

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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# Last chance to RSVP for Raney Lecture Series 2019



"Sam Wells arguably has the liveliest, most agile, best informed, critically disciplined mind in the entire Christian community. And he has a baptized heart of honesty, compassion, and passion to match his baptized mind" (Walter Brueggemann). Rev. Dr. Sam Wells is a preacher, pastor, writer, broadcaster, and theologian. He has served as a Church of England parish priest for 20 years. He also spent 7 years in North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. He has published 30 books. His most recent book is Incarnational Ministry: Being with the Church. He has been Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields since 2012.



Saturday and Sunday events will include live performances from **St. Martin's Voices**, an exciting and dynamic professional vocal ensemble, primarily made up of talented past and present choral scholars who come together to sing concerts and special events at St Martin-in-the-Fields and beyond. Recent performances have included Mozarts *Requiem* and Vaughan Williamss *Serenade to Music* with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, and Beethoven's *Mass in C* with Southbank Sinfonia. St. Martin's Voices regularly broadcast on the BBC, including Radio 3 Choral Evensong and BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship and Daily Service. They also make regular national and international tours, including recent performances at Greenbelt Festival and visits to the USA – Minneapolis, Washington DC, New York – and Johannesburg, South Africa. **Andrew Earis** is Director of Music at St-Martin-in-the-Fields where he oversees the music programme at this busy London church.

## HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

If there is a United Methodist congregation in Arkansas that is blessed above all others, hands down it is Pulaski Heights UMC. From our magnificent facilities, to our low building debt, to our youthful congregation, to our televised worship services, to our incredible PH Foundation (the largest local church foundation in Arkansas), we set the pace for our sister churches across the state and throughout much of the nation. Over the past decade, our financial stewardship has grown at a record pace. Thank you! Well done, good and faithful servants! ....

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**REGISTER FOR SATURDAY'S RANEY LECTURE SERIES** Information on next page!

**REV. SKARDA SERMON DETAILS** Message from Rev. Skarda continues on next page!

# **Reservation Info for Raney Lecture Series**



The Raney family invites you to be their guest at a luncheon honoring Rev. Dr. Sam Wells on **Saturday, March 2nd** following the 11 a.m. worship service in Wesley Hall. Furthermore, you are invited to a special concert that evening at 7 p.m. with the St. Martin's Voices. Both events are free to the public. To RSVP for these events, please contact the church no later than Feb. 25th at **501-664-3600** or online at **phumc.com/raney**.

All remaining events for the series do not require a reservation. Childcare will be provided at all services March 1-3.

The. T.J. & Inez Raney Lectureship established in 1951, was primarily endowed by the late Mr. and 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 2019 lectures!

#### Friday, March 1

7 p.m. Worship in PHUMC Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells Reception to follow

#### Weekend Events

Saturday, March 2

11 a.m. Worship with Rev. Dr.
Sam Wells and St. Martin Voices; luncheon to follow
7 p.m. Concert with St. Martin Voices; reception to follow

# Here We Grow Again continued...

#### From Cover Page

Unfortunately, we experienced a setback in 2018, when we ended the year with a financial deficit. The reasons for this are myriad including the implementation of new tax laws that harmed nonprofits, as well as the volatility of the stock market, especially in December. We also launched our new St. Luke campus and Children's Learning Center this past year, and we began our first year of debt service payments on the balance of our building note. All of these brought us to this place.

Bottom line: We are experiencing growing pains at PHUMC! Like every healthy church, we need to continually assess and evaluate our ministries and our financial commitments as we seek to live out our vision to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Change the World.

I am excited to announce to you that we have engaged the services of the Horizons Stewardship Company to lead us through a Stewardship Discovery Process that will help us explore our biblical call to give back to God, as well as our giving patterns and practices at PHUMC. No! This is not a capital funds campaign! This is a spiritual discernment process. Other large congregations have experienced significant financial and spiritual results from this effort.

In the meantime, I urge you to be as generous as you have ever been by giving early and giving sacrificially to Pulaski Heights United Methodist. I am honored to be your senior pastor.

In Christ's love,

Britt Skarda Senior Pastor

#### Sunday, March 3

**9 a.m. and 11am Worship** in PHUMC Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Sam Wells and St. Martin Voices along with PHUMC Choir

# Worship With Us

#### Worship this week:

**Scout Sunday.** Troop 12 Scouts will be participating in all 4 services in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall

**Friday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.** Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, Feb. 24, 9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda Sermon Title: "Forever Similar, Forever Changing" Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-9

New Heights · Will be live simulcast of Rev. Skarda sermon

Sunday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andreá Cummings



#### Dine In includes a dessert and beverage!

Thank you for supporting the scouts of Troop 12. Your contribution helps defray costs for Summer Camp, equipment, and other activities of Troop 12.

## FREE CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



If you are an adult/senior (60+) this program will help you create a pain management plan that works for you. You will learn to create strategies for living with chronic pain and learn tips for reducing symptoms and improving your quality of life!



A deep dive into racial divisions that are hard to overcome, and what it takes to become a just society.

# Faith & Race

Sundays starting Feb. 24th through March 31st 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room C236

> Led by Ron Copeland and Paula Patterson.

Register to attend this FREE six-week class that meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday

Feb. 27 - April 3, 2019

PHUMC Room C236

RSVP to (501) 978-0510 or bvillines@phumc.com



Take charge of your life by learning how to control your diabetes

## PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS MONTHLY LUNCHEON



February Program Thursday, Feb 28 at 11:30 a.m. Great Hall, PHUMC \$8 or bring your own lunch

**Courtney CarlLee** Executive Director of CLC at St. Luke and PHUMC

Reservations needed by Feb. 26th at noon.

## **DIAPER DRIVE: FINAL SUNDAY**

Our 4th grade Sunday school boys and girls are leading a diaper drive competition and invite all to participate. Diapers that are collected will be distributed during Food Pantry days. The contest will wrap up this Sunday.

WE HEAR IT IS A CLOSE RACE BETWEEN THE BOYS AND GIRLS !

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### 10:10-10:50 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages) Argue Named for Dr. Argue M318 (ages 45+) Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+) Bible Study, C239 (all ages) Coffee Talk, M313 (women all ages) Deeper Connections, D371 (ages 20s-30s) Fathomers, C235 (ages 55+) Foundations, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s) GLF.T. Class, M308 (all ages) Journey, D366 (ages 20s-40s) Koinonia Dialogue, C135 (ages 50+) Newton Good News, M101 (ages 50+) GLF.T. Class, M308 (all ages) Pairs and Spares, D277 East (young couples/ singles) Pop-Up Class, M304 (all ages) Roundtable, M312 (ages 50+) **Tower**, C237 (ages 40+) Turning Point, M311 (Young adults) Wesley M320 (all ages)

Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/ Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), Tigers (ages 3-4), Bears (ages 4-5) Grades K-3, Rotation Sunday School 4th Grade-Bible Adventures 5th Grade-Bible Study Grades 6-12, phyouth Sunday School

(All youth meet at 10 a.m. in the phyouth Assembly Area.)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHILDREN'S GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT COLLECTION DRIVE: March 6 - April 21. During Lent, Children's Ministries will be collecting items that will be used for our 2019 Guatemala Mission trip. Children need sunscreen as well as sunglasses to protect their skin and eyes from the harmful UV rays. Sunscreen should be spf 50 or 70. Needed items also can include small toys and closed-toe shoes (kids sized only!).

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP. Friday, March 8, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Geyer Springs Baptist Church. Hope for the Future is an annual caregiver workshop held in Little Rock through which Alzheimer's Arkansas reaches out to caregivers across Arkansas.

VIM TEAM (VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION) LEADER TRAINING: March 9. 9 am - 3 pm. St. James United Methodist Church. Learn how to lead a team on a mission trip to help serve others. For more information, email, Byron Mann at vim@arumc.org.

UPCOMING BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays from March 27 - April 24. Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World, by Max Lucado. Led by Annie Lankford. Dinner and Discussion Wednesday, March 27-April 23. The dinner study will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in room C239. \$12 book, \$8.50 for meal.

PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY. March 28-30. Join Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX, for three days of study focusing on the Bible, theology, and spiritualty with Perkins faculty and guest speakers, Courses are open to everyone! Registration costs less for early registration (Thur. \$35, Fri and Sat. \$75) Registration packets are available at PHUMC. See Rev. Belinda Price for more information.

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#### **Contact Information**

Website: www.phumc.com • (501) 664-3600 Fax: 664-4835 • Email: phumc@phumc.com 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.

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS **& OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP** 

## **Joys and Concerns**

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Wanda Jean Regan in her recent death; to Greg Farrell and Lucien Farrell in the death of their mother, Alice Ferrell; And to Emily Roberson and family in the death of her grandfather, J.C. McNee

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH: of Frances Madeline David, daughter of Sarah and Zac David.

**NEW MEMBER:** Phyllis Achor

#### WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM:



John "Fitz" Fitzgerald Slaubaugh, son of Tracy and Will Slaubaugh; brother of Evie





Phillip Meyer Brick III, son of Megan and Phil Brick, Jr.