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United Methodist Church

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Living Sacrifices

"To sacrifice something is to make it holy by giving it away for love." -Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking, 1993



Compared to the sacrifices made by the saints and martyrs, my journey on this planet has been relatively easy and carefree. I was raised in a middle-class home with middle-class values. As a white male, I did not experience the kinds of sacrifices made by those who are brown and black and female and impoverished. The greatest sacrifice I made as a child was being asked to give up my seat in the doctor's waiting room to one of my elders.

Later, when Karen and I married and our marriage produced three children, I learned the joy of sacrifice. If I've said it once, I've said it a million times: "I would gladly sacrifice anything, including my own life, for those I love!" The same is true of my love for Christ and his church. I never dreamed I would spend my life sacrificing weekends in order to speak on behalf of a Jewish rabbi. Neither would I have believed the sacrifices of time and money that Karen and I have gladly made to the churches we've served these past 35 years. While these sacrifices have not made us rich in a worldly sense, they have made us rich in faith.

Palm/Passion Sunday signifies the beginning of the holiest week of the Christian year. What began weeks ago with the imposition of ashes now continues as we journey with Jesus to the ultimate sacrifice he made for us on the cross. Holy week is a time for prayer and almsgiving. It is a time to show our own sacrificial love for Christ and his body, the church.

As your Senior Pastor, I ask you to make two sacrifices this week—the sacrifice of time spent in prayer and the sacrifice of your financial resources to assure that the life-transforming ministries of this great church and our St. Luke mission continue into the future.

And please, please, whatever you do, make your sacrifice holy by giving it away in love!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor



PHKIDS DONKEY PARADE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 10:15 A.M.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR BABIES -5TH GRADERS. SEE THE LIVE DONKEY AS WE RE-ENACT JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM!

CELEBRATE
Easter with
PULASKI HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Community Easter Sunrise Service**
April 21 - 7 am
First Security Amphitheater

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

Easter Sunday Services

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

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday Service
April 18, 6:30 pm
St. Luke Campus
6401 W. 32nd St.,
Little Rock 72204

Good Friday Services
April 19, 12 Noon & 6 pm
PHUMC Sanctuary


PALM SUNDAY

April 12 and 14th

Sermon Title:

Worship Services

Friday, April 12, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda
Sunday, April 14, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda
Sunday, April 14, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder
Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus · Rev. Andrea Cummings

**HILLCREST COMMUNITY
LENTEN SERVICE**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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Our Lady of the Holy Souls
Catholic Church; Carol Miles

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12:00 NOON

SUNDAY TROLLEY SHUTTLE

Our trolley shuttle will run from War Memorial Stadium, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Park on the west side of the stadium and ride the shuttle to the front entrance of the church. It will return you to your vehicle when you are ready to leave.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20 at Allsopp Park (3700 Cedar Hill Rd., Little Rock)
10:30 am - Kinder's Concert | 11:00 am - Hunt Begins

Family FUN for children 5th grade & under! We are collecting snack item donations for food pantry mission.

Don't forget your baskets!





Each member feels a connection to Pulaski Heights United Methodist church for their own reasons. In May, we are embarking on a new sermon series to talk in-depth of "Who We Are" **The challenge we are asking members and even non-members is to choose one word to identify our church.** The top four words that you share with us will help us craft this series.

There are 2 ways you can submit your "one word" entry - **1) Visit phumc.com/oneword and submit it online or 2) Connect Card - write down your entry on the worship bulletin connect card.**

TOWER MOVING TO BI-WEEKLY

Starting in May, The Tower will be printed and mailed every other week. The move is in an effort to cut back on print costs as well as expand information being shared on our digital channels such as Facebook, E-News, and our new website that is coming soon.

We will still keep you informed in the printed version of The Tower and in your worship bulletins each week. There will also be weekly editions around busier times such as Christmas and Easter.

If you have e-mail, we encourage you to sign up for our weekly e-news on the connect card you receive during worship each weekend and follow our Facebook pages for PHUMC and our St. Luke Campus to stay up to date.

HELP SUPPORT THE GUATEMALA MISSION

Guatemala Medical Mission Team will be selling hand-made Guatemala items in the Gathering Hall and Wesley Hall Reception Area on Sunday, April 14.

Special Offering supporting the Mission Teams will be taken during Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday at the St. Luke campus and Good Friday at PH campus. Some of the items are featured below!



COMING UP @ PHUMC

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS

Begins Sun. April 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The ministry has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the entire congregation. To receive an interview contact Carole Ann Provin, carole.provin@yahoo.com, Rev. Jeff Hampton, jhampton@phumc.com or call 978-0532. Training is six weeks.

APRIL PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS LUNCHEON

**Thursday, April 25
11:30 a.m. in Great Hall**

This month will feature our friends at Ozark Mission Project. Cost of lunch is \$8 or bring your own sandwich. Please make your reservation by noon Tues., April 23.

To help alleviate some of the costs with summer camps, we are asking that you bring pre-packaged snack items for the OMP Teams. Examples are cheese or peanut butter crackers, small packages of cookies or candy, chips, protein bars etc.

SENIORS BINGO NIGHT WITH PHYOUTH

**Sunday, May 5
5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall**

Seniors are invited to have supper and play Bingo with phyouth on Sunday Evening, May 5. The event is always special and a whole lot of fun with good food and great Bingo prizes! Please bring your friends and enjoy this wonderful intergenerational event.

Call the church office at 664-3600 for reservations by Friday, May 3 so we can plan for supper. Any questions, contact Bev Villines or Rev. Jay Clark.

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)
Drop-In Class, Wesley Hall
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, phuyouth Sunday School

(All youth meet at 10 a.m. in the phuyouth 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.

St. Luke Campus | 6401 W. 32nd St. | Little Rock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

UNITED METHODIST OF ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY LUNCHEON. Sat. April 27. Little Rock First UMC. Noon. This year will feature a panel of retired pastors who will share stories of the ministry in Arkansas. The luncheon will help raise funds for the Commission. Cost per person is \$12.50 each. Deadline for reservations is April 20. Call 501-904-1280 to make a reservation.

2019 SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMPS. CAMP 1 - JULY 15-19. CAMP 2 - AUG. 5-9. PHUMC - ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS. Classes for kids age 5-14! Early bird registration is until May 17 for \$175. Registration from May 17 to July 5 is \$190. Some of the classes include IQ Music, Discovery Violin, Watercolors and Wild Things!, Nifty Needlework, Yoga, Masters of Illusion, Discovery Young Chefs and much more! To register call 501-978-0522!

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. Sign up now for the "Best week of the year!" 2019 Vacation Bible School will take place from July 21-25 at Pulaski Heights UMC. This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond!" You can register your pre-k - 6th grader online at phumc.com/VBS2019.

KANAKUK KAMP OUT. July 29 - Aug. 2. PHUMC. A day camp filled with fun and adventure for elementary age boys and girls. Incredible activities include a climbing wall, zip line and water slides. A great way to enjoy a glimpse of Kanakuk overnight experience with their professional staff. Register at www.cometokamp.com or contact Cindy Burns at cburns@phumc.com for more information.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY. Wed. May 1 from 8 am to 8 pm in Wesley Hall. Celebrate World Labyrinth Day at PHUMC! This day, a project of the Labyrinth Society, is designated to bring people from all over the world to "Walk as one" for peaceful energy and in prayer.

Joys and Concerns

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Helen-Ann Hill and family in the death of her father, Hiram Hill; and to the family and friends of Margarete Lipton in her recent death.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Gabriella Pearl Gross, child of Susanne and Chip Gross; and of Christopher Sebastian Reynaldo Crane, child of Esperanza and Chriss Massana-Crane and grandchild of Pat and Larry Crane.

NEW MEMBERS



Brittany & Christopher
McCaulley



Mallory & Tyler Lindsey