

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## I LOVE THE CHURCH – Warts and All!

*The church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time,  
for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments,  
the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline,  
the edification of believers and the conversion of the world.  
All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.*

- The Baptismal Covenant III, United Methodist Hymnal, p. 45

In my concluding remarks to each and every "Membership Matters" class held at PHUMC, I always make sure I lift up the strengths of the church: "Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is a wonderful faith community," I tell these potential members. "We are the body of Christ and the closest thing to Heaven we have this side of eternity." However, I then go on to acknowledge our warts: "The church is not a perfect place. We have our issues—we are divine, but we are also human."

Indeed the church is not perfect. It never has been and it never will be. You and I have been entrusted by Christ to be his body, but we are a broken people. Sometimes we soar to unimaginable heights and other times we crash and burn. Sometimes we honor Christ and other times we shame him. These are indeed challenging times for organized religion. Our culture is experiencing cataclysmic shifts and many feel the church is irrelevant and has nothing to say to the world today. I disagree!

For all of our shortcomings and weaknesses, the church is still the place we come to seek eternal answers to life's perplexing questions. Quite honestly, my preference is to belong to an expression of the Christian faith that has some warts. I can relate. I have my own warts! How about you?

I love the church—warts and all!

Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor



**Worship Services | Sermon Series - Dare to Dream: Creating a God-sized mission for your life**

Friday, July 17, 6:00 pm | *What's In Your Hand? Exodus 4:1-7* | Rev. Jacob Lynn

Sunday, July 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | *What's In Your Hand? Exodus 4:1-7* | Rev. Jacob Lynn  
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, July 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am, New Heights | *What's In Your Hand? Exodus 4:1-7* | Dr. Jeff Hampton



## Cancer Friends August Luncheon will feature Chris Olsen on “Seize the Moment, Take Control”

Wednesday, August 12  
11:30 am - Wesley Hall

All are welcome! Cost: \$8.50. Go to [phumc.com/cancerfriends](http://phumc.com/cancerfriends) or call 664-3600 to make reservations by Monday, August 10.



## Cancer Friends Thank You Note

Cancer Friends,

What a joyful gift to receive at this time! It is so heartfelt to have your thoughts and prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and blessings to all!

In His Name,  
A survivor

## PHUMC FOUNDATION

### Birthday Club

Louis Buehling  
Bud Dillahunt  
Ned Garrett  
Kate Poppe Knox  
Kelly Lassiter  
Dixon Lunsford  
Alice McCoy  
Mary Ann McGinnis  
Pattie Shuffield

The following gifts were received for the glory of God and the *Jack T. Fryer Jr. Music Ministry Endowment* and the *Jelo Mobley Endowment*.

### Memorials

**Jack T. Fryer, Jr.** by Judy & Don Adams, Alice & Dr. Louie Allred, Jane & Bill Arthurs, Carroll Bates, Sherry & Allen Bird, Mary M. Berthiaume & Jack Boyce, Sylvia & Topper Borchert, Jack Browne, Daryl Coker, Ben Combs, Marcia & Jim Darr, Irene & George Davis, Kearney Dietz, Laura & Mark Doramus, Ruth Ann & Glenn Dunahay, Frank Fletcher, Louise & Joe Fox, Sara Harrison, Sunny & Bo Hawk, Carol & Tommy Hodges, W. Kent Ingram, Jr., Senator Keith M. Ingram, Marvin Itzkowitz; Jennifer, Mark, Caroline & Harrison McCarty; Pat & Jim McClelland, Lynn & Jim Monk, Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore, Dr. Jim Morse, Mary Lynn & Sheffield Nelson, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Dee & John Ostner, Beth & Roger Page, Ann Burton Portis, Diana & Ernest Portis, Catherine & Scott Roberts, John Roberts III, Louise & André Rollefson, Jennifer & Mike Shannon, Karen & Jim Simpson, Cathy & John Slater, Richard Smith, Becky & Rett Tucker, Jane Mobley & Howard Turney, Irene & Gus Vratsinas, Charles Whiteside, Ed Willis, Herbert Wright  
**Lynne Matthews** by Penny & Gordon Wilbourn

### Inurned in Columbarium Garden

Jack T. Fryer, Jr.  
June 19, 2015

## PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following gifts were received for Guatemala, Caring Ministry, Music Ministry, and the glory of God.

### Honoraria

**Gwen Efird** by Beth & Roger Page  
**Emily Erkel** by Beth & Roger Page  
**Dr. John Jones** by Gaye & Robert Anderson  
**Linda Jones** by Brenda Mize  
**Cecil Malone** by Sue Gill  
**Skip Rutherford** by Charlotte Schexnayder

### Memorials

**Moffett Davis** by Danna Davis  
**Betty Deaton** by B&B Solutions, Bible Study Class, Mary Lou Billingsley, India Cheairs, Martha & Susan Crosby, Kearney Dietz, Martha Ann Fox, Marilyn Hagberg, Claudia Hamilton, Sara Harrison, Betty Gene & Richard Mann, Joann & Garth Martin, Bertha & Sam McIntyre; Meadors, Adams & Lee Inc.; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mooney III, Donna Morey, Dot Morey, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Betty Pinckney, Jeanie & Frank Pruss, Charlotte Schexnayder, Cathy & John Slater, Carolyn & Tom Teeter, Patricia & Herbert Woodson, Stephanie & Mark Wright  
**Dr. Charles Logan** by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bowman  
**Don Morey** by Sue Gill  
**Miriam Raney** by Mary & Frances Cantwell, Amanda Day, Barbara Day, Chris Day, Mr. & Mrs. H. Vann Day, Jr., Kathleen & Gerald Kaney, Betty Stuckey, Sarah Swindler  
**John Thayer, Jr.** by Ronald M. Roberts  
**David Wilkerson** by Judy & Don Adams



Skybridge project is nearly finished!



**stephen**  
MINISTRY

God's Love in ACTION

**NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS  
TO BE TRAINED**

Save the Dates!!

Stephen Ministry classes will begin  
on Sunday, August 23, 1 - 3 pm and  
Tuesday, August 25, 5 - 7 pm.

Stephen Ministry has been in operation  
at PHUMC since 1994. The ministry  
has been a blessing to individuals, to  
the lay ministers themselves, and to  
the entire congregation. If interested,  
email Carole Provin, [carole.provin@yahoo.com](mailto:carole.provin@yahoo.com),  
Rev. Jeff Hampton, [jhampton@phumc.com](mailto:jhampton@phumc.com) or call 978-0532  
to receive an application and schedule an interview. DEADLINE to submit: August 16.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

## PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON JULY 23, 11:30 AM - PARLOR

Program by Kathy Webb, Executive Director of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance on "Hunger: A Solvable Problem." Make reservations at [phumc.com/primetimers](http://phumc.com/primetimers) or call 664-3600 by noon Tuesday, July 21. All are welcome!



## 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

### MONDAY

**PHkids Open Gym (Great Hall)**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**Midday Prayer (Chapel)** 11:45 am

### 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.)

### WEDNESDAY

**Cancer Friends Support Group (C236)**  
5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)  
**Men's Basketball (Great Hall)**  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110)**  
6:00 pm

### THURSDAY

**No labyrinth due to Vacation Bible School**  
**Zumba Gold (Great Hall)** 2:00 - 2:45 pm

### FRIDAY

**PHUMC Book Club (C235)**  
7:00 - 8:00 am  
The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

### phuyouth Local Mission Week July 6 - 9



**DON VERKUILEN  
IN CONCERT**

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMER.  
ORGANIST DON VERKUILEN  
PLAYS WORKS BY PETERS,  
SAINT-SAENS, BACH AND  
WIDOR.

**AUGUST 2ND • 3 P.M.**  
THE SANCTUARY OF  
PULASKI HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
4823 WOODLAWN DRIVE IN HILLCREST  
VISIT [PHUMC.COM](http://PHUMC.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

## WILLING FRIENDS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Sunday, August 16 - Noon

Program by Mack McLarty and Skip Rutherford: "Mack and Skip: Swapping Stories about Arkansas, the USA, and the World."  
Call 978-0510 for more information.



Adventures in the Arts is offering two BRAND NEW Summer 2015 Music & Arts Camps!!

Camp I | July 20 - 24  
Camp II | August 3 - 7

Details and registration forms at [www.adventuresinthearts.org](http://www.adventuresinthearts.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Evie Cashion East, child of Bright and Cash East, grandchild of Cynthia and Bob East and great-grandchild of Dot East.

### 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

## VOICES ONE

*Interfaith Arkansas Choir*  
seeking choir members...

- If you love to sing
- Can carry a tune and match pitch
- Can read a little music or learn a part recorded for you
- Love the idea of making beautiful harmony with others...

Our purpose will be to learn music that promotes the spirit of oneness, understanding, acceptance, sharing, and peacemaking.

Please contact Phyllis Ruocco at 240-4279 or phyruo999@yahoo.com.

## 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

The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.

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Watch us on YouTube!!  
[youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc](https://youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc)



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

**All Things Considered**, M314 (all ages)

**Argue** (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+)

**Beatitudes**, M316 (ages 30-45+) "Making Sense of the Bible"

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

**Christian Fellowship**, M304 (ages 60+) "Justice, Love, and Humility," Cecil Malone

**Deeper Connections**, D371 (20s-30s)

**Dietz Dialogue**, C135 (ages 70+) "Vanishing Grace," Kearney Dietz

**Fathomers**, C235 (ages 55+)

**Foundations**, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)

**Journey**, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

**Koinonia**, M307 (ages 50+) "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Gary Isom

**Newton Good News**, M101 (all ages) Adult Series Bible Study

**Receiving Grace**, M313 (young adults)

**Roundtable**, M312 (ages 50+) "Justice, Love, and Humility," Jenny Anderson

**Tower**, C237 (ages 40+) "Dare to Dream"

**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.

**July Lessons:** Jungle Animals - Monkey, Elephant, Giraffe

**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:** Joe Teeter

**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!!