

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## WE ARE FAMILY

Festival of the Christian Home, Sunday, May 10

As I write this column, the United States Supreme Court is hearing arguments and preparing to rule on the constitutionality of states' bans on same-sex marriage. There is a revolution of change taking place in the American family today. Divorce rates have reached an all time high in our nation with the Bible belt leading in broken marriages. Arkansas is second only to Nevada in terms of divorce.

One of every three households in this country is single parent and more than half of all Americans live in a stepfamily situation. In 2015 less than 8% of all North American families fit the description of what was once labeled the traditional family.



So what about the family of God? As followers of Jesus, how do we define Christian family? If we search the scriptures, we quickly discover the traditional nuclear family was never much of a priority for Jesus. In fact, he de-emphasized the importance of the traditional family on more than one occasion:

- *“For I have come to set a son against his father and a daughter against her mother and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.” (Matthew 8:22)*
- *“But whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” (Matthew 12:50)*

For Jesus, “family” and “family values” were more than buzz words used by politicians and preachers. Family was a way of life—a way of being grafted into a community of faith and love that supported us from birth to death and beyond. The Christian family stands today as the most diverse family on planet Earth. Join us this Sunday at Pulaski Heights United Methodist as we celebrate the fullness of Christ’s love through this wonderful family called the church!

Together in love,

Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor



**Worship Services** | Sermon Series: World Religions - Judaism (Genesis 12:1-9)

Friday, May 8, 6:00 pm | Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, May 10, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda  
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, May 10, 9:00 & 11:00 am, New Heights | Rev. Jacob Lynn



CLASS OF  
**2015**



High school senior, Amanda Muller, was omitted by error in the May 3 Senior Edition of The Tower Newsletter.

**CELEBRATE  
YOUTH**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

**5:30 ★ DINNER IN GREAT HALL**  
**6:30 ★ SHOW IN SANCTUARY**

Join us for dinner & a program featuring  
**Grace Jackson,**  
**Karen Clark & phyouth!**

Sponsored by the PHUMC Foundation & phyouth.  
Proceeds will benefit youth endowment.  
Tickets will not be sold. A love offering will be taken.

**Pulaski Heights UMC  
Recipient of the  
Little Rock School District  
Partners in Education Award**



PHUMC members, (l to r) Annadelle Fowler, Fred Fowler, and Gene Altenburger are a few of the faithful volunteers at Wakefield Elementary School. "An Evening for the Stars" reception was held Tuesday, April 21, where they accepted the award.

# MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

## *Honoraria*

**All mothers & grandmothers in our church family** by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey  
**Dorothy Barnett** by Delena Rose  
**Robbin Dunkum** by Delena Rose  
**Susan Dunn** by Katie Dunn  
**Sandra Garrett** by Dumas Garrett  
**Dorothy Gavin** by Sherry & Allen Bird  
**Martha Huey** by her children  
**Carol Isom** by Gary Isom  
**Helen Ruth Isom** by Gary Isom  
**Laura Sisterhen Jones** by Jeremy Jones  
**Mrs. William Jordan** by Nancy Sink  
**Lynn Lindsey** by Jennifer Shannon  
**Ernestine Martin** by Anne & Rusty Baldwin  
**Joann Martin** by Garth Martin  
**Dee Ostner** by Nichole & Keith McGeorge  
**Janice Price** by Karen & Britt Skarda  
**Delena Rose** by Mark, James & Matthew Rose  
**Linda Rose** by Mark Rose  
**Jennifer Shannon** by Mike, Alex, Claire, Robert & Beth Shannon  
**Liz "Mamo" Shannon** by Jennifer, Mike, Alex, Claire, Robert & Beth Shannon  
**Mrs. Ralph Sink** by Greg Sink  
**Karen Skarda** by Britt Skarda  
**Mary Snider** by Laura, Jeremy & Jacob Jones  
**Terrie "Nonnie" Wilkerson** by Brooke, Wes, Jackson & Mary Margaret Womack  
**Cindy Yokem** by her family

## *Memorials*

**Mabel Bird** by Sherry & Allen Bird  
**Barbara Bush** by Jim, Jimmy & Russell Bush  
**Mary Ann Cobb** by Karen & Bill Cobb  
**Linda L. Couch** by Kaye Holcomb  
**Louise Ellis** by Darlette & Tony Ellis  
**Maxine Halford** by Mary Lou & Jack Halford  
**Anne Hansen** by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey  
**Carrie Hansen** by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey  
**Betty Hargis** by Carol & Gary Isom  
**Lillian Faye Kerr** by Karen & Bill Cobb  
**Mary Martha Modisette** by Parker, Preston, Cindy & Warren Simpson  
**Dorothy Ostner** by Nichole & Keith McGeorge, Dee & John Ostner  
**Jeannine Sessions** by Jennifer, Mike, Alex, Claire, Robert & Beth Shannon  
**Ellen House Simpson** by Warren Simpson  
**Cannie Skarda** by Karen & Britt Skarda  
**Louise Charlotte Smykal** by Anne-Marie Swafford  
**Hilda C. Stidham** by Mary Lou & Jack Halford  
**Ruth W. Stout** by Dorothy Aldridge  
**Kathleen Whiteman** by Holly & Mark Mathisen

**NEWS  
FLASH**

**Primetimers guest speaker  
Rabbi Gene Levy, May 28!  
See next week's Tower  
Newsletter for details.**

# CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

FEATURES



**Magician K. Richard Knoll**

Wednesday  
May 13 - 11:30 am  
Wesley Hall  
Cost: \$8.50



Sign up by Connect Card during worship, [phumc.com/cancerfriends](http://phumc.com/cancerfriends), or call 664-3600 by Monday, May 11.



**VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVER NEEDED.**  
Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.  
Driver will transport children by church van to correctional facility in Newport for visitation with their mothers. Please call 664-3600 for more information.

## United Methodist Women Group Meetings



- **Circle of Hope UMW** will host a tea at Shepherd's Cove on Mon., May 11. Please report to Shepherd's Cove at 1:45 pm.
- **Ernestine McKinney UMW** will meet Mon., May 11, 7 pm, at the home of Nancy Milbourn. Co-hostess: Elise Argue. Program by Louise Fox on "Anna" from the book "Strong Was Her Faith." Devotional by Mary Steele.
- **Mary & Martha UMW** will meet Mon., May 18, 12 pm, Rm. C135. Hostesses: Martha Ann Fox and Irene Regnier. Program by Bev Villines on UMW News.

# Recent Baptisms



**Jack William Gribble** and his parents Eric & Emily Gribble and brother Max Gribble.



**Alexis Irving Smith** and her parents Bryant & Sayward Smith.



**Brooks Adam Childers** and his parents Adam & Annie Childers and siblings Jayden & Austin Childers.



**Margaret Ford Lindsey** and her parents John & Tiffany Lindsey and siblings Mary & Jack Lindsey.



**Mary Carol Allbritton** and her parents Drew & Anna Allbritton and brother Andrew Allbritton.



**James Matthew Niblett** and his parents Matt & Brook Niblett.



**Mary Margaret Womack** and her parents Andrew & Brooke Womack and brother Wes Womack.



**Sutherland Caroline Burton** and her parents Scott & Holland Burton and brother Whittaker Burton.



## 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 - 8:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

**Cancer Friends Support Group (C236)**  
5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)  
**Wesley Girls Handchimes Rehearsal (M119)**  
5:15 - 6:00 pm  
**Men's Basketball (Great Hall)**  
6:00 - 8:00 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 ("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.)

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

**Vacation Bible School**  
"The Best Week of the Year"  
July 12-16  
Register or volunteer today at  
[phumc.com/vbs](http://phumc.com/vbs)

**LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY - Extended Dates: May 20-21. Go to [phumc.com/church-portraits](http://phumc.com/church-portraits) to sign up.**  
Your complimentary 8x10 picture is sent to PHUMC about three weeks after it is taken. Pick yours up in the Welcome Center.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Fann Woodward and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Emmett Pate; and to Nena Valentine and family in the death of her husband, Bill Valentine.

**RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:** (Apr. 21-28)  
Anna Adamson, Shirley Crawford, Lizzie Fair, Richard Ford, William Gillum, Larry Griffiths, Lawrence LaBarrere, Steve Lehoczky, Larry Pinion, Bob Sells, L.J. Wolfe.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Jack Campbell Chatham, child of Shane Frazier and Curtis Chatham; and of Samuel Mark Saviers, child of Melissa and John Mark Saviers, grandchild of Vicki and Mark Saviers.

**MARRIAGE:** Our congratulations to Elizabeth Akama-Makia and Michael Wade and to Rachel Sloan and Andy Edwards on their recent marriages.

### 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

## CRAFTING FRIENDS

Friday, May 15  
6 - 9 pm, Rm. C236

Join the fun and bring your craft supplies and work alongside other crafters! Go to phumc/crafting-friends if childcare is needed.

## 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](http://www.phumc.com)

(501) 664-3600 Fax: (501) 664-4835

After Hours Emergency: (501) 688-9533

Email: [phumc@phumc.com](mailto:phumc@phumc.com)

Church Office Hours:

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

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## Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) "Our Faith," Mackey Yokem

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Acts of the Apostles," Tim Fox

Christian Fellowship, M304 (ages 60+) "Gifts of the Spirit," Jim Spradley

Deeper Connections, D371 (20s-30s)

Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) *Vanishing Grace* by Phillip Yancey - Kearney Dietz

Disciple Bible Study Class, D277 (all ages)

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+)

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Grace: More than We Deserve, Greater than We Imagine"

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

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

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

Receiving Grace, M313 (young adults)

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "Gifts of the Spirit," Joe Teeter

Tower, C237 (ages 40+)

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.

May Lessons: Spring - Bird, Flowers, Ducks, Rain Drops

Preschool Lions (age 2-3), Tigers (age 3-4), Bears (age 4-5)

K-4th Grade, Rotation Sunday School

5th Grade, Bible Study

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

Shepherd's Cove: Barbara Barnett

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!!