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'Taking the Next Step' Weekend November 22-24

Next weekend, **Friday, November 22** and **Sunday, November 24**, marks the culmination of our *Taking the Next Step* annual generosity campaign. We hope everyone will make it a priority to be in church for this important service. During worship there will be the opportunity for every household to offer their Estimate of Giving Card as we each respond to what God is calling us to do. A sample of that card will be mailed to you next week.

The primary focus of this campaign is to invite each household to grow in its own journey of generosity as we take the next step towards the goal of tithing or beyond. For some this may mean deciding to give for the first time, while for others it will be increasing their giving by 1% or more as they grow towards the biblical principle of a tithe (10%).

I look forward to worshipping with you as together we respond to what God is calling us to do with our financial giving to the work of the Kingdom.

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

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

All this month you have heard from members in worship service on what stewardship and generosity means to them at PHUMC. Here is some of what they had to say:

Emily Erkel

"In stewardship, sometimes we are caring for others and other times, people are caring for us." as she spoke about her role as an usher on Sunday and helping those on a medical mission in Guatemala. She said PHUMC ministered to her through a workshop this past year on Dementia Caregiving. "I choose to support our church both as a person and with my financial resources so that I get to be again a small part of caring for others...I hope that others get to feel the unconditional Love of God, just as I do again and again as being a part of this church family."

Megan & Ben Rugg, Generosity Campaign Co-Chairs

"We are watching our 3 boys grow up here under the loving care of the countless children ministry volunteers. We consider the members of our Sunday school class some of our closest friends...every good thing we have in our lives comes from God and is further enriched by our connection to this church. We don't give because we have to or because it's required or convenient. We give because we've been blessed and we feel called to share those blessings with others so they may experience the same love and joy that we do every time we come to church."

Marc Haynes & James McCormack, Generosity Campaign Co-Chairs

"Whenever I see my 11 year old daughter give and see her with this church family..I think wow, everything that I have given has come back a hundred fold to me through her. I look at all the missions this church does, and the places we go and the people we touch and the lives we impact...The social issues we try to influence and all the great things that we do...just the little bit that I give helps take that and turns it into something bigger."

WORSHIP WITH US November 15 & 17

"According to Our Means"
2 Corinthians 8: 1-15

Friday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, Nov. 17, 9 & 11 a.m. Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda | New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke · Rev. Michelle Morris

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m., **Breakfast in Bethlehem**, Great Hall-for infants – 5th graders and families!

December 8, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary **“Ceremony of Carols”** Benjamin Britten Chancel Choir and Harp

4 p.m., Sanctuary, **Blue Christmas**

Dec. 15, 9 & 11 a.m. services, Sanctuary, **Festival Service of “Lessons and Carols”**

6 p.m., **Winter Peace**, Wesley Hall. Phyoouth-led Christmas worship service

Dec. 23, 6 p.m., **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**, Wesley Hall

Dec. 24, 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.*, 6 p.m., 8 p.m., & 11 p.m., **Candlelight Communion Services**,

Sanctuary: 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.,

Sanctuary, **Organ and brass recitals**

*4 p.m., **Family Christmas Eve Service**, Great Hall (gym)
Informal & interactive service w/ petting zoo.

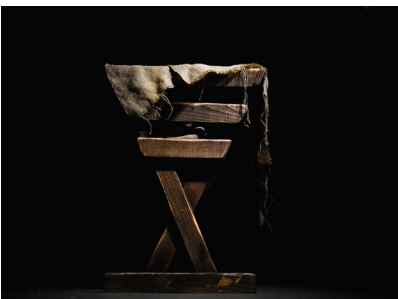
Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary, **“The Gift of the Magi”** performance by Opera in the Rock and PHUMC Music Ministry. *Family-friendly reception at 6:30 p.m. with the Three Kings in the Gathering Hall

November 29 – No Friday 6 p.m. worship.

Dec. 26-27 – Church Offices closed. No Friday 6 p.m. worship.

December 29 – Worshipservices in Sanctuary only

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: CHRISTMAS IN LOW PLACES



When God Meets Us On Earth.

Through the weeks leading up to Christmas, we'll explore the gritty, messy reality of the Advent story. We'll be reminded that God is with us, and that God meets us in the low places of our lives. It is in the low places where we find humility, forgiveness, grief, suffering, giving and awe. Come and see the Messiah at ground level.

POINSETTIAS. Purchase a poinsettia for worship services in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$12.50 each. Names will be printed in December Tower Newsletter. Make checks payable to PHUMC and mark “Poinsettias” on the memo line. **Deadline: December 9**

COMING UP @ PHUMC



PHUMC MUSIC MINISTRIES PRESENTS VEENA AKAMA-MAKIA

November 24 at 4 p.m. Sanctuary

Join us for this beautiful recital featuring Mezzo-soprano, Veena Akama-Makia and Evan Ritter on piano. Program includes music from composers Florence Price, Hugo Wolf, Joseph Marx and much more! A reception will follow in the Gathering Hall. All are welcome to attend.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 24

Please support the United Methodist Women's missions 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.



DECEMBER PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**Thursday, December 12
11:30 a.m. in Great Hall**

Central High School Madrigals will provide the program. There's no cost but reservations are needed by noon, Tues., Dec. 10.

PHUMC HONORS VETERANS AT LUNCHEON



It was our honor to host PHUMC members that served in the military and their families this past Sunday after worship services. We thank them for their service and we hope all present had a blessed Veteran's Day. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who volunteered their time to help with the meal and presentation of the flags.



FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

November 24 - December 1
PHUMC Campus

Volunteers are needed for:

Overnight hosts
7 pm - 7 am

Meals
5:45 -7pm · Sun- Sat
1pm on Sunday 11/24

Set up people
11am on Sunday Nov. 24

Take down people
7am on Sunday, Dec.1

Saturday hosts
morning, afternoon

If you are willing to help or have questions, please contact Pat Dillahunty at 664-3600.



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.



PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the **Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment**, the **John & Kathy Roberts Endowment**, the **John & Marjorie Dunn Gilleland Endowment**, the **Sanders Music Endowment** and the **glory of God**.

Memorials

Ron Newman by Argue Class, S.K. Barger, Daryl Coker, Patti & Jim Dailey, Dickie Lunsford, Katherine McClerkin, Lillian McClerkin, Betty Gene & Richard Mann, Michelle & Mark Mann, Kathy Roberts, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Bev & Buddy Villines, Gwyn & James Wood,

John Roberts by Pam Hunter, Jane Ellen & Todd Wood

Lou Sanders by Florence & Phillip Deer, Britton Devillier, Pam Hunter

Field Wasson by Mary Ann & Ted Gammill, Susie & Mike Whitacre

Honoraria

Altar Guild by Kathy Roberts
Jimmy Faulkner by Sue Gill

Glenda Gazette by Jan & Charles Sullivan
Skip Rutherford by Texas Methodist Foundation

Harryette Shue by Jan & Charles Sullivan

Birthday Club

Irene Apple, Virginia Brantley, Nevada Copeland, Mac Core, Wanda Fantz, Carolyn Lindsey Polk, Ellie Saxton, Hollace Saxton, Jimbo Saxton, Angie Spencer, Amy Taylor, and Bobbie Wright

Memorials & Honoraria

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

Memorials

Kristin Compton by Mary Ann & Ted Gammill

Ruth Henderson by Carol & David Dyson
Michael Lasiter by April & Tom Owen

Michael Oakley by Michelle Oakley
Ramona Priest by Danna Davis

Jerry Qualheim by Nancy & David Bartlett
Mary Jeanette Trimble by Robert Trimble

Honoraria

Henry Oakley by Michelle Oakley
Joe Pevahouse by Sharron Simpson

Holly Ross by UMW Secret Pal
Billie & Skip Rutherford by Robert Craig

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET THE SCOOP ON UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

CHILDREN NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Children in 3rd-5th grade who want a lead role are invited to sign up during Sunday school (SS) from Nov. 17-Dec 8. If unable to be at SS please e-mail Cindy Burns (cburns@phumc.com) child's name and what he/she wants to do. Names are drawn out of a hat for each part on December 8th.

PHUMC FOOD OF THE MONTH. Our November food pantry item of the month is "holiday" items. Please bring donated items such as cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes and veggies to the food pantry drop-off box.

HILLCREST COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Thurs., Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Pulaski Heights Christian. Please join us for this annual ecumenical worship service in the great Hillcrest neighborhood

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thurs., Nov. 28 and Fri., Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. All regularly scheduled events are cancelled including the Friday worship service.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. Mon., Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Charles Cole, reeds, and James Maase, piano. There is no charge and all PHUMC women are invited. Reservations are needed by Wednesday, November 27.

PHUMC RINGS THE BELL. Join the 2019 Red Kettle Campaign and volunteer to help The Salvation Army "Ring the Bell," Sat. Dec. 7, various times. Sign-up is open now! Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Julie Wiedower; Terry Cowan and families in the death of their father, Julian Smith; to the family and friends of Eric Lewis Rogers in his recent death; and to Gary Bortz and family in the death of his brother, Walter T. "Buddy" Bortz.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren Manning and Authur Smith in their recent marriage; to Kyndal Rose and Alex Harbison in their recent marriage; and to Shannon Petrus and Jahon Zehtaban in their recent marriage.