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THE WAY OF JESUS: Finding The Way Forward

In its early days, the Christian movement was known simply as the Way. Because of their unwavering faith in the life, atoning death, and resurrection of Jesus, these first believers banded together to proclaim the “way of the risen Christ” to one and all. Early leaders of the church like the Apostle Paul blew open the doors and welcomed in a diverse body of believers. This new family extended beyond the limits of the old nuclear family to include people from every race and walk of life. This passion for sharing the Gospel with the world has allowed the church to grow and flourish for 2,000 years now.

Today the United Methodist Church stands at a crossroads. Ongoing discussions over human sexuality have permeated our denomination’s conversations for the past four decades. As it is with any large diverse international body, we are not of one heart and mind. In an attempt to clarify and set a course for our future, the bishops of The United Methodist Church commissioned a 32-member panel “The Way Forward” in 2016 to study and report their findings to a special called session of the General Conference to be held early next year. What will this mean for our denomination? For the Arkansas Annual Conference? For Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church?

I invite you to join me for one of five conversations that will focus on finding “The Way Forward.” These identical sessions will be held in the church parlor:

- **Monday, October 1, 5:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, October 2, 5:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, October 7, 3 p.m.**
- **Monday, October 8, Noon**
- **Monday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.**

Each session is limited to 20 participants and reservations must be made in advance by accessing this link: phumc.com/the-way-forward, which is located on the homepage of our website. If there is a problem filling out the online form, please call the office at (501) 664-3600. Childcare is provided upon request for all sessions except for Monday, Oct. 8, at noon. More sessions will be added as needed.

Out of my faith and belief in the power of Christ to bring us together, I’m convinced that our best days are yet to come!

In faith and love,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

SERMON SERIES - HAPPY? WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO FIND IT

“Beyond Circumstances”- Philippians 4:4-7, 11-13

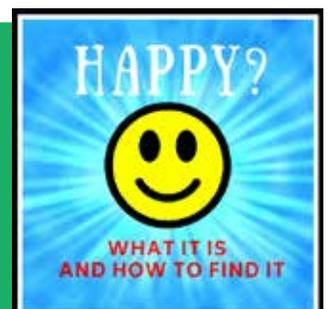
Worship Services

Friday, September 14, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, September 16, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, September 16, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Dr. Jeffery Hampton

Sunday, September 16, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andreá Cummings



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
October 28 3-5 PM
 Games • Pictures • Prizes • Cake Walk
 Food/Drink will be available for purchase
 4823 Woodlawn | Little Rock - Hillcrest

PULASKI HEIGHTS
 United Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT
October 31 5-7 PM
 Games • Candy • Fun
 St. Luke Campus | 6401 W. 32nd | Little Rock - University District

FREE SAFE AND FUN EVENTS! WEAR YOUR COSTUMES AND JOIN US!

Save the Date!



Everyone loves mac-n-cheese! Mark your calendar for April 6 for our first Mac 'N' Cheez Mania Food Festival at War Memorial Stadium!

Please join us to help raise money for local non-profits — and have fun at the same time! An informational meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m., at PHUMC.

The festival will feature a cook-off in which teams prepare unique variations of mac-n-cheese. The teams will consist of professional chefs and amateurs. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded. Other activities, such as a kid zone, petting zoo, food trucks, etc., are planned.

We are recruiting volunteers in all capacities, as well as sponsors and cooks to join the teams. Contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com for more information.

Join the PHUMC Food-Packing Group

There are a little more than 50 slots left to join the PHUMC food-packing group for the Feed My Starving Children mission event at the Statehouse Convention Center on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9-11 a.m. Ages 5 and up are welcome to help! Last year we packed over 69,000 meals! Visit phumc.com/fmsc to register. For more info, contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com.

Book Sale!

Bibliophiles: Mark your calendar for the PHUMC Library Book Sale! The sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, after the 6 o'clock church service and on Sunday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents. For more information, call (501) 310-8105.

Wow! It's a no-brainer to say that we have the most generous church members ever! We ask and you deliver. Pictured is the "mountain" of diapers we have received for our September Diaper Drive. And it continues to grow every day!

Throughout the rest of the month, 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.

One in three U.S. families struggle to provide diapers for their children. This diaper drive will help low-income families at the St. Luke Children's Learning Center.

If you're interested in volunteering to collect donations, or if you have questions, please contact Erin Hawley Newbolt at hawleyerine@gmail.com or Allyson Pittman Gattin at allyson7657@gmail.com.



Nominate Your Favorite Nonprofit

Applications are now available online to nominate a recipient for a special offering or a mini-grant. The applications are on the homepage of our website at phumc.com/missiongrantsapp.

Each year, PHUMC selects a set number of special offerings, and you are invited to nominate a recipient. The Mission Board examines the applications for funds, and decides how they will be dispersed. Applying for both a special offering and an endowment mini-grant does not mean you will receive both. For more information, contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com.

Rex Nelson to Speak at Monthly Luncheon



Join the Primetimers and Friends for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Great Hall. The featured

speaker will be Rex Nelson, senior editor and columnist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He will deliver a talk called "A State of Disaster."

The program will start with a lunch buffet at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8 for lunch, or you may bring your own.

Deadline for reservations is noon, Tuesday, Sept. 25. Sign up via the Connect Card or by calling the church office at (501) 664-3600.

2019 Ireland Pilgrimage Information Meeting Set for September 24



Want to take the trip of a lifetime? We've got one planned for you. Those who are interested in learning more about our "Ireland Pilgrimage: Exploring Ireland & Celtic Christianity" with Revs. Britt Skarda and Jay Clark are

encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m., in room C135 at PHUMC. The trip is scheduled for May 12-22.

The 26 "pilgrims" who have already signed up will also be in attendance. "If you are on the fence, I will simply say that Ireland is one of the most fascinating places I've ever been," said Rev. Jay Clark. "The shades of green are astounding. I am enchanted by engaging with the locals and hearing the tales from them around the table. This pilgrimage is so much more than learning about Christianity in Ireland — it is about building community. Britt and I look forward to sharing this time with you!"

To view the itinerary, visit tinyurl.com/PHUMCIreland19. For more information, contact Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com.



The Primetimers and Friends had a great time in Branson watching the musical "Samson" featuring Isaiah Bailey. Here are the 53 attendees posing with "Samson" after the play. If you would like more information on the Primetimers and Friends group, please contact Bev Villines at bvillines@phumc.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Rev. Blake Bradford and family in the death of his mother, Diana Sellers, Fann Woodward and family in the death of her sister, Berniece Forcht, and to the family and friends of Jamia Allison in her her recent death.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Harriet Speed Whiteside, child of Lucy and Quinten Whiteside.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Allison Hollis and Matt Bathula on their 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

Primetimers 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+) "The Wesleyan 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+) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life & Writings

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

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

Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+) "On Being Methodist"

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) "Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Believed"

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "God Created People."

Tower, C237 (ages 40+) "A Crazy Holy Grace"

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

September Lessons: Fall

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: Joe Teeter

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