



# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 165, NUMBER 6 LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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## Making a Difference at PHUMC

Lest you think your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness don't make a real difference at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, think again! Through worship, music, missions, ministries with children and youth, senior adults, educational opportunities, Bible studies, congregational care, and our broadcast ministry, we are living out our mission to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Change the World in a profound and powerful way. Add to these the growing ministries at our St. Luke campus, two top-rated children's learning centers (both campuses), Helping Hands respite care, our Adventures in the Arts school, Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service, and no other large membership church in Arkansas can match PHUMC in terms of the impact we are making on the world.

This past year, our membership soared to 4,600 for the first time in our 107 year history, with our average weekly worship attendance continuing beyond the 1000 mark. In a culture where churches are being pushed to the edge of insignificance in increasing numbers, our great church is speaking boldly for Christ.

If there was a hiccup in 2018, it was a slight downturn in giving. This coupled with needs related to emerging ministries left us with a deficit. As a way of addressing this in order to assure that our growth and witness continue unabated in 2019, we will engage in a "Stewardship Discovery" process over the next several months to help us explore possibilities for growing generosity within our congregation. I am excited about this effort and I know you will be too!

In the meantime, please go ahead and make your reservations for the 2019 Raney Lecture Series with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin in the Fields, London. We've already had such a great response!

Finally, please, please, please remember...whatever decisions are made at the called session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in St. Louis later this month, Pulaski Heights United Methodist will be the same loving, welcoming, inclusive, and transforming faith community it has always been.

Grace and love,  
Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor

### BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

**Monday, February 11**  
**5:45 p.m. – Dinner;**  
**6:00 p.m. -Meeting;**  
**Wesley Hall**

## WORSHIP THIS WEEK: PHYOUTH SABBATH SUNDAY

*February 8th and 10th*

phyouth will participate in all worship services and a special offering will be taken to benefit youth missions.

### Worship Services

Friday, February 8, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, February 10, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sermon Title: "Intimate Friends"

Scripture: John 15: 9-17

Sunday, February 10, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sermon Title: "Same Old Grind"

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 10, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andrea Cummings

Sermon Title: "The Encounter"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**March 1-3**

*Including Live Performances by the St. Martin's Voices*



Raney Lectures Presents  
**REV. DR. SAM WELLS**  
Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields

[phumc.com/raney](http://phumc.com/raney)



**Reservations**

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](http://phumc.com/raney). All remaining events for the series do not require a reservation. Childcare will be provided at all services March 1-3.

The T.J. & Inez Raney Lectureship established in 1951, was primarily endowed by the late Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney in memory of T.J. & Inez Raney, consecrated leaders in Arkansas Methodism.

**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

**Library Book Sale**

*Help support the PHUMC library!*

**Feb. 8th and 10th**  
Before and after worship services



**NEW INFO AVAILABLE**

This weekend Feb. 8th and 10th we will be releasing sponsorship forms as well as rules and regulations for Mac-N-Cheez Mania. You can pick up the information at the Welcome Center or the Welcome Desk outside Wesley Hall.

We hope you join us with your best cheesy mac dish on April 6th at War Memorial Stadium.

**TEAM REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEK!**

For more information, email [LRMacMania@phumc.com](mailto:LRMacMania@phumc.com).

**Open The Door:**  
A Journey to the True Self  
by Joyce Rupp



Book Cost: \$15

**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:**

**Sundays from February 10 –March 17**

**Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self, by Joyce Rupp.**

**Led by Bev Villines and Karen Skarda. Book study starts Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room C237. The book cost is \$15.**



United Methodist Women  
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## UMW GROUP MEETINGS

**Circle of Hope – Monday, February 11, 11:45 a.m., Parlor.** A representative from Moms Demand Action will be the speaker. Register: 501-664-3600.

**Ernestine McKinney Circle – Monday, February 11 in the home of Holly Ross, 2 Marbais Place, Little Rock at 7:00 p.m.** Co-hostesses are Lou Ellen Stevens and Cathy Spivey, devotion by Beth Page and program leader is Gail Hocott.

**Mary and Martha Circle – Monday, February 18 at PHUMC in C135 at 1:00.** Co-hostesses and program leaders are Linda Todd and Judy Zachritz. The Circle will do planning for 2019.

**Magdalene Circle (new Women’s Group) – Wednesday, February 20 in the home of Mary Gresham Barr, 1823 North Tyler, Little Rock at 7:00 p.m.**

## FREE CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
every Thursday beginning  
February 28, 2019 - April 4, 2019  
Pulaski Heights  
United Methodist Church

Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 25 to  
brilliance@phumc.com or  
by phone 501-978-0510.

*If you are an adult/senior (60+) this program will help you create a pain management plan that works for you. You will learn to create strategies for living with chronic pain and learn tips for reducing symptoms and improving your quality of life!*



Fit4Mom would love to offer a free monthly Stroller Strides class to the moms of PHUMC. This class will be held every first Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm. Stroller Strides is a total fitness program for moms and their babies. The classes are comprised of a warm-up and 50-minute power walk, with stops for toning using the stroller and exercise tubing.



A deep dive into racial divisions that are hard to overcome, and what it takes to become a just society.

# Faith & Race

Sundays starting  
Feb. 24th through March 31st  
5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room C236

Led by Ron Copeland  
and Paula Patterson.

## 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**, phyouth Sunday School

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

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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.

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## 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.

**'DON'T IGNORE DIABETES.'** Feb. 27-April 3. Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Adults/seniors living with diabetes can take advantage of these free classes to learn how to live better with diabetes. 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](mailto:bvillines@phumc.com).

**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP.** Friday, March 8, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Geyer Springs Baptist Church. Hope for the Future is an annual caregiver workshop held in Little Rock through which Alzheimer's Arkansas reaches out to caregivers across Arkansas.

**COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS.** There are a number of dates available in 2019 to provide flowers in the Columbarium Garden. The flowers are placed in a granite urn near the columbarium by Entrance 2 of the church. Cost is \$35. Please call Jennifer Shannon, director, at 664-3600 to find available dates.

**GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP NEEDS A DENTIST.** This year's mission trip to Guatemala is in need of a dentist. The date for the trip is July 20-28. You can contact Team Leader Holly Ross at 870-703-0300 if you are interested or have questions.

### Joys and Concerns

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Chance Hollingsworth in the death of his stepfather, Paul Veasman.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Rachel Weyrens and Chris Dunn in their recent marriage; and to Aaryn Wooldridge and Max Klein in their recent marriage.

### We Rejoice in the Baptism of



William Scott, Hudson Hardin and Garrison Stone Hightower, children of Stacey and Schawnee Hightower



Joann "Jody" Grier Smart, daughter of Margot and Scott Smart, sister of Carter.