

# TOWER NEWSLETTER

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### 55 Years of Pulaski Heights Broadcasts!



Fifty-five years ago, the first sponsored televised worship service from Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church was presented on Channel 4 (KARK). The service was produced using two black and white cameras that were bought from a TV station in Dallas, TX. The date was March 6, 1966. These cameras were in the balcony and other equipment was in a basement room. Dr. James B. Argue had asked the congregation to fund the purchase of the equipment. In 1972, there was a significant discussion about whether or not to continue the ministry with the purchase of color cameras. Dr. Argue facilitated the purchase of the color cameras and a third camera was installed on the west side aisle. This camera allowed close-ups of the ministers as well as the church members. In 1991, PHUMC set up a

television Board of Directors to oversee the operations and funding of the Broadcast Ministry. The Board was charged with raising funds to pay the air time expense, purchase supplies and repair equipment.

In addition to the regular broadcast each Sunday, the Broadcast Ministry televises the 11 PM Christmas Eve Service and the Easter Sunrise Service from the banks of the Arkansas River. A new high-definition control room was built in two vacant classrooms in 2014. Six remote controlled color cameras were installed in the church. Updates were also made to the audio system for the broadcast. Each Sunday, eight television crew members work in the control room, operating the cameras, controlling the audio, inserting the titles and graphics, directing the production and overseeing the weekly broadcast. These volunteers work on a rotating schedule.

The broadcast ministry produces Dr. John Robbins' bible study on Wednesday evenings and the Contemporary Service as well. Both can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube. If you are interested in donating to the Broadcast Ministry to help us continue this great service to our state, go to <a href="http://phumc.com/give">http://phumc.com/give</a> and be sure to indicate you want to give to the Broadcast Ministry. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry or learn more, contact Ray Schapp at **501-920-5206**.



#### **Welcome Ellen Gotelli, Our New Minster With Youth & Families!**

Dear Friends,

Since moving into the role of Executive Pastor in July, we have been keeping a careful eye out for someone to fill the position of Minister with Youth and Their Families. I am so happy to announce that the search is over and we have hired Ellen Gotelli. As a group of youth, staff, parents, and staff-parish committee members interviewed her last month, we could not help but feel God at work in this process.

Ellen is finishing her Master of Divinity at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in May. She is a Hendrix College Alumna where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. When she is not doing youth ministry, she is busy as an avid athlete, cook, reader, and lover of coffee and dinosaurs. Ellen is soon to be "Ellen Rowland" as she marries her fiancé, Sean Rowland this summer. Sean plans on starting law school this fall at the Bowen School of Law at UALR. Ellen and Sean cannot wait to make Little Rock and Pulaski Heights their new home!



I am especially proud as a parent to an almost 15 year old youth who will be part of the program Ellen creates and evolves and look forward to being involved as a parent. I'm also confident that Ellen will be able to reach our young people and be in ministry with their families in different ways than I did. I am excited for her to begin her ministry with us this summer and will support her in any way I can. If you would like to email Ellen, we have already set up her email at **erowland@phumc.com**. We will look forward to welcoming Ellen and Sean this summer!

Rev. Jay Clark

#### GET YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

To honor or memorialize a loved one (\$20) go to phumc.com/easterflowers

Flowers 'in honor of' or 'in memory of a loved one are available for \$20 each. You can order these flowers by going to phumc.com/easterflowers or by calling the church office at 501-664-3600. They will be placed in the Sanctuary, Wesley Hall and War Memorial Stadium on Easter Sunday and may be picked up at the PHUMC Columbarium following the outdoor War Memorial Easter service. You can also make an appointment to pick them up by contacting the church office at 501-664-3600. Make sure to order by Friday, March 26th to ensure your memorial/honorarium will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

#### PHUMC COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

On Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, We were able to host a Covid-19 Vaccination clinic in conjunction with Freiderica Pharmacy. With the hard work of staff & volunteers, we were able to vaccinate 60 individuals! Here is a photo of PHUMC custodian, Booker Rodgers, receiving his vaccine! A big thank you to Nancy and David Bartlett, Sheila and RIchard Bronfman, Pat Crane, Louise Fox, Karen Konarski-Hart, Nancy McCulley, Ruth Meinholz, Holly Ross, Cindy



 $Simpson, Pat \ Dillahunty, Bev \ Villines, Stacey \ Hightower, and the \ whole \ PHUMC \ Custodial \ Staff!$ 

## Join Our Intecessory Prayer Group!

Join our Intercessory Prayer Group! This group prays for those who have requested prayer from the church. They meets virtually the first and third Monday of each month from 11am-12pm. You can join this group by contacting Carole Ann Provin by email at carole.provin@yahoo.com or calling the church at 501-664-3600.

We hope you can join them!



Cancer Friends is focused on sharing and caring. This ministry encourages and supports cancer patients, cancer survivors, and their friends and family.

Join us for our PHUMC Cancer Friends Zoom Support Meeting, Wednesday March 10th from 11 A.M. to Noon. To sign up, contact Linda Jones (**Ijones@phumc.com**) or Dr. Jeff Hampton (**jhampton@phumc.com**).

## Thank You For Your Donation!



Last month we were blessed to receive a donated refrigerator from Stacy Sells and Tim Gauger for the food pantry. Will Faulkner, Kyle McCraw and Gary Earlywine picked it up and safely delivered it to the church! This allows us to be able to provide frozen meat & produce for those that want it.

This month, we partnered with Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry and the Arkansas Food Bank to provide over 134 pounds of venison and ground turkey to people that came through our Drive-Thru Food Pantry!

#### Central Arkansas Diaper Bank





The Diaper Bank served 125 children this week in 85 different families!

Diaper Bank Donations are accepted in any size and quantity, open or not. Diapers can be dropped off at Drive-Through Communion on Sundays or during the week from 7:30am-7:30pm at the station outside of Wesley Hall by entrance 7. You can also purchase diapers from an online retailer and have them mailed directly to the church!

If you want to give a monetary donation, go to **phumc.com/give**!

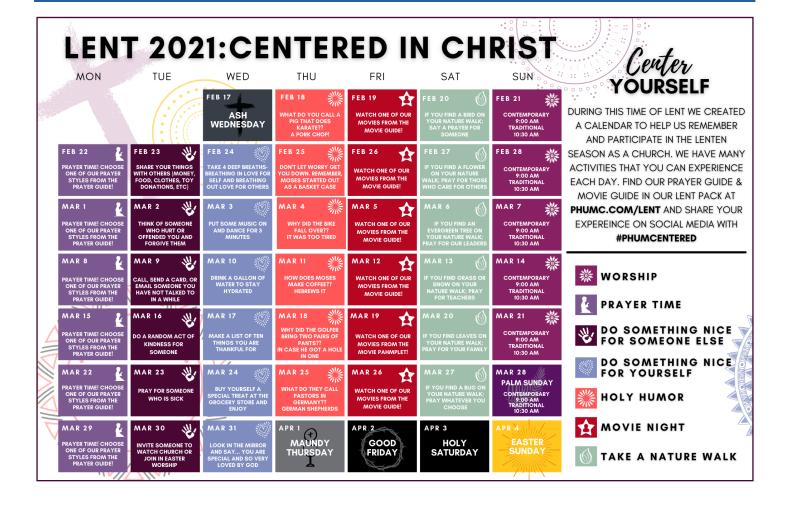
#### PHUMC Food Pantry



The Food Pantry shared 112 bags of groceries to 62 families! Thank you to all of these volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

Food donations for the Food Pantry can be brought to Drive-Through Communion on Sundays or dropped off during the week from 7:30am-7:30pm at the station outside of Wesley Hall by entrance 7.

You can also donate to our Food Pantry by going to phumc.com/give or by mailing a check to the church office!



### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of

Robbie Jo Taylor Chancellor, child of Jenna and Lloyd Chancellor and grandchild of Lesa Booker; Richard Bennett Blank, child of Laura and Richard Blank.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS** 

**EXTENDED** to Cathleen McFarlin and family in the death of her mother, Charlotte Staggs; to Anne Baldwin and family in the death of her mother, Ernestine Martin; to Anna Swaim and family in the death of her mother, Frances Ruth Landers; to Ginny Garner and family in the death of her mother, Cora Belle Patterson; to Carole Ann Provin and family in the death of her cousin, Pat Ellison; to Amber Owens and Mary Olive Owens in the death of their stepmother and grandmother, Ann Owens; to Wess Moore and family in the death of his father, Mavis Moore; and to Graham and Jack Voyles in the death of their mother, Connie Voyles.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** Rob & Leah Schlitts



#### **OF** Presley Mary McBee, child of Thai McBee and Thomas McBee Jr., grandchild of Rusty and Mary

Catherine Armstrong

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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.





Join the Telephone Sunday School Class

## Join the Telephone Sunday School Class!

PHUMC Weekly Adult Telephone Sunday School Class meets: 3:00 – 3:45PM, each Sunday. If you would like to join this, just call 1-501-748-7664 at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. When you call, make sure to have a Cokesbury Hymnal nearby, if you have one. You don't have to have the Sunday school book — but if you would like one mailed to you, just call the church at 501-664-3600. They are currently using "Adult Bible Studies: Hope". Teachers are Gene Altenburger, Jimmy Faulkner, Andre Rollefson, Sara Clem, & Christian Harris. Gene Altenburger, Letitia Cross and the rest of the class hope you will join them!