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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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FROM FAKE TO AUTHENTIC

Prior to the 2016 election cycle, we seldom heard the word “fake” used except in conjunction with the words “fur” or “smile.” “I love my new fake fur!” or “He has a fake smile.” Today this term is greatly overused, especially with regard to news reporting. Cries of “fake news” fill the air. We are in the midst of a “fake” epidemic! Honestly, I’m so fed up with it I’m giving up the word “fake,” not only for Lent, but forever!

Before I move on, however, please indulge me a moment to address the issue of “Fake Christians.” Popular author, speaker, and blogger, Benjamin Corey, writes that while there are 40,000 different Christian sects in the world, there are really only two kinds of Christians: (1) those who claim the name “Christian” but fail to live it out in their lives and (2) those who aren’t nearly as concerned with the label “Christian” as they are with following Jesus’ teachings through word and deed.

The most moving and inspiring change I have observed at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church since arriving here almost thirty years ago as an associate pastor has been our transition from being a congregation of the “privileged in the pews” to a body of “servants sent out to serve.” Through hundreds of ministries, more and more of our members are making the transition from simply calling themselves “Christian” to actually living as followers of Jesus.



Hardly a day passes without members and friends inquiring, “How can I get involved? How can I serve?” Because PHUMC is so large, it’s not always easy to break through this barrier. So here’s an open invitation. If you have a desire to get involved, contact us by visiting phumc.com/getinvolved. You may also email your contact information and area of interest to getinvolved@phumc.com. Finally, you may ALWAYS reach out in person by calling the office at 664-3600. We would love to get you involved at PHUMC! Our leadership team will review and make recommendations to connect you to one of our countless servant ministries.

Let’s continue to move from “Fake” to “Authentic!”

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

Worship Services

Sermon Series: The Call: Paul’s Journey From Darkness to Light

Called to Suffer • Acts 16:16-28

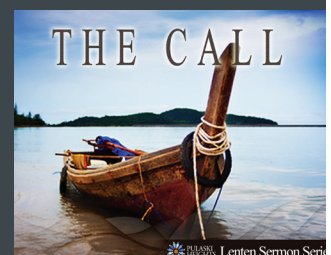
Friday, March 2, 6 pm - Sanctuary • Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove

Sunday, March 4, 9 & 11 am - Sanctuary • Rev. Britt Skarda

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

Sunday, March 4, 9 & 11 am - New Heights • Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, March 4, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus • Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove



PHUMC Lenten Sermon Series

CELEBRATE Easter WITH PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"MASS IN G" by Franz Schubert
 Sunday, March 4, 9 & 11 am
 Sanctuary Worship

PALM/PASSION WEEKEND
MARCH 23-25
T.J. & INEZ RANEY LECTURES WITH BISHOP WILLIAM WILLIMON
 Friday, March 23, 6 pm
 Sanctuary Worship

Saturday, March 24, Noon
 Raney Lectures Workshop/Luncheon - Great Hall

Sunday, March 25
 10:10-10:50 am, PHkids Palm Sunday Re-enactment
 9 & 11 am - Sanctuary & New Heights Worship
 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus Worship

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 EGG HUNT AT ALLSOPP PARK
 (3700 Cedar Hill Rd., Little Rock)

Saturday, March 31
 10:30 am - Kindersongs Concert
 11 am - Hunt Begins
 Family FUN for children 5th grade & under

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 Height Worship

9:30 am - St. Luke Campus Worship

Pulaski Heights
 United Methodist Church
 4823 Woodlawn, Little Rock
 664-3600
 St. Luke Campus
 6401 W. 32nd St., Little Rock
 www.phumc.com

BOOK STUDY

Sisters: Finding Balance
 by Becca Stevens

Sundays, March 4 - April 15 • 4 - 5:30 pm • C237
 Facilitated by Bev Villines and Karen Skarda

Sign up by Connect Card, at the Welcome Center or Connect Point

UPCOMING EVENTS


PHUMC HIKING ADVENTURES
March 10 | 8 miles | Rating: strenuous
 Hemmed in Hollow — This is one of the best and most scenic hikes. The group will stop by Granny Anderson's Cabin and the Goat Trail with a wonderful view down the Buffalo River. We 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.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL
March 11, 18 and 25 - 10:10 am, M304
 The class will discuss the book *Thank God It's Friday* by Bishop William Willimon. Drop-ins welcome! Contact Rod Lorenzen, lorenzenco@yahoo.com, for questions.



Parenting Classes

PREVENTING POWER STRUGGLES
 Wednesday, March 14 • 5-8 pm

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.



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T.J. AND INEZ RANEY LECTURES

featuring
Bishop William Willimon

PALM & PASSION WEEKEND • MARCH 23-25
 "THE CRUCIFIED GOD: WEIRD, WONDERFUL GOOD NEWS"

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 6:00 PM • SANCTUARY

"THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY"
 PREACHING FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING IN THE GATHERING HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, NOON • GREAT HALL


"CHALLENGES OF PREACHING THE CROSS IN A WORLD THAT WANTS TO MAKE GOD GREAT AGAIN"
 PRESENTATION & LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY BOOK SIGNING (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)
 PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 19 TO PHUMC.COM/RANEY OR CALL 664-3600

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 9:00 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY & SIMULCAST IN NEW HEIGHTS

9 AM • "WHICH PARADE?" 11 AM • "GETTING READY FOR JESUS"
 10:10 - 10:50 AM • BOOK SIGNING IN THE GATHERING HALL

Bishop Willimon is the professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School. He is a former dean of the chapel at Duke and is regarded as one of America's foremost preachers. He is also a retired bishop in the United Methodist Church and the author of 60 books.

The T.J. & Inez Raney Lectureship, established in 1951, was primarily endowed by the late Mr. & Mrs. Alton B. Raney in memory of T.J. & Inez Raney, consecrated leaders in Arkansas Methodism. Members of the Lectureship Board of Directors warmly welcome you to the 2018 Lectures.



PULASKI HEIGHTS United Methodist Church is excited to present

Keith Lawrence

Your Retirement Quest Workshop

May be perfect for you! Ages 40 & over

Saturday, March 10
8:30 am - Noon

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
 4823 Woodlawn • Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

- Learn from successful retirees about what is crucial to having a rich, full life in retirement
- Break away from five myths that get in the way of living the life of your dreams
- Assess your current state of preparedness for a fulfilling retirement

Ready to prepare for your future? Then Sign up NOW! Attendance is limited.

Registration Fee: \$25 single or \$40 couple (breakfast and materials included)

Register at phumc.com/yrq or at the PHUMC Welcome Center. For more information, call 664-3600. Childcare available by reservation.

Registration and payment deadline is Monday, March 5.

United Methodist Women - Circle of Hope Group Meeting

The UMW Circle of Hope will meet on Monday, March 12, at 11:45 am in the Parlor. Katherine Shoulders will be the guest speaker and all women of the church are invited to attend.

Katherine has a story to tell. After working as a health and fitness professional in the "freeworld" for 30 years, she has spent the last year dancing on the "inside" with female inmates around the country. Katherine is the Regional Program Director for the Colorado based non-profit, *Dance To Be Free* (DTBF - www.dancetobefree.org). The mission of DTBF is to change the trajectory of women in prison through dance.

As a native Arkansan, Katherine was determined to bring DTBF to Arkansas women's prisons. Over 45 female inmates have been trained to teach DTBF to their fellow general population. Classes are going strong at Wrightsville, Hawkins and McPherson Units. Katherine is also working with the Arkansas Department of Corrections on other health and fitness programs.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should register at the Welcome Center (664-3600) by Friday, March 9. Persons wishing to eat should bring a sandwich. The hostesses for the March 12 meeting will provide chips, dessert and drinks.

PHUMC FOOD PANTRY Item of the Month: Canned Soup

Bring donations to church to help our neighbors in need. Place items in the collection boxes outside Wesley Hall and the Parlor.

RECENT BAPTISMS



Erick Joseph David Wells and Rhys Logan Cook with their parents Jason and Sara Cook

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

Sponsored by the PHUMC Foundation
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church · 4823 Woodlawn

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



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.

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.

Friday Sabbath Supper in the Gathering Hall Friday, March 9, 7 pm

The theme will be St. Patrick's Day!
A donation of \$5 is suggested.
All are welcome!

EASTER FLOWERS

Colorful flowers will be purchased for Sanctuary and New Heights Worship services to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. To honor or memorialize a loved one (\$15), go to phumc.com/easterflowers or sign up by Connect Card. Names received by Friday, March 16, will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Make your check payable to PHUMC-Easter Flowers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Lou Billingsley and family in the death of her son, Todd Billingsley; and to Cathy Spivey and family in the death of her mother, Betty McLendon.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Tucker Hollis Ross, child of Jenny and Brian Ross; of Maxwell Steed Koger, child of Sara and Mike Koger and grandchild of Sally and Mel Davis; and Lillian August Cromwell, child of Anna Eberle and Casey Cromwell and grandchild of Lou Ellen Stevens and Gene Eberle.

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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

HILLCREST LENTEN SERVICES 2018

DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
March 2	PHUMC	Fr. John Marconi
March 9	PH Baptist	Rev. Britt Skarda
March 16	Holy Souls	Rev. Lynn Worthen
March 23	PH Baptist	Rev. Ruskin Falls

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

Contact Information

Website: www.phumc.com
 (501) 664-3600 Fax: (501) 664-4835
 Email: phumc@phumc.com
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+) "Lenten Series," Rev. Vic Nixon
 Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)
 Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s)
 Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+) "Final Words from the Cross," Bob Baine
 Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "The Parables of Paul," Chapter 7
 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+) 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
 March Lessons: Easter - Lamb, Bunny, Chicks/Egg, Donkey
 Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), Tigers (ages 3-4), Bears (ages 4-5) "Mary Honors 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: Sylvia Borchert

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