

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

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YOUTH SABBATH

Sunday, February 8



I have a confession – I was once a teenager. It's true... and I know some of you were too. For many of us, it was the church we were raised in, its youth ministry, pastors, and people that has shaped us into who we are today. Take a moment to think about those people. Now fast-forward to where you are today at PHUMC.

This Sunday is Youth Sabbath – where we celebrate phyouth. Not just the youth here, but also those we have yet to meet. Those youth may even be next door or down the street. Our young people are some of the best at inviting their friends to church or youth group and do you know why? They love their church.

I get tired of hearing people talk about our young people negatively. Those teenagers did this...or those teenagers did that. We need to be reminded that the young people of this church are: 1) part of the whole body of Christ – not just off doing their own thing; 2) making a difference in their schools, homes, and communities in the name of Jesus Christ; and 3) that we have made a commitment to them at their baptism and confirmation to support them on their journey.

They think about their faith – they struggle with their faith – they live their faith. Jennie Williams and I love them, trust them, and are grateful that they are part of our lives. This Sunday we not only celebrate our young people, but again, collectively, recommit ourselves to be part of their journey and them a part of ours.

Blessings,

Rev. Jay Clark
Pastor with Youth & Their Families



Worship Services Sermon Series

The Power of Words

"Words Heard"

James 1:17-27

Friday, February 6, 6 pm

&

Sunday, February 8

9 am and 11 am - Sanctuary

Rev. Britt Skarda

(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, February 8

9 am and 11 am

New Heights

Rev. Jacob Lynn



Join us for a conversation, hosted by our senior pastor, regarding human sexuality issues within the church. Lunch will be served for \$8.50. Call 664-3600 or email phumc@phumc.com to make your reservation by noon Thurs., Feb. 5. Childcare is available. Trolley hours will be extended until 2:00 pm.

PHUMC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ESTATE GIFT



The PHUMC Foundation Board expresses appreciation for a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of the late Anna Thomas, who died on September 5, 2014. She was a member of PHUMC for two extended periods of her life – before and after her service in the senatorial office of Senator David Pryor.

Anna was a very active member of PHUMC, serving in many areas, including the following ministries: PHUMC's Sanctuary and Energizers Choirs, Primetimers, Adult Sunday School classes, and Helping Hands Respite Care. We are very grateful that her faithfulness to this church will continue in perpetuity through her estate gift.

Recent Baptisms



Etta Jane Orsborn and Claire Elaine Orsborn
with parents Sarah & Jon Orsborn

Board of Stewards Meeting Monday, February 23, 6 pm Wesley Hall

Our 2015 budget will be discussed during this meeting. Join us for fellowship and dinner (\$8.50). RSVP by Wed., February 18, by calling 664-3600 or emailing phumc@phumc.com.



Many of our Adult Sunday School Classes will be "Shaking-It-Up" through the Sundays of Lent, beginning Feb. 22. Classes are pairing up to study "Give Up Something Bad for Lent," by Rev. James Moore. This book will complement our Lenten Preaching Series "Give It Up."

This is a fun way to study together and get to know each other. Classes are getting excited and you won't want to miss. If you don't have a Sunday School Class, please pick any class and come and participate in this Lenten Study. Questions, email Belinda Price at bprice@phumc.com.



Come join us for open gym playtime at PHUMC with tricycles, basketball, etc. A family-friendly atmosphere! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FOR BABIES THROUGH 5TH GRADE

MONDAY 11:00-2:00 PM
FRIDAY 3:00-8:00 PM

Will be open Sundays from 2:30-4:30 pm beginning March 15.

PHUMC gym will be open for free play, during the above dates/times, with the exception of birthday parties or church-wide events.

Guatemala Mission Team First Meeting

Are you interested in serving on the PHUMC Guatemala Medical Mission? An informational meeting will be held on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Trip dates for the medical team (portable doctors - office/pharmacy/dentistry): **August 1-8**

Trip dates for the surgery team (hernia repair, cataract surgery/eye clinic, anesthesiologist/CRNA's/nurses/APN's/PA's/doctors): **August 8-16**

For more information contact Jon Allen, Team Leader, at allenjonk@gmail.com.



CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY WITH PEEPS!

Sat., Feb. 21, 5 - 8 pm, Children's Building. Parents of children with special needs, this is your night! Enjoy an evening out while your children enjoy a fun evening at PEEPS (Pulaski Heights UMC Evening Excursion for Parents of Children with Special Needs). Trained volunteers on site. **Applications due by Feb. 11.** Contact Katy Hunt, katyhunt@sbcglobal.net or 352-2741 if interested. For special needs children and their siblings ages 6 months and up. Space is limited.

AND....VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If you are looking to make a difference in the life of a child and family, PEEPS is for you! Training is available. Prior experience working with children with special needs is NOT required. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles including being a buddy to a special needs child or sibling, helping with crafts, reading stories, helping with movies, music and more!! Volunteers can choose what area appeals to them most. Please contact Katy Hunt if interested! Thank you!



Wesley Kids Children's Choir

~ Presents ~

"The Tale of Three Trees"

A Delightful Musical

Friday, February 13, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary



By: Dave Clark, Jayme Thompson

The **Tale of Three Trees** brings to life the traditional story of some trees with a dream and a God with a plan. Follow the adventures of Annabelle, who dreams of holding great treasure, Bud, who longs to become a mighty ship, and Gabrielle, who just wants to stay in the forest and point people toward God. Through the eyes of Woody the woodcutter, Stump, who is rooted in puns, and Woodsworth, the tree of knowledge, we are reminded that even when we can't see the forest for the trees, there is no prayer that is too small for God.

Come and enjoy the talents of our precious children in a night of musical delight!

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**



Holland Burton &
Scott Burton (not pictured)



Russell & Emily Roberson with
children Will, John Henry,
and Grant Roberson

OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Fellowship Central (Welcome Center/NH Lobby)
8:00 - 11:00 am
Wesley Kids Choir Rehearsal (M119)
9:00 - 10:00 am
Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary)
10:10 - 10:50 am (1st Sun.)
phyouth Group (Youth Area/Wesley Hall)
5:30 - 7:15 pm
Senior High Bible Study (D379)
7:15 - 8:30 pm

MONDAY

PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11:45 am
Youth Basketball League (Great Hall)
5:30 - 10:00 pm
Pack 12 Cub Scouts (D366)
6:00 - 7:00 pm

TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm
Youth Basketball League (Great Hall)
5:30 - 10:00 pm
Yoga (Rm. C236) 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Memory Loss Caregivers (D366)
5:30 - 6:30 pm (2nd Tues.)
1:00 - 2:00 pm (3rd Tues.)
Venture Crew 8 - Boy Scouts (D387)
6:30 - 8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Cancer Friends Support Group (C236)
5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)
Wesley Girls Handchimes Rehearsal (M119)
5:15 - 6:00 pm
Youth Basketball League (Great Hall)
5:30 - 10:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110)
6:00 pm
phyouth Small Groups (Youth Area)
6:30 - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm
Youth Basketball League (Great Hall)
5:30 - 10:00 pm

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C235)
7:00 - 8:00 am ("When Religion Becomes Lethal")
PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall)
3:00 - 8:00 pm
Parents' Night Out (Children's Building)
6:00 - 9:00 pm (4th Fri.)

SATURDAY

Youth Basketball League (Great Hall)
8:00 am - 10:00 pm

HIKING ADVENTURES

Sat., Feb. 21 - Our annual work day to keep this section of the Ozark Highlands Trail clear of brush and vines. This is beautiful country, with some nice views. We will leave at 6 a.m. and return after dark. Contact George Regan, 835-7806 or gregan45@gmail.com.



Congratulations to Cindy Bowden
for 20 years of service at PHUMC!

Cindy assists the senior pastor
and church administrator
in the performance of their
responsibilities and serves as our
wedding coordinator.

CPR/Defibrillator Ministry Training

(Sponsored by Caring Ministry Network)

Would you like to be a part of the CPR/Defibrillator Ministry? There will be a training class on Thurs., Feb. 12, from 1 - 3 pm, Rm. C236. The training will be conducted by Karen Konarski-Hart. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call 664-3600 or email phumc@phumc.com to sign-up for the training class. For questions, contact Bill Mann, bmanna@littlerock.org.

All 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders!!!

Let's Go Bowling!!!

Friday, February 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Professor Bowl West, 901 Towne Oaks Drive

\$10.00 Includes 1 Bowl, Pizza & a Drink

Please call 664-3600 or e-mail eburns@phumc.com if you are coming!!

This fun event will be with other United Methodist Churches in the city.

So bring friends and come join the fun!!!

Adult volunteers needed so please let Cindy Burns (eburns@phumc.com) know if you can stay and help!

Remember to bring socks!!! We will have a BLAST!!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Linda Muldrow and family in the death of her mother, Kathlyn LaNell Haney; and to Kathy Gornatti and family in the death of her father, J. C. Brooks.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS: (Jan. 21-27)
Debbie Gilstrap, William Gillum, Eleanor Kilbourne, Cathie Matthews, Ethel Roeschise.

Who Cares? We Do!

In-Touch Ministry

Report Joys/Concerns

Hospitalizations, Surgeries, Deaths, Births, Prayer Requests, Etc.

Call church office: 501.664.3600

Text: 501.529.0323

Email: phumc@phumc.com

Connect Card: Complete in worship

Emergency Pager: 501.688.9533

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WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Join Rev. Britt Skarda and Rev. Jay Clark as they journey to the Holy Land, October 6-15, 2015, with an optional extension of Cairo, Egypt. Email Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com for more information.



Dinner with Friends

Monday, Feb. 16, 6 pm at Izzy's.
Contact Becky at 227-0439,
416-3730, or beckyfitzhugh@att.net.

Service Times

Friday

Sanctuary Worship (*traditional, casual*)
6:00 pm

Sunday

Sanctuary Worship (*traditional*)

9:00 & 11:00 am

New Heights Worship (*contemporary*)

9:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday School

10:10 - 10:50 am

Contact Information

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Email: phumc@phumc.com

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) "Making Sense of the Bible" DVD/Discussion

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+) "UMC Social Principles," Jim Argue

Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Gospel of Luke," Tim Fox

Christian Fellowship, M304 (ages 60+) "Serving Neighbors, Serving God"

Deeper Connections, D371 (20s-30s)

Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) "Making Sense of the Bible," Kearney Dietz

Disciple Bible Study Class, D277 (all ages) "The Called People: Covenant," Mary Lewis Dassinger

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) Rev. Vic Nixon

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) *Seizing the Moments* by James Moore

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+) "Heroes, Rogues and the Rest," Bitsi Bonner

Newton Good News, M101 (all ages) "The Story"

Receiving Grace, M313 (young adults) "Wired Word," Matt Buchanan

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) Rev. Jeff Hampton

Tower, C237 (ages 40+) Mark Spradley

Wesley, (reconciling) M320 All are welcome. Please come and share your views.

Young Adults, M311 (ages 20-35)

Agape Class, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann

11-12 Grades, D379 Youth Bible Study, John Jones and Charlie Coleman

9-10 Grades, D375 Youth Bible Study, Jim Faulkner and Tim Taylor

7-8 Grades, D377 Youth Bible Study

Confirmation, 6th Grade, D368 Rev. Jay Clark

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Bldg.

January Lessons: Horse, Cow, Doggie, Kitten

Preschool Lions (age 2-3), Tigers (age 3-4), Bears (age 4-5) "Jesus Walks on the Water"

K-5th Grade, Rotation Sunday School, Story Bldg. Meet in Rm. S350, then classes.

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home

M=Main Building

C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym/Fellowship Central)

D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)

S=Norma Story Children's Building



Fellowship Central

Sundays from 8 - 11 am

Welcome Center & New Heights Lobby
Coffee, Refreshments, Wi-Fi and more!!