



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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THE SAUNA CHRONICLES

If popular author and pastor Robert Fulghum learned everything he needed to know in kindergarten*, then I am presently learning everything I need to know by sitting in the sauna at Jim Dailey Fitness Center on weekday mornings. Some of my most meaningful conversations over the past several years have taken place in this intensely hot, but ever so enlightening environment.

This past week I was sitting in the sauna alone reading an article on "Fake Christianity" in preparation for our current sermon series at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church when suddenly five young men from "The School of Men," the fastest growing leadership organization for men in the world, entered the sauna and sat down. They began making small talk until one of them announced that his pastor had invited him to preach at his church on Sunday evening. He expressed his excitement at the opportunity to share his testimony of faith, but he admitted that he had made several bloopers in his past speaking engagements. For example, he was once chastised for using the phrase "that sucks" while addressing a church youth group. He also shared a couple of other personal examples which led to a discussion about the importance of being authentic and not fake.

This is where I announced to this group of men that I am a pastor myself and I am in the process of studying up on fake Christianity. I admitted that I have been guilty of uttering a few bloopers myself. We ended our group therapy session with laughter and fist bumps and high fives.

Being fake is the worst witness we can possibly offer for Jesus Christ, the One who took on flesh and became real. By being real, we glorify the One who has created us and saves us and gives us new life!

Be real!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

* All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, 1986, Robert Fulghum

WORSHIP WITH US September 6 & 8

THIS WEEK'S SERMON
Making God a Monster
Sermon Text: Psalm 103:2-5

Worship Services

Friday, September 6, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Andreá Cummings

Sunday, September 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Andreá Cummings



"FAKE CHRISTIANITY" SERMON SERIES SCHEDULE

Sept. 6/8	Making God a Monster
Sept. 13/15	Cutting Up the Bible
Sept. 20/22	Doubting the Deity of Jesus Christ
Sept. 27/29	Living without Grace



**Primetimers and Friends
Monthly Luncheon
Thursday, September 26**
featuring
Charles Cole, Saxophonist
Accompanied by James Maase

11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

Cost of lunch is \$8 or bring your own sandwich
For reservations, call 664-3600, sign up on the Connect Card
or in the Reception Areas by noon Tuesday, September 24

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



**WE ARE HONORED TO BE NOMINATED FOR
Arkansas Democrat Gazette's Best of the Best Top 5**

**Best Worship Center - Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Best Childcare - Pulaski Heights CLC**

Here is how you vote:

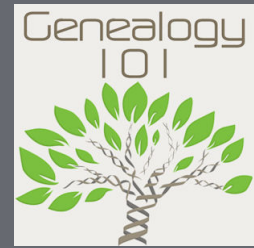
Go to this link
<https://www.arkansasonline.com/bestof2019>

Find our categories
**PHUMC is under Places > Best Worship Center
CLC is under Kids and Family > Best Childcare**

**Please share with your friends and family and help get the word out.
THANK YOU!**

VOTING LASTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8th!!!

COMING UP @ PHUMC



GENEALOGY 101

**September 19 from 10:30 a.m. to
noon in Parlor.**

Do you want to find out more about
your heritage and history? Come
see us September 19!



CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

October 6, 2019

We need lots of children (k-5th
grade) to help lead worship. Please
email Jill Penick at jjpenick@yahoo.com
and let her know if your
child(ren) would like to read or be
an usher in any of the four Sunday
worship services.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

**October 25-27 (RSVP ASAP)
Subiaco Abbey**

Join us for the 2019 Women's
Retreat, "Finding Your Inner Path
to God" at Subiaco Abbey from
Oct. 25-27. Our retreat leader
is Martha Sharp. The cost of the
retreat, two nights and 5 meals,
is \$200 per person, double
occupancy (two to a room). Call
church to RSVP.



UMW MEETINGS

Circle of Hope – September 9 – 11:45 a.m.
Rebecca Zimmermann from Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families will be the guest speaker for the September 9, 2019, Circle of Hope meeting.

Ernestine McKinney – September 9 – 7:00 p.m. in the home of Elaine McNiece, 14 Cove Creek Point with Martha Landes as co-hostess and program leader. Pam Hunter will give the devotional.

Karon Mann Circle – September 10 – 6:30 in the home of Emily Stotts, 6301 Ridgecrest Dr with Megan Rugg as program leader.

Mary and Martha Circle – September 16 – PHUMC Room C135 with Ann Butler and Lea Paige as co-hostesses and Jennifer Shannon, PHUMC Foundation and Columbarium as speaker.



NEW LABYRINTH HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting September 4th

For those who walk the Labyrinth in Wesley Hall on Wednesdays as a time for prayer, reflection and meditation, there are new hours for the school year. We will be closing the Labyrinth two hours earlier now on Wednesdays at 6pm.

There will be one Wednesday a month where the Labyrinth will be open for extended hours 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first extended Labyrinth day will be **September 25th.**

Volunteers are also needed for Labyrinth set up each week. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church.

PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the Hicks Peace Endowment, the Martin Youth Endowment, the John & Kathy Roberts Endowment and the glory of God.

Memorials

Janet Clark by Jan & Charles Sullivan;
Greg Farrell by Dickie Lunsford, Joann & Garth Martin
Elaine & Bishop Kenneth Hicks by Sarah Jane Polk, Susie & Brian Rosenthal, Susie & Mark Samich, Caroline Stevenson, Jeanette & Richard Turner;
John Laker by Judy & Jim Irwin, Peggy & David Mitchell;
Frances & John Pelton, Jr. by Joann & Garth Martin, Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore, Jan & Charles Sullivan;
John Roberts by Julie & Wally Allen, Linda & Phil Deloney, Eclectic Interiors, Becky & Robert Fain, Theresa & David Fender, Robin & Gary George, Misty & Drake Hawkins, Barbara & Nicholas Hobbs, Judy & Jim Irwin, Marcia Kelly, Betty Gene & Richard Mann, Joann & Garth Martin, Donna & Mack McLarty, Susan & John Meador, Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore, Linda & Gene Pfeifer, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Andi & Carey Smith, Bev & Buddy Villines, Cappy & Charlie Whiteside, Melissa & Scott Whitfield, Dorothy & Paul Young

Honoraria

Jimmy Faulkner by Gene Altenburger, Sue Gill;
Music Ministry by Kathy Roberts;
Baptism of Faye McCollum Parker by Susan & Robert Dunn;
Bev Villines by Kathy Roberts

Birthday Club

Marsha Allbritton, Brooklyn Courtney-Moore, Bailey Guthrie, David Knight
In memory of Jim Argue by Dickie Lunsford,
Bill Mann by Dickie Lunsford
Jon Williams by Dickie Lunsford

Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the TV ministry and the glory of God.

Memorials

Jerald Barnett by Julie & Wally Allen, Barbara Hoover, Tower Class
Doris Buchanan by Beverly Sullenger
Gary Davis by Rick Fleetwood
Greg Farrell by Anne Bell, Danna Davis
Elizabeth Laing by Mary Lou Billingsley
John Laker by L.B. Davis, Barbara Hoover
James McCleary by Kay Monk Goodwin
Mary Rose Simmons by Mary Lou Billingsley, George Campbell, Kearney Dietz, Susan Eschenbrenner, Joann & Garth Martin, Cris & Bill Slikker, Roselyn & Jack Stanley
Doll Wilkins by Laura & Jim Engstrom

Honoraria

Stella Hicks by Donna & Mack McLarty
Baptism of Faye McCollum Parker by Alisa & Gerald Parker
PHUMC Staff by Rick Fleetwood

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+)
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)

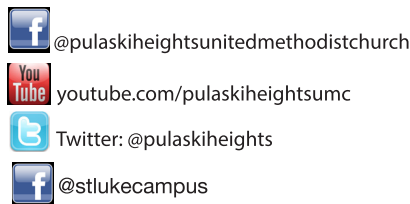
Early Christian Awareness (ECA) Infants/
Toddlers, Norma Story Children's Building
Preschool Lions (ages 2-3), **Tigers** (ages 3-4),
Bears (ages 4-5)

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.)

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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

NEW MEMBERS



Linda Powell



Melissa Bourgeois

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Beth Greene and Lucile Sausen and their families in the death of their mother; Janet Clark; to Rev. Belinda Price and family in the death of her mother, Frances Pelton; to family and friends of Doris Buchanan in her recent death; to Kathy Roberts and family in the death of her husband, John Roberts; And to Shari Sanders and family in the death of her father, Dr. Lou Sanders.

INURNED IN THE PHUMC COLUMBARIUM GARDEN

John N. Roberts, Jr.
DOI: August 27, 2019

Gregory Phillip Farrell
DOI: August 29, 2019