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The Spirit of Christmas

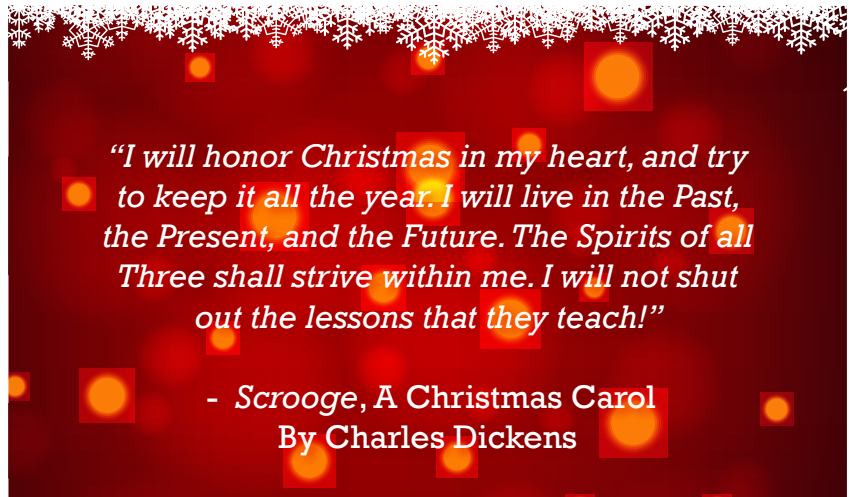
Christmas is an enigmatic season for me. I love the idea of Christmas—the sights and sounds and smells of the holiday. I love the delicious food, the glorious music, and the reminder that God chose to take on human flesh as an infant born in a borrowed cattle stall. I am inspired by the many worship celebrations that surround the seasons of Advent and Christmas. I love the retelling of this old, old story, and I cling tightly to the hope that the Christ Child will return again soon.

And yet, for me, Christmas is also accompanied by significant feelings of melancholy. Christmas present can be a poignant reminder of Christmases past—a reminder of those I've loved and lost—a reminder of opportunities missed. At Christmas I anguish over the plight of those who lack the resources and support that bless my own life and that of my family.

Like Scrooge, I want to honor Christmas in my heart and keep it all the year. Even as I hold tightly to sweet memories of the past, I want to live in the present as well as the future. I find the best way to do this is through sharing my life and resources with others. If my gifts to the St. Luke Children's Learning Center offer hope to the life of a child—if my tithes to the operating budget at PHUMC insure we can keep singing God's song—if my words of affirmation can bring healing and comfort to someone who is broken, then the Spirit of Christmas has truly been unleashed on the world.

Embrace the Spirit! Join with me in the giving of yourself and your resources! Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor



Christmas Eve service schedule on next page!

THIS WEEK: JOYFUL ALL YE NATIONS RISE

*December 23
Micah 5: 2a-5a*

Sermon Series: The Gift of the Nutcracker

The Nutcracker is the gift in the story, representing Christ as God's greatest gift to us!

Christmas Services

Advent Worship Services

Friday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Sunday, December 23, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.,
Sanctuary and New Heights

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 23, 6:00 p.m., Wesley Hall
A great alternative for those who travel at Christmas.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Monday, December 24, Sanctuary
Noon, 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.
*Brass and organ recitals: 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
Childcare provided at all services except 11:00 p.m.*

Christmas Eve Children and Family Service

Monday, December 24, 4:00 p.m., Great Hall
*Children re-enact the Christmas story with live animals,
decorate the Christ Child's tree, and sing carols.*

St. Luke Christmas Eve Services

Contemporary Service: 2:00 p.m. and
Traditional Service: 4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS

- Church will be closed Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. All regularly scheduled events are cancelled. Have a Merry Christmas everyone!
- Shuttle parking is available at the west side of War Memorial Stadium Sunday morning from 8am to 1pm. It will NOT be available Christmas Eve.

Year-End Giving

For your convenience, PHUMC offers the following options for you to use to ensure that your 2018 giving is accounted for in 2018.

1. Mail your contribution to PHUMC, 4823 Woodlawn, Little Rock, AR 72205 (must be postmarked in 2018),
2. Give online at phumc.com/give and click the Online link,
3. Use our new **Text to Give** option by texting the amount you wish to give to 501-200-4823,
4. Drop your contribution off at the Welcome Center during business hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm weekdays),
5. Place your contribution in the outside mail box located on the back of the handicapped door opener at Entrance 1.

If you have any questions regarding payment options, please contact the Finance Office at 501-664-3600.

New Coffee Mugs on Sale!



\$10 in the Welcome Center

IN MEMORY OF

Jane Adamson Nikki and Larry Lawson
Ruth and Dr. Drew Agar The Bob East Family
Nelda Angel Valerie, Rick, Adam and Zachary Angel
Bob Archer and Will Boyer Nancy and Lee Archer
Jim Argue Jr. Bailey, Will and Sydney Faulkner
Jim, Sr. and Ann Argue Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Jim Argue, Granddaddy Charlotte and Anderson Stotts
Jim Argue, Jr. Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Jim Argue, Jr. Karon and Bill Mann
Nell and W.T. Barnwell Karen Barnwell
Michelle Bartlett Nancy and David Bartlett
Martha Beaton Susan, Michael, Drew and Blair Manley
Mr. and Mrs. T.N. Bennett Cathleen, Mickey, Henry, Bennett and Ruby Lou McFarlin
Nick Benson Debbie and Chris Benson and family
Nick Benson Kathy and Ron Goss
Mabel and Edwin Bird Allen Bird
Ramona Blake Virginia Lewis
Sandy Boren Kim McDonough, Madison and Hannah Moody
Mary Louise and E. Arden Boyce Patti and Charlie Coleman
Susan Erwin Bright Leslie and Richard Bright
Marty and J.O. Brown Christi and John Oliver
Melba Ann Broyles James Maase
Uncle Avery Bryan Suzanne Clark
Felice Burkholder Suzanne Clark
Ruby Carey Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
William P. Clark, II Suzanne Clark
Ed Clement The Dumas Garrett Family
Ted Cochran Colly, Stella and Jack Cochran
Brent Coker Daryl and Brian Coker
Robbye and Buddy Coleman Patti and Charlie Coleman
Lewis L. and Clara Lou Foster Connell Dr. F. Gladwin Connell
Anna Pearl and Hubert Couch Bev and Bud Villines
Elsie Crank Nikki and Larry Lawson
Audrey T. Crites Betsy, Vic, Penn, Wyatt, Aubrey, and Sullivan
Wanda and Frank Curtis Carolyn Dowling
Betty Ruth Davis Mary Earl and Steve Smith
Gary Davis Liz and Peter Banks
Gary Davis Judy Davis
Gary Davis Tammie, Mark, Mason and Abby Davis
Gary Davis Rick Fleetwood
Gary Davis Karen and Terry Masching
Gary Davis Judy Tenenbaum
Gary Davis Michelle and John Towne
Gary Davis Jan Zimmerman
Don De Luca Sandra, Matt, Anne Marie and Samantha De Luca
Thomas Dennis Bobbye Dennis
Floy Jean Dietz E. Kearney Dietz
Floy Jean Dietz, Jane Osborne, Gerry McCarty J. Dietz Osborne
David Dunn Sara Cate and Robert Moery
Dot and Louis East Tom East Family and Bob East Family
Peggy and Frank Fitzhugh Becky Fitzhugh
Mary and Wallace Floyd Rachel, Chris, Nora and Lucy Stevens
Martha Ann Fox J. Dietz Osborne
Martha Ann Fox Billie and Skip Rutherford
Ray Gage Sherry, Michelle and Daniel Little
Bessie Ray Gaines Jennifer and Stephen Oakley
Byrne Garrett The Dumas Garrett Family
Charles Gavin Sherry Bird
Diane Gillison Sara and Chris Logan
Sandy Gillison Sara and Chris Logan
Hilda and Toney Gisolo Annie and Jack Lankford
Marcine Halbert Donna and John Ostner
Tom Herrin Jr. LaJauna and Tom Herrin
Jack E. Hill Anne P. Hill
Bill W. Hoffman Mary Hoffman
Sandra Hogue (Mimi) Lisa, Nicholas and Alexander Brown
Pat and Al Holloway Vicki Holloway
Pete Hoover Carol and Thomas Hodges
Agness and N.D. Huneycutt Terri and Charles Watkins

Poinsettias



Ann, Charles and Charlie Huskey Nancy and Lee Archer
Jack Knapple Valerie, Rick, Adam and Zachary Angel
Elizabeth Koch Kim Koch
Bess and Dickie Lankford Annie and Jack Lankford
Patti Ledbetter Julie and Wallie Allen
Mary Lewey Sara Cate and Robert Moery
David Lewis Virginia Lewis
Linda Lewis Virginia Lewis
Paul Lewis, Sr. Virginia Lewis
Dr. Charles Logan Sara and Chris Logan
Harriet, Charles and Steve Maase James Maase
Bev and Janet Machen Mary Boyce
Carolyn Manley Susan, Michael, Drew and Blair Manley
Mary and Bill Mann Karon and Bill Mann
Judy Marchese Gina and Brett Pharis
Donald Martin Sabra and Bill Martin
Donald H. Martin Anne and James Baldwin
Carol and Charles McCarty Anne and Shelley McCarty
Cal McCastlain, Jr. Kim McDonough, Madison and Hannah Moody
Cara McCollum Sara Cate and Robert Moery
James McGee Cathryn and Joe Woods
Ernestine McKinney Elaine McNiece
Jean McNeil Karen, Sarah and Brian Beckwith
Jean McNeil Kim and Russ McDonough
Louise Messer Suzanne Clark
Bob Mitchell Jim Mitchell
Dorothy Mitchell Jim Mitchell
Joann Cooper Moody Kim McDonough, Madison and Hannah Moody
Joann Cooper Moody Barbara Moore
Neal Moody Kim McDonough, Madison and Hannah Moody
Bill Nolan Cara and Jeff Nolan Family
Richard Oliver Christi and John Oliver
Dorothy Ostner Donna and John Ostner
Our Parents Julie and Wallie Allen
Our Parents Polly and L.D. Brantley
Our Parents Evelyn and William Steele and Lee and John Milbourn Mary and Bill Steele
Our Parents Betty and Dick Bandy and Mickey and Rod McKitrick Beth and Bill Bandy
Bill Paulson Tracee and Ernie Paulson
Don Pettigrew Sara Cate and Robert Moery
Ann and Herbert Pharis Gina and Brett Pharis
Rick Purnell Nancy-Gail Purnell
Marilyn and David Rains Rachel, Chris, Nora and Lucy Stevens
Betty and John Reed Peggy and Tom Tucker
Karen F. Robertson Mark Robertson
Sue and Walter Robertson Mark Robertson
John C. Rogers Barbara C. Rogers
Cathy Sanders Lou Sanders, Shari Sanders
Amanda Schieffler The Dumas Garrett Family
Megan Schwartz Jane Schwartz
Thomas W. Smith Nancy Smith
Gordon Souter Colly, Stella and Jack Cochran
Inez and Bill Stuckey Karon and Bill Mann
Helen Tankersley Kathy and Randy Tankersley
Robert Tankersley Will, Bailey and Sydney Faulkner
Robert Tankersley Susan and Danny Hill
Robert Tankersley Kathy and Randy Tankersley
Ben Thompson Annie and Jack Lankford
Betty and Penn Tucker Peggy and Tom Tucker
Hazel and Rev. Floyd Villines Bev and Bud Villines
Mary Ellen Wade Beth and Roger Page
Carolyn and Edgar Webb Mary Carolyn and Tom East Family
Sue R. Webb Terri and Charles Watkins
Margie Gardner Windham Dr. F. Gladwin Connell

IN HONOR OF

Adventures in the Arts Faculty and Staff Karen Barnwell
Ashley Anderson Kristen and Andrew King
Liz and Stan Anderson Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Elise Argue Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Elise Argue, Grandmommy Charlotte & Anderson Stotts
Beth and Bill Bandy Jamie Bandy
Sherry Bird Allen Bird
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Church Staff Gina and Brett Pharis
Karen and Jay Clark Sandra, Matt, Anne Marie and Samantha De Luca
Vicki Clement The Dumas Garrett Family
Patti Coleman Kristen and Andrew King
Stan Cox Susan Dunn
Kearney Dietz J. Dietz Osborne
Susan and Dee Dietz E. Kearney Dietz
Dietz-Koinonia Class Louise and Joe Fox
Susan Dunn Sandra De Luca
The Fathomers Class Marilyn Micheletti
Jimmy Faulkner Tiffani and Davis Foltz
Gayle and Paul Fiser Betsy, Vic, Penn, Wyatt, Aubry and Sullivan
Sandra Garrett The Dumas Garrett Family
David Gillison Sara and Chris Logan
Lane Schell Grummer Joann and Garth Martin
Jeff Hampton Nancy Smith
Carolyn Henslee Elizabeth McGowan
The Hightower Family Paula Patterson
Patsy Hobgood Christi and John Oliver
Clyde Horton Laura and Mark Doramus
The Baptism of James Franklin (Jack) Jennings Billie and Skip Rutherford
Debbie and Kenny Jones Alison Jones
Johnny Jones Anne Hill
Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan Nancy Sink
Jo Knight Dorothy C. Morey
JoAnn Larkin Colly, Stella and Jack Cochran
Joe Larkin Colly, Stella and Jack Cochran
My mother, Mary Lewis Virginia Lewis
Joyce Logan Sara and Chris Logan
Jim Maase Susan Dunn
Jim Maase Elizabeth McGowan
Jim Maase and the Chancel Choir Nancy McCulley
The Howard Marshall Family Nancy and David Bartlett
Ernestine Martin Sabra and Bill Martin
Mrs. Donald H. Martin (Ernestine) Anne and James Baldwin
Anne and Shelly McCarty Chris McCall
Mary McGee Cathryn and Joe Woods
Nichole, Keith, Hudson and Cooper McGeorge Donna and John Ostner
Joe Pete McNeil Karen, Sarah and Brian Beckwith
My sons Anne-Marie Swafford
Freddie and Vic Nixon Anne Hill
Kathie and Fred Osborne E. Kearney Dietz
Kathie and Fred Osborne J. Dietz Osborne
Our children and grand children Polly and L.D. Brantley
Our children and grandchildren Beth and Bill Bandy
Our children Matt, Brian, John and families Mary and Bill Steele
Our grandchildren; Tate and Grayton East, Blake, Kinley, Brayden and Addison Mitchell Mary Carolyn and Tom East
Our siblings Nancy Milbourn, Craig Milbourn and Kay Wissman Mary and Bill Steele
Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class Charlie Coleman, Jimmy Faulkner and Skip Rutherford
Amy Lipe Palmer and family Betsy, Vic, Penn, Wyatt, Aubrey and Sullivan
PHUMC Clergy and Staff Karen Barnwell
Belinda Price Nancy Smith
Bobby Raney Susan and Robert Dunn
George Regan Susan and Robert Dunn
Jack See Roundtable Class
Britt Skarda Nancy Smith
Carol Souter Colly, Stella and Jack Cochran
Marlene Stakemiller Bev Villines
Lou Ellen Stevens Bev Villines
Jeff, Emily, Charlotte and Anderson Stotts Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Ellen Tarkington Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson
Lee and Everett Thompson Tyler Thompson
Linda Todd Dorothy C. Morey
Bev Villines Nancy Smith
Terrie and Kenny Wilkerson Wes, Brooke, Jackson and Mary Margaret Womack
Jane and Bobby Woods Cathryn and Joe Woods
Dorothy Young The Argue Class
Dorothy Young Beth and Roger Page

PREACHING THIS WEEK

SANCTUARY SERVICES

Friday - Rev. Britt Skarda
Sunday - Rev. Britt Skarda

NEW HEIGHTS SERVICES

Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

ST. LUKE CAMPUS SERVICE

Rev. Andrea Cummings

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

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WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

SANCTUARY SERVICES

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

NEW HEIGHTS SERVICES

Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ PHUMC

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

ST. LUKE CAMPUS SERVICE

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



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Contact Information

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings.

St. Luke Campus • 6401 W. 32nd St. • Little Rock, AR 72204

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Children's Learning Center Closed Christmas Week - In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Children's Learning Center will be closed **December 24-28**.

Sunday School Classes Cancelled for Christmas Week

- ARGUE Class - December 23rd and 30th
- GIFT Class - December 23rd and 30th

Your 2018 Mission Reports Needed - If you, your family, your Sunday school class or other small group have engaged in food-packing, Wakefield tutoring, Family Promise, St. Luke meals, or anything outside the church walls, please estimate your hours and/or your financial gifts and submit those online, or get a form at the Welcome Center. Go to phumc.com/service, or phumc.com and hit the Mission tab, and click on "Register Service Hours." For questions, contact Rev. Betsy Snyder bssnyder@phumc.com

100th Birthday Celebration! - Long time member, Fann Woodward, will receive friends honoring her 100th birthday! Wednesday, January 9
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Parlor of PHUMC

Save the Date - January 21 is the Martin Luther King Jr., Parade in Little Rock. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to witness our love for an inclusive neighborhood and love of all people. Families with kids welcome! We're collecting candy to pass out (still got some Halloween candy left?) during the parade. There will be two vehicles transporting to the parade. One vehicle will leave at 8 a.m. and one at 9 a.m. For questions, contact Rev. Betsy Snyder bssnyder@phumc.com

Welcome New Church Members



Charles and Jennie Cole



Gavin and Renee McGraw
(And their daughters, Emma and Ava McGraw)

Prayer Requests

DEATHS: Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Alma Hudson in her recent death. And to Betsy Day and family in the death of her mother, Mary Ellen Barnes. And to Sam and Dana Boyster and family in the death of their son, Will Boyster.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Sunni Dunn and Jeremy Hurst in their recent marriage.