

## NEW SENIOR PASTOR ANNOUNCED!

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee has been hard at work with Bishop Gary Mueller and District Superintendent Blake Bradford in the appointment consultation process for selecting our new senior pastor. This process has included more than a half dozen meetings over three months, discussing the needs and mission of our church, and the needed skills of our future pastor. **I am pleased to announce that Bishop Mueller has appointed Dr. John Robbins as senior pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2020.**

Dr. Robbins is currently serving as senior pastor of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. He and his wife, Susan, are thrilled to be coming to PHUMC - please read his words to you in the following letter:

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*It is my great privilege to be appointed as the new Senior Pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2020. Susan and I look forward with great anticipation to moving to Little Rock and beginning a new chapter in the history of such an extraordinary church. Pulaski Heights UMC is a congregation I have wanted to serve for many years. I feel incredibly fortunate to soon be a part of such a great staff doing the work of Christ with all of you.*

*Susan grew up in Little Rock. She, along with our daughter and son-in-law, graduated from Hendrix College. Our son and our daughter-in-law are graduates of the University of Arkansas. My mother-in-law too lives in Little Rock, and Don Roberts Elementary School on the west of the city is named after Susan's late father. I have been coming to Little Rock regularly for more than thirty years, attending Pulaski Heights UMC on numerous occasions.*

*Your church has a tradition of strong lay leadership, great preaching, and tremendous outreach to the community and the world. I am grateful to share in the work we have all been called to do. Susan and I are very appreciative to Bishop Gary Mueller for giving us the chance to realize a dream to serve with you. We cannot wait to meet you and get to work!*

*Blessings!*  
*John Robbins*

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I look forward to Dr. John Robbins serving with us as we "Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World."

Sincerely,

Karon Mann, Chair  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

## Rev. Belinda Price Announces Retirement



Dear PHUMC Family,

Our Associate Pastor of Welcoming and Spiritual Formation, the Reverend Belinda Price, has announced her retirement effective July 1, 2020. Reverend Price was no stranger to PHUMC when she arrived as Associate Pastor seven years ago as she had formerly served as our Director of Children's Ministry from 1995-2001 before going to seminary.

We are grateful for Belinda's service and commitment to the Church, but especially her faithfulness to Pulaski Heights UMC. We know Belinda and Phil appreciate your prayers and support during this transition. A reception to honor Rev. Price and her ministry will be held in June.

Sincerely,

Karon Mann, Chair  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

## SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: "Practicing Forgiveness"

### Friday, March 13

6:00 p.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
"Love Made Me an Inventor"  
Luke 7:36-50

Followed by Q&A session  
7:15 p.m. Reception in Gathering Hall with hors  
d'oeuvres and book signing

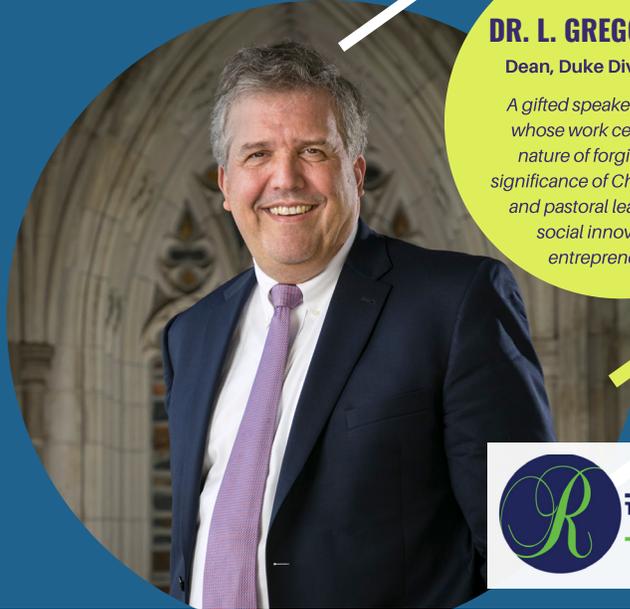
PLEASE CALL CHURCH TO RSVP FOR FRIDAY RECEPTION!

### Sunday, March 15

9 a.m. - "Life in the Spirit"  
Galatians 5:19-6:2

11 a.m. - "Forgiveness as a Way of Life"  
Matthew 18:15-22

9:00 a.m. First worship service, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Reception, Gathering Hall  
11:00 a.m. Second worship service, Sanctuary



### DR. L. GREGORY JONES

Dean, Duke Divinity School

*A gifted speaker and author whose work centers on the nature of forgiveness, the significance of Christian ministry and pastoral leadership, and social innovation and entrepreneurship.*



T.J. AND INEZ RANEY  
LECTURES

## PICKING THE PERFECT PET

Sunday, March 15 - Noon to 1:30 p.m.  
Sign up in Welcome Center  
(Lunch Provided by Tacos4Life)

Education event by PHUMC Pet Ministry  
Call 664-3600 to RSVP - FREE EVENT



Whether a single family home, or one with children or other pets, the PHUMC Pet Ministry wants to help you make the best decision for the best pet for you. The event will include a veterinarian knowledgeable about different types of domestic animals, including details about breeds of dogs, cats, and other pets, such as rabbits, birds, reptiles, fish, and mammals in the rodent family like gerbils, hamsters, and guinea pigs.

After the veterinarian speaks, there will be time for questions, and information and live animals will be present for individuals and families to explore further about the pet, pet care, food, and housing. There will be no charge for lunch, but please RSVP by calling the church office at 664-3600.

## WORSHIP WITH US

February 14/16

Let Go  
Sermon Series

"Turning Back or Turning  
Around"  
Exodus 16: 1-3

### Worship Services

Friday, February 14, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Jeff Hampton

Sunday, February 16, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, February 16, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus

Rev. Andrea' Cummings

**FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES. LET GO: HOW GOD LEADS US THROUGH CHANGE TO TRANSFORMATION.** Facing change by letting go of the familiar and leaning into the future can be scary. We can feel like we're in the wilderness and unmoored from the familiar and comfortable. Seldom do we think of managing change and life transition as spiritual work. Yet Jesus' followers are invited to be deeply transformed, not merely tweaked. Based on the book, *Let Go*, by Matt Miofsky.

## COMING UP @ PHUMC



### A CONVERSATION ABOUT PHUMC FINANCIAL SITUATION

All members are invited to join the chairs of our major committees (Board of Trustees, Finance, Staff-Parrish, and Board of Stewards) for an update on where we are financially as a church, how these issues are being addressed, and to talk about what's next. **This conversation will happen during the Sunday School hour (10-10:50am) in The Great Hall (gym) on Sunday, March 8.** We request all Sunday School classes or members to attend.



**THE JOURNEY**  
Sundays from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in C237  
Starts March 1st

Karen Skarda brings her considerable experience to this class on Life's Journey. Using techniques of meditation and writing, participants will delve into their own stories to deepen their understanding! Call the church to sign up.

**EXPLORING THE ENNEAGRAM**  
Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Parlor  
Starts March 3rd

12 week course led by Martha Sharp. The Enneagram is a study of nine basic types of people. It explains why we behave the way we do, and it points to specific directions for individual growth. It is an important tool for improving relationships with family, friends and co-workers! Call the church to sign up



**PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Thurs., Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall.** Our guest this month is Aubrey Nixon, Chaplain for the Good Shepherd Community. The cost of lunch is \$8 or bring your own. For reservations, call 664-3600 or sign up at the Reception Areas (Welcome Center and Wesley Hall) by noon Tuesday, February 25.

## PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the **K. Richard Knoll Music Endowment, John & Kathy Roberts Endowment, the Martin Youth Endowment, the Hicks Peace Endowment and the glory of God.**

### Memorials

**Cathy Couch** by Sandra Couch  
**Charlie Crow** by Tower Class  
**Jack Gammill** by Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Georgiana Gunn** by Lange Cheek, Nikki & Larry Lawson  
**Bishop Kenneth Hicks** by Sharon Gragg  
**Roger Horn** by Dickie Lunsford  
**John Knoll** by Danna Davis, Carol & Gary Isom, Linda & Dennis Todd, Kim & Steve Tribett, Bev & Buddy Villines  
**James Lee McDaniel** by Susan & Robert Dunn, Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Tommy Polk** by Nikki & Larry Lawson  
**Michael Ptak** by Emily & Jim Burrow, Susan & Robert Dunn, Kenny Kerr, Joanne & Ron Ownbey, Sloane Pardue, Carolyn Lindsey Polk, Mary & Robert Powers, Gilbert Romo, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Jennifer & Mike Shannon, Nancy & Greg Sink, Jo Ellen & Bill Stover & Drew Agar, Tower Class, Glenda Tracer, Bev & Buddy Villines  
**John Roberts** by Mary Jane & Robert Evins, Nikki & Larry Lawson  
**Virginia Staley** by Judy & Don Adams, Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Allie Thompson** by Dickie & Dixon Lunsford

### Honoraria

**Jimmy Faulkner** by Sue Gill  
**Stacey Hightower** by Joann & Garth Martin  
**Garth Martin's 90th birthday** by Billie & Skip Rutherford, Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Erma McNeill's 90th birthday** by Joann & Garth Martin  
**Dot Morey's 90th birthday** by Billie & Skip Rutherford

### Birthday Club

**Karen Beckwith, Sherry Bird, Rhonda Bolls, Brittany Boyette, Caroline Brantley, Marcia Darr, Ella Jennings, Dickie Lunsford, Dotty McLemore, Madeleine Polk, Benjamin Porta, Sarah Reddick, Skip Rutherford, Becky Singleton, Steve Spencer, Lauren Yearian**

## Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the **Good Sam fund, St. Luke UMC, Helping Hands and the glory of God.**

### Memorials

**John Beall** by Martha Beall  
**D. Henry Blevins** by Emily & Jim Burrow  
**Margie Cathcart** by Danna Davis  
**Gary Davis** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Russell Gammill** by Koinonia Dialogue Class  
**Mary Lou Halford** by Paula & Alan Doan, Barbara Gay, Kathy Jennings, Dana Kukendall, Joann & Garth Martin, Soo famly & Jackie Speak, Ann & Skip Smith, Bobbye & Ray Smith, Audri & Ralph Waddell  
**Lily** by Maureen Crank  
**Arlene Minor** by Margaret Hatchett  
**Beadle Moore** by Julie & Wally Allen

### Honoraria

**Garth Martin's 90th birthday** by Newton Good News Class

## 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+)  
**Coffee Talk**, M313 (women all ages)  
**Deeper Connections**, D371 (ages 20s-30s)  
**Drop-In Class**, Wesley Hall  
**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+)  
**Pairs and Spares**, D277 East  
**Pop-Up Class**, M304 (all ages)  
**Roundtable**, M312 (ages 50+)  
**Tower**, C237 (ages 40+)  
**Turning Point**, M311 (Young adults)  
**Wesley** M320 (all ages, Reconciling)

**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 THIS FEBRUARY.** The PHUMC Children's ministry encourages you to bring money or diapers every Sunday in February so that babies' parents who can't afford diapers get help. Our 4th grade Sunday school boys and girls are leading a diaper drive competition and invite all to participate. The contest will wrap up on Sun., Feb. 23.

**DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?** The prayer shawl team is looking for new people to knit or crochet. Come join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 in room C237. Bring your hooks or needles and we furnish the yarn. We can teach you how or help you remember your skill! Contact Rev. Hampton for more details.

**PHUMC FOOD OF THE MONTH: RICE.** Please drop off donated items for food pantry in bins located in Gathering Hall and outside Wesley Hall.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our phyouth that led worship on Youth Sabbath Sunday. For the first time we were treated to a sermon by a youth member. Phoebe Sanders did a wonderful job! Also congratulations to the kindergarten class for their very own worship service!



Phoebe Sanders



### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED** to Jacque Ptak and family in the death of her husband, Michael James Ptak; to Lindsay Van Parys and family in the death of her grandfather, Charles Toland; to Moriah, Matt, and Abigail Blevins in the death of their father, D. Henry Blevins; and to Audrey Jones and family in the death of her sister, Elnora Adams.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH** of Whitman Daniel McBryde, child of Mary Nell and Michael McBryde.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Meagan Davis and Jack Lofton, Jr. in their recent wedding.