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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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The Best of All



Members of a diverse group of bishops and other United Methodist leaders gather for a group photo in Washington after reaching agreement on a proposal that would maintain The United Methodist Church but allow traditionalist congregations to separate into a new denomination.

If you follow the news media, then you know a diverse group of sixteen United Methodist leaders recently negotiated a proposed protocol (plan) to essentially separate our denomination in a way that allows all parties to continue in ministry for Jesus Christ, according to conscience. This plan, along with others, will be considered at the next General Conference to be held in Minneapolis, May 5-15. While I don't like words like "divorce" or "division" and I prefer "marriages" that last a lifetime, still God is able to work miraculous things in challenging circumstances. This just may be one of those moments.

The United Methodist Church as we know it today is the result of splits and schisms that have taken place over a period of more than 200 years. We are also heirs of the Protestant Reformation that created a divide in the Roman Catholic Church more than 500 years ago. So, in a very real sense, this is nothing new. Like issues the church has faced in the past including slavery, women's rights and racial justice, the issue of full inclusion into Christ's church for our LGBTQIA family members and friends has been of keen interest for Methodists who have always proclaimed the good news that Jesus Christ died and rose for all, not just some, but ALL.

I know you have great concerns about the future. However, at this point, I would simply encourage you to read all relevant material related to this issue, visit with friends on both sides of the theological and philosophical aisle and pray unceasingly! At some point in the future, Pulaski Heights may be required to make important decisions related to this issue, but not now.

For ten years now, I have been both honored and humbled to serve as your senior pastor, and I will continue do so through the upcoming General Conference in Minneapolis, as well as through the end of the 2020 Arkansas Annual Conference in Hot Springs. If you would like for me to visit with your Sunday school class or small group about these issues, I would be happy to do so. Simply contact my personal assistant, Cindy Bowden cbowden@phumc.com, and she will make arrangements.

In challenging times like these, I draw personal strength from the comforting words of scripture, as well as from the deathbed words of Methodist founder John Wesley, "The best of all, God is with us." And God is with us—truly with us!

Thanks be to God!

Britt Skarda
Senior Pastor

WORSHIP WITH US

January 17 & 19

STRANGER THINGS: WHEN THE WORDS OF JESUS DON'T MAKE SENSE

"Hate Your Father and Mother"
Luke 14:25-33



Worship Services

Friday, January 17, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

Sunday, January 19, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus

Rev. Andrea' Cummings

Food Pantry In Need of Donations

Due to linking the diaper bank distribution day with the food pantry, the ministry could use some help. We have two wooden bins (outside Wesley Hall and in the Gathering Hall) at the church that you can drop off food anytime during the week and on Sunday. The food pantry is open the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

1
Canned Meats

2
Packaged Meals

3
Peanut Butter

4
Cereal

5
Canned Veggies

6
Canned Fruit

7
Soup

8
Pasta & Sauce

9
Juice & Shelf Stable Milk

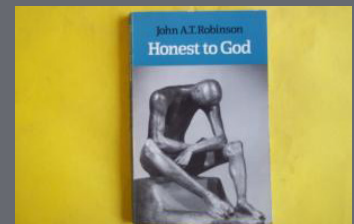
COMING UP @ PHUMC



JANUARY PRIMETIMERS AND FRIENDS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 23
11:30 a.m. in Great Hall

Entertainment will be by the Mount St. Mary's Concert Belles. Cost for lunch is \$8 and reservations are needed by noon Tuesday, January 21. Call the church to RSVP!



NEW WEEKLY BOOK CLUB

Meets Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
starting Feb. 4 in room C239.

Led by Rev. Vic Nixon. The focus of the club will be conception and practice of faith in God from a variety of perspectives – ancient, early church, Reformation and modern. The first book selection will be *Honest to God* by John A.T. Robinson. Call the church to RSVP!



BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

Monday, February 10
5:45 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm Meeting
Wesley Hall

Please call the church to RSVP!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DECLUTTERING: INSIDE & OUT



2020 is the year of decluttering, and there's still room to join us! Last Sunday was our first meeting of our new women's ministry "Decluttering: Inside and Out." Over 60 women met to explore ways to declutter their physical surroundings as well as their minds and souls. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 2 at noon!**



In Memory Of

Anna Louise Adamson by Arline Jackson
Ernest Edward Adamson by Arline Jackson
Lorna Bailey by Amber Read-Zamilpa
Alice & Hal Beard by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Jacque Briley by Nancy & Lee Archer
Mauleene Broadwater by Sue Ellen & Danny Wilkerson
Bess Hester Campbell by George Campbell
Judy Emmet Campbell by George Campbell
Ted Crabtree by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Doug Detrick by Susan Detrick
Floy Jean Dietz by Fred & Kathie Osborne
E. Gardner Dietz by Kearney Dietz
Floy Jean Dietz by Kearney Dietz
Floy Jean Dietz by Dee & Susan Dietz
Guy Dillahunty by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Mary Kay East by Susanne McGee
Imogene Ellison by Carole Ann Provin
Lloyd Fulton by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Anne Hansen by BFF
Anne Hansen by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Dr. Anne Hansen by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Johnnie Holcomb by Kathryn Griffin
Chris Hunter by Pam Hunter
Martha Sue Jefferies by Jo Knight
Stephen A. Knoll by Richard Knoll
Wilma G. Knoll by Richard Knoll
Marian Lacey by Louise & Andre Rollefson
Vedena Lunsford by Bev & Buddy Villines
Tom McBee by Mary Catherine & Rusty Armstrong
Elsie Mears-Bailey by Joann Martin
Robert Mitcham by Taylor, Brooke, Harper, McColl, & Blair Mitcham
JeJo Mobley by Bev & Buddy Villines
Jane Virginia Osborne by Fred & Kathie Osborne
Carol Ann Penick by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Ricky Joe Platt by Larry & Cecile Kimmer
Michael Rail by Sue Ellen & Danny Wilkerson

Cancer Friends Honor and Memorials



Rev. Charles E. Read by Amber Read-Zamilpa
Marian Reed by Louise & Andre Rollefson
John Roberts by Elaine McNiece
John Roberts by Mary Ruth Price Brown
John Roberts by Larry & Cecile Kimmer
Dan Ross by Cynthia Buehling
Cathy Sanders by Shari Sanders
Dr. Tom Smith by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Alice Rumph Smith by Bev & Buddy Villines
Tommye Wright Sr. by Bobbie Wright

In Honor Of

Jo Adcock by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Argue Class Survivors by Bev & Buddy Villines
Bill Arthurs by Jane Arthurs
George Campbell by Elaine McNiece
George Campbell by Joann Martin
Sarah Clem by Christian, Sadie & Scarlett Harris
Ann Currie by Doe
Pam Cyphers by Elaine McNiece
Kearney Dietz by George Campbell
Bud Dillahunty by Joy Dillahunty
Bud Dillahunty by Mary Lou Billingsley
Louise Fox by Elaine McNiece
Louise Fox by Mary Boyce

Mary Garay by Louise & Andre Rollefson
Will Griffin by Kathryn Griffin
Jack & Mary Lou Halford by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Mary Lou Billingsley
Jeane Harris by Christian, Sarah, Sadie & Scarlett Harris
Rachel Hawkins by Richard & Carolyn Johnson
Richard Johnson by Carolyn Johnson
Linda Jones by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Jo Ann Knight by Dorothy Morey
Nikki Lawson by Kathryn Griffin
Rev. Lynn Lindsey by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Linda Machen by Mary Boyce
Johnny McGraw by The Pond Family
Nancy McGraw by The Pond Family
Vic & Freddie Nixon by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Blake Pond by The Pond Family
Robbie Pond by The Pond Family
Rev. Belinda Price by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Mary Ruth Price-Brown by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Carole Ann Provin by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Greg Provin by Carole Ann Provin
Yifei Provin by Carole Ann Provin
Karen McNiece Redwine by Elaine McNiece
Dan Robinson by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Bill Ross by Cynthia Buehling
Ed Ross by Cynthia Buehling
Roundtable Class by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Cheryl Sessions by Jennifer, Mike, Alex, Claire, Robert & Beth Shannon
Wanda L. Smith by Rae Lena
Linda Story by Mary Boyce
Linda Todd by Dorothy Morey
Beverly Villines by Mary Ruth Price Brown
Joe Woods by Elaine McNiece

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

NONPROFIT
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10:10-10:50 am

All Things Considered, M314 (all ages)
Argue Named for Dr. Argue M318 (ages 45+)
Beatitudes, M316 (ages 30-45+)
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, Reconciling)

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

SPECIAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY: HUMAN RELATIONS DAY. All of God's children are important. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

MLK MARADE. Mon., Jan. 20. March with us on the day of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Marade! Shuttle available to and from event. Leave by 8:00 am. Meet in the Lee St. Parking Deck.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PERKINS SUMMIT FOR FAITH AND LEARNING. March 26-28, 2020. Formerly known as Perkins Theological School for Laity, Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning is an annual event offering continuing education courses on the Bible, theology, and spirituality to help students grow in knowledge and faith practices. See Rev. Belinda Price for registration.



2019 Poinsettias

In Honor

My St. Luke Sunday School Class by Brenda Mye

In Memory

John McDowell by Wilma Womack and Carolyn Counts

My father, Dale Mye by Brenda Mye

My parents, Howard and Jean Reynolds by Lanita Reynolds

Jewel Womack by Wilma Womack and Carolyn Counts

Joys and Concerns

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family and friends of Kay Embrey in her recent death; to Jack Halford and family in the death of his wife, Mary Lou Halford; to Alicia Hughes and family in the death of her grandmother, Kathleen Savory Whitehead; to Blanche Moore and family in the death of her husband, Beadle Moore; to Mark Norwine and Family in the death of his mother, Helen Norwine; And to Cathy Alexander and family in the death of her mother, Florence Cahan.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Mark Daniel Grinnan, Jr. child of Jennifer and Daniel Grinnan, and grandchild of Leslie and Mark Lee.