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Happy New Year!



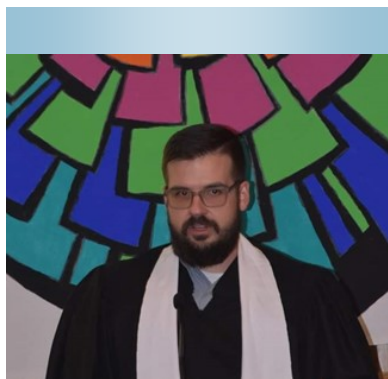
I look back at 2019 as a year filled with change, growth and some trial and error. It was our first full year together with me as your minister.

We made a lot of improvements to our physical building. We hired new contractors to help us maintain the facilities. We began a new outreach ministry. We continued our traditional celebrations and added a few new events to the calendar. I can hardly wait for the next Joyful Jazz Advent Service! The past two have been wonderful, worship experiences. But I don't want to get ahead of myself. We have an entire year ahead to work and worship together. I pray that this new year fill you with even more hope, peace, joy and love. I'm looking forward to our time together this upcoming year. Let's make 2020 our year to thrive!

Blessings,

*Carol*

# *Hillcrest Community Churches Thanksgiving*



*On Thursday, November 21, we hosted the Hillcrest Community Churches Thanksgiving Service. Participating churches included: Our Lady of Holy Souls Catholic Church, Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Pulaski Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. The Rev. Marty Pike from Pulaski Heights Baptist preached from John 6:25-35, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Rev. Britt Skarda, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist, brought the children's message. The Youth Choir of Our Lady of Holy Souls, directed by Carly Golladay, sang. Our own Jeannie Cross accompanied guest soloist LouAlice Daniels.*

*Settled Souls was the organization chosen to receive the offering this year. They are devoted to helping furnish apartments and houses for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to a place they can call home. The offering collected was 664.00.*



## *Thanksgiving Service continued*

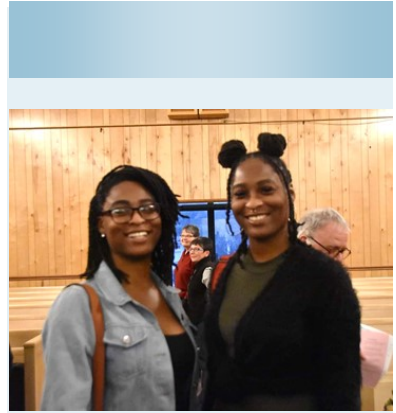


## *Joyful Jazz Advent*



*On Sunday, December 15, we held our Second Annual Joyful Jazz Advent Service. Returning artists included saxophonist, Chuck Cole and "The Band" (Vickie Woodard, Zack Gober and Frankie Abbott). This year, Minister MarQuis Hunt joined us. It was a wonderful afternoon of spiritually uplifting Advent songs and contemporary worship music. A reception followed. A special thank you to Sharon Marshall for preparing a delicious spread for all to enjoy and to JoAnn Peters, our wonderful guest photographer.*

## *Joyful Jazz continued*





## *Hanging of the Greens*



*Sunday, December 1 was the first day of Advent. We celebrated by decorating the Sanctuary as has been our custom with a special worship service and “hanging of the greens.” On Sunday, January 5, we will take the decorations down and pack them away. We are asking for volunteers to help. “Many hands make light work.” English Proverb*





*Left: Sam Ellis, Evelyn Behrle and John Graves place Chrismons on the tree.*

*Below: PHCC members: Rachel Smith, Kelly Chaney, Evelyn Behrle, Chet Chaney, Linda Cowden, Tom Ryan, Dr. John Graves, Sam Ellis, Stephen Cross, Rev. Marilou Coins, Jeannie Cross, and Betty Jo Thibault.*



## *Prayer List*

*God of all times and yet beyond time,  
You call us into this new year still to be named.  
Help us travel light in faith and expectation.  
Guide us in this new venture of imagination.  
Make us bold witnesses to the in-breaking of your future.  
Let us rest our times in yours,  
confident that we do not enter this new year alone.*

from the Chalice Worship, Prayer for the New Year p. 155

*Let us pray for the healing of our nation  
for justice, freedom and peace for all people  
for the safety of our communities, schools and families  
for the work of the church, our region and congregation.*

*Please add your thanksgivings and petitions:*

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## PHCC CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATES

### January Birthdays

1/5 Sam Ellis

### Fun National Days

8 - Nat'l Bubble Bath Day

11 - Nat'l Arkansas Day

19 - Nat'l Popcorn Day

21 Nat'l Squirrel Apprecia-  
tion Day

25 Nat'l Opposite Day

31 Nat'l Inspire Your Heart  
with Art Day

**Monday, January 6** is Epiphany

**Thursday, January 9** We will host the veterans of St. Francis House in Hunter Hall at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**Wednesday, January 15** The PHCC Board will meet in Hunter Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 19** There will be a special 10:30 a.m. service to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Day, which is officially observed on Monday, January 20.

**Sunday, January 26** We will hold our congregational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please plan to stay for this important meeting.



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