



# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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## 'Taking the Next Step' at Pulaski Heights UMC

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Taking the Next Step* will be a biblical, spiritual, inspirational campaign designed to enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship. The focus of this approach is not built on the need of the church to fund a budget, but for us to see that stewardship is God's way of raising disciples. Why *Take the Next Step*? It is God's intention that we grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us in Christ.

### PREPARING TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP

- Between now and November 24 – Examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to Christ.
- Reflect on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.
- Read the daily devotional in *Practicing Extravagant Generosity* and pray for God's guidance in your personal finances. (Copies available at Welcome Center. Please take one per household).
- Decide what percentage of your income to give consistently
- Join us for **Extravagant Love** – a four-part sermon series in November as we explore God's extravagant love and our call to respond to God and neighbor in like manner.

November 3	"Planting Seeds"	Luke 8: 4-8
November 10	"Paddling Downstream"	Hebrews 12: 1-3
November 17	"According to Our Means"	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15
November 24	"Through a Mirror Brightly"	Romans 12: 1-8

Discover the joy of growing in your relationship to God as you begin *Taking the Next Step* in your faith journey and living generously. Please pray each day during the *Taking the Next Step* season. Please pray for Pulaski Heights UMC and the role you play in the ministry of our church.

### JOIN US FOR TAKING THE NEXT STEP WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, November 22  
6 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, November 24  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary and New Heights

**TAKING the next STEP**

### What Gifts Can I Give?

- Extravagant Giver**  
Give beyond a tithe.
- Tither**  
Begin to give a tithe (10%).
- Growing Giver**  
Increase the percentage of income toward a tithe.
- Intentional Giver**  
Plan what percentage of your income to give for a year.
- First Time Giver**  
Begin to give.

*When we take a step along the Giving Path, we are moving forward in our spiritual journeys to be more like Christ. Jesus said that, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

## WORSHIP WITH US November 1 & 3

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**  
*Don't forget Daylight Savings!*

"Planting Seeds"  
Luke: 8: 4-8

### Worship Services

Friday, November 1, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, November 3, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Andrea Cummings



## ***THErapy DOGS HONORED; PET MINISTRY EXPANSION BEGINS!***

This past Sunday we honored our recent graduates from Therapy Dog training along with the announcement of the expansion of our pet ministry. Pets are part of God's creation and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church recognizes that our pets are also family.

The new and improved Pet Ministry will offer a variety of opportunities to participate in activities with and for our pets as well as support when our pets are ill or pass away. Caring ministers are available to pray with you as you make the difficult decision to say goodbye to your pet. Family counseling, grief support and home services of remembrance are also available to those who have experienced the loss of a pet. We will also continue our Therapy Dog training and on site campus visits as well as adding service projects in the community and educational sessions about pets. For more information about the Pet Ministry, contact Gayle Fiser at 501-766-3810.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS**

### **ST. LUKE UMC CHILD LEARNING CENTER BOARD MEMBER TO SPEAK AT NOV. 11 CIRCLE OF HOPE MEETING**

**Brenda Mize** will be the guest speaker for the November 11 Circle of Hope meeting. Her topic will be: "St. Luke Child Learning Center--Making a Difference." Brenda will share about the progress and the challenges of the Center. She'll also provide information about the children served and their families and how we can make a difference in their lives. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostesses and you may bring a sandwich or salad for lunch.

Anyone interested in learning more about this important ministry is invited to come. The meeting begins at 11:45 A.M. Please call 664-3600 to register your attendance or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

#### **Other Meetings**

**Ernestine McKinney Circle** meets Monday, November 11 at 7:00 in the home of Karen Skarda, 6 Wingate Dr. with Judy Sims and Nancy Martinsen, co-hostesses, Kathy Roberts, devotional and Pat Crane as program leader. The speaker will be Rebecca Zimmermann, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families Outreach Director.

**Karon Mann Circle** meets Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 in the home of Jen Bienvenu, 1507 Cumberland St, 72202 with Kayce Green as the program leader.

**Magdalene Circle** meets Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 in the home of Lisa King, 11 Wingate Dr. Little Rock. 72205.

**Mary and Martha Circle** meets Monday, November 18 at 1:00 in Room C135 with Betty Pinckney as hostess. The program will be on Methodist Family Health and the annual Thank Offering will be taken.

**Annual United Methodist Women's Bake Sale. Sunday, November 24.** Please support our Methodist Women and enjoy some delicious treats. There will be locations in the Gathering Hall and Wesley Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.



PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC  
MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS

# VEENA AKAMA-MAKIA

*Mezzo-soprano*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
4 PM  
PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC  
SANCTUARY

EVAN RITTER, PIANO

FEATURING MUSIC FROM COMPOSERS  
FLORENCE PRICE, HUGO WOLF, JOSEPH MARX,  
LOUIS AUBERT, XAVIER MONTSALVATGE, AND  
MARIA THOMPSON CORLEY.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN GATHERING HALL

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON



**"Ring the Bell" for Salvation Army**

Join the 2019 Red Kettle Campaign and volunteer to help The Salvation Army "Ring the Bell," on **Saturday, December 7**. The locations and times vary. You can sign up anytime on Sunday outside the worship services during November or anytime during the week at the Welcome Center. Ringers will work in groups of two or as a family. All email correspondence for this local mission project will be sent through [phumcringsthebell@gmail.com](mailto:phumcringsthebell@gmail.com).



**Wakefield Christmas Sponsor**

Each year, PHUMC members sponsor over 230 children from Wakefield Elementary for Christmas that otherwise would not receive any gifts. You will receive your child's wish list on Sunday, November 24th and gifts are due back to the church on Sunday, December 15th. The suggested amount to spend is \$100 per child. You may sign up by calling the church or filling out the connect card. Questions? Contact Nancy Delacerda at 501-517-4609.

## COMING UP @ PHUMC



### VETERANS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

**Sunday, November 10  
Noon, Great Hall**

Join us in the Great Hall following worship services to honor our Veterans. All veterans and family members are invited. RSVP on the Connect Card or by calling the church at 664-3600.



### DEMENTIA FAMILY CAREGIVER WORKSHOP LUNCH AND LEARN

**Tuesday, November 12  
11 am to 2 pm - Room C236**

The workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and provide caregiving tips for the person living with dementia. Hosted by UAMS and PHUMC Helping Hands. FREE event with lunch provided. Contact Bev Villines to register at 664-3600.



### INGATHERING

**Saturday, November 23  
9 am to noon, Arkansas Foodbank**

Fun, family-friendly service project. There are lists of food items and kits (cleaning, hygiene, school supplies) ARUMC is asking you to bring. You can find that info and register at [arumc.org/ingathering](http://arumc.org/ingathering). More info? Rev. Betsy at [bsnyder@phumc.com](mailto:bsnyder@phumc.com).

## 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

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED** to Marjorie Show and family in the death of her mother, Ruth Henderson; to Emily Heard and family in the death of her grandmother, Polly Riley Carpenter; to Jane Newman and family in the death of her husband, Ron Newman; and to Karen Clark and family in the death of her father, Jerry Qualheim.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Abigail Sandra Elaine Brown, child of Lisa and Nicholas Brown; of Conerly Parks Ballard, child of Sommer and Luke Ballard; and of Carter Aaron Smith Day, child of Lauren and Aaron Day.

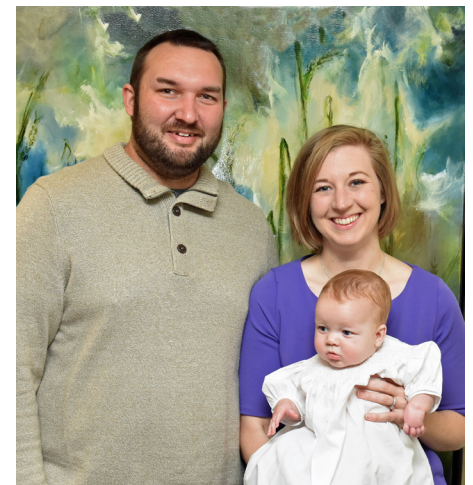
**INURNED IN THE PHUMC COLUMBARIUM GARDEN**  
Doris Edwards Buchanan  
DOI: October 26, 2019

### NEW MEMBER

Deena Marie Hamilton



### WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF



**Henry Ruffin Oakley**,  
child of Jennifer and Stephen  
Oakley. Brother of Cate and Arya  
Oakley.