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My Very Own PHUMC 2019 Recap

This year has been my first full year as Director of Communications and also as a member of PHUMC. It has been incredible to see the full scope of the ministries of our great church. From our worship and broadcast ministries, to our caring and outreach ministries, PHUMC continues to shine bright in this community.

I got to experience amazing services: the Raney Lecture Series, the Easter Sunrise Service (my first), Confirmation Sunday and just last week, a packed house at the family service on Christmas Eve!

That's a big part of why I love being here. I love witnessing and sharing good stories and this place is full of them! So I figured with 2019 ending and a new year beginning, I would recap some of my favorite and biggest stories from my first year.



PHUMC Diaper Bank Takes Off - While the idea of the diaper bank started in 2018 with a church wide diaper drive, the PHUMC Diaper Bank launched this year. The first few months we gave out about 4,500 diapers to roughly 50 families. Then in December the Diaper Bank took off handing out 3,000 diapers to 33 families and 47 kids! One mother interviewed in a recent story on KATV said "I feel like a lot is lifted off my shoulders just by them donating diapers to us," said single mom of five, Erica Alcalá. "I would hope one day I can repay them back somehow."

Pet Ministry Expansion - In November PHUMC launched a full pet ministry expansion that finds ways to incorporate pets fully into the lives of the church community. In addition to therapy dog training, PHUMC is offering Care and Support for Pet Owners, Community Service and Educational Programs, and Animal Events. We've already handed out pet prayer blankets to those in need and expanded our popular Therapy Dog training sessions into Spring, Summer and Fall!



Remembering Bishop Kenneth Hicks and Elaine Hicks - This year we lost a beloved couple in our church family. Sadly, I never had the chance to meet them but I was grateful to hear all the amazing stories shared during their memorial service. Every day I take the opportunity to walk through Bishop Hicks Peace Garden to pick up my son from CLC. As Rev. Britt Skarda shared, there is no denying the "legacy Elaine and Ken left us—a legacy that has made us better, stronger and more faithful followers of Jesus Christ." "Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." Revelation 14:13.

Rev. Britt Skarda Retirement Announcement - Rev. Skarda announced his plans to retire at the end of this conference year, June 30, 2020. We are grateful for all of the wonderful years of service Britt has had at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and look forward to celebrating his well-deserved retirement. His history with our church dates back thirty years, first as an associate pastor and more recently as senior pastor since 2010. It truly has been a pleasure listening to his sermons this year!





World Cheese Dip Championship – After the canceling of our own Mac-n-cheese festival, Rev. Betsy and I were determined to find something cheesy to get involved in. We had no idea though just how much cheese it would be. This year we entered the World Cheese Dip Championship benefitting the Harmony Health Clinic. We handed out over 16 gallons of cheese dip and ended up taking home first place! We will definitely be back next year!!

Medical Missions - Both our Honduras and Guatemala Medical Missions helped hundreds in need. But there was one particular story that stuck out that we shared on Facebook. One man came to our Guatemala clinic as a blind man. After two surgeries with Dr. Chacko, by the end of the week he could see! Amazing job by all those who served in our global missions this year.



VBS - I grew up helping my mom and grandma run Vacation Bible School at Lakewood UMC in North Little Rock. It is always a highlight to see the faces of children discovering the wonders of God’s Universe and at PHUMC, 450 kids got to experience just that. Furthermore, the children helped raise funds and supplies for our friends at Ozark Mission Project and our 56 team worked at different missions throughout the week. There is no charge for VBS, and this can only happen because our church family loves and supports our precious children in every way possible.

Arkansas Annual Conference - The 2019 Annual Conference for the Arkansas United Methodist Church celebrated the ordination of former PHUMC Associate Youth Minister and member Katy Dunn Chambers as a Deacon for the UMC. We were also excited that the selection of 20 delegates for the 2020 General Conference included 4 who have a connection to PHUMC: Karon Mann, Miller Wilbourn, Sarah Argue and Jessie Waddell Teegarden.



Rev. Jay Clark and PHUMC Member William McCastlain featured in this year’s Mental Health Guide - If you have not gotten a chance to read the stories in **AY’s Mental Health Guide of Arkansas that Jay and William shared, please do. We have extra copies at the church!**

Team PHUMC Disaster Relief - We all remember the devastating flooding this summer along the Arkansas River. Our team helped repair several homes in the weeks and months that followed!



God bless to everyone and have a Happy New Year!

WORSHIP WITH US

January 5

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Stranger Things
Sermon Series

“The Unforgivable Sin”
Mark 3:20-30

Worship Services

No Friday 6 pm service - Gift of Magi Performance at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 5, 9 & 11 a.m.

Sanctuary · Rev. Britt Skarda

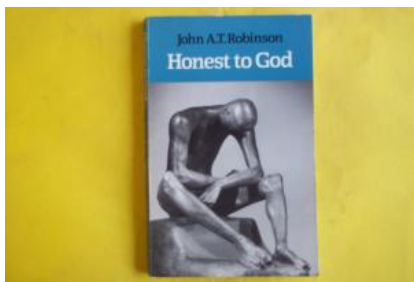
New Heights · Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder

Sunday, January 5, 9:30 a.m. - St. Luke Campus

Rev. Andrea’ Cummings

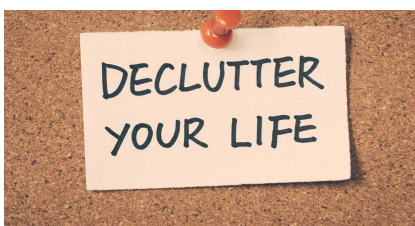
JANUARY SERMON SERIES STRANGER THINGS: WHEN THE WORDS OF JESUS DON’T MAKE SENSE: Most of what Jesus has to say is uplifting or inspiring or challenging. But let’s face it: sometimes Jesus says stuff that is really confusing, perplexing, or even offensive. Join us for a new sermon series in January as we look at a strange statement Jesus makes, the biblical context of the passage, and what it means to take Jesus’ message to heart in a new way.

COMING UP @ PHUMC



NEW BOOK CLUB LED BY REV. NIXON

A new weekly PHUMC book club will begin **Tuesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. in Room C239**. The focus of the club will be reading and discussing theology; that is, the conception and practice of faith in God from a variety of perspectives - ancient, early church, Reformation and modern. The first book selection - *Honest to God* by John A.T. Robinson - will be led by Rev. Vic Nixon. Copies of the book can be purchased from Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com. **We will discuss the introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 in our first session.** Future reading selections will be determined by members of the Book Club. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or e-mail Rev. Nixon (vnixon626@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.



NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY DECLUTTERING: INSIDE & OUT

Sunday, February 2 at noon

"Whatever the name, clearing clutter is as much spiritual as a housekeeping pursuit." Decluttering: Inside and Out will explore ways to declutter our physical surroundings as well as our minds and souls. Featuring tips from organization expert Mallory Lindsey. Will meet the first Sunday of each month from noon - 1:30 p.m. Call the church to RSVP.

MINISTRY OF PILGRIMAGE will sponsor a journey of faith to the Holy Land (w/possible extension to Jordan), January 20-28, 2021. We will have an informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6 pm in the Parlor**. Contact Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com or call the church at 501-664-3600 for any questions.

PHUMC Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the **John & Marjorie Dunn Gilleland Endowment, the John & Kathy Roberts Endowment, the Mary Jane See Adamson TV Ministry Endowment, the Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment, the Brent Coker Endowment, the JeJo Mobley Endowment, the Lindsey Family Endowment, the Betty Moore Brown Music & Arts Endowment and the glory of God.**

Memorials

Jane Adamson by Jim Adamson
Jerald Barnett by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Betty Moore Brown by Robin & Lee Brown
John Churchill by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Brent Coker by Laura & Jay White
Bob Fortney by Tower Class. Bev & Buddy Villines
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Ron Newman by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Jerry Qualheim by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
John Roberts by Julie & John Jones
Dan Ross by Lynn & Wayne Lindsey
Field Wasson by Julie & John Jones

Honoraria

Debbie Benson, Cindy Burns, Pat Dillahunty, Dr. Jeff Hampton, Julie & John Jones & family, Virginia Lewis, Lynn & Wayne Lindsey, Freddie & Vic Nixon, Belinda Price, Jennifer Shannon, Mary Smith by Anonymous
Jimmy Faulkner by Jim Allbritton, Bob Althoff, Hunter Babin, John Beasley, John Borchert, Benson Cashion, Charlie Coleman, Sue Gill, Steve Hoffman, Jim Irwin, Boo Jennings, Jim Kelly, Cloud Keyes, Bill May, Jim Monk, James Moody, Phil Olinghouse, Rob Owens, Hoyte Pyle, Dr. Hoyte Pyle Jr., Bob Raney, Scott Rittelmeyer, Scott Scherz, Jim Simpson, Herbert Thomas, Mark White
Lynn & Wayne Lindsey by Laura & Jay White
Richard Straley by Jan & Charles Sullivan

Birthday Club

Jay Clark, Joy Dillahunty, Kristie Finney, O.L. Holland, In memory of Vadena Lunsford by Dickie Lunsford, **Sara Cate Moery, Megan Rugg, David Rush, Virginia Smiser, and Nancy C. Smith** by Mary Ruth Price Brown

Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for caring ministries, Helping Hands, St Luke CLC, music special and the glory of God.

Memorials

Irene Elliott by Brian Scott
Tom Herrin, Jr. by LaJauna & Tom Herrin
Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Huneycutt by Janice Losey-Head
Emmett Jeffries by Bettye Jeffries
Eric Rogers by Madeline Floyd, Harriette Mazzanti
Mary-Britton Norton by Anonymous
Rev. & Mrs. Arnold Simpson by Sharron Simpson

Honoraria

Kathy & Rick Bogard by Karen Barnwell
Sharon Duddera by family of Irene Elliott
Ceile & Jimmy Faulkner & family by Barbara & Mack Moore
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Barbara & Mack Moore
Sunny Hawk by Mary Boyce
Lynn Lindsey by Wednesday Study Group
Jim Maase by Mary Boyce
Nancy Milbourn by Reita Miller
Lynn Monk by Mary Boyce
Billie Rutherford by Mary Boyce
Ann & Charles Rye by Karen Barnwell
Rev. Britt Skarda 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



Baptisms

Matthew Kendrick Rockefeller,
 child of Taylor and Colin
 Rockefeller (top left)

Lily James Smith,
 child of Brooke and Patrick Smith
 (top right)

Lee Dawson LaRue,
 child of Laura and Jason LaRue
 (left)

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS
 EXTENDED** to Susan Williams and
 family in the death of her brother,
 Roger Horn; to Dale Garland and
 family in the death of his cousin,
 Kenneth Lynn Harris; to Betsey
 Mowrey and family in the death of
 her father, Charlie Crow; And to Tom
 Hatcher and family in the death of his
 sister, Virginia Clements.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of
 Poppy Lea Cooper, child of Lindsay
 and Hunter Cooper, and grandchild
 of Becky and Phil Campbell. And
 of Harper Hope Inzennia, child of
 Madaline and James Inzennia and
 granddaughter of Hope Hankins.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION A reception
 to celebrate Garth Martin's 90th
 birthday will be held in the Gathering
 Hall on **Sunday, Jan. 12, after the
 11:00 service.** All are invited.