

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 165, NUMBER 17 LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD MAY 3, 2019

Singing the Lord's Song

By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion. How can we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? Psalm 137:1, 4

Hands down, it's my favorite psalm. Psalm 137 also happens to be the only song in the entire Psalter that can be directly linked to a historical event, the Babylonian exile. It's a song of lament for the good old days in Jerusalem. I can identify with the pain of the captives and so can you.

This year marks two significant anniversaries for me. In June 1989, I was ordained an elder in the Little Rock Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Bishop Richard Wilke who ordained me also appointed me at the same time as the Associate Pastor of Outreach at Pulaski Heights UMC.

Oh to relive those halcyon days! I was an up-and-coming young pastor who wanted to change the world for Jesus Christ. Thirty years later, I still want to change it though I now have more to "look back on" than to "look ahead to" in ministry. The world has changed, the church has changed, and I have changed.

Today our beloved denomination is divided and a new way of "doing" and "being" the church is most certainly on the horizon. Honestly, I'm eager to see what lies ahead because I'm convinced it will lead PHUMC to become an even more open, loving and serving church than ever before. As your senior pastor I seek your help to make this a reality. Of the five vows of membership you took when you joined this body, two are especially important at this time—the vow to pray and the vow to give. As we continue to grow younger week by week—as we seek to live into a new future—your love and support will make all the difference!

Join with me as together we continue to sing the Lord's song in a new world!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

TOWER NEWSLETTER MOVING TO EVERY OTHER WEEK
Starting with this issue, the Tower Newsletter will be printed every other week. The next issue will be sent to you on May 17!

WORSHIP WITH US YOUTH SENIOR SUNDAY

May 3 & 5
Who We Are: Loving
Romans 12:9-21



Worship Services

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Andreá Cummings
Sunday, May 5, 9 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda
Sunday, May 5, 9 & 11 a.m. - New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Andreá Cummings

MAY SERMON SERIES "WHO WE ARE"

Each member feels a connection to PHUMC. So do others in the community. How can we share our Church identity in Christ with guests and neighbors? Join us throughout May as we begin a new sermon series about **Who We Are**.

ST. LUKE CAMPUS SERVICE MOVING TO 9AM BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY!

The change from 9:30 to 9:00 a.m. will line up the service times of both campuses. We hope to see you there!

Class of
2019
PHYOUTH SENIORS

You did it
CLASS OF 2019
congratulations

Class of
2019
PHYOUTH SENIORS



Annie Amison



Cy Bond



Sophie Bravo



Paden Chrisman



Blakeslee Deuschle



Hollis Dueschle



Maggie Emerson



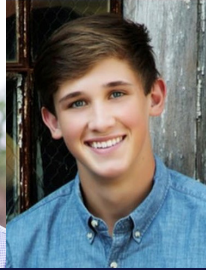
Natalie Fiskin



Kyle Fogleman



Davis Foltz



Jack Foster



Julia Greenfield



Gabrielle Harville



Meredith Hatfield



Carly Hugg



Tucker Humphries



Julia Jansen



Sydney Kellam



Celia Kreth



Mary Chandler Lindsey



Margeaux McCastlain



Henry Nolan



Greer Norris



James Owens



Emma Patton



Charlotte Powers



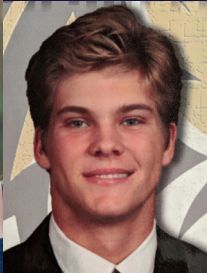
Gabi Rancifer



Grant Rosenthal



Devin Sugg



Jeb Sullivan



Lawson Tiffie



Walt Trulock



Eliza Walt



Maddie Walters



Hayden Wickliffe

Not pictured: Avery Agar, Weston Anglin, Ben Delacerda, Nick Delacerda, Clay Farrar, Ann Rayburn, Rivers Runion-Driskel, and Ben Whitfield

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED THIS SUNDAY

The Stanley and Arminta Berry Music and Arts scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year will be announced Sunday. Their generosity has provided financial support for fourteen students associated with PHUMC and Adventures in the Arts. These scholarships are subject to renewal for the full, four-year undergraduate programs. Many thanks go to Ms. Berry and her family for making these scholarships possible through the establishment of the Music and Arts Scholarship Endowment in 2006. **The winner will be recognized during the worship services on May 5 and will be honored along with past recipients at a reception with Ms. Berry following the 9:00 services in the Reception Area**

The **Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment** was established in 2017 to honor Jimmy for forty years of coaching and active leadership in the Church League Basketball Program. Jimmy has been a beacon of Christian faith to hundreds of young people as well as to all within this church and the community at-large. Earnings from the Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment fund one scholarship per year to a graduating senior who has played for PHUMC in the church league program. **The winner will be announced during the Senior Day services and honored along with Jim Faulkner and friends.**



UMW GROUP MEETINGS

Women of Faith will be hosting the May 5 Senior Luncheon in lieu of their Circle meeting in May.

Young Women's Circle meets Tues., May 7 at 6:30 in the home of Jen Bienvenue, 1507 Cumberland St. Co-hostess is Stacey Hightower and Program Leader is Sarah Argue.

Circle of Hope will host their annual Mother's Day Tea at 1:30 for the women at Shepherd's Cove, 2701 Aldersgate Road. This is held on our regular meeting day, May 13, 2019. We invite all Circle of Hope members and visitors to join us for this special time. The group will provide sweets, savories, and tea sandwiches for the ladies at the Cove. Call Mary Lou Billingsley (539-2552) or Gayle Gardner (350-3222) for more information.

Ernestine McKinney Circle meets Mon., May 13 at 7:00 in Wesley Hall for a program on the PHUMC Labyrinth hosted by Rev. Belinda Price.

Magdalene Circle meets Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 in the home of Martha Sharp, 34505 Highway 300.

Mary and Martha Circle meets Monday, May 20 at 1:00 in Room C135 at PHUMC. Hostess is Karen Barnwell and the program, coordinated by Lea Paige, will be on Our House.



SENIORS BINGO NIGHT WITH PHYOUTH

Sun., May 5, 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall

The event is always special and a whole lot of fun with good food and great Bingo prizes! Call the church office at 664-3600 for reservations by Friday, May 3 so we can plan for supper.

PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the glory of God.

Memorials

Jack Sanders by Jan & Jeff Swindler

Honoraria

Boys' 7th/8th grade champion basketball team (led by Zach Steadman and Drew Aston) by Angie, Steve, Sam & Addie Spencer

Birthday Club

Matt Barnett, Alec Bean, Andrew Bean, Anthony Bean, Brian Bean, Tami Bean, Patricia Blick, Anna Kate Bradley, Brandon Bradley, Bill Cobb, Mac Core, Drew Gwinn, Janet Jones, Larry Lawson, Joseph Harris Mott, Sr., Gina Pharis, Charlotte Powers, Gus Powers, Mary Powers, Benjamin Faulk Rugg, Lucy Stevens, Nora Stevens, Rachel Stevens

Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for UMCOR, St. Luke UMC, Guatemala, the library, the food pantry and the glory of God.

Memorials

Betty Atkinson by Bible Study Class, Linda Derden, Margaret & Randall Gammill, Marion Hartz, Fred Hunt, Beckie & Jack Jones, Mary & Martha Circle

Todd Billingsley by Bobbye Dennis

Bright Davis by Shirley Reid

Wil Foltz by April & Tom Owen

Felipe Luna by Betty Gene & Richard Mann, Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore

Vernell McDonald by Pat Mitchell

Michael Hubert Oakley by Carol Gaddis Jenkins

Bill Rowland by Donna & Mack McLarty

Ann Trickey by Mildred Sawyer, Freddie Waddington

Honoraria

Grace Ivy Bridges by Nancy Ivy

Ruth Davis by Shirley Reid

Sandy Davis by Sandra Tindall

Dr. John Jones by Laura & Mark Doramus

Nancy Milbourn by Louise & Joe Fox

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
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.)**



@pulaskiheightsunitedmethodistchurch



youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc



Twitter: @pulaskiheights



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus



@stlukecampus

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
4823 Woodlawn
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #738
LITTLE ROCK, AR

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

BOARD OF STEWARDS. Monday, May 20, 5:45 p.m. – Dinner; 6:00 p.m. - Meeting, Wesley Hall.

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.

"MISSION U" REGISTRATION OPEN. 2019 Arkansas Conference Mission U will be held July 17 - July 20, 2019 on the campus of University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. This is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. Mission u is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. For any questions, please contact LaDonna Busby, lbusby@arumc.org or 870-793-5247 or register online at armissionu.weebly.com. Registration ends July 1. Scholarships are available.

NEW BOOK STUDY. Sundays starting May 19 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Parlor. Come join us for a new study!! Flash, the Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me About Life, Faith and Second Chances, led by Annie Lankford. Books available soon at Welcome Center.

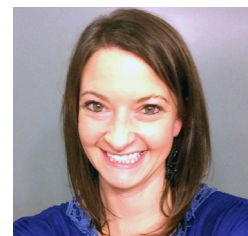
WE NEED YOUR HELP! Help support the needs of our St. Luke food pantry by grabbing a brown bag and filling it with the items listed below. You can drop off filled bags at the church office. Items: Canned Meat, Cereal, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Dried Beans, Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta, Canned Vegetables and Fruit.

Joys and Concerns

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

to to Martha Dalton and family in the death of her son, Charles "Dalton" Cole; to Jennie Clark Stewart and family in the death of her grandfather, Walter Clark; to Rev. Jay Clark and family in the death of his uncle, Milton Hatcher; to Rev. Buddy Hamner and family in the death of his father, Jerome Hamner; to Cheryl Ahart and family in the death of her father, Shelby Franklin Ahart, Jr.; and to Dale Garland and family in the death of his aunt, Sue Spradlin.

NEW MEMBER



Tammy Rambo
St. Luke Campus