



**PULASKI  
HEIGHTS**  
United Methodist Church

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*Performances by the  
St. Martin's Voices*



**Rev. Dr. Sam Wells**  
Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields



## Welcome to the 2019 Raney Lecture Series

### **Schedule of Events**

**Friday, March 1 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Worship Service, PHUMC  
Sanctuary, Reception to follow

Friday sermon: "Be Angry but Do  
Not Sin" Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John  
6:35, 41-51

**Saturday, March 2 - 11:00  
a.m. Worship Service, PHUMC  
Sanctuary, Luncheon to follow**

Saturday presentation:  
"Perspectives on the Family"

**Saturday, March 2 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Concert, PHUMC Sanctuary,  
Reception to follow

*If Ye Love Me: An hour long  
concert of words and music  
exploring the theme of love*

**Sunday, March 3 - 9:00 a.m. and  
11:00 a.m. All worship services  
in Sanctuary that Sunday only.**

*"Three Ways to Pray" RCL  
readings for Transfiguration*

### **General Conference Statement**

*Dear PHUMC Family,*

*As I write this message to you from General Conference in St Louis, I know that many of you are disappointed and saddened by the decisions that have been made this week at this global gathering. I share your pain and disappointment. As an ordained United Methodist pastor for more than three decades now, I have preached a message of God's inclusive love for all. Pulaski Heights UMC has shared this same message for more than 100 years, and we will continue to share this timeless biblical message for the next 100!*

*Much of the turmoil surrounding General Conference is related to cultural differences that place the UMC here in the United States in a vastly different context than, for example, the UMC in Africa.*

*The General Conference is not the church. It is a legislative body. Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is the living breathing body of Christ called to LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR AND CHANGE THE WORLD. I can't wait to return to Little Rock and to you as we continue to unashamedly open wide our doors and our arms to the world God so loved. **John 3:16.***

*I love you all,  
Britt Skarda*

*P.S. We will be announcing opportunities for you to hear from our delegates and clergy who attended General Conference.*

## MORE TEAMS NEEDED; SIGN UP YOUR TEAM NOW!

*It is time to step up and see whose Mac-N-Cheese is the best!*



Online team registration is now available at [phumc.com/LRMacMania](http://phumc.com/LRMacMania). Sponsorship packets with Rules and Regulations are also available. We hope you join us with your best cheesy mac dish on April 6th at War Memorial Stadium. **WE NEED MORE TEAMS!**

For any questions, email [LRMacMania@phumc.com](mailto:LRMacMania@phumc.com).



## Therapy Dog Training Classes Tuesdays, April 2 - May 14 6 pm in the Great Hall

Orientation (without dogs) is March 26 at 6pm in Room C237

Sign up by Connect Card or at the Welcome Center

Contact Gayle Fiser at [gaylefiser@att.net](mailto:gaylefiser@att.net) or 501-766-3810 for questions.

## PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the glory of God.

### Memorials

**Sonya Gunn** by Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore  
**Wayne Jackson** by Barker family, Blaylock family, Brenda & Bill Bobrosky family, Pamela Bryant & Dan Haywood, Janet & Jeff Churan, Daryl Coker, Kearney Dietz, Susan & Robert Dunn, Susie & Phil Farris, Patricia Fox, Jane & Batson Harkey, Sunny & Bo Hawk, Christine & Bill Hickam, Anne P. Hill, JoAnn & Francis Jackson, Amberly & Rex Knight, Diane & Raymond LaCroix, Dottie & Joe Lilly, Charles McClain Jr., Mary & George McMorran, Elizabeth & Danny Mitchell, Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore, Irene Regnier, Fran Roosevelt, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Jennifer & Mike Shannon, Rhonda & Gregory Smith, Stortroen family, Jan & Charles Sullivan, Sara Sweeney & Katie Schmitz, Bev & Buddy Villines, Asa Whitaker, Buddy & Mary Whiteaker  
**Mike Smith** by Ellon & Rogers Cockrill  
**Anna "Charley" Tanner** by Dottie & Ken Gill

### Honoraria

**Jimmy Faulkner** by Sue Gill

### Birthday Club

Don Adams, Sherry Bird, Richard Blaine, Davis Crow, Mary Amanda "Mandy" Dillard, George Knox, Dickie Lunsford, George McLeod, Tommy Polk, Sarah Reddick, Heidi Sanders, In memory of Anna "Charley" Tanner, Nena Valentine

## Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the TV ministry, the music ministry, the food pantry, the columbarium and the glory of God.

### Memorials

**Dr. John Gill** by Bible Study Class, Charlene B. Carman

**Pete Hoover** by Ann Lewis

**Paula Johnson** by Kerry Jacobs  
**Kay L. Matthews** by Vera Massey Matthews

**Rebecca Mitchell** by Anne, Jim & Hays Laidlaw

### Honoraria

**60th wedding anniversary of Lana & Ed Bethune** by Billie & Skip Rutherford  
**Jim Maase on his birthday** by Danna Davis  
**Rev. Britt Skarda on his birthday** by Lisa & Bill King

EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU!

EP3-20

TO MARS and BEYOND  
COKEBURY'S VBS

JULY 21-25

SCHEDULE

JULY 21ST  
FAMILY KICK-OFF  
4-5:30PM

JULY 22ND-25TH  
9-11:45AM

VBS

SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [PHUMC.COM/VBS2019](http://PHUMC.COM/VBS2019)



CELEBRATE  

*Easter* with  
**PULASKI HEIGHTS  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



*Join us for the 31st Annual  
 Community Easter Sunrise Service  
 April 21 - 7 am  
 First Security Amphitheatre*

Easter services will be broadcast on KATV Channel 7 at 7:00 am & 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 18, 6:30 pm, St. Luke Campus - 6401 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Little Rock 72204

**Good Friday Services**

April 19, 12 Noon & 6 pm, PHUMC Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday Services**

April 21, 8:30, 9:45 & 11 am, Sanctuary & New Heights Services  
 St. Luke Campus, 9:30 and 11 am

*Childcare available at all services.*

**Easter Egg Hunt at Allsopp Park!**

(3700 Cedar Hill Rd., Little Rock)

Saturday, April 20

10:30 am - Kindersongs Concert

11:00 am - Hunt Begins

Family FUN for children 5th grade & under!

We are collecting snack item donations for food pantry mission.



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**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

- Purchase wrapped candy and fill Easter egg kits – return by April 14
- Purchase candy and eggs and fill – return by April 14
- No time to fill but will buy candy and/or eggs for someone else to fill – return by April 7.

**Pick-Up & Return locations are as follows:**

Church Welcome Center  
 Children's Welcome Center  
 Connect Point in Wesley Hall



**COMING UP FOR  
 EASTER AND LENT**

**Ash Wednesday - March 6**

The Imposition of Ashes  
 7:00 a.m. (Youth Led), Noon and  
 6:00 p.m. - PHUMC Sanctuary  
 Childcare available

**HILLCREST COMMUNITY FRIDAY  
 NOON LENTEN SERVICES.**

**March 8 - April 12.** Below is a list of dates, church locations and who is preaching. This year's theme is: **Where do we go from here?**

March 8

Our Lady of the Holy Souls  
 Catholic Church; Ruskin Falls

March 15

Pulaski Heights United Methodist  
 Church; John Marconi

March 22

Pulaski Heights Presbyterian  
 Church; Lynn Worthen

March 29

Pulaski Heights Christian Church;  
 Jay Clark

April 5

Pulaski Heights Baptist Church;  
 Britt Skarda

April 12

Our Lady of the Holy Souls  
 Catholic Church; Carol Miles

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES,  
 "REHAB: NEW YOU, NEW ME,  
 NEW CHURCH," begins Sun.**

**March 10.** There is much to mine from considering our Lenten journey this year within the frame of rehab, much to explore, much to learn. But the core of the learning in rehab, like the core of the learning in Lent, isn't cognitive. It's behavioral. Our goal for all who engage this period of time is that the way of Jesus becomes either the "new normal," or, for those who have been consistent in the journey over time, is strengthened as our normal.

## 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)  
**G.I.F.T. Class**, M308 (all ages)  
**Journey**, D366 (ages 20s-40s)  
**Koinonia Dialogue**, C135 (ages 50+)  
**Newton Good News**, M101 (ages 50+)  
**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+)  
**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.)

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**DIAPER DRIVE SUCCESS.** The PHUMC fourth graders are pleased to report that 132 packages of diapers were collected for the PHUMC Diaper Bank. That's roughly 4600 individual diapers that the children of PHUMC have collected for Little Rock families. Way to go fourth graders!

**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!).

**FAITH AND RACE DISCUSSION GROUP. Sun., Mar. 3 – Mar. 31, Every Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Room C236.** Class led by Ron Copeland and Paula Patterson. Discussion will include a deep dive into racial divisions that are hard to overcome, and what it takes to become a just society.

**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.

**FILL A BAG FOR ST. LUKE FOOD PANTRY.** Help support the needs of our St. Luke's food pantry by grabbing a brown bag and filling it with any of the following items: canned meat, cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, dried beans, pasta, canned vegetable and fruit. You can drop off bags at any of the connect points on Sundays.

### Joys and Concerns

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Karen Skarda in the death of her uncle, Cecil Kingrey; to Lesa Booker and family in the death of her mother, Courtney B. Feldman; and to Jennifer and Stephen Oakley and family in the death of their son, Michael Hubert Oakley.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH:** of Hope Elizabeth Herndon, child of Angie and Trey Herndon, and grandchild of Katy Visonhaler; of Frances Madelin David, child of Sara and Zac David, and of Henry Ruffin Oakley, child of Jennifer and Stephen Oakley.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM:** James Monroe Davenport, son of Laurel and Corey Davenport. Brother of William.

