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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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MONEY, MONEY, MONEY...

As one of the wealthiest nations on the planet, the United States has a significantly larger percentage of citizens who are financially privileged than do most other countries. We are not hesitant about amassing ginormous quantities of money and material possessions for our own consumption. This, of course, is a mindset that differentiates us from cultures that are forced to focus on simply surviving. Unlike our less prosperous neighbors, “making it big” and “having it all” are part and parcel of the American Dream. There is even an insidious brand of American Christianity known as “prosperity religion” that asserts wealth is a sign of God’s blessing on our lives.

The Bible speaks of a different kind of blessing—blessing that comes from caring and sharing and being in relationship with God and neighbor. When I left my former occupation to enter fulltime ordained ministry 35 years ago, I was making an annual salary of \$70,000—not bad in 1983. However, after three years spent earning a masters’ degree at Duke University, I returned to Arkansas with my spouse and three children to serve a church in south Arkansas at an annual salary of \$19,000! It didn’t take long for me to realize that wealth in God’s kingdom has less to do with the number of bills in my wallet and more to do with being content in God’s presence.

The summer months are challenging for churches everywhere, at least in terms of finances. Summer vacations pull us in a million different directions. The offering plate can take on an anemic appearance this time of year. Your support is desperately needed. I have no qualms about asking you for money. After all, I’m not asking for myself—I’m asking for God. I’m also not a prosperity preacher. I refuse to lie to you by telling you every dollar you give will be returned ten-fold. However, I do promise you that the non-material blessings you receive will be unparalleled!

If you want to assure that your giving to the ministries of PHUMC continues even when you are away contact Mark Barr, our Director of Finance @ 501.664.3600 or mbarr@phumc.com about Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). He would love to assist you.

Blessings!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

Members and Friends of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church are cordially invited to a Service of Ordination for Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove and commissioning for Rev. Andrea Cummings on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 7:30 pm at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Reception following.



Rebels, Dragons, and Saints: The Gospel in Film // Worship Services

Friday, June 15, 6 pm - Sanctuary | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove | “God’s Upside Down World” | Corinthians 1:20-31
Sunday, June 17, 9 & 11 am - Sanctuary | Rev. Britt Skarda | “God’s Upside Down World” | Corinthians 1:20-31
Sunday, June 17, 9 & 11 am - New Heights | Rev. Snyder | “God’s Upside Down World” | Corinthians 1:20-31
Sunday, June 17, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove | “Unfolding” Jeremiah 29:10-14

Donations Needed for St. Luke Families

Please donate any gently used baby or toddler equipment such as: car seats, pack & plays, toys, or clothing items, etc. and take to our Church's Child Care Center and place in the collection bins there. These items are being collected to give to families with foster care babies and children as well as to the children with needs at our St. Luke campus. The church has a mission called "For the Love of a Child" which was formed to better serve the needs of children in the foster care system and lower-income children in our community. If you have any questions about donations, please contact: Kim McDonough at 501-831-4820 and Dale Fiske at 501-837-5306.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Phyouth Guatemala Team Collecting Donations

The phyouth Guatemala Team is collecting toys (beanie babies and hot wheels cars), sunglasses, and gently used or new shoes (size 9 and under that you can walk a mile in). Bring donations to the Welcome Center or place in the collection boxes around the church by July 1.

For more information, contact jclark@phumc.com or 664-3600.

Primetimers & Friends On The Road Again / September 6-7

Travel to Branson for the musical "Samson" starring Isaiah Bailey! For more information, contact Bev Villines. bvillines@phumc.com (501) 978-0510



Celebrating Your Service

Join us as we recognize the hard work and dedication of all PHUMC Volunteers with a special volunteer reception.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018
12 noon - 1:30 pm, Great Hall

Childcare for infants and toddlers provided with reservation. Please RSVP with your need for childcare by Wednesday, June 20, at noon. Call 501-664-3600 or email shightower@phumc.com.



Get Ready for VBS 2018!

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

PHUMC.COM/VBS2018

NOW WITH TWO DATES AND LOCATIONS!

JULY 15 - 19 AT PHUMC

JULY 20 - 21 AT THE ST. LUKE CAMPUS.

FREE AT BOTH LOCATIONS!

TWO DATES!
JULY 23-27
AUGUST 6-10
CALL 978-0522
OR AIA.ORG
FOR MORE INFO

Primetimers & Friends Luncheon Featuring *The Troubadours*

Thurs., Jun. 28, 11:30 a.m., Great Hall.



All are welcome to attend the monthly luncheon hosted by Primetimers. The June program will feature Buddy Villines and Steve Strickland of the "Troubadours," a 1960s folk music group from Siloam Springs High School Class of 1965. It will be a great stroll down memory lane!! The cost of lunch is \$8 or you may bring your own sandwich. Please call 664-3600 for reservations by Noon, Tuesday, June 26 or sign up on the Connect Card.



Family Promise Volunteers Needed June 24 - July 1

PHUMC supports regularly and proudly the mission of Family Promise to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Several new families will be housing with us June 24-July 1.

To offer your help in one of the following ways and get details on times and locations:

Set up/takedown: 6-8 helpers, June 24 & July 2, Gwen Efird, gwenefird@att.net

Host: 1-2 helpers evenings, shifts on Saturdays—Tom and Billie Hatcher, billruth411@gmail.com

Meals (evening and Sat.) Barbara Barnett, barnettbarb@comcast.net and Cindy Simpson, pppandme@aol.com

Overnight hosts: 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.—Allen Bird, allen@awbird.net

Additional info: Rev. Betsy Snyder bssnyder@phumc.com.

Rebels, Dragons, and Saints Family Movie Night A Galactic Good Time!

Rebels, Dragons, & Saints
The Gospel in Film

"God's Upside Down World"
feat.

How to Train Your Dragon
June 17th



Pictured are some of the guests to our Rebels, Dragons, and Saints movie night featuring our first film, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. In addition to hearing a sermon based on the film during worship, make sure to make it to our next screening, *How to Train Your Dragon*. Bring a quilt or lawn chair and invite guests to join us at 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, June 17th in Wesley Hall. There will be free refreshments!

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Leanna Wall and family in the death her mother, Ann Dye; to David Collier Tenison and family in the death of his father, Bill Tenison; and to Kim Rush and family in the death of her aunt, Charlyne Wyche.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Oliver Thomas Gould, child of Ameer and Joe Gould.

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF Addison Mary Mitchell, child of Jessica and Clint Mitchell; and of Blake Boaz Gaiser, child of Jordan and Michael Gaiser.





OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO Kelsie Roland and Collin Weatherly in their recent marriage; and to Morgan Bookout and Matt Brunson in their recent marriage.

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Church Office Hours:
 Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.

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.)

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 - 10:10-10:50 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)
Argue Named for Dr. James Argue reconciling, M318 (ages 45+)
Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)
Bible Study, C239 (all ages) "Romans," Tyler Thompson
Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages)
Deeper Connections, D371 (ages 20s-30s)
Fathers, C235 (ages 55+) Short Stories by Jesus - "The Good Samaritan"
Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)
Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s) "A Life Well Lived"
Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+)
Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) "Life" by James Bryan Smith
G.I.F.T. Class, M308 (all ages)
Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/singles) "Book of John"
Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages) "How can you be a peace-maker in a troubled world?"
Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) Jesus Teaches About Justice
Tower, C237 (ages 40+) "John - The Synoptic Gospels"
Wesley reconciling, M320 All are welcome. Please come share your views.

(All youth meet at 10 am in the phyouth Assembly Area)

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building
June Lessons: Animals in the Water
Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4), **Bears** (ages 4-5)
Grades K-6th, Rotation Sunday School

Malone Phone Class: Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home
Shepherd's Cove: Betty Gene Mann
 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