



The Good News

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Rev. Carol Miles has accepted the call to be the 18th minister of Pulaski Heights Christian Church. She began on October 7, 2018.

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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October Blessings

Rev. Carol Miles

This is my first column as pastor. No pressure, right? Not really. I'm so glad that you and I are already acquainted. I am also excited for the journey ahead. The Lord has blessed me to be given the opportunity to serve this church. I give thanks to the Lord. I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for your consistent leadership to the church. I thank you, the PHCC family, for remaining prayerful and steadfast through this period of transition.

My official start date was Sunday, October 7. It was also a very special day for our church. We celebrated our 91st anniversary, 26 years of being an open and affirming congregation and commemorated World Communion Sunday. We also had cake and champagne! What a wonderful day to begin my ministry here.

The other day, I found myself thinking back to a time when I was a teenager and took a mini road trip with my dad and nephew. My nephew was about four years old at the time. He loved going for a ride in a car. All you had to say was, "Let's go." For him, any drive time meant fun and adventure.

We had a three-hour drive ahead of us. For the first hour or so he was fine. As you might imagine, there was a point where he started to become restless. "Yah-Yan," which was as close to Carolyn as he could enunciate, "I'm ready to be there now." Have you ever tried to explain time or distance to a four-year old? All I could say was that we would be there soon.

Perhaps there have been times in your life, maybe even during this process, when you felt like saying, "I'm ready to be there now." I'm ready for this work project to be complete. I'm ready for

the school year to be over. I'm ready for my research proposal to be finalized. I'm ready for cooler weather. I'm ready for retirement.

Every journey takes the time that it takes for a reason. How satisfied or dissatisfied we are along the way is a matter of perspective. My pledge is to try to lead in such a way that you feel we are moving forward, and you don't start to feel fatigued along the way.

Speaking of travel, I will be going to Shreveport next month to attend Regional Assembly. Last Sunday, I issued an invitation to focus on praying for our region for the month of October. I want to reiterate this challenge by asking you to select at least one congregation to lift in prayer as we move closer to Assembly. Our region encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. We don't often get to see one another due to distance. But we are One.

I serve as a Regional Elder to six pastors and their families in Mississippi. I try to make a personal visit at least once a year. But I continually lift them in prayer. Again, I invite you to go online and spend some time learning about our sister churches. Some congregations are flourishing while others are small. Some congregations are in the search process. Others have recently called a new pastor. Some congregations are involved in outreach in their community. Others are struggling to keep the doors open. They may never know that you are praying for them. But we can all have the assurance that someone somewhere has prayed for us. Please join me.

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16

-Carol

*Hey, we're starting a new 4-week film study series based on **I Can Only Imagine (2018)**. Come join us! Two DVD copies will be available for loan if you have not seen the film. Please don't miss this opportunity. We start on October 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Hunter Hall.*

Cabbage Casserole



Recipe by: Marilou Coins

Ingredients

- 1 small cabbage - leaves peel free
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion - chopped
- 3/4 cup instant rice - uncooked
- 1 teaspoon each salt & pepper
- (2) 10 oz. cans condensed tomato soup
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated

Directions

1. Freeze cabbage then thaw so it is easy to peel leaves.
2. Preheat oven 350°.
3. Brown hamburger with onions.
4. Stir in instant rice, salt & pepper.
5. Layer cabbage in bottom of well-greased 9x13 pan.
6. Spoon meat mixture over cabbage.
7. Mix soup & water. Pour evenly over the top. Sprinkle with cheese.
8. Cover pan with heavy aluminum foil.
9. Bake 90 minutes.
10. Serve and enjoy.

Hope you can use my recipe sometime. Good for a fall meal. I enjoy making it for my family and they devour it.

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Congregational Meeting September 30, 2018

Our Search and Call Committee presented a name to the Congregation at a specially called meeting that took place after Worship on Sunday, September 30th. The vote of the Committee had been unanimous in recommending the individual to become our next minister at Pulaski Heights Christian.

The vote of the church members was taken, and Rev. Carol Miles was unanimously approved for an official call. Her name is now on the official lists in *The Good News* and the Worship bulletins.

Carol has been a member since December 2017. During the interim period following Susan Miller's departure to St. Louis, Rev. Miles has filled our pulpit eight times. We are very familiar with her and find her style of preaching to be most enlightening. We look forward to a long and spiritually stimulating time with her in the pastor role at this church.

91st Anniversary Sunday and Carol Miles' First Sunday as Pastor

Carol's official start date was Sunday, October 7. This date also marked our 91st church anniversary as Pulaski Heights Christian, and the 26th anniversary of PHCC as an Open & Affirming congregation of the Disciples of Christ.

We celebrated with balloons, cake, champagne and wine. The altar flowers were dedicated in honor of our two anniversaries and in prayer for the continuation of the many traditions of our small church.



The beautiful floral arrangements were created by Andrea Brown. The larger bouquet is in honor of the 91st anniversary. The rainbow flowers are in honor of 26 years as an Open and Affirming congregation.



Spirits were as uplifted as the balloons that strained against gravity in the Sanctuary. The calling of a new minister always seems to offer a chance at rebirth for a church, the promise of spiritual revival, and the hope of better and more fruitful ministries.

Our small church has had a remarkable past. We trust that through Carol, God will lead us into an equally remarkable future at PHCC.



Please mark your calendar!

October 15, 2018, Rev. Dr. William Barber and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis will be hosting a congressional/state hearing at RK Young Christian Church at 2100 South Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72206 from 6:30-8:00pm.*

We will be enjoying food and fellowship from 5-6:15pm*. Hoping you will join us!

AR Poor People's Campaign movement

*The times are subject to change give or take 30 minutes. We hope to keep you updated.

Please Continue Prayers for:

Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; pray for those impacted by trade wars; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; please pray for the wounded; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., those recently displaced by hurricanes as well as the many who are *still* recovering from hurricanes. Please remember; Eric C's family; Lane B., Angela's cousin Alania, Martha C., the Perry Family, Ron C.; Jean H., Kim P., Lynda C., Keith R., Glenna S., Julia C.; Wissam A., Dylan R.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Great River Region of the DOC; those struggling to do God's will; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war, and others God leads you to lift in prayer.

Aug. 2018 Stewardship Report

Aug. Budget Needs – \$8,125.00

Aug. Offering – \$6,354.00

Other Income – \$4,074.00

Total Aug. Actual Income – \$10,428.00

Aug. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08

Aug. Actual Expenses – \$5,478.99

Net Result for Aug. – \$ 4,949.01

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 8/31/18

Offering – \$12,794.25

Other Income – \$7,491.00

Total FYTD Income – \$20,285.25

Expenses FYTD – \$14,267.19

Net Result FYTD – \$6,018.06

October 2018 at PHCC

Events in October 2018

– Birthdays in October 5 – Ron Cogburn; 15 – Lynn Jenkins; 26 – Wendy Paquette; 30 – Thomas Ryan III.

– Events of note

8 – Indigenous Peoples Day observed

14 – Prepare Third Monday Meal after Worship

15 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.

16 – Tuesday, 6:00 pm Board Meeting

20 – Little Rock Pride Fest 12:00-1:00 p.m.

21 – Sign November birthday cards.

– Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 7, 14, 21, 28



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November 2018 at PHCC

Events in November 2018

– Birthdays in November 3 – Jacob Runnels; 21 – Ryan Groover; 23 – Rev. Marilou Coins; 25 – Rex Easter; 30 – Lyn Copas.

– Events of note

11 – Veterans Day

13 – Tuesday, 6:00 pm Board Meeting

15 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.

18 – Sign December birthday cards.

22 – Thanksgiving Day (Church office closed).

– Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 4, 11, 28, 25



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