

The Good News

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90th Anniversary
25 Years of Open and Affirming Ministry

Anniversary logo designed by Susan Miller & Mick Wiggins.

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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Special Anniversary Logo

The diamond shape represents our state of Arkansas. The blue river is to signify that we are a part of the Great River Region. The rainbow of colors means we are a welcoming and inclusive community. The Chalice represents our beloved Disciples of Christ affiliation. The original concept was Susan's but Mick Wiggins, an extraordinary Graphic Artist, brought the idea to fruition. Thank you, Mick for your donation of time and talent. Mick has designed two stamps for the USPS, and he teaches Graphic arts at UALR. If you see Mick around the building, please be sure and thank him.

All hands on Deck!

Help us celebrate our 90th B-day, and 25th anniversary of becoming Open and Affirming on November 5, 2017.

We will serve catered barbecue but need our members to bring the sides and the desserts. We will have potato salad, beans and coleslaw as sides and desserts will be whatever you bring as your favorite. Please sign up on Sundays to share what you can bring or call the church office.

We will also need people to help set up tables, make drinks, set up the serving line, etc. And we will need volunteers to help with clean up.

Welcome Rev. Arnold Nelson

Rev. Arnold Nelson will be our preacher for our Anniversary Celebration Worship Service on November 5 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Nelson served this congregation from 1984 to 1997 and was the Pastor during the time the church voted to become Open and Affirming. We were the first in Arkansas and one of the first in the entire denomination.

We take pride in our Lord who welcomes all people—regardless of their race or class, their color or creed, their political affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identification. We humbly thank God for Pastor Nelson's leadership on this important discipleship issue.

Harvest Fest— October 14, 11 a.m to 7 p.m.



Presented by the Hillcrest Merchants Association, HarvestFest in Hillcrest is a one-day event each fall designed to bring friends and families together in celebration of the season. Kavanaugh street will be closed to through traffic and instead will play host to vendors, artists, and food trucks. There will be music and activities for all ages throughout the day. A portion of the proceeds from this event goes to support The Allen School.

Pulaski will have a booth to share info and fun give-away items with our friends and neighbors. If you can help by being at the booth for part of the day, please let Susan know.

Little Rock Pride Parade

This year the event will be at Riverfront Park on Sat, October 28, 2017 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM CDT

The Parade begins at 1 PM (be there to line up at noon) and will go down President Clinton Ave.

We will have a “booth” at the Pavilion area in which we will share info about our church and have some items to give away.



Reconciliation Offering

With all that is going on, it is important to remember the Special Reconciliation Offering. Charlottesville was not that long ago, and there is a current quarrel over the right of NFL players to protest violence against black Americans. These events point out the need for reconciliation ministries in this country. Our denomination has the Reconciliation Ministry, to which this offering goes each year, to help bring about dialog and understanding between people of all races, faiths and political beliefs.

It is true that Week of Compassion needs our help, too, because of the recent battering of Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas by huge hurricanes, but please don't ignore this very, very important ministry of the Disciples of Christ.



Serving the Homeless

We always need help serving on the 3rd Monday, and help cooking on the Sunday afternoon before the 3rd Monday. An extra hand makes the work easier and faster for all.

October 16—we will be giving **3 pairs of black socks** to our guests.

November 20—We will be giving **gloves and hats**

December 18—We will be giving **sweatshirts and candy canes**

Thoughts on transgender service in the military

Posted on August 26, 2017 at 10:07 pm.

From General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens

I am disturbed by the recent events in the United States where we continue to see human beings subjected to acts of prejudice, hate, bigotry and discrimination. Scripture affirms that all people are created in the image of God and share with all others in the worth that comes from being unique individuals; (Gen. 1:26-27). And Christ commands to love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34-35). By this, all people will know that we are his disciples. And so, we re-affirm the humanity of transgender persons.

Service to an individual's country should not be dependent on gender identity, but rather a willingness and ability to serve. Though the door was officially opened just last year, there are many transgender individuals who have served, and are currently serving, in the armed forces with honor and distinction. Regardless of our varying political ideologies or theological perspectives, Holy Scripture affirms that all people are created in the image of God and share with all others in the worth that comes from being unique individuals. In this fragmented world, may the unconditional love and amazing grace of God through Jesus Christ be the foundation of the witness we make together as we journey toward wholeness.

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What's Going On?

A friend of mine who works for NPR posted the following on Facebook: "Fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, violence, protests and relentless "us vs. them" narratives, subtle and not.

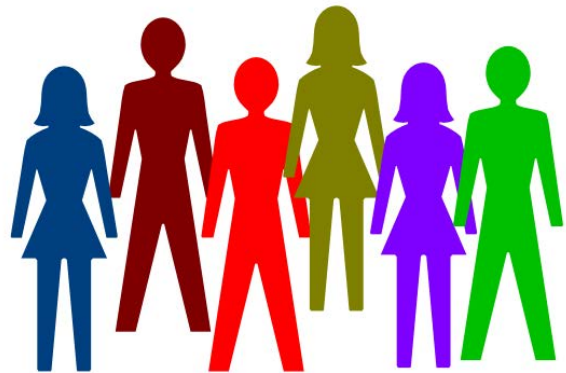
He then added the question, "How's your mental health these days?"

We could add "threat of nuclear war, race riots, and refugee crisis" to my friend's list. Truly, there has been a whirlwind of news with words like, "record breaking, historic, and unprecedented." We find

ourselves expressing, in the words of Marvin Gaye, "What's going on?"

How are we doing? How is your spirit? What about your trust levels? How do you see the future?

At Pulaski Heights Christian Church, we don't have all the answers but we are a place where it is safe to explore these questions and many more. We understand that people have questions. We won't judge you for your questions. We won't judge you if you believe differently from us, vote differently, or have a family that is different from others. We are a diverse people who are seeking to be a supportive community where people are free to experience the life changing love of Jesus, our friend and Savior. We don't claim to be perfect. We claim to be sincere in our desire to grow in faith, and in our efforts to walk faithfully in Christ's ways of love, peace, mercy, and justice for all.



Is there someone in your life who could use this kind of community? Who needs this kind of support as they face the confusing, uncertain times in which we live? Please consider inviting them to church with you. Please consider sharing these thoughts with them. Our Anniversary celebration would be a wonderful time to welcome new friends.

— Susan



September 10, 1950



These photos were taken of the original buildings of the church before the Sanctuary was moved west, and the educational building was built.

October 2017 at PHCC

Events in October 2017

- Birthdays in October 5 – Ron Cogburn; 15 – Lynn Jenkins; 26 – Wendy Paquette; 30 – Tom (Trip) Ryan III.
- Events of note
 - 1 – Reconciliation Special Offering.
 - 5 – 1st Thursday Shop ‘n Sip.
 - 18 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
 - 16 – Sign November birthday cards.
 - 16 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.
 - 28 – Little Rock Pride Parade noon-6:00 p.m.
 - 29 – Community Breakfast.
- Sunday School Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22

November 2017 at PHCC

Events in November 2017

- Birthdays in November 3 – Jacob Runnels; 21 – Ryan Groover; 23 – Rev. Marilou Coins; 25 – Rex Easter, Sr.; 30 – Lynda Copas.
- Events of note
 - 2 – 1st Thursday Shop ‘n Sip.
 - 5 – 90th/25th Anniversary Celebration!
 - 8 - 6:00 pm Scheduled Board Meeting
 - 19 – Sign December birthday cards.
 - 20 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.
 - 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm at Pulaski Heights Presbyterian
 - 23 – Thanksgiving Day 2017
- Sunday School Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2017 Stewardship Report

Aug. Budgeted Income – \$8,125.00
 Aug. Offering – \$6,488.00
 Other Income – \$1,684.97
 Total Aug. Actual Income – \$8,172.97

Aug. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
 Aug. Actual Expenses – \$8,596.24
 Net Loss for Aug. – \$- 423.27

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 8/30/17
 Offering – \$11,919.80
 Other Income – \$7,839.59
 Total FYTD Income – \$19,759.39
 Expenses FYTD – \$16,776.07
 Net Result FYTD – \$ 2,983.32

Please Continue Prayers for:

Stephen C., Martha C., the Perry Family, Betty A., Ron C., Jean H., Kim P., Trip R., Lynda C., Keith R., Glenna & Bill S.; Wissam A.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Mission First initiative of the DoC; those struggling to do God’s will; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; those worldwide being persecuted for being ‘different’; please pray for the wounded; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., those recovering from hurricanes, and others God leads you to know of.

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