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The Good News



In Memoriam



Betty Jo Thibault

July 31, 1947 - March 13, 2020





Tributes

Betty Jo and I met in 1995 at the Oasis Renewal Center in west Little Rock. We were both volunteering with the Adults with Physical Disabilities Support Group which met at the Oasis Center once a month to attend a dinner provided by various churches. Betty Jo was a member of Levy United Methodist Church at the time, which was one of the churches that provided transportation for group members to the event. At some point, a suggestion was made to form a choir, which would be made up of members of the group. Betty Jo and I were co-directors. I was the accompanist. The choir functioned for many years singing at various events to support the Oasis Center and to provide entertainment for some of the dinners. We also had a rehearsal every other Tuesday with a meal to follow. We put together special programs for the 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas, which were some of my favorite events. We always closed the evenings at the dinners and events with the song "Holy Ground" which included the entire group singing along with the choir. I will always remember those wonderful voices, very special times and have fond memories of the support group, the Choir, and of course Betty Jo. Bill Ward

Betty Jo and I met many years ago when I worked at Lakewood Elementary and she worked at Crestwood Elementary School. We were all in the choir together. I called her all the time. After Bill moved away, Betty Jo and I made decisions together about the choir. Betty Jo was willing to do whatever she could. In addition to directing the choir, she became the treasurer. The choir was more than just a group of people who sang together. It was fellowship and an outing for people who otherwise would have had to stay at home due to their disabilities or lack of transportation. The choir gave people an activity that they could do, a way to share their talents. We sang at churches, the Oasis and throughout the community. We sang in people's homes. We really had a good time. Betty Jo loved her grandkids. I knew her daughter and son. She talked about them all the time. I came to PHCC many times with the choir. The church served us dinner afterward. Betty Jo also came to visit me at my church, Levy Church of Christ. We really and truly were the best of friends. Soundra Harris

Betty Jo was someone you could talk to, and also someone who was interesting to listen to. She was a few years older than me, so as I began to age and had those new behaviors (getting up in the middle of the night for an hour or so before being able to return to bed, for example) she assured me that she did the same things, and all seemed well. And I will miss them many stories she told us about her Beckett and her Ramsey. She truly found the interesting things about being their grandmother to report to us. I never saw her angry or down for more than a flash. And she usually laughed at herself for getting that way. I would find interesting points on the internet to share with her on Sundays. I'd think, "Oh, I've got to tell Betty Jo about this and see what she has to say about it." I still find those things, but I can no longer share them with her. Tom Ryan

When I first began attending PHCC, I would look around to see who it was singing in such a beautiful and melodious voice. I couldn't believe that the rich, full sound was coming from petite and soft spoken Betty Jo. I told her she was like a compact disc, big sound small package. I enjoyed our conversations in the kitchen after service as she helped wash and put away the Communion supplies. You could see the joy in her face as she talked about her grandchildren. She had a passion for all children as well as a passion for education and justice. Carol Miles

PRIDE



Pride Month is traditionally celebrated in June. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the first Pride Parade, which was celebrated in 1969, one year after the historic Stonewall Uprising. Please visit the Library of Congress website listed below to learn more about this and other significant events.

Today, along with the protests over racial injustice and police brutality across our nation, we continue to witness violence and the struggle to raise awareness of violence against the LGBTQ+ community.

Locally, we have Lucie's Place, a nonprofit dedicated to serving homeless LGBTQ+ youth in Central Arkansas. In May, the safe house/shelter closed. It was reported that the need to close was due in part to a hostile neighbor and the residents feeling unsafe to remain at the location.

At PHCC, we have a long and proud history of social justice. We are an open and affirming congregation. All are welcome here. Let us continue to work for justice, freedom and peace so that all are welcome everywhere.

Visit the Library of Congress website at <http://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>



Have a Safe and Happy Fourth!

This year, July 4 falls on a Saturday. The public holiday will be observed on Friday, July 3. Please enjoy the holiday weekend. The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3 and will reopen on Monday, July 6. Normal church office hours are Mon-Fri from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Stay Connected with DOC

Visit our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) website for more information on different ministries in the church through their social media sites.

<https://disciples.org/dns/stay-socially-connected/>

PHCC Board Vacancy

At the congregational meeting on July 19, we will need a nominee for the Board. Any member in good standing may serve on the Board. If interested, please contact Kristen Beach in the church office at 501-663-8149 to have your name forwarded to the Board. A term of service is a two year commitment.

Outreach Opportunities

If you have new ideas for outreach opportunities, please share your ideas.

We continue to support nonprofits with cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment as it becomes available.

Items that are needed on a continuing basis: any cleaning products, masks (handmade and disposable), gloves, hand sanitizer, isopropyl alcohol, alcohol wipes, cotton balls and disinfectant spray.

Items that have been difficult to locate due to supply shortages: digital thermometers, probe covers and Lysol disinfectant spray.

Congregational Meeting

In accordance with our church bylaws, we will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 19 at Noon. This will be a virtual meeting. The Zoom phone number and online link will be forwarded to members by email. Please plan on attending. We have several important items to discuss:

- Input from members on a return to worship in the sanctuary
- Outreach
- Board member vacancy to be filled
- Update on our cell tower lease
- Feedback on our media sites: phcc-lr.org (website) and Facebook at www.facebook.com/phcc72205
- Financial report
- Stewardship

Prayer List

For all of our sisters and brothers across the globe who are being impacted by the coronavirus and for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one

For those who are struggling financially

For all who are oppressed and for those who work for justice, freedom and peace through peaceful protests and nonviolent civil action.

For immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers across the globe, especially those who have been separated from family and are being detained

For our nation that we might come together in unity

For our elected leaders: federal, state and local to seek God's guidance in their decision making

For our churches and leadership: congregational, regional and general

Others you wish to add:

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July Birthdays
7/15 Paula Skarda

Fun Days in July
**7/15 Nat'l Give Something
Away Day**

**7/23 Nat'l Gorgeous Grand-
ma Day**

7/27 Nat'l Love is Kind Day

PHCC Calendar and Important Dates

Please follow us on Facebook for announcements.

www.facebook.com/phcc72205

Visit our church website

phcc-lr.org

Friday, July 3 the Church Office will be closed

July 26-August 8 Carol on vacation. The Rev. Linda White will preach both Sunday's and be available for pastoral needs.

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