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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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INTRODUCING WILL "Raney Lecture Series This Weekend"

Sunday after Sunday I found myself drawn to the iconic Duke University Chapel for worship. As a brand new seminarian in the Divinity School, I was captivated by this massive cathedral with its vaulted ceiling, imported stained glass windows and magnificent pipe organs (there are four). However, I was attracted most of all to the preaching of Dr. William H. Willimon, Dean of the Chapel. Dr. Willimon had a gift for weaving the stories of Jesus with the stories of our own lives. By the end of his messages, I felt I had just completed an important journey that had led me a little closer to God.

It would take another year before I gained the courage to enroll in Dr. Willimon's preaching class at the Divinity School. For me, he was larger than life. The first time I preached before him, I thought I was going to pass out. My pulse raced, my heart palpitated and I sweated buckets! Oddly enough, he liked my sermon. He even asked my permission to print it in the monthly newsletter of the Duke Chapel congregation. To this day, I still consider it a profound honor.

Over the past thirty years, Will and I have crossed paths on several of occasions. During a difficult time in both my life and the life of Pulaski Heights, when the church was without a senior pastor and I was a young associate without a solid anchor, Will came to my side and encouraged me to press on.

Bishop Willimon has lectured at colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. These include the Belden Lectures at Harvard as well as lectureships at Princeton, Vanderbilt, Pepperdine and Oxford. Through the benevolence of the Raney Lecture Series, we are honored to have Will with us this Palm Sunday weekend, **Friday, March 23 @ 6 pm in the Sanctuary, Saturday, March 24 @ Noon in the Great Hall & Sunday, March 25 @ 9 & 11 am in the Sanctuary (simulcast in New Heights)**. Don't miss this series of powerful messages!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor



T.J. AND INEZ RANEY
LECTURES



Raney Lecture Series with Bishop William Willimon "The Crucified God: Weird, Wonderful Good News"

Friday, March 23, 6 pm - Sanctuary • "Thank God It's Friday"

Saturday, March 24, Noon - Great Hall

"Challenges of Preaching the Cross in a World that Wants to Make God Great Again"

Sunday, March 25, 9 am - Sanctuary • "Which Parade?" (simulcast in New Heights)

Sunday, March 25, 11 am - Sanctuary • "Getting Ready for Jesus" (simulcast in New Heights)

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



PALM SUNDAY
 Sunday, March 25, 10:10 - 10:50 am
 PHkids Palm Sunday Re-enactment

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 March 29, Noon
 Sanctuary Worship
 (30-minute worship service followed by a light lunch)
 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Community Meal & Worship
 St. Luke Campus, Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
 March 30, Noon & 6 pm
 Sanctuary Worship

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 1
 (Services will be broadcast on KATV Channel 7 at 7 & 10:30 am)
 7 am - 30th Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service
 First Security Amphitheatre

8:30, 9:45 & 11 am
Sanctuary & New Heights Worship
 9:30 am
 St. Luke Campus Worship
 9:45 am
 Sunday School

ST. LUKE CAMPUS PASTOR NAMED

Bishop Gary Mueller, along with the cabinet of the Arkansas Area of The United Methodist Church, has appointed Rev. Andrea Cummings as our new PHUMC St. Luke Campus Pastor, effective July 1.



Rev. Cummings is currently completing her Master of Divinity studies at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas, and a Master of Business Administration and Master of Education in the field of Special Education from Grand Canyon University.

Andrea is a native of Little Rock and an avid Arkansas Razorback fan. Rev. Cummings is currently working with a large multi-site congregation in Atlanta, and she is excited about leading and working with our St. Luke Campus in order to create vitality and to make disciples of Jesus Christ through new and innovative ways of doing church. "I'm ecstatic about coming to join the staff of Pulaski Heights," says Andrea, "I believe God is going to do great things through the second campus and I cannot wait to begin to do the great work God has called me to do."

You are encouraged to welcome Rev. Cummings by sending a note to: 841 Rimington Lane, Decatur, GA 30023 or by emailing her at andrea.cummings@arumc.org.

Watch for announcements regarding Andrea's welcome to PHUMC, as well as plans for farewell events for Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove and his family as Jeremy prepares to serve First United Methodist Church, Newport.

PHUMC ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
 Saturday, March 31
 Allsopp Park Pavilion
 Kinders Concert @ 10:30 am
 Hunt begins @ 11 am
 For children 5th Grade & under
 Bring a snack item for Food Pantry Mission

Optional Extra Activity!
 Bring a picnic and enjoy some fun family fellowship time after the hunt. In case of rain hunt will be in Great Hall (Gym) @ PHUMC!

A Concert with The Kinders will be at the Pavilion at 10:30 am!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

- Pick up Easter egg kits to take home and fill with wrapped candy and provide Bible scriptures.
 - Or donate plastic eggs and/or bags of candy.
- Please bring donations by Sunday, March 25.**

Egg kits and return locations are:
 Church Welcome Center
 Children's Welcome Center
 Connect Point in Wesley Hall

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!
 Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service at Riverfront Park
 Sunday, April 1 • 7 am

The Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service is an ecumenical worship service sponsored by Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

Three ways to help with the Community Easter Sunrise Service:

1. Pick up yard signs from the Welcome Center
2. Contact Rev. Belinda Price at 978-0522 to volunteer
3. Give - Make checks payable to PHUMC with "CESS" on the memo line or contribute at phumc.com/give

LOVE HEALS

Becca Stevens
Episcopal Priest,
Author, & Founder
of Thistle Farms



Thistle Farms is a community of women who have survived trafficking, prostitution & addiction. Becca has been featured in the NY Times, ABC World News, NPR & PBS. She was a 2016 CNN Hero, a White House "Champion of Change" and the 2017 U of A Commencement Speaker.

Saturday, April 7th

A "You Go, Girl" Lunch & Lecture for Women
Great Hall @ Noon

Sunday, April 8th

Guest Preacher
PHUMC Sanctuary @ 9 and 11 am

Purchase Tickets Online @ phumc.com/becca

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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, April 15, 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.

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February 23-25



UPCOMING EVENTS

PHUMC HIKING ADVENTURES

April 7 | 5.3 miles | Rating: moderate
South Maumee Rd. to Spring Creek Rd. The group will depart at 6 am and return after dark. For more information, contact George Regan at 835-7806 or gregan45@gmail.com.

MISSIONS

GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION OUTREACH

The team is in need of doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses. Contact Holly Ross (hollyross1961@gmail.com) or Denise Johnson (pgirlsmom@sbcglobal.net) for more information. Trip dates: July 28 - August 5.

PHKIDS



VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

phumc.com/vbs2018

Now with TWO dates and locations! July 15 - 19 at PHUMC or July 20 - 21 at the St. Luke Campus. Free at both locations!

PHUMC FOUNDATION

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Monday, April 23, 9 am - 1 pm, C236

Attendees will learn defense driving techniques, proven safety strategies, new traffic laws and rules of the road. Upon completion, you could receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance. Cost: \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for non-members. To register, call 664-3600, visit aarp.org/drive or email bvillines@phumc.com.

Parent's Night Out FRIDAY, MARCH 23
6 - 9 PM
CHILDREN'S BUILDING

Pre-registration required.
Cost: \$20 per child or \$40 for families with three or more children.
Call 666-5683 for more information.
(Ages 6 weeks - 5th grade)

PULASKI HEIGHTS
Parenting Classes

BULLY PREVENTION
Wednesday, April 11 • 5-8 pm

SETTING LIMITS WITHOUT GUILT
Wednesday, May 9 • 5-8 pm

10 STEPS TO POSITIVE DISCIPLINE
Tuesdays • September 4, 11, 18, and 25 • 5:30-7:30 pm

Classes are free, open to all parents and will be held in D371. Childcare available. Register at phumc.com/parenting, by Connect Card, at the Welcome Center or Connect Point.



Therapy Dog Training Classes
Tuesdays, April 3 - May 15
6 pm, Great Hall

Sign up by Connect Card. Questions? Contact Gayle Fiser at gaylefiser@att.net or 766-3810.

St. Luke CLC Baby Food & Clothing Drive

Food items needed (all stages): baby cereal, jars of veggies, fruit, meat
Clothing items needed: boys and girls sizes 6 months to 5T
Donations can be dropped off at St. Luke CLC or at the Welcome Center.
Questions? Contact Courtney CarlLee at 978-0527.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Lou Sanders and family in the death of his sister, Martha Sanders Speers.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Jordan Broyles and Josh Hallenbeck on their recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Eleanor Wren Nichols, child of Paul and Caroline Nichols and granddaughter of Bob and Beth Baine.

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

COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST

If you would like to request publicity for an upcoming event, please complete a form at phumc.com/prrequest or contact Andrea Wymes at 978-0516.

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
AI 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 AI 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.

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HILLCREST LENTEN SERVICES 2018

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
March 23	PH Baptist	Rev. Ruskin Falls

The service will be at Noon, followed by a light lunch.

Sunday School - 10:10 am, Get Connected!

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)
Argue Named for Dr. James Argue reconciling, M318 (ages 45+) "Tom Burnett Bible Study"
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+) "The Gospel of John," Rev. Vic Nixon
Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "The Call," Phil Price
Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)
Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+) "Final Words from the Cross," Kearney Dietz
Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "The Parables of Paul," Chapter 9
G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)
Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/singles)
Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages) "Thank God It's Friday"
Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) "Keep My Statutes and Ordinances," Christian Harris
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
March Lessons: Easter - Lamb, Bunny, Chicks/Egg, Donkey
Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), Tigers (ages 3-4), Bears (ages 4-5) "People Welcome Jesus"
Grades K-4th, Rotation Sunday School
5th Grade, Bible Study

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home
Shepherd's Cove: Barbara Barnett

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