



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

St. Luke Children's Learning Center Dedication and Baby Shower, January 21

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" Genesis 28:16

Believe it or not, the patriarchs and prophets were frequently surprised at God's dramatic involvement in their lives and communities. Please allow me to confess my own surprise. One year ago, I never dreamed our vision to embrace a new campus for Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church that would include a brand new extended hours learning center for children of financially challenged families could come to fruition in 12 short months, but it's here!

Through blood, sweat, tears, financial generosity, deep commitment and prayer, the St. Luke Children's Learning Center is now a reality - fully accredited, fully staffed, and fully enrolled!

On Sunday, January 21 at 3 pm, we will gather at St. Luke to celebrate this milestone in our history and the difference it is already making in the lives of children. We will dedicate this beautiful facility, share light refreshments, and provide tours.

There will be a volunteer table set up for those who would like to help in the areas of gardening, creating a library, working directly with the children and/or substitute teaching, plus creating a donation space for gently used clothing, diapers, and home goods.

A "baby shower" station will also be available for those who would like to contribute to much-needed classroom items for the children. Contributions to the operating budget will be accepted as well.

All church members, St. Luke Learning Center families, Children's Learning Center families, board and advisory committee members are encouraged to join us.

Don't miss this wonderful and surprising moment in our history!

I'll see you at St. Luke on the 21st!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

Worship Services

**Sermon Series: Gonna Lay My Burdens Down: Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Health
Oppression: Release from the Powers • Mark 5:1-20 (selected verses)**

Friday, January 12, 6 pm - Sanctuary • Rev. Jay Clark

Sunday, January 14, 9 & 11 am - Sanctuary • Rev. Jay Clark

(9 am service is broadcast Sunday on KATV, Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, January 14, 9 & 11 am - New Heights • Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, January 14, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus • Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

"Living the Dream... Serving By Choice!"

Monday, January 15
10 am - 2 pm • Great Hall (Gym)

- Lunch provided
- Trolley service from War Memorial Stadium beginning at 9 am
- Free activities to include: Kid's Zone, Zumba, health fair, bully prevention and more!

Special guest: Broadway actor and author Charles Holt, founder/director of The Open Frames Project: Expanding the Lens of Emotional Literacy



MLK Marade Monday, January 15

The MLK Marade, a combination march and parade, begins at Interstate Park and ends at the Arkansas State Capitol. Be a presence for reconciliation and justice. We will meet at the church (lower parking deck on Lee Avenue) at 7:45 am to travel by van. Contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com or 978-0530 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Sign up at phumc.com/mlk, Welcome Center, Connect Point, or by Connect Card.

CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. All regularly scheduled events are canceled with the exception of the MLK Day of Service event and youth basketball.

FAMILY PROMISE

January 28 - February 4

Family Promise is a program that provides housing, meals, transportation, support, and love for families who are temporarily without jobs and housing and have children. Four times each year, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church hosts Family Promise for a week by providing housing, meals, and activities. During the day, women and men are seeking employment or working at a job. Children are in school or day care. In the evening, they arrive at the church and a room is provided for each family. Meals are provided, showers are available, children can play, students can study and their lives go on, as church members assist this plan with volunteers cooking meals, staying overnight and providing hosts from 5-6 pm each day and 12-hour coverage overnight. Saturdays require volunteers to be with the families all day. Families come to our church on Sunday afternoon and stay until 7 am the following Sunday. Thanks to our Youth Ministry for sharing their facilities with this program.

See volunteer opportunities below. Sign up by Connect Card, at the Welcome Center or Connect Point, or email gwenefird@att.net.

Sunday, January 28

- 11 am – 12:30 pm | Set up (6 - 8 volunteers - men, women and helpful children)
- 1 pm | Lunch for guests (number is not known until later.)
- 1 pm – 3:30 pm and 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Hosts (two per shift)

Sunday, January 28 – Saturday, February 3

- 6 pm | Dinner for Guests (all meals served in the One Way Café)

Monday, January 29 – Friday, February 2

- 5 - 6 pm | Hosts

Saturday, February 3

- 8:30 -10:30 am, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Hosts (planned activities)

Sunday, February 4

- 7:30 - 8:30 am | Take Down

Leadership for Family Promise:

- Meals – Barbara Barnett, barnettbarb@comcast.net or 580-4281
- Hosts – Billie and Tom Hatcher, billruth411@gmail.com
- Overnights – Gwen Efird, gwenefird@att.net or 666-8446
- Set up and Take down – Leslie May, leslie.may@novartis.com or 747-2138

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY SABBATH SUPPER

Friday, January 12, 7 pm, Gathering Hall

Theme: The Movies and we will celebrate the "stars:" Jo Knight, Dot Morey, Katie Vinsonhaler, and Aubrey McBride! Menu: Chicken pot pie, salad, and dessert. Donation - \$5. Please call 664-3600 to let us know you are coming.

PRIMETIMERS

THE PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON scheduled for January 25 has been cancelled.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 21, 28, and February 4

10:10 am, M304

The class will discuss the book *The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance* by Bethany Hoang. Drop-ins welcome! Contact Rod Lorenzen, lorenzenco@yahoo.com for questions.



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 21**, from **noon to 2 pm** in the Parlor for lunch, fellowship and learning more about PHUMC! Sign up by emailing vlewis@phumc.com or by calling 664-3600. Childcare is available.

**Imagine if
saving money
WASN'T SO PAINFUL.**

Sundays • January 14 - March 11, 4 - 5:30 pm, C237
Tuesdays • January 16 - March 13, 6 - 7:30 pm, C135
 Sign up by Connect Card or call 664-3600

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

PHUMC CARES



Care Bags have been packed with love by youth to provide food and a list of resources for the less fortunate. Please keep these bags in your car for passing along to someone in need, located in the Gathering Hall or outside of Wesley Hall.

PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the *Brent Coker Endowment*, the *Mary Jane Adamson TV Ministry Endowment*, the *Mission Endowment*, the *Lindsey Family Endowment*, the *Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment*, the *Betty Brown Arts & Music Endowment*, the *Minton Family Endowment*, the *Centennial Preservation Endowment*, the *Betty Brown Arts & Music Endowment* and the glory of God.

Birthday Club

Bobby Baker
Cindy Conger
Thomas Dickinson
Gary Isom
Matthew McLeod
Maddie Polk
Virginia Smiser

Barbara Blaine
Marcia Darr
Louise Fox
Dotty McLemore
Ken Patton
Heidi Sanders
Steve Spencer

Honoraria

Jimmy Faulkner by Jim Allbritton, Bob Althoff, Hunter Babin, John Beasley, Topper Borchert, Benson Cashion, Charlie Coleman, Boo Jennings, Jim Irwin, Jim Kelley, Cloud Keyes, Billy May, Jim Monk, Jim Moody, Phil Olinghouse, Robert Owens, Hoyte Pyle, Hoyte Pyle Jr, Bob Raney, Scott Rittelmeyer, Scott Scherz, James Simpson, Nancy & Greg Sink, Herbert Thomas, Mark White

Sunny Hawk by Mary Boyce
Jordan Johnson's 40th birthday by Billie & Skip Rutherford
Lynn & Wayne Lindsey by Laura & Jay White
Lynn Monk by Mary Boyce
Billie Rutherford by Mary Boyce

Memorials

Jane Adamson by Jim Adamson
Betty Brown by Robin & Lee Brown
Brent Coker by Laura & Jay White
Roy Cox by Dickie Lunsford
Mary Jane McDonald by Dickie Lunsford
Elsie Minton by Elizabeth Minton
Van Mills Stakemiller by Dickie Lunsford

PHUMC HONORARIA & MEMORIALS

The following gifts were received for *Cancer Friends*, the *Good Sam Fund*, *St. Luke's* and the glory of God.

Honoraria

Karen Barnwell & Vicki Holloway by Anonymous
Jo Margaret, Jason, Cate & Gage Bennett by Lynn & Tony Bullard
Helping Hands Volunteers by Bettye Jeffries, Emmett Jeffries
Cecil Malone by Sue Gill
Pairs/Spares Teachers by Sarah & Steven Duke Primetimers Council
Roundtable Class by Shelley & Donald Wold
Sabbath Christcare Group by Betty Gene Mann
Ryder Brooks Smith by Missy & Phillip Rickels
Jim Spradley by Hardy Winburn
Wednesday Bible Study Group by Beth Carty

Memorials

Mary Nell Armstrong by Sylvia & Topper Borchert
Richard Bandy by Koinonia Dialogue Class
Frances Chastain by Joan Edwards Ingram, Ronald Roberts
Jack Cotton by Julie & Wally Allen
Louise Covington by Betty Gene & Richard Mann
Dovie & Moffett Davis by Danna Davis, Judy & Ron Davis
Larry Griffiths by Kearney Dietz, Becky Parkerson & Suzette Taylor, Pat & Keith Smith, Bev & Buddy Villines
Janet Hadfield by Charles Hadfield
Michael Lasiter by April & Tom Owen
Irma Luna by Sally & Mel Davis
Joe Modisette by Harriet & Warren Stephens
Neal Moody by April & Tom Owen
Snooks Torrence by Charles Hadfield
Bill Valentine by Nena Valentine
Joan Wilson by Larry Wilson

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERFAITH ARKANSAS WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 14, 3 pm
Allison Memorial Presbyterian Church, 922 Wright Ave., Little Rock

Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Preston Clegg, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

PHUMC FOOD PANTRY 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.



Get the new year off to a healthy start by joining the Zumba Gold class in the Great Hall on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 – 2:45 pm. This low-impact exercise program is for everyone so bring friends along for the FUN. Donations are encouraged to help defray the cost of the program.

If you are interested in providing flowers for the Columbarium Garden in honor or memory of someone, please contact Jennifer Shannon at jshannon@phumc.com or 978-0533. You may reserve a Sunday for 2018! Flowers are \$35.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Cathy Couch in her recent death; to the family and friends of Nancy Martin Campalans in her recent death; and to Rusty Armstrong and family in the death of his mother, Mary Nell Armstrong.

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Church Office Hours:

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

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary) 10:10 - 10:50 am (1st Sun.)

MONDAY

Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11 am - noon

PHkids Open Gym * (Great Hall) 11 am - 2 pm

Fit4Mom Fitness (C236) 5:45 pm

TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Memory Loss Caregivers (C135) 1- 2 pm (3rd Tues.)

Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2 - 2:45 pm

Memory Loss Caregivers (C135) 5:30 - 6:30 pm (2nd Tues.)

Yoga (C236) 5:30 - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8 am - 8 pm

Al Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Primetimers Luncheon (Parlor) 11:30 am - 1 pm (4th Thurs.)

Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2 - 2:45 pm

Food Pantry & Community Meals (St. Luke Campus) 5 - 7 pm

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

FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7 - 8 am

PHkids Open Gym * (Great Hall) 3 - 6 pm

Parents' Night Out (Children's Building) 6 - 9 pm (4th Fri.)

SATURDAY

Youth Basketball League (Great Hall) 8 am - 10 pm

The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 6 pm for personal prayer time.

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

Sunday School - 10:10 am, Get Connected!

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)

Argue Named for Dr. James Argue reconciling, M318 (ages 45+) "The Faith of a Mockingbird"

Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)

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

Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)

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

Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) Rev. Lynn Lindsey

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

Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+)

Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "The Parables of Paul," Sylvia Borchert

G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)

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

Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages)

Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "A Prayer for an Obedient Faith," Lyndal York

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)

Agape Class, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann

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

Grades 9th-11th, D379 Youth Bible Study

Grades 7th-8th, D377 Youth Bible Study

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

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building

January Lessons: Animals - Horse, Cow, Doggie, Kitten

Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4), **Bears** (ages 4-5) "A Voice in the Wilderness"

Grades K-4th, Rotation Sunday School

5th Grade, Bible Study

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

Sheperd's Cove: Daryl Coker

M=Main Building

C=Christian Life Center (Great Hall)

D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)

S=Norma Story Children's Building

Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

Sundays from 8 - 11 am | Gathering Hall & Wesley Hall Lobby