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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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MEET SHANE!

October 28, 29 & 30, Pulaski Heights and St. Luke UMC Campuses

I confess. I was consumed with anxiety as I awaited the arrival of Shane Claiborne at the Clinton National Airport on Saturday, November 15, 2015. After all, here was an internationally recognized Christian activist, speaker and author of bestselling books like *Executing Grace*, *The Irresistible Revolution*, and *Jesus for President*. A graduate of Eastern University, Shane had done post-graduate work at Princeton Seminary. His adventures had taken him to the streets of Calcutta where he worked with Mother Teresa, as well as to the wealthy suburbs of Chicago where he served the influential mega-church Willow Creek. Shane had preached from the pulpit at Duke University Chapel multiple times, something I as a Duke grad have never been invited to do!



Shane was coming to preach at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and he was coming to stay with Karen and me in our home—a simple 1950's ranch-style house with a small guest room and the guest bath down the hallway. I felt like Zacchaeus entertaining Jesus. My worries were for naught. Shane's friendly, low-key demeanor immediately put me at ease. After a whirlwind driving tour of Little Rock that included the Clinton Library, Central High School, the Arkansas State Capital and a couple of selfies (not the most flattering image of Shane or me) we landed at our place in midtown. Shane kicked off his shoes and made himself at home.

Honestly! You don't want to miss meeting and hearing Shane. Make every effort to join us for all of these wonderful opportunities. I seriously love this guy. I know you will as well.

Following the simple way,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

"A WEEKEND WITH SHANE CLAIBORNE" SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 6:30 PM AT PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC FORUM WITH Q & A ON "EXECUTING GRACE" RECEPTION TO FOLLOW WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY "THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTERS" OF McPHERSON WOMEN'S UNIT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 11 AM - 1 PM AT ST. LUKE UMC 6401 W. 32ND, LITTLE ROCK WORKSHOP "ANOTHER WAY OF LIFE" WITH FREE CORKY'S BARBECUE LUNCH TO FOLLOW (LUNCH MENU: PULLED PORK, CHOPPED CHICKEN, SMOKED SAUSAGE, COLESLAW, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, AND PEACH AND APPLE COBBLER)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9 & 11 AM AT PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC, PREACHING "SHINE" IN THE SANCTUARY SERVICES AND SIMULCAST IN NEW HEIGHTS

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO PHUMC.COM/SHANE OR CALL 664-3600.

BOOK SIGNINGS WITH SHANE (BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE) ARE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.

Worship Services | Sermon Series - *Jesus for President* "A Peculiar Party" | Colossians 3:12-17

Friday, October 21, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, October 23, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda

(9:00 am service is Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, October 23, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights | Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove





THIS SATURDAY!

HarvestFest in Hillcrest is a one-day event in the historic Little Rock neighborhood of Hillcrest designed to bring friends and families together in celebration of the season. Come join the fun with activities happening all day! Visit harvestfest.us for more information. Free admission and parking at PHUMC!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
AT HARVESTFEST IN HILLCREST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
11 AM - 4 PM**



Stop by the PHUMC booth with your animal family member for "Blessing of the Animals" and receive a special blessing from our PHUMC pastors...AND...take a picture with your animal and post to the PHUMC Facebook page with hashtag #stfranphumc for a chance to win the PEOPLE'S CHOICE PHOTO CONTEST!



"Big Bad BBQ Brawl"

Stop by PHUMC Saturday, October 22, during HarvestFest in Hillcrest! The Cooking Channel will be filming a barbecue cook-off for the popular show, "Big Bad BBQ Brawl."

PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HALLOWEEN
CARNIVAL 2016**

FALL PICTURES
GAMES - PRIZES
INFLATABLES
CAKE WALK
FOOD/DRINK WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

OCTOBER 30 | 3-5 PM

IN THE GREAT HALL

4823 WOODLAWN
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205
PHUMC.COM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



DON'T FORGET THE GOODIES!!! Help is needed for the Halloween Carnival Cake Walk. Small baggies with cookies, candy, and/or slices of cake are needed. Please bring goodies to the gym on Sunday morning, October 30.

SAVE THE DATE!

Simple Gifts 2017 Stewardship Campaign will begin the first weekend in November. Join with us as we prayerfully consider our individual financial support for the work of Christ through our 2017 operating budget at PHUMC.



Sponsor Children for Christmas

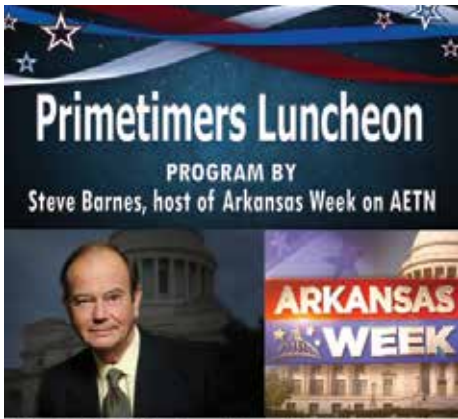
Each year PHUMC members buy Christmas presents for over 200 Wakefield students and MiWatch children who would otherwise not have any. Once receiving a child's wish list, a sponsor buys, wraps, and delivers the gifts to the church - this year by Sunday, December 11. Packets will be available November 20.

The suggested amount to spend is \$100 per child. Sign up by using the Connect Card during worship or call 664-3600 and indicate how many you can sponsor.



Celebrating our Veterans Luncheon

We will celebrate our veterans, widows and widowers of veterans and their families with a luncheon **Sunday, November 13, in the Great Hall following the 11 am services.** The keynote speaker will be former Congressman and Veteran Vic Snyder. If you are a veteran of military service at home or abroad and have not registered as such with PHUMC, please do so at phumc.com/veteran or call 664-3600.



Arkansas Week, hosted by Steve Barnes, has been on the air in the Natural State since 1968 when he started as a copy boy on weekends at KTHV-TV Channel 11 in Little Rock. It highlights a dedicated, distinguished group of Arkansas journalists and political scientists who discuss issues in the news.

Thursday, October 27, 2016
11:30 am, Great Hall

Lunch cost: \$8.50, bring your own sandwich, or just come for the program...ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP to phumc.com/primetimers or call 664-3600 by noon Tuesday, October 25.

First Friday Sabbath Supper
in the Gathering Hall
Friday, November 4, 7 pm

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread.
 A donation of \$5 is suggested.
 All are welcome! Sign up by Connect Card during worship or call 664-3600.

Handy Men & Handy Women Ministry

Here's one of the projects our Handy Men & Handy Woman Ministry worked on this past summer. Ms. Betty Robinson has a beautiful framed Christmas tree that her mother made for her years ago out of old costume jewelry. Handy woman Emily Stotts carefully cleaned it and handyman Tom Tucker took care of the electrical components and Ms. Betty was delighted!



Could you or someone you know use some help from this ministry? If so, call the church at 664-3600.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIGHT THE NIGHT WITH LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S ARKANSAS DIVISION
Saturday, October 29, 4:30 pm
at River Market Pavilion

For more info or to join/form a team, go to lightthenight.org or contact Jamie Shipley, jwestshipley@gmail.com.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS LA MUSICA DELLA NOTTE
Thursday, November 3, 7:30 pm
at Faulkner Performing Arts Center
453 N. Garland Ave., Fayetteville, AR

This event will feature PHUMC member, Kyle Forehand. Tickets are \$10 general admission \$5 students, faculty, and seniors Get tickets at faulknercenter.uark.edu, call 479-575-5387 or pay at the door.

COULD YOU GIVE UP THE COMFORT OF YOUR BED FOR ONE NIGHT TO HELP THE HOMELESS? FROM DUSK TO DAWN
Friday, November 4

Spend one night sleeping "rough" in Murray Park to raise funds for *Jericho Way*, Little Rock's day/resource center for men and women.

CAREGIVERS EXPO
Thursday, November 10, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
at Second Presbyterian Church
600 Pleasant Valley Drive

Register at secondpreslr.org or call 227-0000. There is no cost for participants.

AARP SMART DRIVERS COURSE at PHUMC
Monday, November 14, 9 am - 1 pm

\$15 for AARP members/ \$20 for non-members Register at aarp.org or call 664-3600.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERFAITH ARKANSAS
Thursday, November 17, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
at Islamic Center
3224 Anna St., Little Rock

Topic: "Religious Liberty"
 \$25 all day including lunch + 2017 IA Membership/\$15 noon lunch only
 RSVP by Nov. 10 to interfaithark@aol.com or call 626-9220.



Friday, October 28, 6 - 9 pm
Children's Building - 666-5683

Ages 6 weeks - 5th grade.
 Pre-registration is required.
 Please sign up at the church or children's Welcome Center.
 Cost is \$20 per child or \$40 per family of 2 or more children.

PHUMC MISSIONS: CHANGING THE WORLD

SAVE THE DATE! PHUMC Rings the Bell

Join the 2016 Red Kettle Campaign and volunteer to help The Salvation Army "Ring the Bell," Saturday, December 3, various times. You may sign up by Connect Card during worship, in the Gathering Hall beginning Sunday, October 30, or at the Welcome Center.



~ Testimonial ~

"Contributing money to the Salvation Army has been one thing, but 'Ring the Bell'? That wasn't really at the top of our 'holiday things to do' list!! Plus we were out of town that weekend for the first couple of years of PHUMC's involvement. And we'd certainly avoided the 'Red Kettle' entrance on a number of occasions. So, after retirement and no out of town trip during the first weekend in December, we decided to give it a try last year. What a difference it made for us! We saw many people who recognized the "Judge" so there was a lot of visiting and catching up to do. We met people who did not appear to have enough for groceries but who put what they did have in the kettle. One older gentleman stopped to say he'd bring his change after he finished shopping, and when he came out, he held up a handful of change and said a prayer over it before dropping it into the kettle: 'Lord, may this multiply for those who need it'. Surely God was in this place. We'll be there again this Holiday Season."

- Buddy & Bev Villines

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Beverly Cross in her recent death; to Bryan Day and family in the death of his mother, Barbara Day; and to Sarah Marie and Louis Gornatti and their families in the death of their father, Albert J. Gornatti, Jr.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Ellie Grace Laakman, child of Lydia and Peter Laakman and grandchild of Sheree and Bob Laakman.

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

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Please email Tower announcements 2 weeks prior to an event to pr@phumc.com

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

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) 11:00 - 12:00 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 (C135)
 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.)
 Al Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Men's Basketball Open Gym (Great Hall) 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm
 Men's Al Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 pm
 Primitimers Luncheon (Parlor)
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (4th Thurs.)

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7:00 - 8:00 am
 PHkids Open Gym *(Great Hall) 3:00 - 6:00 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.

*PHkids Open Gym is subject to change if other activities are scheduled.

Contact Information

Website: www.phumc.com
 (501) 664-3600 Fax: (501) 664-4835
 After Hours Emergency: (501) 688-9533
 Email: phumc@phumc.com
Church Office Hours:
 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) "The Call"

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Genesis," Tim Fox

Christian Fellowship, M304 (ages 60+) "The High Priest Forever," Gene Altenburger

Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)

Deeper Connections, D371 (20s-30s)

Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) "Glory Days," Kearney Dietz

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) "The Faith of a Mockingbird," Nancy Milbourn

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Mere Christianity"

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s) "Spiritual Gifts," Andi Smith

Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+) "Half Truths," Bob Baine

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "Purpose Driven Life"

Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/young singles)

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+)

Tower, C237 (ages 40+)

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

(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.

October Lessons: Noah's Ark - 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

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 Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

Sundays from 8 - 11 am

Gathering Hall & New Heights Lobby