

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What would you be willing to do for \$10 million? Two-thirds of all Americans polled agree they would do at least one of the following:

- Abandon their family (25%)
- Abandon their faith (25%)
- Become prostitutes for a week or more (23%)
- Give up their American citizenship (16%)
- Kill a stranger (7%)
- Give away their children (3%)

This Sunday, March 29, begins the holiest week of the Christian year. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his sharing of the Passover meal with his disciples on Holy Thursday; from his crucifixion on Good Friday to his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, we are asked to respond to the probing personal question, "What would I have done?" "How would I have responded to the events surrounding the final week of my Lord's life?"

Would I have remained loyal to Jesus during his final hours, or, like his disciples, would I have run away and abandoned him? Would I have betrayed my relationship with Christ for as much as \$10 million or even for as little as thirty pieces of silver?

Join us this weekend at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church as we enter the final days of our Lord's earthly ministry. Through powerful worship services, experience the depth of God's love in Jesus Christ and ask yourself, "What would I do?"

Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor

## 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)*



PHUMC is a proud sponsor of... **Pilgrimage for Peace**  
Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm, begins at Heifer International

Join us for this reflective walk organized by local faith and activist communities in Pulaski County to "mourn the violence committed in our community and the world and to walk together as active peacemakers."

**Worship Services** Sermon Series | Give It Up! | "Give Up Popularity" - Matthew 21:1-11

Friday, March 27, 6 pm & Sunday, March 29, 9 am and 11 am - Sanctuary | **Rev. Britt Skarda**  
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, March 29, 9 am and 11 am, New Heights | **Rev. Jacob Lynn**

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## EASTER FLOWERS

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. Sign up at [phumc.com/easter-flowers](http://phumc.com/easter-flowers), by Connect Card during worship, at the Welcome Center, or call Pat Dillahunty at 664-3600. DEADLINE: March 26.



## PHkids Lenten Can Drive

Don't forget to bring canned goods this week! 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.

### Extended Pictorial Directory Photography Dates

March 31 | 2 - 8 pm  
April 1 | 1 - 8 pm  
April 14 | 2 - 8 pm  
April 15 | 1 - 8 pm  
April 21 | 2 - 8 pm  
April 22 | 2 - 8 pm

Go online to [phumc.com](http://phumc.com) and click "news" and "church portraits" to sign up today!

## Cal McCastlain's Memorial Plaque

On April 25, 2014, members of The Cathedral School 5th Grade Class of 2006 were stunned to learn of the death of one of their beloved classmates, Cal McCastlain, Jr. Wanting to create a lasting memorial to Cal, those students - now sophomores in college - sought the help of several families who worked alongside the PHUMC Columbarium Committee to come up with an appropriate way to honor Cal's memory. With the blessing of Cal's parents, Heather and Cal, Sr., a beautiful plaque was designed for the Columbarium Garden.



The plaque includes a scripture that is very special to the McCastlain family: Isaiah 41:10, *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Around 75 of Cal's friends and their families gathered alongside Cal's family in the Columbarium Garden on November 30, where Jay Clark led the assembly in a moving tribute to this young man whose life so suddenly and tragically ended. Jay invited all of Cal's classmates to join the family in laying their hands on the plaque. Then all the parents and other friends placed their hands on Cal's family and the young people, creating an uninterrupted channel for Jay's beautiful prayer of hope and love. The dedication was followed by a luncheon in the Parlor, where the students were able to visit with Cal's family, share stories, and rekindle friendships that began back at The Cathedral School in 2001.

Special thanks are extended to Jay Clark, Randy Murphy, East Harding, Lynn Lindsey, Jennifer Shannon, and the PHUMC Columbarium Committee.

Donors for the memorial tablet were Adam, Valerie & Rick Angel; Catherine, Joyce & Hunter Babin; Laura, Barbara & Stephen Bonds; Hans, Traci & Albert Braunfisch; Annie, Sidney & Larry Carter; Conley, Karen & Chip Culpepper; Austin, Stacey & Cary Curzon; Sydney, Judy & Kim Davis; Olivia Bynum, Anne & Merritt Dyke; Ned, Tori & Dumas Garrett; Clayton, Shelley & Brooks Gentry; Alexis, Haley, Catherine & Ron Hughes; Conner, Kay & John Jaco; Ben, Stacie & Tom Jones; Madison Moody, Kim & Russ McDonough; Mary Grace, Susie & Eric Munson; Foster, Harriett & Terry Pollock; Connor, Tiffany & Brian Reddick; Jennifer, Suzanne & Michael Saccente; Carter, Rachel & Mike Smith; Aaron, Terri & Howard Stebbins; Mary Claire, June & Jeff Thomas; and Edward, Allyson & Travis Thompson.



Congratulations to Cathy Englade for 10 years of service at PHUMC!

Cathy is responsible for day-to-day administrative duties and communications for Children and Youth Ministries.

## PHUMC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 4**  
Allsop 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

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

**Don't forget to return your filled eggs this Sunday, March 29!!**



# Music & Memory = Miracles

Kent Holt, an attorney with the Attorney General's Office, has been a dedicated and committed volunteer at Helping Hands Respite Care for many years. An accomplished pianist, he has entertained our clients who are touched by his talents every Tuesday. The following is his passionate story.



"In the summer of 1996, we were looking for a program that would benefit my father-in-law, Harold, while Eula Nell, his wife, did shopping, ran errands, or just took a break. Harold had been homebound for approximately ten years with Eula Nell as his sole caregiver. PHUMC had just started the respite care program and it seemed like a perfect fit. They were looking for someone to play the piano and I volunteered, thinking it would be a good way to check in on Harold, and, I enjoyed playing from the stacks of music from the 20's, 30's and 40's, that I had collected over the years.

"Unfortunately, Harold developed other health issues and wasn't able to attend, but I had already started playing and there were people involved in the program like Claude, Waymon, and Jo, who were good singers and started making

requests. The people who attended respite care as clients were mostly older – a captive, but very appreciative audience. I got to know many of them. They remembered the songs of their life. Opal was the original 'Sweetheart of Sigma Chi' at Tulane. Dorothy - from the Midwest – perked up with 'Sioux City Sioux' and had quite a sense of humor. Ed played drums in a big band and sang a great tenor part. Nick had been an entertainer on a cruise line and was fond of Irving Berlin. Needless to say, several were Ding Dong Daddies from Dumas. One time at Christmas, I asked if anyone remembered where he or she was when they first heard the song, 'I'll Be Home for Christmas.' Bill's answer was, 'In a foxhole.' When I asked him to tell me the story, it turned out he was in the same infantry division as my father.

"This music was part of their lives. But I noticed something else, too. While several of the clients were dealing with health issues that included memory, the music they listened to, or sang, connected with them. One client, who had suffered a stroke and couldn't read the newspaper anymore, could sing all the songs by reading the words from the handouts. There has been more than one client who, confused as to the day or year, or place, when asked what year a particular song came out, or who sang it, could get it exactly right, sixty years later. Music is a different cognitive pathway to memory. Music, however, is more than memory; it is a physical part of life. You can look around the room and see these same clients singing the tune, tapping their foot *in time* to the music. In other words, connecting. So while we are sad when a loved one doesn't appear to perceive who we are, I believe that the heart remembers. And part of that memory is through music."

- Kent Holt



## 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](http://phumc.com) "sign up" or call 664-3600.

## 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](http://phumc.com) and click "sign up." For more information, contact Belinda Price at 978-0531 or [bprice@phumc.com](mailto:bprice@phumc.com).

## ***The Enneagram Journey for Exploration, Growth and Transformation***

A small group study led by Martha Sharp. Tuesday mornings from 10 am - 12 noon or 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. Register at [phumc.com](http://phumc.com) and click "sign up".

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Charles Allbright and family in the death of his sister, Anne Allbright Phillips; and to Cindy Bowden and Erin Ridling and their families in the death of their aunt and grandmother, Betsy Watkins.

**RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:** (Mar. 11-17)  
William Gillum, Susan Hollier, Wayne Jackson, Steve Lehoczky, Jim Monk, Britt Pharis, Eric Rogers, Cathy Sanders, Mark Titus, Bill Valentine, Ken Weatherford.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Theodore Kiril Dimitrov, child of Katie and Stan Dimitrov, grandchild of Beth and Ted Rice, and great grandchild of Betty Stuckey; and of Clara Rose Burks, child of Haley and Chris Burks.

**MARRIAGE:** Our congratulations to Morgan Langford and Brad Smith and to Stacy Sells and Tim Gauger on their recent marriages.

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## HILLCREST LENTEN SERVICES

Join us for the last Hillcrest Lenten Service at Pulaski Heights Christian Church Friday, March 27, 12 noon, followed by a light lunch. The speaker will be Jay Clark.

## Primetimers Outing to Arkansas Repertory Theatre - Sunday, April 12 | 2pm

We will eat lunch at the After Thought in Hillcrest at 12:15 pm, following the 11:00 am service. Reserve a ticket and a place at lunch by calling Pat, 664-3600. Tickets must be paid for by Friday, April 3. Questions: Lynn Lindsey, 978-0510.

### 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

## 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

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Church Office Hours:

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

## 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) "Acts of the Apostles," 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: Sylvia Borchert

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!!