



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

OCTOBER 4, 2019

Rev. Skarda Announces Retirement

Dear Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Family,

"To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."



So go the words of the wisdom writer in the book of Ecclesiastes. **It is with a grateful heart and thanksgiving to God that I share with you my plans to retire at the end of this Conference year on June 30, 2020.** I will reach full retirement age at this time and as I told many of you upon my arrival at PHUMC in 2010, I planned to serve as your senior pastor for ten years. Karen and I are eagerly anticipating the next chapter in our life together and I am beyond excited about a bright future for Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church as you continue to excel in every way!

My history with this great church dates back thirty years, first as an associate pastor and more recently as senior pastor. My oldest daughter was confirmed here, my youngest daughter was married here and two of my grandchildren have been baptized here. Thank you for the incredible memories and the love.

Over the next nine months I look forward to working with you as we continue to "Love God, Love Neighbor and Change the World" through the sharing of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for the glory of God.

In faith and love,

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

CHARGE CONFERENCE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

5:45 p.m. – Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Meeting - Wesley Hall

As voting members, your attendance is requested for approval of 2019 Charge Conference reports and for 2020 nominations and officers. RSVP deadline for meals/childcare has passed but seating is still available. Call church at 664-3600 for questions.

WORSHIP WITH US

October 4 & 6

CHILDREN'S SABBATH/ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

Participants from Children's Ministry will help lead worship services this weekend!

Worship Services

Friday, October 4, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, October 6, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Andrea Cummings



"ART OF APPRECIATION SERMON SERIES SCHEDULE

Oct. 4/6	Big Dippers, Little Leaks
Oct. 11/13	Bucket Fillers
Oct. 25/27	A Life Overflowing

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday's special offering will help empower future United Methodist Church leaders to transform our world and spread the love of Christ. More than \$3 million has been awarded in World Communion Scholarships in the last 6 years!



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES: THE ART OF APPRECIATION

We live in a world that struggles to encourage people's positive feelings and actions. Most of us are steeped in critiques, criticism, and a barrage of negativity in today's modern world.

What spiritual resources help us learn better to appreciate and thus love one another? How do we build each other up? How do we prevent the negative cycles of criticism and mean-spiritedness of self and others? What can we do to create homes, work places and a church of appreciation and care?

Join us as we draw on scripture and the principles of bucket-filling that lead to supporting one another, building community, and overflowing grace.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL CAKE WALK TREATS NEEDED

Goodies are needed for the Cake Walk for the Halloween Carnival on Sunday October 27th!

Please help make the Halloween Carnival here at church a BLAST for all of our precious children by bringing baked goods for the cake walk on Sunday morning, October 27th, to the kitchen!!! Small baggies with cookies and/or candy work great and go far!!! Anything you do will be wonderful!!! THANK YOU!!!

Questions-Contact Cathy Englade at cenglade@phumc.com

PLACE AN ORDER FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available for Sanctuary Flowers in Honor or in Memory of:

- Oct. 6, 20, 27
- Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29



Contact the church office at 664-3600 to place an order.



NEW DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

A great introduction to the scriptures.



**12 WEEKS BEGINNING OCTOBER 6
3:00 TO 4:30 P.M. ON SUNDAYS**

Led by longtime Biblical Student, Lesa Booker!
Please sign up in the Welcome Center or call
Rev. Belinda Price at 501-978-0531

MISSION BOARD ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MINI-GRANTS AND 2020 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The PHUMC Mission Board is accepting applications for small grants and recipients of the church's 2018 Special Offerings. Each month, PHUMC highlights a special mission. If you are involved in a service or outreach organization that you would like to nominate, you may get an application on our website at phumc.com/missiongrantsapp. The applications for these requests will be due November 1, 2019. Make sure that you specify whether you are seeking a special offering or micro-grant. **For more information, contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at bssnyder@phumc.com.**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS

CHURCH RELATIONS COORDINATOR FOR METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH TO SPEAK AT OCTOBER UMW CIRCLE OF HOPE MEETING

Denise Luft will be the guest speaker for the October 14, 2019, Circle of Hope meeting. Her topic will be "Methodist Family Health: The Methodist Children's Home of Today." All UMW members and other interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting which begins at 11:45 a.m. in the church parlor. Ms. Luft will provide an update on the current services of Methodist Family Health, which has a long history of serving children in Arkansas.

Drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostesses and you may bring a sandwich or salad for lunch. Please call 664-3600 to register your attendance or stop by the reception desk and sign up.

Other Meetings

Ernestine McKinney Circle meets at 7:00pm Monday, October 14 in the home of Beth Bandy, 822 Cartier Lane with Elaine McNiece as co-hostess. The devotional will be led by Laura Spradley and Louise Fox is the program leader.

Magdalene Circle meets at 6:30pm Wednesday, October 16 in the home of Gail Earleywine, 103 Farnham Court.

Mary and Martha Circle meets Monday, October 21 for a trip to the Heifer Village. Leave together from the church at 10:15am.

PHUMC IN NEED OF STORAGE SPACE

Thanks to a donation from Christ the King, we have graciously been able to acquire lots of surgical supplies at no cost for future medical missions to Guatemala. Unfortunately, we have no available space to store those supplies. The items we are storing will be used in the coming years and are of great value to the surgical team. Our hope is that we have a church member who has a warehouse or storage facility that they are willing to let us use at no cost. We need something 20x20 or less or even just a corner of a warehouse space. The sterile surgical packs for storage stack easily and are boxed up. If you can help, please contact Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder at the church office, 664-3600.

FOOD OF THE MONTH

Please bring selected donated items to the food pantry drop-off box



Canned Soup

COMING UP @ PHUMC



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6
3 p.m. - PHUMC Peace Garden

Join us in the Pulaski Heights UMC Bishop Kenneth Hicks Peace Garden off Woodlawn. All pets and photos of pets are welcome to be blessed and celebrate the lives of the animals who share our lives.



DEMENTIA FAMILY CAREGIVER WORKSHOP LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursday, October 17
11 am to 2 pm - Room C236

The workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and provide caregiving tips that maintain respect, dignity and quality of life for the person living with dementia. Hosted by UAMS and AARP Arkansas. FREE event. Contact Bev Villines to register at 664-3600.



AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Monday October 21
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room C236

You will learn driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road and safety strategies. Upon completion you could get a multi-year discount on your car insurance. Course is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers. RSVP to (501) 978-0510 or bvillines@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

NEW MEMBERS



Lindsey Wilbanks-Woodruff and Brian Woodruff

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to
Jamie Bandy and Ben France in their
recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of
Baylor Alexander Moore, child of
Madeline and Matt Moore and
grandchild of Cyndi and Steve
Moore; and of Bridget May Wilson,
child of Karson and Philip Wilson.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS
EXTENDED** to family and friends of
Norman Stacks in his recent death;
to Ted Rice and family in the death
of his niece, Erin Mayer; to Cliff Lee
and family in the death of his niece,
Breanna Elizabeth Lee; to Diann
Patton and family in the death of
her mother, Gradaline Byrd; And
to Susan Chafin and family in the
death of her father, Charles Kenneth
White.