



The Good News

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Centerpiece in Hunter Hall during Advent this year

PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

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Happy New Year!

Rev. Carol Miles

May you begin 2019 in good health and with a heart of joy. May peace fill your soul and reside in your home.

I continue to give thanks for the opportunity to serve this faith community. I look forward to the journey ahead.

To begin the new year, we will be celebrating Epiphany on January 6. The Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings Day commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child and the manifestation of his divinity. Another tradition for our church is to take down the Christmas decorations. Working together, we can have everything packed away before our congregational meeting. While the ornaments will be returned to boxes for another year, we will continue to let the light of hope, peace, joy and love shine through us.

January is a joyous time in the life of the church. With Advent we waited. But now we celebrate the fulfillment of the prophecy, the coming of the promised one, our savior and deliverer. Let us be glad and rejoice!

There are many interesting ways to celebrate. All across the world, customs for celebrating Epiphany range from eating King Cake to the blessings of homes. Perhaps you will start a tradition of your own to mark this special occasion.

Speaking of trying new things, we rejoiced on December 16th, the third Sunday in Advent, by holding our first Jazz Worship Service. It was a wonderful day. Our PHCC musicians, along with guest saxophone soloist, Chuck Cole, and guest musicians known as “The Band,” blessed us with their unique renditions of beloved Christmas hymns and uplifting worship songs. From the

feedback that I received, all in attendance enjoyed the music and fellowship.

Are you up for trying other new things? A new year is a great time to experiment, to create opportunities for change and growth. It's a blank slate waiting to be filled.

Last month, I challenged you to think and pray about your gifts and ways in which you can become involved. This month, I challenge you to dream, to visualize, to think outside the box. Is there something just burning in your heart that you would like to see us do or be a part of this year? Do you have an idea for a special service? I've already heard from one member who would like to have a program featuring southern gospel music. Thanks for the suggestion. We can make it happen. I'd love to hear your ideas as well.

There are a few other events that are taking place in this month. Monday, January 21 is Martin Luther King Day. We will commemorate the occasion on Sunday, January 20, when we welcome a guest minister, Rev. Dr. Anika Whitfield. You can read her bio in this edition.

Dr. Whitfield is a leader in the Arkansas Poor People's Campaign. This was the ministry that Dr. King had embarked on prior to his death. The national movement has been revitalized. One of the leaders at the forefront is the Rev. Dr. William Barber II, a Disciples minister. Our denomination has a strong history of involvement in social justice. I am proud of the role of this church in continuing that legacy.

Immediately following services on the 20th, we will hold our Winter Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and discuss matters of importance to our congregation.

— Carol



(photo: poorpeoplescampaign.org)



Image credit: Dr. Whitfield

Rev. Dr. Anika Whitfield

Anika T. Whitfield is the youngest of two born of Mr. Robert L. and Mrs. Constance Clayborne Whitfield. She and her brother Jawanza were blessed to be raised by two loving, Christian (in action) parents along with the strong foundational support of their maternal great grandparents and fraternal grandparents. At a young age, she became engaged in peer facilitating, organizing and leadership, and human rights activism.

She graduated from Hall High School, with Honors, in 1991. She received a BA in African and African American Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, MO in 1995. During her college years, she attended Spelman College as a visiting student with the assistance of one of her mentors, Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. She also attended St. Lawrence University (Karen, Kenya) during her senior year, studying Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. After completing podiatry school in 2000, she went on to become the first African American female podiatry resident and chief resident at Howard University Hospital in Washington, DC and at the Togus, VA in Augusta, ME. She was licensed as a minister in the AME church in 2004 and ordained as a Baptist minister at New Millennium Baptist Church, a Progressive Baptist and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Church in April 2012.

She was honored that her father in ministry, her Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. preached during her ordination services.

Rev. Whitfield has worked to seek equity and justice in public school serving as one of the organizers of Save Our Schools, Citizens Against Taxation Without Representation and Grassroots AR. She has also served as a Big Sister in Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Arkansas; serves as a Volunteer in Public Schools (for over 15 years); as an organizing leader in Bridge Builders reading group; as an organizer of the Team of Neighbors that Love; and, most recently as one of the co-chairs in the AR Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. She currently practices podiatry in Little Rock, AR as a private practice physician and serves her community at large as an ordained minister and community organizer,

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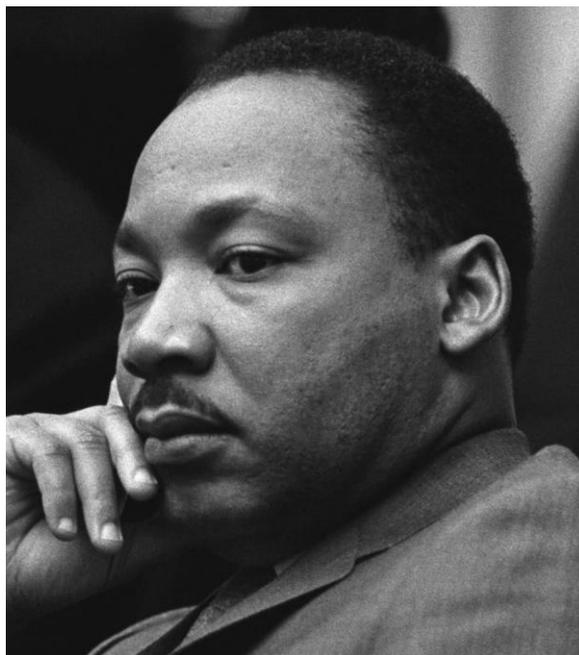
I decided to play a prank on Tom by giftwrapping a reindeer onesie to give to him as a "Christmas present." I anticipated having a good laugh when he unwrapped it and even more fun watching him struggle to find just the right words to thank me for such a wonderful gift. But the joke was on me. Tom liked the onesie so well that he put it on and wore it for church. The tie was his. By coincidence it complimented the outfit. I have to say that the cuffs of his shirt added a touch of class to the ensemble.

I won't say that this is the last time that I try to play a prank on Tom. But it will be a while as I need time to heal from my undoing. Truly, there are no words. Tom, you're a good sport.



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Martin Luther King Jr.



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For Reflection

"The light shines in darkness and darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5 NIV

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." MLK

What do you say about light shining in darkness?

"Now faith is confidence is what we hope for, evidence for what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 NIV

"Faith is taking the first step. Even when you don't see the whole staircase." MLK

How would you describe faith?

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." MLK

"But I tell you love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be children of your father in heaven." Matthew 5:43-44

What do you think about the power of love?

Gaither Vocal Band—March 15, 2019



For more information go to premierproductions.com/tour/gaither-tour

Please Continue Prayers for:

Pray for those recently displaced by natural disasters as well as the people who are still recovering from tragedies no longer in the news. Pray for the grieving, that they may be reassured; pray for those disadvantaged by trade wars; those worldwide being maltreated for being 'different'; please pray for the wounded; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A. Pray for peace, and for refugees who are fleeing oppression. Please remember the family of Susan M.; Bruce R.; Ron C.; Jean H., Kim P., Lyn C., Keith R., Glenna S., Julia C.; Wissam A., Trip R.; Pray for our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Great River Region of the DOC; those struggling to do God's will; and others God leads you to lift in prayer.

Nov. 2018 Stewardship Report

Nov. Budget Needs – \$8,125.00
 Nov. Offering – \$8,182.99
 Other Income – \$2,842.00
 Total Nov. Actual Income – \$11,024.99

Nov. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
 Nov. Actual Expenses – \$9,631.60
 Net Result for Nov. – \$ 1,393.39

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 11/30/18
 Offering – \$27,890.24
 Other Income – \$21,770.61
 Total FYTD Income – \$49,660.85
 Expenses FYTD – \$35,884.48
 Net Result FYTD – \$13,776.37

January 2019 at PHCC

Events in January 2018

- Birthdays in January 5 – Sam Ellis; 12 – Ms. Keith Ryan; 15 – Jack Perry VC3.
- Events of note
- 1 – New Year's Day
- 8 – Tuesday, 6:00 pm Board Meeting
- 20 – Rev. Dr. Anika Whitfield
- 21 – Martin Luther King Day
- 21 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.
- 27 – Sign February birthday cards
- Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 6, 13, 20, 27



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February 2019 at PHCC

Events in February 2019

- Birthdays in February 26 – Stephen Cross
- Events of note
- February is African American History Month
- 22 – Thanksgiving
- 00 – TBA, 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 18 – President's Day
- 18 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.
- 24 – Sign March birthday cards
- Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 3, 10, 17, 24

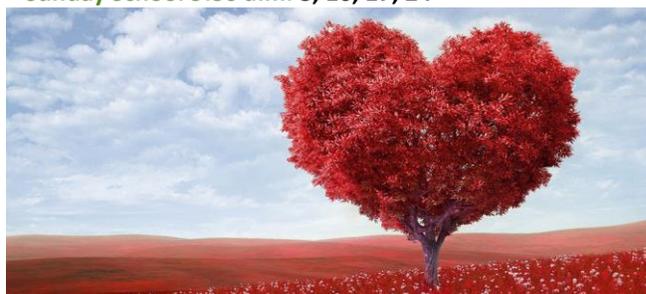


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