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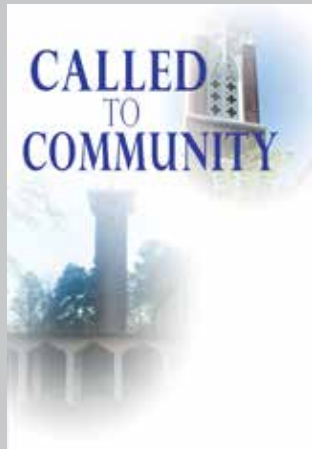
Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

March 19, 2017

Called to Community

PHUMC Friends,

Our great church stands at the threshold of launching one of the most transforming missions in our 105-year history. The proposed St. Luke Learning Center to be located at St. Luke United Methodist Church in the Broadmoor area of Little Rock will serve low-income families by providing quality childcare and learning opportunities for a population that is at-risk for developmental, behavioral and social delays. According to the Data Resource Center the percentage of at risk children in Arkansas stands at 24.8%. This effort will literally breathe new life into families that are currently falling through the cracks.



Our goal to raise at least 75% of the \$551,500 needed to make renovations to the center is off to a remarkable start. I am delighted to announce that 28 families have already committed \$218,500 toward this effort, more than 50% of our goal!

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it for me." I invite you to prayerfully consider a generous one-

time financial gift or a three-year commitment to this important new mission of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Ask what God wants to do through you, go online to make your commitment at phumc.com/ctc or pick up a card at the Welcome Center desk. Our goal is to receive all commitments no later than Sunday, March 26.

For more information about this God-sized dream watch the video at phumc.com/stluke.

Together let's continue our call to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Change the World.

In faith and love,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

Worship Services - Sermon Series: *Witnesses*

The Beloved Disciple and Jesus' Mother: A New Family
Philippians 2:5-11

Friday, March 17, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary
Rev. Katye Dunn

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary
Rev. Katye Dunn

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

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights
Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, March 19, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus
Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove

RANEY PREACHING SERIES PRESENTS

APRIL 1 & 2, 2017

Bishop VASHTI
MURPHY MCKENZIE

OF THE 10TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AT PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4823 WOODLAWN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72205

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 5:00 PM

A Certain Sound: Speaking Truth to Power - 1 Corinthians 14:8

"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

PREACHING IN THE SANCTUARY FOLLOWED BY
Q & A WITH BISHOP MCKENZIE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE GATHERING HALL

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 25 TO PHUMC.COM/RANEY OR CALL 664-3600

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

9:00 AM *God's Got This - Luke 22:1-6*

11:00 AM *In Times Like These - Matthew 17:1-6*

PREACHING IN THE SANCTUARY SERVICES AND SIMULCAST IN NEW HEIGHTS
RECEPTION IN THE GATHERING HALL AT 10:00 AM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENTS



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Winner of Guitar Player Magazine's 2011 International Competition

Mark Kroos

Sunday, March 19th

New Heights Worship Services
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Wesley Hall

Pulaski Heights UMC
4823 Woodlawn Dr
Little Rock, AR 72205

Scan this code with your smartphone to watch Mark play 2 guitar necks at the same time!




MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

This Sunday!
12 - 2 pm
Room C235







PHUMC welcomes Virginia Lewis to our staff as the Administrative Assistant for Membership and Caring Ministries. Virginia served as the Membership Secretary at PHUMC from 1997-2001.

POPUP SUNDAY SCHOOL


The month of April beginning Sunday, April 2 10:10-10:50 am, Rm. M304

Come engage in conversation about religion and your beliefs. Sessions will be based on the book *Mere Apologetics: How to Help Seekers and Skeptics Find Faith*, led by Rod Lorenzen. Class will not meet Easter Sunday. All are welcome!

Dr. John Yarrington, former PHUMC Minister of Music, moved from Little Rock to become the Director of Choral Activities at Houston Baptist University in 1998. John is retiring in May after many wonderful years of making amazing choral music. PHUMC will send a card to the Houston Celebration. If you would like to send your congratulations, please stop by the Welcome Center and sign the card by Sunday, March 26.

Dinner with Friends
Monday, March 20, 6 pm at Panda Garden.
Contact Becky at 227-0439, 416-3730, or beckyfitzhugh@att.net.



Our most recent Family Promise event on February 5 – 12, 2017 went very well. Meals were delicious, parents were cooperative, and children were lively and had lots of fun. Our volunteers were great and very dependable. We had three families – four adults and 12 children. During the weekday, the children were either in daycare or school. The parents spent time at the Family Promise Center, located downtown at Second Baptist Church, where they worked on obtaining employment or housing. Our families were able to enjoy Saturday afternoon at the Hoskyn's farm where the children had fun and experienced holding newborn chickens. They decorated cookies and enjoyed delicious snacks. It was a great afternoon.

During the week we had 76 volunteers who gave a total of 350 hours of service. As with many mission projects, Family Promise gives us challenges, but our volunteers provide an amazing amount of support and blessings to our guests. Volunteers, thank you very much for your contribution of time and love.

PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the *Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment*, *Clyde & Mary Jo Horton Food Pantry Endowment*, the *Dot & Louis East Endowment*, *Glasscock Landscape Ministry Endowment*, *Lou & Cathy Sanders Music Endowment* and the glory of God.

Birthday Club

Elsie Bailey
Allen Bird
David Blick
Mary Kay East
Dickie Lunsford
Joe Pete McNeil
Peggy Perkins
Tommy Polk
Carle Reeves
Roger Zachritz

Honoraria

Charlie Coleman by Laura, Darren & Jamison Reeves

Jimmy Faulkner by Sylvia & Topper Borchert, Michelle & Allen Carney, Marcia & Jim Darr; Melinda, Eddie & Trip Martin; Lynn & Jim Monk, Newton Good News Class, Laura, Darren & Jamison Reeves, Lisenne Rockefeller, Jennifer & Mike Shannon, Ann & Joe Teeter, Terrie & Kenny Wilkerson

Dr. Jeff Hampton by Tom East & Bob East families

Cliff Lee by Laura, Darren & Jamison Reeves

Rev. Lynn Lindsey by Tom East & Bob East families

Jim Maase by Tom East & Bob East families

Rev. Britt Skarda by Tom East & Bob East families

Memorials

Dr. Claude Babin by Joann & Garth Martin, Tower Class

Bettye Bransford by Billie & Skip Rutherford

Jerry Floyd by Paula & Lee Johnson

Betty Glasscock by Christian Fellowship Class

Gene Hall by Christian Fellowship Class

Mary Jo Horton by Christian Fellowship Class

Cathy Sanders by Marilyn & Craig Ause

PHUMC MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

The following gifts were received for Cancer Friends, Wakefield Elementary and the glory of God.

Honoraria

Sophie Rose Doramus by Cindy & Paul Doramus

Dorothy Holland by Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class

Memorials

Claude Babin by Jacque, Michael & Shinn Ptak

Bettye Bransford by Kay & Chuck Cook, Ann

Cooper, Kearney Dietz, Martha Ann Fox, Sara

Harrison, Marge & Tom Schueck

Moffett Davis by Danna Davis

Bill Hoffman by Ronald Roberts

Pete Hoover by Ann Lewis

Kimberly Lorenz Smith by Suzanne McGee, Sue

& Peter Powell

Joan Wilson by Larry Wilson

Chris Wren by Suzanne McGee

United Methodist Women Group Meetings

- **Mary & Martha UMW** will meet, March 20, 1 pm, Rm. C135. Contact Linda Todd at 666-1249 for more information.
- **Women of Faith UMW** will meet Sunday, April 9, 9 am, Rm. M314. Contact Jennifer Gadberry at 223-3932 for more information.

Primetimers Luncheon

Featuring

Philip Martin

Arkansas Democrat Gazette MovieStyle Editor/Columnist

“Critiquing the Movies”



Philip Martin is the chief film critic and a columnist for the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. In 25 years at the Democrat-Gazette, he has won a number of national and regional prizes for his criticism and columns.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

11:30 am, Great Hall

RSVP to phumc.com/primetimers by Tuesday, March 21.

GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TEAM

The team is in need of a doctor, physician assistant or nurse practitioner and a dentist. Work will be done July 30 – August 6. Contact Emily Erkel at Emily.erkel@yahoo.com or 350-0119 for more information.

On Saturday, March 4, Pulaski Heights UMC joined with St. Andrew UMC to celebrate Dr. Seuss Bookfest. Nearly 900 books were collected through our church family! Thirty-five children chose 10 books – seven boxes were delivered to Wakefield Elementary, and four boxes were delivered to Baseline Academy. Activities included crafts and reading, and refreshments were served. Thank you to all who donated and to our great volunteers!

– Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder



PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Jay Holland, Jean Wallace and Lyn Robinson and families in the death of their uncle and brother-in-law, William "Bill" Ramsey; to Jay Holland and family in the death of his cousin, Gary Goldsby; and to Sara Harrison and family in the death of her cousin, Mary Ann Marshall.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Byron Thompson McGrath, child of Anna and Cody McGrath.

MARRIAGE: Our congratulations to Lindsey Wilbanks and Brian Woodruff on their recent marriage.

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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HILLCREST LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: #Blessed

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
March 17	Holy Souls	Susan Miller
March 24	PH Christian	John Marconi
March 31	PH Presbyterian	Jay Clark
April 7	PHUMC	Randy Hyde

All services are 30 minutes at participating churches on Fridays at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch. Make plans to join us as we unite during the Lent season!

Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

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

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

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

Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)

Dietz Dialogue, C135 (ages 70+) "The Faith of a Mockingbird," Kearney Dietz

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) "What Christians Believe and Why," Nancy Milbourn

Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Creed," Andrew King and Will Faulkner

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

Koinonia, M307 (ages 50+) "Creed," Joe Fox (Chapter 3)

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "Half Truths" (Chapter 2)

New Class, M308 (all ages)

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

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "God's Love Manifested," Andre Rollefson

Tower, C237 (ages 40+) "Creed"

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.

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

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

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

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 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

Men's Al Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Primetimers 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 Wed. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

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

Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

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