



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

WHAT WE NEED: It has been requested that PHUMC put together a team of volunteers to help in the coming weeks to support the needs of those suffering from the flooding in Arkansas. We need 10-20 people who are willing and able to spend 1-3 days in the relief effort. Again this may not be for several weeks before we are called to help but we must be ready when that time comes! We are hopeful that trainings can take place as soon as we get enough interest. **If you have an interest in being trained to be part of a PHUMC Team, please register in the Reception Areas, on the Connect Card or by calling 664-3600.**

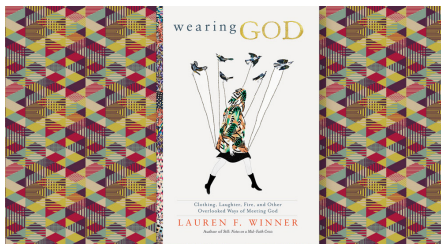
Join us in June for Two New Sermon Series!



“DO-OVER”

A THREE-PART SERMON SERIES WITH REV. BRITT SKARDA

Have you ever yearned for a “do-over” in your life—the chance to revisit and improve on something you did in the past? I have! Thirty years ago I became an ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church and was immediately appointed to Pulaski Heights UMC as the new Associate Pastor of Outreach. It was a time of spiritual and professional growth in my life, but also a time of serious challenges for both the church and the world. In this sermon series, I will take us back almost thirty years to share three important messages I preached at PHUMC. No, I won’t just dust off some dry ancient documents. Rather I will update and connect these messages to what was happening then and what is happening today. Join me as I share the thoughts of a young 30-something pastor through the lens of his much older counterpart. Join us for the “Do-Over.” - *Britt Skarda*



WEARING GOD

REV. BETSY SINGLETON SNYDER AND REV. JAY CLARK

Based on a book: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner.

Quite often, the metaphors used for God are Father, Shepherd and King. Yet, scripture also offers unusual ways to meet God in food, fire, a woman in labor, the power of smell and what we wear. Join us for new ways of encountering God.

June 2 “Bread and Vine”

June 9 “Flame”

June 16 “Laboring Woman”

June 23 “Smell”

June 30 “Clothing”

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Sanctuary - “Do-Over”

New Heights - “Wearing God: Overlooked Ways of Encountering God”

Friday, May 31 - NO SERVICE

Sunday, June 2, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda
“The Set of the Sails” Romans 5: 1-5

Sunday, June 2, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder
“I am Bread and Vine” John 6:26-35, 15:1-8

Sunday, June 2, 9 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Andreá Cummings



#KIDSPONSOR

In January 2018, we opened our doors of the St. Luke Learning Center to families in the Broadmoor neighborhood. We are at capacity with a waiting list, and we are serving the families we intended to target: working parents at or below the poverty level.

Our start-up costs and lead time for some government reimbursements has been higher and taken longer than we originally predicted. Because of shortfalls in other areas of the budget, the PHUMC budget cannot cover this. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are projected to be \$200,000 short by the end of the year. (40 kids enrolled x \$5,000 shortfall per kid) We are looking for sponsorships. We need sponsorships for 40 KIDS in 40 DAYS.

We need your commitment by JUNE 30 to make financial plans about the future of St. Luke Learning Center. Please consider making a donation so we can continue to enrich the minds of young children and their families. They are not subject to apportionments through the Methodist Conference.

Your dollar impacts the lives of children, families, teachers and our community! NOTHING can measure what it means to provide health, nutrition, development and education for our children.

Can you, your family, your Sunday School class, book club, or some other group sponsor a kid? Can you give \$100 toward a sponsorship? \$50? \$20? Every bit adds up and we need it all.

**Write a check today and help make a difference!
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UMW GROUP MEETINGS

Magdalene Circle. June meeting will be at the home of Lisa King, 11 Wingate Dr. on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30. The program will be on the history of the United Methodist Women at PHUMC and around the world.

The Ernestine McKinney and Karon Mann Circles will share the annual Summer Salad Supper at the home of Elise Argue, 13409 St. Charles Blvd on July 8 at 7:00.

Other Circles will not meet in June, July or August.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER PHUMC ASSOCIATE YOUTH MINISTER AND MEMBER KATY DUNN CHAMBERS ON HER ORDINATION IN THE METHODIST CHURCH!

WE ALL KNOW KATY WILL DO GREAT THINGS. THE FUTURE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IS BRIGHT WITH YOU IN IT!

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

In an effort to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to PHUMC, and an attempt to move toward a balanced operating budget for 2019, the Finance Committee has recently voted to eliminate certain expenses from the budget. **First, donuts will no longer be available on Sunday mornings.** The last Sunday for donuts will be June 2. **The trolley service will also be discontinued.** The last Sunday to ride the trolley will be June 9.

In addition to these expenditures, moving the Tower Newsletter to bi-weekly has already reduced our communications line item. These changes could be temporary or possibly have adjustments in the future. The Committee will continue to reduce expenses as necessary in order to bring the budget in line for 2019. The Finance Committee has also engaged Horizons Stewardship Company under a coaching agreement for the next year, to implement an overall generosity growth strategy for PHUMC. The first step was the creation of a Generosity Team, which began their work earlier this month to implement the recommendations from the Horizons Stewardship Discovery report.

A MESSAGE FROM ARKANSAS DESTINATIONS



Dear PHUMC Friends:

It has been a pleasure to be transporting you to church, Sunday School and meetings each Sunday for the last 7 years. Since March, 2012 we have been part of the fabric of the congregation, and we have enjoyed getting to know your members as we travel the roads between PHUMC and War Memorial Stadium each Sunday.

Our drivers have appreciated getting to know you, and will miss being part of the weekly schedule. As it says in Ecclesiastes 3 "To every thing there is a Season". We understand that this season is going to be completed on June 9, but we will forever be grateful for the business you gave our company, the friends that we made and the many weddings we have been part of throughout the years.

We know that you will remember us when booking your transportation for other events in the upcoming years, and that we may meet again on Sundays when you might need our services again one day. Thank you and God Bless!

PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment, the Lou & Cathy Sanders Music Endowment, the Jack Fryer Music Endowment and the glory of God.

Memorials

Nettie Barr by Bev & Buddy Villines
Charles Dalton Cole by Bev & Buddy Villines
Bob Cress by Bev & Buddy Villines
Jack Fryer by Men Alive
Alice Gregory by Tower Class, Bev & Buddy Villines
Jerome Hamner by Bev & Buddy Villines
Willene Jennens by Bev & Buddy Villines
John Lester by Tower Class
Tommy Polk by Bev & Buddy Villines
Bill Rowland by Bev & Buddy Villines
Eleanor Jane Shackelford by Bev & Buddy Villines

Honoraria

Confirmation of Noah Anderson by Billie & Skip Rutherford
Confirmation of Sybil Curran by Billie & Skip Rutherford
Jimmy Faulkner by Sue Gill
Julie Jackson by Bev & Buddy Villines
Confirmation of Patterson Johnson by Billie & Skip Rutherford
Lynn & Wayne Lindsey by Donna Davis

Birthday Club

Mary Gresham Barr, Carol Core, Tish DePriest, Freda Mott, Anna Claire Oliver, Alexander Rugg, Ben Rugg, Lou Sanders, Cate Sink, Jordan Sink

Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for Helping Hands, KIDSPONSOR, Ozark Mission Project and for the glory of God.

Memorials

Bob Cress by Annadell & Fred Fowler
Dovie Davis by Danna Davis
Gary Davis by Rick Fleetwood
Jerry Hamner by Kearney Dietz, Rondo UMC
Ellen Johnson by Journey Class
Margarete Lipton by Bev Villines
Tommy Polk by Julie & Wally Allen, Carolyn & Maddie Polk
Bill Rowland by Freddie & Vic Nixon
David Franklin Warriner by Bev Villines

Honoraria

Jackson Case on his confirmation by Megan Jackson
Rev. Hazel Clark by Barbara & Louis Mulkey
Judi & Ron Davis' anniversary by Danna Davis
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Carolyn Polk
Jim Maase by Carolyn Polk
Rev. Vic Nixon by Carolyn Polk
Mack McLarty by Julie & John Jones
Rev. Belinda Price by Carolyn Polk
Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder by Carolyn Polk

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ST. LUKE NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS. Sat., June 8 from 9-11 am. We will be canvassing neighbors around the St. Luke Campus. We need your help with placing door hangers on doors. No knocking on doors needed. If you cannot canvas, we still need your help with refreshments, logistics and/or driving vans around the neighborhood. Please sign up by June 2nd. If you have questions, please contact Monica at 501-568-2651.

PRIMETIMERS MONTHLY LUNCHEON. Thur., June 27, Great Hall. This month will feature John David Rice, author of Arkansas Backstories. Everything kicks off at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Cost of lunch is \$8 or bring your own sandwich. Please make your reservation by noon Tues., June 25.

GENEALOGY 101. June 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Parlor. Do you want to find out more about your heritage and history? Join Nancy Bartlett, facilitator, for new and interesting class - Genealogy 101. The class will meet monthly on the second Thursday. All are welcome!

SHRED FEST. June 8. War Memorial Stadium Parking Lot. 9:30 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by AARP, senior members can have any personal papers that need shredded for free. If you cannot go, contact Sandy Haden, 501-502-9147 or Bev Villines, 501-664-3600 to pick up your boxes for Shred Fest!

PHUMC BOOK CLUB: HOLY ENVY. PHUMC Book Club will begin discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's latest book, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others on May 31*. The club, which focuses primarily on theological /religious books meets weekly on **Fridays, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in Room C-239 of the Argue Center.** Participants are responsible for acquiring a copy of the book. Discussion usually lasts for several sessions depending upon the length of the book. You are invited and the coffee is always ready! Questions: 664-3600 or vnixon626@gmail.com.

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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.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

to Dallas Miles and family in the death of his cousin, Marty Womble; to Danny Fisher and family in the death of his father, Doug Fisher, Sr; to the family and friends of James Pence, Jr. in his recent death; to Barbara Harper and family in the death of her aunt, Neva Harvey; to Rusty Armstrong and family in the death of his grand nephew, Boston Myers; and to Tracy Windham and family in the death of his father, Lamar Windham.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson in their recent marriage.

NEW MEMBERS



Dallas Miles Jr.



Matthew Anderson



Mallory and Brad Sanders

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM



Michael Franklin Young, child of Olivia and Chase Young (New Members too!)



Townsend Shawn Greening, child of Nicki and Shawn Greening



Frederick Joseph McCrady, child of Katherine and Joe McCrady