



# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

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## OUR FUTURE. OUR FAITH. OUR TIME.



In case you haven't noticed, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is experiencing an unparalleled growth spurt! From a record weekly worship attendance of 1,100 this past year, to the addition of our new St. Luke Campus, to the largest summer Vacation Bible School ever, PHUMC has become one of the youngest congregations, not only in the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church, but across the nation.

Through our ministries with children, youth, and adults in an open, inclusive, and welcoming environment, we are changing the old rules of church from a place to "sit and soak" to a living body in "perpetual motion." We are known in the community as the church that cares!

Of course, the Bible tells us that: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48). While our ministries are exploding and our foundation is rock solid, we are in need of making several capital improvements in order to continue our upward trajectory.

Wesley Hall, now almost fifteen years old, is in desperate need of technology updates including cameras, projectors, and screens. Likewise, several lighting fixtures in the sanctuary are failing and need to be replaced. Our St. Luke campus is in need of cosmetic upgrades on the main level and murals in the Children's area that will provide our St. Luke campus children the same attractive environment. The total cost for making these upgrades is \$550,000.

Several generous families have already committed \$167,670 to this important effort. If you have been blessed and would like to help us reach our goal,

commitment cards are available in the Welcome Center, as well as in Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary. You may also call or email your commitment to our Director of Finance, Mark Barr, at 501.664.3600 ext. 309 or mbarr@phumc.com. For more information, watch the video at [www.phumc.com/fft](http://www.phumc.com/fft) or see a breakdown of our goals on Page 2.

Blessed to be a blessing!

Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor

### Sermon Series - Ancestry: The People Who Made the Methodist Movement "The Strong Sisters of Methodism: Susanna, Sojourner and Shaw" - Romans 16:1-7

#### Worship Services

Friday, May 11, 6 pm - Sanctuary • Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, May 13, 9 & 11 am - Sanctuary • Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, May 13, 9 & 11 am - New Heights • Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, May 13, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus • Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove

(9 am Sanctuary service will be broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)



# OUR FUTURE. OUR FAITH. GOALS OUR TIME.

## Goal #1: Technology Improvements to Wesley Hall \$250,000

- High definition screens, projectors and cameras
- LED theatrical lighting
- Online streaming
- Professional video editing
- Audio/visual improvements
- New furnishings

## Goal #2: Additional LED Lighting in Sanctuary \$50,000

- Update remaining incandescent lighting fixtures with LED fixtures which would reduce energy costs, heating and cooling, and routine maintenance

## Goal #3: Artwork in the St. Luke Children's Learning Center \$25,000

- Murals in the hallways of the St. Luke Children's Learning Center

## Goal #4: Capital improvements to the St. Luke Campus \$175,000

- New flooring, light fixtures, doors, painting, security system, and other upgrades to the upper level of the St. Luke Campus which houses the Fellowship Hall, offices, parlor, Sunday School rooms and Sanctuary
- Exterior landscaping
- Repaving the parking lot

## Goal #5: Other Needs \$50,000

- New website redesign for both campuses
- Close the gap on the unpledged amount and cost overruns for the new St. Luke Children's Learning Center project

**TOTAL: \$550,000**



Doug, Laura and Georgia Borg



Drew & Ginny Blankenship



Mike McGibbony

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PHKIDS



**VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
[phumc.com/vbs2018](http://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!

### WORSHIP & ARTS

**TEXAS BOYS CHOIR SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR CONCERT**

**Saturday, May 19, 7pm, Sanctuary.** Come and enjoy new and exciting repertoire of classic and modern pieces.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**VIDEO SERIES CLASS ON VOCATION: *What Are You Looking For?*** Sundays through May 27, 10:10 - 10:45 a.m., Wesley Hall. For members and guests who don't have a spiritual formation class and little time to prepare ahead. Rev. Betsy Snyder teaching.

**NEW CLASS! *Braving the Wilderness*** by Brené Brown, a 6-week study, led by Annie Lankford. **Sundays beginning June 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m.** Please purchase your book before class begins.

## CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

Featuring  
Arkansas Masters of Illusion

Wednesday, May 16  
11:30 am - 1 pm  
Great Hall

Cost: \$8.50

Sign up at [phumc.com/cancerfriends](http://phumc.com/cancerfriends)  
or by Connect Card. Deadline: Monday, May 14.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



## PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the *Dorothy Aldridge Endowment*, the *Malone Older Adult Endowment*, the *Michael R. Smith Family Endowment* and the glory of God.

### Birthday Club

<b>Mary Gresham Barr</b>	<b>Alec Bean</b>
<b>Andrew Bean</b>	<b>Anthony Bean</b>
<b>Brian Bean</b>	<b>Tami Bean</b>
<b>Luna Craver Bracey</b>	<b>Ron Copeland</b>
<b>Tish DePriest</b>	<b>Drew Gwinn</b>
<b>Janet Jones</b>	<b>Joe Pete McNeil</b>
<b>Freda Mott</b>	<b>Joe Mott</b>
<b>Anna Claire Oliver</b>	<b>Charlotte Powers</b>
<b>Gus Powers</b>	<b>Mary Powers</b>
<b>Roger Zachritz</b>	

### Honoraria

**Charlie Coleman** by Angie, Steve & Sam Spencer  
**Jimmy Faulkner** by Gabriel & Will Bond; Sue Gill; Laura & Darren Reeves; Angie, Steve & Sam Spencer

### Memorials

**Dorothy Aldridge** by Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Todd Billingsley** by Marsha & Jim Allbritton, Tony Owens, Nancy Smith, Roselyn & Jack Stanley  
**Cathy Couch** by Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Louise Covington** by Bev & Buddy Villines  
**Mary Kay East** by Carol & Tommy Hodges, Ann Gomatti, Barbara Hoover, Jan & Charles Sullivan  
**Betty Malone** by Helena & Roe Akers, Mary Lou Billingsley, Susan Jones Boe, Hilda & Jim Boger, Vera & Jerry Bowie, Charlene Carman, Daryl Coker, Danna Davis, Kearney Dietz, Dinda & Michael Hemphill, Kevin Kordsmeier, Jo & Harry Leggett, Ernestine Martin, Joann & Garth Martin, Carrie & Clark McWilliams, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Round Table Class, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Carolyn & Jim Spradley, Roselyn & Jack Stanley, Jan & Charles Sullivan, Jean & Jerry Allan Taylor, Ann & Joe Teeter, Carol Vick, Bev & Buddy Villines, White River Planning & Development District – Jan and Sarah  
**Judy Parker** by Angie & Jordan Johnson, Journey Sunday School Class  
**Mike Smith** by Joan Adams, Arkansas Capital Corporation, Jane & Bill Arthurs, Mena & Les Baledge, Debbie & Robert Bass, Joan Bass, Steve Bernard, Mary Lou Billingsley, Paul Bowie, Glena & Wade Bratton, Cindy & Tim Burson, Ronald Cameron, Elizabeth & Craig Campbell, Tricia & Steven Chaffin, John Cooper Jr. family, Phil Cox & Rebecca Norris, Frances & Wayne Cranford, Irene & George Davis, Libby & Scott Davis, Betty Dickey, Nancy Dickins, Kearney Dietz, Laura & Mark Doramus, Judge & Mrs. Robert Dudley, Earth Science Laboratories Inc., Episcopal Collegiate School, Sandra & Mark Farmer, Diann & Slaton Fry, Charlotte & Jim Gadberry, Glenda & Marshall Gazette, Janice Harris Goodwin, William Goodwin, Ann Gomatti, Connie & Stanley Green, Fred Harrison, Bonnie Harvey, Sunny & Bo Hawk, Carol & Tommy Hodges, Barbara Hoover, Johnelle Hunt, Janet & Bud Jones, Karen Laceywell, Danette Lawrie, Joel Ledbetter, Ann & Gene Lewis, Vicki & Blake Malpass, Joann & Garth Martin, Suzanne McGee, Donna & Mack McLarty, Carrie & Clark McWilliams, Beth & Betsy Meacham, Mitzi & Stuart Miller, Lynn & Jim Monk, Lisa & Jim Moody, Barbara & Mack Moore, Blanche & Beadle Moore, Mork Capital Management, Rita Mullenax, Edith & Carter Osleber, Georgann Ozment, Linda & Gene Pfeifer, Tad Phillips, Allison Pickell, Jennifer Pierce, Sue & Peter Powell, Linda & Frank Ramey, Jill Rensch, Barbi & Nolan Rushing,

## PHUMC FOUNDATION

(continued)

Billie & Skip Rutherford, Mickey & Joseph Searcy, William Sigler, James D. Simpson III, Nancy Smith, Beth & Steve Snider, Carolyn & Jim Spradley, Roselyn & Jack Stanley, Carol & Witt Stephens, Harriet & Warren Stephens, Jeffrey Stinson, Marietta & John Stroud, Jan & Charles Sullivan, Sharon Tabor, Michael G. Thompson, Lou Ellen Treadway, Richard Upton, Stephenie & Mike Vanderford, Carol Vick, Ann & Frank Wait, Linda & Martin Wait, Kathy & Gene Whisenhunt, John White, Cappy & Charles Whiteside, Mary Wilkins, Kathy & Mark Williamson, Winrock International  
**Mary Ellen Wade** by Patricia & James Depriest

## PHUMC HONORARIA & MEMORIALS

The following gifts were received for the Handyman Ministry, Guatemala, Helping Hands, St. Luke, TV Ministry, Music Ministry, UMCOR, the Caring Ministry and the glory of God.

### Honoraria

**Gwen Eford** by Argue Class  
**Dr. Jeff Hampton** by Irene Regnier  
**Dr. John Jones** by Laura & Mark Doramus

### Memorials

**Rev. Tom Abney** by Barbara & Louis Mulkey  
**Todd Billingsley** by Martha Ann Fox, Deborah Jackson, Barbara & Mack Moore, Ann & Joe Teeter  
**Phyllis Clark** by Erma McNeill, Fred Strebeck  
**Dovie & Moffett Davis** by Danna Davis  
**Mary Kay East** by Jim Adamson, Thomas Benson, Mary Lou Billingsley, Dee Dee & Joe Conrad, Frances & Wayne Cranford, Carolyn Davis, Irene & George Davis, Libby & Scott Davis, George Foster, Patsy W. Frost, Glenda & Marshall Gazette, Wendy & Frank Grobmyer, Linda & David Hargis, Bill Harrison, Helen & Fred Harrison, Inside Effects Inc., Janet & Bud Jones, Frederick Joyce, Carole & Pat Lacey, Pam & Paul Latture, Joel Ledbetter, Ann & Gene Lewis, Lynn Mayhan, Dorothy McMemore, Karen & Quin Minton, Barbara & Mack Moore, Blanche & Beadle Moore, George Morledge III, Kay & John Murray, Mary Lynn & Sheffield Nelson, Northern Trust Company, Linda & Gene Pfeifer, Sue & Peter Powell, Robbie & Bill Riley, Jim Rule, Beverly & Bob Russell, Jason Ryles, Schueck family, Sara Stout Shaw, James D. Simpson III, Wesley Stevenson II, Sharon Tabor, Marti & Henry Thomas, Tracye & Larry Townley, Ronald Underwood, Tracy & Jay Van Dover, Jonnie & Kent Westbrook, Cynthia White, Cappy & Charles Whiteside  
**Jim Linebarger** by Sally Linebarger  
**Betty Malone** by Mary & Martha Circle, Dot Morey  
**Neal Cooper Moody** by April & Tom Owen  
**Mildred Pressgrove** by Patricia & Calvin Mitchell  
**Thelma & Bill Roseberry** by Margo & Brian Alford



Helping Hands Respite Program clients enjoyed accordion music by Don Curdie on May 1.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**ERNESTINE MCKINNEY CIRCLE**  
**Monday, May 14, 7 pm, at the home of Bev Villines, 38 Sherrill Rd., Little Rock**

Program by Mary Boyce on the "Practice of Silence." Co-hostess: Karen Skarda. Devotional by Martha Landes.



Join us **Sunday, June 10, from Noon to 2 pm in the Parlor** for lunch, fellowship and learning more about PHUMC! Sign up by emailing [vlewis@phumc.com](mailto:vlewis@phumc.com) or by calling 664-3600. Childcare is available.

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!**

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Beth Baine and family in the death of her father, David Verble; and to Elise Argue and family in the death of her husband, James B. Argue Jr.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Davis Daniel Atkinson, child of Brittany and Daniel Atkinson.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** Christa Page and Charles Lavender 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  
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Connect Card: Complete in worship

## PHUMC FOOD PANTRY Item of the Month: Tuna

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

## 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.)

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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The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.



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## Sunday School - 10:10-10:50 am

**All Things Considered**, M314 (all ages)

**Argue** Named for Dr. James Argue reconciling, M318 (ages 45+) "Resurrection Stories in the Gospel," Rev. Vic Nixon

**Beatitudes**, M316 (ages 30-45+)

**Bible Study**, C239 (all ages) "Romans," Tim Fox

**Coffee Talk**, M313 (women all ages)

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

**Fathomers**, C235 (ages 55+) "Unafraid," Harryette Shue

**Foundations**, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) "Do Not Be Afraid"

**Journey**, D366 (ages 20s-40s) "Ecclesiastes," Jordan Johnson

**Koinonia Dialogue**, C135 (ages 50+) "Love Heals," Joe Fox

**Newton Good News**, M101 (ages 50+) "Revival," Randy Garcia

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

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

**Pop-Up Class**, M304 (all ages) "Who Killed Willie Earl? Preaching to Confront Racism"

**Roundtable**, M312 (ages 50+) "Bringing First Fruits," Joe Teeter

**Tower**, C237 (ages 40+) "John - The Gospel of Light & Life"

**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

**May Lessons:** Insects - Bird, Flowers, Ducks, Rain Drops

**Preschool Lions** (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4), **Bears** (ages 4-5)

**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