

Collaborative Ministry Supports the Men's Prison and Community Homeless Agencies

For more than 20 years PHUMC has provided Christmas socks and meals for the local community men's prison center and Christmas gift bags for the Little Rock Compassion Center, through our Good Samaritan Fund. Your gifts have made a difference in the lives of those in prison and the homeless in Pulaski County.

During the 2020 holiday season, however, PHUMC members joined together to make Christmas brighter for hundreds of men, women and children in these local homeless-support agencies and the Men's Prison Center.

Our first annual **Socktoberfest** resulted in over 1,000 pair of socks being donated by our faithful members. For the Community Men's Prison Center, all 130 pair had to be the same since they do not separate the laundry for these men. As we were led individually in our purchases, it was soon apparent that MIRACLES do happen and we were able to provide 130 pair of identical socks to them. PHUMC also provides a holiday meal each year.

Christmas gift bags for the Compassion Center included a pair of new socks, hat and gloves, a variety of toiletries, a poncho and washcloth for 427 persons who use this important service. An additional 200 pairs of socks and toiletries including hand soap from the Guatemala Mission Teams were donated to be used throughout the year. The Compassion Center provides beds for 40 women and 200 men nightly. They are opening a new education center for women and children nearby.

Thanks go to members of the James B. Argue, Sr. Sunday School class for 'un-packaging' the bulk items, sorting and counting socks, and then preparing the holiday gift bags for the Compassion Center. Other church members and our great custodial staff 'bagged the bags' and loaded them up for delivery.

PHUMC also provided 200 pair of socks, toiletries and soap to the Jericho Way Day Resource Center on Springer Blvd. We have been a partner with this agency for several years and provided, with the help of the Koinonia Dialogue Class members, the Thanksgiving meal this year. Jericho Way has been the recipient of special offerings from PHUMC as well as the Community Easter Sunrise Service.

PHUMC also provides a monthly Good Samaritan stipend to help support those referred to the Compassion Center, Jericho Way and the St. Francis House through our Caring Ministry.

We say thank you, Church, for your faithfulness in caring for our neighbors in need through your monetary gifts, **SOCKTOBERFEST** donations and prayers. "It takes a Village" and we are part of a GREAT one here at PHUMC.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity we raised **\$935,000** in December!



We began December with a lofty contribution goal of \$740,000. Thanks to your support and generosity we were able to meet this goal. Our December contributions were \$935,000; that's an excess of \$195,000.

These preliminary numbers will cover December expenses, payment in full of our 2020 Conference Tithe, repayment of all internal debt generated from giving shortfalls over the past two years and eliminating the Line Of Credit balance of \$200,000 allowing PHUMC to begin 2021 with cash in the bank!

I would like to thank everyone in this congregation for your support in helping us exceed this goal, even in the midst of a global pandemic. We're honored you would bless us with your generosity. Donations like these make a big difference in the work our church is doing in the community.

Thank you again for helping us start 2021 off strong!

Dr. John Robbins
Senior Pastor

WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM
YOU

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

We want to hear from you! Take our survey at phumc.com/survey or copy the QR Code. You can also call the church office at 501-664-3600 if you'd like a copy emailed to you! This survey will help us improve our communications with church members and the community.



**CALLING ALL
SOUPERHEROES!!!**

This year, we won't be having our traditional homemade soup for Souper Bowl Sunday. However, we are still in need of canned goods for our Food Pantry!

During the month of January, Bring cans of soup or donations to Drive-Through Communion on Sundays. You can also drop them off during the week from 7:30am-7:30pm at the station outside of Wesley Hall by entrance 7



Our Diaper Bank and Food Pantry were hard at work this month distributing items to those in need!

The Diaper Bank served 96 children this week in 66 different families!

The Food Pantry shared 100 bags of groceries with 55 families!

Thank you to all of these volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, MICHAEL MCMURRAY!

Join us in welcoming our new Director of Communications, Michael McMurray! Michael is a lifelong United Methodist who grew up in Little Rock.

He attended Hendrix College in Conway and has volunteered with Ozark Mission Project for many years. We are very excited to have Michael's creativity and vision on our staff!



PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Call to Community, Intercessory Prayer / Caring Ministry, Society of St. Stephen, Judy Huddleston Strohm Food Pantry, and to the glory of God.

MEMORIALS

Euloise Bethea by Barbara and Charles Edwards
David Russell Bowen by Paul Bowen
Jane Brodnax by Pat Page, Leeann Ryder
Ann Butler by Marcia and John Kelly, Judy and Roger Zachritz
Dovie Davis by Danna Davis
Jeff Ellis by Misty and Drake Hawkins, Barbara and Mack Moore
Alice Farrell and Greg Farrell by Lucien Farrell III
Bob Fleming by Bob Bailey, Annadell and Fred Fowler, Janet and Bud Jones
Tommy Hodges by Kathryn Griffin, Boots and Alan Warrick
Cathie Matthews by Tricia Brown
Kathryn McCormick by Misty and Drake Hawkins, Jacque Ptak
Bennie McCoy by Jeff McCoy, Amanda Hendrix and Jane Harkey, Bettie A and Jack Gary Mills
Steven McMurray by Annadell and Fred Fowler
Mary-Britton "Boogie" Norton by Gretchen Gray
Michael Oakley by Judy Nelsen
Carolyn Polk by Kathryn Griffin, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Nikki and Larry Lawson
Martha Riley by Misty and Drake Hawkins, Barbara Hoover
Jan Roberts by Misty and Drake Hawkins, Binky, Marilyn, Stan, Marcia and Mark Martin
John Roberts by Libby and Gary Smith
Sam Sample by Rhonda and Bob Bolls
Josephine Smith by Danna Davis, Kathy and Benny Cagle, Kearney Dietz
Jim Spradley by Misty and Drake Hawkins
Monita Swaim by Martha and Ron Clark, the Davis and Hampton families, Carol Hodges, Barbara Hoover, Julie and John Jones
Everett and Lee Thompson by Freddie and Vic Nixon
Bradley Warrick by Boots and Alan Warrick

HONORARIA

Allen Bird by Fann Woodward
Rev. Jay Clark by Angie and Jordan Johnson, Carolyn and Sam Stiles and the Wright Family
Jeffrey Ronald Davis' Birthday by Danna Davis
Cathy and John Englade by Marjorie and Tom Show
Louise Fox on the occasion of her 70th birthday by Martha Landes
Drew Gwinn by Linda Drobeno
Billie and Tom Hatcher by Glenda and Marshall Gazette
Carol and Gary Isom by Elizabeth and Tom Small
Katherine Jefferson by Glenda and Marshall Gazette
Rev. Lynn Lindsey by Carolyn and Sam Stiles and the Wright Family
Freddie and Vic Nixon by Jim Mitchell
Stephen and Jennifer Oakley by Judy Nelsen
PHUMC Ministers by Barbara and Mack Moore
PHUMC Ministers and Staff by Freddie and Vic Nixon

PHUMC Prayer Shawl/Blanket Team by Bettye Jeffries
PHUMC Pastors and Staff by Danna Davis, Lucien Farrell, Koinonia Dialogue Class
PHUMC Veterans by Rick Fleetwood
Thea Marie Ridgway by her grandparents, Dorothy and Paul Young
Kathy Roberts by Martha Landes
Louise and Andre Rollefson by Shelley Wold
Judy H Strohm by Martha and Ron Clark, Jean Hendrix, Beth and Roger Page

The following gifts were received for the Mary Jane Adamson TV Ministry Endowment, Betty Moore Brown Music and Arts Endowment, Robert Chancellor Hoover Treatment Center Endowment, Centennial Preservation Endowment, Elizabeth and E.W. Copeland Journalism and Communications Endowment, Crowder Caring Ministries Endowment, Chris and Pam Hunter Children's Bible Endowment, Centennial Preservation Endowment, Crowder Caring Ministries Endowment, Betty Glasscock Landscape Ministry Endowment, Carolyn and Joel Henslee Mission Endowment, Lindsey Family Endowment, Vivian and Edwin Meyer Adult Ministries Endowment, Betty Meyer Local Youth Mission Endowment, Mary Ellen Wade Good Samaritan Endowment, and the glory of God.

MEMORIALS

Jane Adamson by James Adamson
Betty Moore Brown by Robin and Lee Brown
Ann Butler by Katherine Jefferson
Robert Chancellor by Lesa Booker
Elizabeth and E.W. Copeland by Marcella and Brian Meyer
Norma Dean by Newton Good News Class
Fred Edick by Edna Edick and Family
Bob Fleming by Jan and Charles Sullivan
Betty Glasscock by Dewey Glasscock
Georgiana Gunn by Lange Cheek and Family
Carolyn Henslee by Newton Good News Class
Tommy Hodges by Marcella and Brian Meyer, Mary and O.H. Storey
Chris Hunter by Laura, Neilson, Adeline and Blythe Arbour
Wayne Lindsey by Mary Ruth Price-Brown, Anne and Breck Speed, Greg Taylor
Cathie Matthews by Marcella and Brian Meyer
Kathryn McCormick by Tower Class
Betty Meyer by Marcella and Brian Meyer
Vivian and Edwin Meyer by Marcella and Brian Meyer
Carolyn Polk by Daryl Coker, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn
Jim Spradley by Derek Atchley and Children, Lisa and Bruce Atchley, Deborah Dozier-Becker, Katherine and Bill Dortch, Lori Edelstein, Virginia Jackson,

HONORARIA

Daryl Coker by Jay and Laura White
Jimmy Faulkner by Billie and Skip Rutherford
Altar Guild by Billie and Skip Rutherford
Sunny Hawk by Mary Boyce
Pam Hunter by Mary Boyce, Laura, Neilson, Adeline and Blythe Arbour
Lynn Lindsey by Jay and Laura White
Lynn Monk by Mary Boyce
Beth Page by Argue Class
PHUMC Staff by Juanita Patton
Billie Rutherford by Mary Boyce

Our offices will be closed on
**Monday, January 18th for
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



THREE GENEROUS
 DONATIONS FOR
 OUR FOOD
 PANTRY
 MINISTRY

We've recently received three amazing gifts for our food pantry ministry!

Boy Scout Pack #12 collected over 400 pounds of food last month.

Through a grant **Ozark Mission Project** received through the CARES funding, they donated \$1,800 worth of food!

The **2020 Gibson Family Pie Auction** helped raise over \$4,600!

Thank you to everyone for seeing an immediate need that our neighbors were facing and helping pay it forward.



We need you! We are looking for a volunteer to help World Central Kitchen with food distribution. We need:

One volunteer on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 (must be 64 or younger) starting on January 12th and running through the end of the February.

If this is something you would be interested in, contact Nancy Delacerda at ndelacerda@comcast.net or call the church at 501-664-3600.

World Central Kitchen works with local chefs and community members to provide meals to low income neighbors.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE PRAY FOR ALL EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND LOSS THIS DAY AND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Janna Knight and family in the death of her mother, Martha Riley; to Chase Walt and family in the death of his father, Jess Walt; to Michelle Mann and family in the death of her uncle, Kenny Pace; to Mary Smith in the death of her mother, Josephine Smith; to the family and friends of Ann Butler; to Tim Jackson and family in the death of his father, Joe Jackson; to Kathy Kostopulos, Nancy Williams and families in the death of their mother, Donna Williams; and to Cathryn Woods and family in the death of her uncle, Gerald McGee.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF Charlie Scott Billingsley, son of Lauren and Kyle Billingsley and great grandchild of Mary Lou Billingsley; and Madison Jayde Barr, child of Samuel and Rashmi Kutnikar Barr and grandchild of Mark Barr.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO Meghan Miros and Ryan Matthews in their recent marriage

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The church building is currently closed to all visitors due to the pandemic. If you are in need of assistance, please call the church office.

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FRIDAY PRAYER TIME

We know that Individuals are craving spiritual connection in this difficult time. You can now register to visit the Sanctuary for a 20 minute time of personal prayer on Fridays between 1-6PM. For everyone's safety we are allowing only a very small number of people in the Sanctuary at a time and all will have to adhere to COVID-19 protocols and wear a mask at all times. To learn more and sign up your time of prayer, visit phumc.com/prayer-time.

NEW MEMBERS



Susan & Tom Hensley



Michael McMurray