

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

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27th Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service



As members of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church for almost 28 years, we remember the first Easter Sunrise service and have many treasured memories of spending Easter morning on the banks of the Arkansas River. Our family would pile into the car still groggy with sleep, armed with plenty of blankets, a thermos of coffee, and a box of donuts. The donuts may have held the attention of our two young children as the sun was rising, but by the end of the hour, their hearts and ours had been filled.

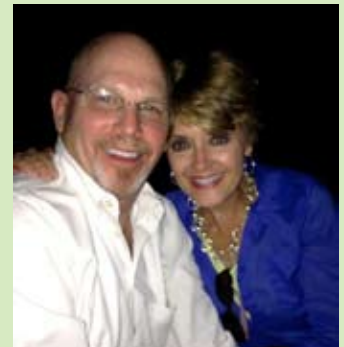
The 27th annual Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 5, 7:00 a.m. at the amphitheater in Riverfront Park. Reverend Britt Skarda will deliver a message of hope, and will be joined by other community church and civic leaders as well as a host of inspiring musicians. We can assure you that their greetings, music, prayers, and scripture readings will bless you in ways unimaginable.

The service offering will support the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, a non-profit network of more than 400 hunger relief organizations. The Alliance's founding members include Arkansas' six Feeding America food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. The Alliance is dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, nutrition education, and advocacy and is the lead partner in Arkansas for the *No Kid Hungry Campaign*.

Over the years, thousands have attended this uplifting service held on the banks of the Arkansas River in downtown Little Rock and open to all. We hope you plan to join us and make this an annual family tradition. Bring your children, bring your neighbors, bring an open heart and mind. You will be blessed with God's word and surrounded by the beauty of his world.

Peace and Blessings,

Melissa and Drake Hawkins
Co-Chairs
2015 Community Easter Sunrise Service



PHUMC Lenten & Easter Worship Services

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 29 | 9:00 & 11:00 am,
Sanctuary & New Heights
Commemorates Jesus'
triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 | 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
A special Communion service
in memory of Jesus' Last
Supper with His disciples.
Childcare available.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 | 12 noon & 6:00 pm,
Sanctuary
"Stations of the Cross" - A
service which depicts the final
hours of Jesus' life. Childcare
available.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 | 27th Annual
Community Easter Sunrise
Service 7:00 am, First Security
Amphitheatre | 8:30, 9:45, &
11:00 am, Sanctuary & New
Heights | 9:45am, Sunday
School

Easter Sunday services will be broadcast on KATV Channel 7 at 7:00 and 10:30 am | Extended trolley hours on Easter Sunday. (7:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Worship Services Sermon Series | Give It Up! | "Give Up Our Lives" - Ezekiel 37:1-14
Friday, March 20, 6 pm & Sunday, March 22, 9 am and 11 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Jacob Lynn
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, March 22, 9 am and 11 am, New Heights | Rev. Britt Skarda



Primetimers Outing to Arkansas Repertory Theatre



**Sunday, April 12
2pm**

(We will eat lunch
together before the play)

Tickets - group price of \$35.00.
Space limited!
Call 664-3600 ASAP!

United Methodist Women



United Methodist Women approved funds for five (5) local, national, and international mission projects at their February 9 meeting. Gifts of \$400 each were given to the community outreach ministries of Oak Forest and Theresa Hoover United Methodist churches, *200K Reasons*, the new initiative of the UMC Arkansas Conference to fight childhood hunger, and *MIWATCH*, which transports children to visit their mothers in Arkansas prisons.

The national mission gift of \$500 goes to our own Camp Aldersgate, founded by United Methodist Women, and the international mission award is to Camp Crystal, a UMC camp for children with disabilities in Voronezh, Russia, directed by the president of the United Methodist Women of Russia.

The UMW also approved the 2015 budget which includes approximately \$12,000 in mission giving through the Arkansas Conference, in addition to the awards noted above. United Methodist Women's mission giving supports programs for women, children, and youth throughout the world.

The Circle of Hope hosted the February meeting and the annual *Call to Prayer and Self-Denial* service. Second-mile giving of \$935 to-date was given to support retired missionaries and deaconesses.

If you are interested in more information about United Methodist Women, drop by the UMW cart near the administrative offices for a brochure, "On a Path for Mission" or contact Bev Villines at bvillines3@comcast.net or 350-5053.

Primetimers March Luncheon Features Dr. Alan Eastham



Dr. Alan Eastham, Senior Fellow in International Relations and International Programs at Hendrix College, and former U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, will speak at the Primetimers Luncheon on Thursday, March 26, at 11:30 in the parlor. His topic will be, "*Making American Foreign Policy: The Case of Iran.*" Dr. Eastham has a B. A. (Philosophy) from Hendrix College and a J. D. (cum laude) from Georgetown University School of Law. Courses taught at Hendrix include the following: U.S. Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Morality and Ethics in Foreign Policy, Afghanistan and Pakistan, etc.

Before coming to Hendrix, Dr. Eastham was a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, employed by the Department of State, from 1975-2010. In addition to serving in the Republic of Congo, he served as U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi and in various capacities in central Africa, South Asia, Pakistan, India, France, Zaire, Kenya, and others.

This program should interest people of all ages, with crucial decisions regarding the United States and Iran being made right now. Guests are always welcome. Please go to phumc.com and click "sign up," call 664-3600 to make reservations by noon on Tuesday, March 24. Lunch: \$8.50. Guests are also welcome to bring their own lunch – or just to come for the program.

Order Easter Flowers in Memory or in Honor of Someone



Colorful flowers will be purchased for Sanctuary and New Heights worship services to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. If you would like to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of someone, the cost is \$12. Memorials and honorariums received by Thurs., Mar. 26, will be published in the Easter bulletin. Sign up at phumc.com/easter-flowers, by Connect Card during worship, at the Welcome Center, or call Pat Dillahunty at 664-3600.



We need YOU to be a part of our new CHURCH DIRECTORY!!

Appointments are still available.

DATES: March 17-21 & March 24-28

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating

Sign up at phumc.com, click "news" and "church portraits" to schedule an appointment today or see representative in the Narthex (Fridays) or Welcome Center (Sundays) following worship.



PHkids Lenten Can Drive



The PHkids Lenten Can Drive is being extended through Palm Sunday, March 29! The gloves are coming off! If we reach 1,000 cans, Rev. Britt Skarda gets to share in the fun and will take a pie in the face in the name of PHkids and the PHUMC Food Pantry on Palm Sunday. The competition is still on...girls or boys, but now we have a common goal: 1,000 cans! Come join in the fun, and bring your cans each Sunday through March 29!!



SAVE THE DATE! Stephen Ministry Appreciation Luncheon "20 Years of Service"

Sunday, April 19, 12 noon

All are welcome to come celebrate with us!
(Complementary meal provided)
RSVP to phumc.com "sign up" or call 664-3600.

Recent Baptism



Mahlon Joseph Baker with his parents Jennibette & Jonathan Baker and brother William Baker.

PHUMC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4
Allsopp Park Pavillion

Pre-Hunt Activities 10:30 am
Hunt begins at 11:00 am
For children 2nd grade and under

Mission: bring snack foods for
PHUMC Food Pantry

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

- Pick up Easter egg & scripture kits or pick up scripture only kits and supply your own eggs. Fill eggs with wrapped candy and a Bible verse slip. **Return by Sun., March 29.**
- Donate plastic eggs and/or bags of candy. **Please bring donations by Sun., Mar. 22.**

Egg kit and return locations are as follows:

- Church Welcome Center
- Children's Welcome Center
- Wesley Hall Welcome Center

We want to make sure we have plenty of eggs and your help is much appreciated! Thank you in advance for your willingness to help make the Children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success!

Rain Plan: Check PHUMC's Facebook page if there is a question about the weather. Back-up location will be in the Great Hall.

EASTER ALREADY?

The Easter Sunrise Service Team has been hard at work planning the 27th Easter Sunrise Service. This exciting Easter Sunday Event is a special event in many of our lives and the life of our community. If you would like to participate by helping with setting up and taking down the event, greeting and handing out programs, or sharing an ad on your facebook page, or in almost any other way imaginable we would welcome you! If you can help, go to phumc.com and click "sign up." For more information, contact Belinda Price at 978-0531 or bprice@phumc.com. This year, Easter is Sunday, April 5, 2015.



The Enneagram Journey for Exploration, Growth and Transformation

A small group study led by Martha Sharp. Tuesday mornings from 10 am - 12 noon and Thursday evenings from 6 - 8 pm beginning Tues., Mar. 31 & Thurs., Apr. 2. The Enneagram is a tool to help us understand others, to see the worst and the best in ourselves, to celebrate our gifts and be more compassionate with others. This is an excellent study for spiritual growth.

Save the Date!!

women's fall

retreat

October 16-18

Subiaco, Leader: Rev. Helen Stegall

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.)
- PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall) 12:30 - 2:30 pm
- 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
- 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
- PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall) 5:00 - 8:00 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
- 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

FRIDAY

- PHUMC Book Club (C235) 7:00 - 8:00 am ("How the Bible Came to Be")
- PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall) 3:00 - 8:00 pm
- Parents' Night Out (Children's Building) 6:00 - 9:00 pm (4th Fri.)

The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

CRAFTING PHRIENDS

Friday, March 20
6 - 9 pm
Rm. C236



Join the fun and bring your craft supplies and work along side other crafters!

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS: (Mar. 4-10)
Gene Altenburger, Welles Bynum, Tim Davis, Don Dugan, Martha Frances Engstrom, William Gillum, Steve Lehoczky, Jim Monk, Angela Sanders, Cathy Sanders, Vicki Shollmier, Ken Weatherford.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Milo Rae Reavis, child of Allison and Tim Reavis.

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Lay Servant Academy at Mount Sequoyah
May 13-16, 2015
Lay Servant Academy is an opportunity to equip laity in areas of scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church. Call 479-443-4531 for more information.
To register:
mountsequoyah.org
click "programs & events"

HILLCREST LENTEN SERVICES 2015
Theme: "The Pilgrim Road"

Date	Location	Speaker
March 20	Pulaski Heights Presbyterian	Britt Skarda
March 27	Pulaski Heights Christian	Jay Clark

All services are 30 minutes at participating churches on Fridays at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch. Make plans to join us as we unite during the Lenten season!

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
Website: www.phumc.com
(501) 664-3600 Fax: (501) 664-4835
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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am
All Things Considered/Koinonia, M316 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Argue/Christian Fellowship/Dietz Dialogue, C135 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Beatitudes/Newton Good News, M101 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Bible Study, C239 (all ages) Tim Fox
Disciple Bible Study Class, D277 (all ages) "The Called People: Covenant," Mary Lewis Dassinger
Fathomers/Deeper Connections, C235 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Foundations/ Tower/Wesley, C236 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Journey/Young Adults, D366 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
Receiving Grace/Roundtable, M312 *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by Rev. James Moore
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.
March Lessons: Insects - Lady Bug, Butterfly, Honey Bee
Preschool Lions (age 2-3), Tigers (age 3-4), Bears (age 4-5)
K-4th Grade, Rotation Sunday School
5th Grade, Bible Study
Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home
Shepherd's Cove: Randy Fuller
M=Main Building
C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym/Fellowship Central)
D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)


Fellowship Central
Sundays from 8 - 11 am
Welcome Center & New Heights Lobby
Coffee, Refreshments, Wi-Fi and more!!