer and childcare reservations is Sept. 10. Register by calling the church office at (501) 664-3600. This event will be offered more than once a year. For more information, contact Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com.

New Date Scheduled for Board of Stewards Meeting/Charge Conference

Attention board members: The PHUMC Board of Stewards meeting that was previously scheduled for Monday, August 27, has now moved to **Monday, September 10**, to accommodate our new districtwide Charge Conference schedule. Dinner will be served in Wesley Hall at 5:45 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 5, by calling (501) 664-3600. Childcare is available.

This meeting is in lieu of our annual Charge Conference. Board members are asked to attend and approve 2018 conference reports as well as vote on 2019 nominations.

This year each district will hold a single districtwide Charge Conference so that along with the required reports and paperwork we can facilitate a delegate-led conversation concerning the upcoming 2019 General Conference.

Our districtwide Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 21, at 3 p.m. at St. James United Methodist Church. Bishop Gary Mueller will be the speaker.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Spivey and family in the recent death of his sister, Susan Florence Spivey Freydl, and to Nathan Pittman and family in the death of his father, Pete Pittman.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO: Stacy Bennett and William Grey Hawkins in their recent marriage.

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary) 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.
(1st Sunday of the month)

MONDAY

Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11 a.m. - noon
phkids Open Gym * (Great Hall) 11 a.m - 2 p.m.
Fit4Mom Fitness (C236) 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Memory Loss Caregivers (C135) 1-2 p.m. (3rd Tues.)
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2 - 2:45 p.m.
Memory Loss Caregivers (C135) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (2nd Tues.)
Yoga (C236) 5:30 - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Al Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
AA (C237) 7-8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Primitimers Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (4th Thurs.)
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2 - 2:45 p.m.
Food Pantry & Community Meal (St. Luke Campus) 5 - 7 p.m.
Men's Al Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7 - 8 a.m.
phkids Open Gym * (Great Hall) 3 - 6 p.m.
Parents' Night Out (Children's Building) 6 - 9 p.m. (4th Fri.)

The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. for personal prayer time.

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

Sunday School - 10:10-10:50 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue Named for Dr. James Argue M318 (ages 45+) "Weslyan Way"

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Romans," Tim Fox

Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)

Deeper Connections, D371 (ages 20s-30s) "Anything Can Happen"

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) "The Widow and the Judge"

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s) "A Life Well Lived"

Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+) "Being United Methodists" by Ellsworth Callas

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "The Good and Beautiful Life"

G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)

Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/singles) "Book of John"

Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages) "Religious Art of the Great Masters," Rod Lorenzen

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "Practicing Justice"

Tower, C237 (ages 40+) "The Book of Virtues - Work"

Faith and Film Class, Moderated by Betsy Singleton Snyder.

Wesley M320 All are welcome. Please come share your views.

(All youth meet at 10 a.m. in the phyouth Assembly Area.)

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building

August Lessons: Return to School

Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4), **Bears** (ages 4-5)

Grades K-5, Rotation Sunday School

Grades 6-12, phyouth Sunday School

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 p.m. by phone at home

Shepherd's Cove: Betty Gene Mann

M=Main Building

C=Christian Life Center (Great Hall)

D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)

S=Norma Story Children's Building

FELLOWSHIP STATIONS FOR COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS
SUNDAYS FROM 8 - 11 A.M. | GATHERING HALL & WESLEY HALL LOBBY