



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 165, NUMBER 7 LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

FEBRUARY 15, 2019

COM•PRO•MISE [ˈKÄMPRƏ, MĪZ]

Noun: An agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. "The ability to listen to two sides in a dispute, and devise a plan acceptable to both."

For many of us, compromise is a dirty word. The thought of reaching a compromise on any given issue

means accepting a standard that is less than desirable. It means "giving in" and "letting go" of one's principles. It means we've compromised our beliefs, our moral standards and our deepest convictions.

Pardon me, but I respectfully disagree. I believe the best things happen when both sides are willing to give a little, whether it's a border wall dispute, a negotiation between competing manufacturers or something as seemingly benign as choosing a paint color for the master bedroom. Karen and I will celebrate 45 years of marriage this year, and while I attribute the longevity of our relationship to love, the willingness to compromise comes in a close second!

As United Methodists from around the world gather in St. Louis on February 23-26 for a called General Conference to consider plans related to the full inclusion of the LGBTQ community in the church (marriage and ordination), a majority of the Council of Bishops and members of the Commission on the Way Forward have recommended the One Church Plan (OCP). The OCP allows our denomination to continue its global witness with our same Wesleyan theology and beliefs intact, while allowing each local church to make decisions related to marriage and ordination. Yes, this is an oversimplification of the plan, but it's the best I can do in a 300 word column! Of all the plans to be presented in St. Louis, I like the compromise of the OCP best.

I'm no soothsayer. I don't know what will happen in St. Louis. However, this I can promise. The day after General Conference concludes, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church will continue as the same open, inclusive, Christ-centered community it has always been. ***On this, I don't think any of us are willing to compromise!***

In Faith, Hope and Love,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor



**REGISTER FOR SATURDAY'S
RANEY LECTURE SERIES**
Information on next page!

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

February 15th and 17th

Worship Services

Friday, February 15, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, February 17, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sermon Title: "What Happens When I Die?" **Scripture:** 1 Cor. 15: 12-20

Sunday, February 17, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Jeff Hampton

Sermon Title: "The Way of the Righteous" **Scripture:** Psalm 1

Sunday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andrea Cummings



TEAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN; CHARITIES SELECTED

It is time to step up and see whose Mac-N-Cheese is the best!

Please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center or online at phumc.com/LRMacMania. Sponsorship packets with Rules and Regulations are also available. We hope you join us with your best cheesy mac dish on April 6th at War Memorial Stadium.

The event is designed to enhance our church's recognition in the Greater Little Rock area, and to raise funds for local non-profits. This year will benefit five, local charities helping the homeless: *Our House, Jericho Way, Lucie's Place, The Van and Little Rock Compassion Center.*
NEXT UP: TICKET INFO SOON!

For any questions, email LRMacMania@phumc.com.



T.J. AND INEZ RANEY LECTURES



REV. DR. SAM WELLS
 Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields

The Raney family invites you to be their guest at a luncheon honoring Rev. Dr. Sam Wells on **Saturday, March 2nd** following the 11 a.m. worship service in Wesley Hall. Furthermore, you are invited to a special concert that evening at 7 p.m. with the St. Martin's Voices. Both events are free to the public. To RSVP for these events, please contact the church no later than Feb. 25th at **501-664-3600** or online at **phumc.com/raney**. All remaining events for the series do not require a reservation. Childcare will be provided at all services March 1-3.

Weekend Events for Raney Lectures

Friday, March 1

7 p.m. Worship in PHUMC Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
Reception to follow

Saturday, March 2

11 a.m. Worship with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells and St. Martin Voices;
luncheon to follow

7 p.m. Concert with St. Martin Voices; *reception to follow*

Sunday, March 3

9 a.m. and 11am Worship in PHUMC Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells and St. Martin Voices along with PHUMC Choir



Scout Sunday



Annual Chili Luncheon

Dine In or Take Out!



\$7

Bowl of Chili
 Loaded Baked Potato



Loaded Nachos

\$5

Quart "To-Go"

\$15



Dine In includes a dessert and beverage!

Thank you for supporting the scouts of Troop 12. Your contribution helps defray costs for Summer Camp, equipment, and other activities of Troop 12.



HILLCREST COMMUNITY FRIDAY NOON LENTEN SERVICES. March 8 - April 12. Below is a list of dates, church locations and who is preaching. This year's theme is: *Where do we go from here?*

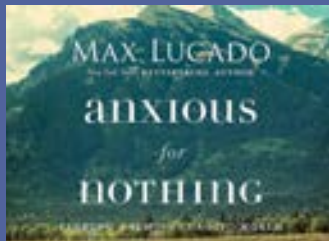
- March 8 Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church; Ruskin Falls
- March 15 Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church; John Marconi
- March 22 Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church; Lynn Worthen
- March 29 Pulaski Heights Christian Church; Jay Clark
- April 5 Pulaski Heights Baptist Church; Britt Skarda
- April 12 Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church; Carol Miles



CHILDREN'S GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT COLLECTION DRIVE: March 6 - April 21. During Lent, Children's Ministries will be collecting items that will be used for our 2019 Guatemala Mission trip. Guatemala is very close to the equator and the sun is very bright so the children need sunscreen as well as sunglasses to protect their skin and eyes from the harmful UV rays. Sunscreen should be spf 50 or 70. Needed items also can include small toys and closed-toe shoes (kids sized only!).



PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY. March 28-30. Join Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX, for three days of study focusing on the Bible, theology, and spirituality with Perkins faculty and guest speakers, Perkins Theological School for the Laity courses are open to everyone! Registration costs less for early registration (Thur. \$35, Fri and Sat. \$75) There is also a discount for first time registrants of \$25 for the all-day courses. Registration packets are available at PHUMC. See Rev. Belinda Price for more information.



UPCOMING BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays from March 27 - April 24. *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, by Max Lucado. Led by Annie Lankford. Dinner and Discussion Wednesday, March 27-April 23. The dinner study will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in room C239. \$12 book, \$8.50 for meal.

PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS Monthly Luncheon



This month's program:
Courtney CarlLee
Executive Director of CLC at
PHUMC and St. Luke

THURSDAY, FEB. 28th
11:30 a.m.
Great Hall, PHUMC

\$8 or bring your own lunch

**Reservations needed
by Feb. 26th**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:10-10:50 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)
Argue Named for Dr. Argue M318 (ages 45+)
Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)
Bible Study, C239 (all ages)
Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)
Deeper Connections, D371 (ages 20s-30s)
Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+)
Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)
G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)
Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)
Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+)
Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+)
G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)
Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/singles)
Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages)
Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+)
Tower, C237 (ages 40+)
Turning Point, M311 (Young adults)
Wesley M320 (all ages)

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building
Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4), **Bears** (ages 4-5)
Grades K-3, Rotation Sunday School
4th Grade-Bible Adventures
5th Grade-Bible Study
Grades 6-12, phuyouth Sunday School

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

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
4823 Woodlawn
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #738
LITTLE ROCK, AR



@pulaskiheightsunitedmethodistchurch



youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc



Twitter: @pulaskiheights



@stlukecampus

St. Luke Campus • 6401 W. 32nd St. • Little Rock, AR 72204

Contact Information

Website: www.phumc.com • (501) 664-3600
Fax: 664-4835 • Email: phumc@phumc.com
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

DIAPER DRIVE. Our 4th grade Sunday school boys and girls are leading a diaper drive competition and invite all to participate. Diapers that are collected will be distributed during Food Pantry days. The contest will wrap up on Sun., Feb. 24th.

FAITH AND RACE DISCUSSION GROUP. Feb 24 – March 31, Every Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Room C236. Class led by Ron Copeland and Paula Patterson. A deep dive into racial divisions that are hard to overcome, and what it takes to become a just society.

'DON'T IGNORE DIABETES.' Feb. 27-April 3. Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Register to attend this FREE six-week class that meets every Wednesday in room C236 at PHUMC. Sign up and get behind the wheel of your renewed lifestyle. RSVP to (501) 978-0510 or bvillines@phumc.com.

PHUMC Food of the Month

Rice

Drop off in Food Pantry bins.



Joys and Concerns

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Leslie Fendley in the death of her cousin, Jerry Dean Rothrock; to Carolyn Gill and family in the death of her husband, Dr. John C. Gill; to Barbara Pardue and family in the death of her mother, Mary "Libba" Pardue; to Brett Huff and family in the death of his father, Dr. D. O. Richard Huff; to Gregory Farrell and Lucien Farrell and family in the death of their mother, Alice Virginia Farrell; and to Brooks Brown and family in the death of his stepfather, B.R. Henry.

THANK YOU: Many friends joined member Fann Woodward to celebrate her 100th birthday on January 9. Fann sends her deep gratitude to all who took the time to share this event with her.

