

*Happy New Year!*

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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## RECOVERING THE CHURCH AWAKENS JESUS

New Sermon Series  
January 3 - February 7, 2016

January 3  
*On a Mission from God*  
Ephesians 3:1-12

January 8 & 10  
*Missional Intent*  
Isaiah 61:1-11

January 15 & 17  
*The Controversy of Action*  
Micah 6:1-8

January 22 & 24  
*Love Without Condition*  
Romans 8:39-37

January 29 & 31  
*Transforming Lives*  
Luke 19:1-9

February 5 & 7  
*Inviting Relationship*  
Matthew 28:16-20

(Missions Commitment Sunday)

For too long, the church has seen itself as a program provider like a cruise-ship. It's time that we recover the true message and mission of Jesus: to bring Good News to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed. Our church is called to be a mission outpost living out Christ's ideals in our community and world today. Join us for this recovery mission of Jesus that it might awaken the church and move us to action. Make a commitment this new year to be more generous with your time, to serve more, to share more, and to be the hands and feet of Christ more.

**CLOSED**

The church will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of the New Years holiday. All regularly scheduled events are cancelled including Friday at 6 pm worship. Happy New Year's!

### Worship Services | Sermon Series: Recovering Jesus: The Church Awakens

Sunday, January 3, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | *On a Mission from God* | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Rev. Britt Skarda  
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, January 3, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights | *On a Mission from God* | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Rev. Jacob Lynn



# COMING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10! DIGGING DEEPER THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & STUDY!

A multi-generational experience for adults,  
youth, and children for nine weeks.

Dates: January 10 - March 6

## Adult Classes Offered

**Covenant Bible Study** – Through scripture from Old and New Testaments, learn to live a life centered in God. Facilitated by: Juli and Robert Araiza, Rm. C239. Cost: \$20

**Financial Peace** – Get you financial life in order in the new year. Facilitated by: Charlie Case, Rm. C237. Cost: \$90 per family

**Finding Balance/A Women's Bible Study** – A look at New Testament women helps you find more balance in your life. Author Becca Stevens will be at PHUMC on April 3. Facilitated by: Tori Garrett/Lynn Lindsey/Bev Villines, Rm. M316. Cost \$ 10

**Red Letter Revolution** – Provocative discussion of how Christianity can thrive in the future, by Shane Claiborne and Tony Compolo. Facilitated by Kerri Case and Sarah Orsborne, Rm. Parlor. Order your book from Amazon.com

**The Daniel Plan** – Improve your health by forming a healthy lifestyle for 2016. Facilitated by Carey Smith and Troy Lampley, Rm. M313. Cost \$10

**The God We Can Know** – Lenten Study from the Gospel of John. Facilitated by Betty Gene Mann, Rm. M307. Cost \$10

Sunday dinner, childcare, and classes for preschool, children, and youth will be available.

**To sign up, go to [phumc.com/spiritualformation](http://phumc.com/spiritualformation)**

## Meals for Sunday Night Live

- 200,000 children go hungry in AR. That is 1 in every 4 kids. In response, the AR United Methodist Church is seeking to reduce hunger with a targeted, comprehensive initiative, of which PHUMC is a part.
- This semester we at SNL hope to do good as we eat well. In order to raise awareness of the plight of the 200,000 hungry children in AR, we will serve meals eaten by many of the world's poor— rice and beans, white chili, beans and cornbread, and baked potatoes. Cost is \$5/adult and \$3/child with a \$20 maximum for a family. No reservations are needed.
- For those parents of pickier eaters, please consider feeding your child beforehand or bringing something special for them to eat. Any net proceeds from the SNL community meal will be donated to the AR UMC 200,000 Reasons to Fight Hunger. To learn more about this ministry, visit [www.ARUMC.org](http://www.ARUMC.org). To donate, please give to PHUMC and note "200K Reasons" with your gift.

OUR TOWN

by  
Thornton  
Wilder

## Center Stage Auditions

Sunday, January 10 - 2 pm  
Monday, January 11 - 7 pm  
Room C236

Roles are for women and men ages  
18 and up. Performance dates:  
April 28-30 & May 1.

Call Director Morgan James at  
516-0780 for additional information.

B A B Y

## Celebration Sunday January 10



All babies born in 2015 will be celebrated on this day! Babies and families will be introduced at each service. Questions? Contact Cindy Burns at [cburns@phumc.com](mailto:cburns@phumc.com) or 978-0511.

Membership Matters

Are you interested in **knowing more** about PHUMC or becoming a **member**? If your answer is **yes**, **PHUMC Membership Matters Class** is just for **YOU!**

Join us **Sunday, January 10, from Noon to 2 pm** in the Parlor for lunch, fellowship, and learning more about PHUMC! Sign up by calling the 978-0513 or emailing Sara Strickland at [sstrickland@phumc.com](mailto:sstrickland@phumc.com). Childcare is available.

## YOUR YEAR-END Giving MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

DECEMBER 31ST IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE A YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION

All 2015 contributions must be received by December 31. If contributions are mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31 to be eligible for 2015 tax purposes. You can also drop off contributions at the Welcome Center during business hours or place your contribution in the outside mail slot on the handicapped access pole (facing the building) at Entrance 1 anytime.

If you are 70½ or older, you may transfer up to \$100,000 this year from your IRA to PHUMC. Your gift will not be subject to federal income tax and will qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD). If you are interested, your gift must be received on or before December 31 to qualify for this tax year. Contact Mark Barr at 978-0502 if you have any questions.

## PHUMC MISSIONS: CHANGING THE WORLD

### SAVE THE DATE!



### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE



Two ways YOU make a difference.

1. **Donate.** Between January 4 and January 15, please help us collect the following items for homeless LGBT youth. Label them "MLK DOS," and drop them off at the PHUMC Welcome Center.

*Items needed: Sheet sets, bedding, gift cards (Kroger/Target), cleaning products, cleaning equipment, pillows, towels, toilet tissue, paper towels, bus passes, Go phones*



2. **Volunteer** by assembling donated items.  
 When? Saturday, January 16, 2016  
 Where? PHUMC  
 Time? 10 am – 12 noon

For more information about MLK Day of Service, please visit [hrc.org/mlkdayofservice](http://hrc.org/mlkdayofservice).

**Item of the Month:** Canned Fruit. Bring donations to church to help our neighbors in need. Place items in the collection boxes outside Wesley Hall and the Parlor.

### UMW NEWS

• **PHUMC will host** the Central District United Methodist Women's annual Officers Training session on Saturday, January 9. Registration begins at 9 am followed by training for the various UMW officers and ends with lunch served by our UMW members.

 **Cancer Friends Support Group**   
 Wed., January 13, 5 pm, Rm. C236

Meet for a complimentary supper, fellowship and signing cards of encouragement. Cancer Friends Support Group offers encouragement to those diagnosed with cancer as well as their loved ones. Please join us!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Caregiver Support Group

Are you a caregiver for someone living with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease? Do you feel overwhelmed at times and need someone to talk to?

If any of these questions apply to you, please reach out to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) to learn more about joining the new caregiver support group. This free, telephone-based support group will meet for four weeks: January 20 - February 10, Wednesdays from 3 - 4 pm (EST).

To register, contact Lauren at [lsnedeker@alzfdn.org](mailto:lsnedeker@alzfdn.org).

## CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH in Wesley Hall

Thursday, December 31  
 8am - 5pm

Come walk the labyrinth or just sit quietly in the glow of candlelight as we reflect on the year of 2015 and the possibilities of the New Year to come!

A special thanks to all who rang the bell for The Salvation Army on Saturday, December 5!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Dee Ostner and family in the death of her mother, Marcine Bengston-Halbert.

**MARRIAGE:** Our congratulations to Sarah Nation & Raylen Cantrell on their recent marriage.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Rhett Carlson Grummer, child of Cory & Jacob Grummer and great-grandchild of Joann & Garth Martin; and of Marco Adam Keeley Medina, child of Brook & Marco Medina and grandchild of Frances & Dan Keeley.

### 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](mailto:phumc@phumc.com)

Connect Card: Complete in worship

Emergency Pager: 501.688.9533



### Dinner with Friends

Monday, Jan. 18, 6 pm at Taco Tamale.  
Contact Becky at 227-0439,  
416-3730, or [beckyfitzugh@att.net](mailto:beckyfitzugh@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

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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<http://phumc.com/prrequest>.

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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)

AMICUS, M313 (young adults)

Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) "Sent, Delivering the Gift of Hope"

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

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

Christian Fellowship, M304 (ages 60+) "A Bride Worth Waiting For," Jerry Bowie

Deeper Connections, D371 (20s-30s)

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

Disciple Bible Study Class, D277 (all ages)

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) Dan Robinson

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

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+)

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+)

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+)

Tower, C237 (ages 40+) Class Planning Meeting

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

Young Adults, M311 (ages 20-35)

(All youth meet at 10 am in the phyouth Assembly Area for fellowship before class)

Agape Class, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann

12 Grade, D368 Youth Bible Study, Leslie & Tim Taylor

9-11 Grades, D379 Youth Bible Study

7-8 Grades, D377 Youth Bible Study

Confirmation, 6th Grade, phyouth Assembly Area, Rev. Jay Clark

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

January Lessons: Animals

Preschool Lions (age 2-3), Tigers (age 3-4), Bears (age 4-5) "Follow the Star"

K-4th Grade, Rotation Sunday School

5th Grade, Bible Study

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

Shepherd's Cove: Betty Gene Mann

M=Main Building

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

D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)

## Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

Sundays from 8 - 11 am  
Gathering Hall & New Heights Lobby