



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD AUGUST 2024

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE



This year's theme was "Finding Home." If you look up "home" in a dictionary, you will see just how wide-ranging this word is. It is not just a physical place. But assuredly, home is where God is and where God's people are; it is a place where God welcomes all. Our church was very well represented by youth, laity, staff, and clergy (pictured above). You should

be proud of the work our people do throughout the Annual Conference and beyond.

For the first time in many years, there was no divisiveness or rancor. After a painful year in Methodism of churches disaffiliating, there was palpable positive and unifying energy reflected in the message from Bishop Merrill, the reports from the various UMC committees and agencies, and the worship services. A panel of delegates to General Conference provided information so that everyone would have a clear understanding of the historic conference this spring. One notable event was a vote on a Reaffiliation Agreement which provides a framework for churches that disaffiliated to rejoin the UMC. Laity and clergy from several churches that went through the disaffiliation process shared that the people that remained United Methodists are doing amazing work, even with fewer numbers of people. They are growing by baptizing and taking in new members, doing new ministries, and overcoming the hurt and anguish of broken relationships. God's work has not stopped, even during trial and tribulation.

We were also made aware that disaffiliation has had a dramatic impact on the finances of the UMC and the Arkansas Conference. With fewer churches and fewer people, there is less money to do God's work. Jobs and salaries in the Arkansas Conference have been cut, leaving fewer clergy and staff to continue the ministries and missions we all cherish and want to see continued. There is still much to do, and it is up to us to do it.

Friends, United Methodists are not gone, not finished, and not going away. There is still much to do to heal the wounds of disaffiliation, but based on what I saw and heard, I believe the scars are already fading and new growth and vitality are evident. For more information about the Arkansas Annual Conference, you can visit arumc.org. This is a wonderful resource to get information about what the Church outside of PHUMC is doing. "Finding Home," where all can worship, serve, and be the people God would have us be, is what we as United Methodists must do.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as a lay member to the Arkansas Annual Conference.

-Sylvia Borchert

CONNECT FAIR

LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
MINISTRIES OF
OUR CHURCH
AND WHERE YOU
CAN CONNECT!

FIND YOUR PLACE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00-11:00AM

JIM ARGUE GREAT HALL (GYM)

Have you been looking for a new way to connect with the church and serve? Want to find a small group, Sunday school class, or a way to serve our community? Not sure where to

start? Come to the PHUMC Connect Fair! It will be held in the Gym from 10:00-11:00AM on Sunday, September 8th! We'll have information and opportunities to sign up for all kinds of ministries. Can't make it to campus that Sunday? No worries! We will have an online portal at phumc.com/connect-fair beginning September 7th! Together we can live out PHUMC's mission to Inspire Love, Embrace Christ, and Engage the World! Questions? Email Rev. McMurray, kmcsmurray@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600!



Join PHUMC from 5-7pm on Wednesday, September 11th for a Block Party on Woodlawn Drive! We'll have free hot dogs, music, fellowship, and lots of fun for all ages! This will be a great way to kick off the school year and spend time with our community!

We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Emily Stotts at estotts@phumc.com or call 501-664-3600.



T.J. AND INEZ RANEY
SERIES

KATE BOWLER

New York Times Bestseller

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024

6:00-7:30PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED,
SPOTS LIMITED

REGISTRATION
OPENS SEPT. 3





VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Another great week of Vacation Bible Camp is in the books! Our church became Camp Firelight, where campers sang songs, played games, made crafts, and learned about God's love! Just read some of the experiences of our church members this year!

"It was a fabulous week at Bible Camp! We sang, prayed, danced, snacked, and recited each day a Bible verse reminding us to turn to God whenever afraid. Patti Coleman and I were in charge of the art projects. We made fireflies that lit up, campfires, mosaic glass crosses and a camp journal. I realized Bible Camp was a hit when both my granddaughters couldn't wait to return each day!! I plan on volunteering next year. I can't wait!" - Jane Anne Fortenberry

"I am so thankful to have spent the best week with Nora Grace at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible Camp! Watching her

excitement during every lesson, song and activity brought back wonderful memories of my own childhood spent at similar PHUMC programs. Seeing her joy and enthusiasm, especially when she held my hand and included me in the fun, made my heart so happy. This camp has always been a cherished part of our church, and I'm thrilled that Nora Grace could experience the same magic I did growing up. It's truly a blessing to share these special moments with her, and I'm so grateful to our church for providing this for our youth." - Allyson Pittman Gattin

"During the week of Vacation Bible Camp, the Greet Hall and Wesley Hall were transformed into a real life wilderness camp thanks to our creative staff! Children gathered to sing songs, listen to stories and watch plays about God's great creation- the great outdoors! One of the favorite activities was snack time which used a bug theme relating to the Bible verse of the day. For example, a bee keeper visited and samples of honey were enjoyed by all. The mission aspect centered around a daily activity of caring for worms. Campers decorated worm houses, fed and watered the worms and then released them into the flower beds at PHUMC. An offering was collected each day resulting in raising \$1,000 for Camp Aldersgate! Most impressive was the participation of our youth during this week. The youth volunteers were instrumental in the success of Vacation Bible Camp. These young volunteers were friendly, mannerly, respectful and carried out numerous responsibilities with smiles on their faces. I always enjoy this week of ministering to our children at PHUMC. Please consider participating next year! I guarantee you will leave with a happy heart!" - Patti Coleman

Cancer Friends Quarterly Luncheon

Featuring: Craig O'Neill

DATE
Sept. 5

TIME
11:30AM

Sign up by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or

phumc.com/cancer-friends.



Join us for our next Cancer Friends Quarterly Luncheon on Thursday, September 5th at 11:30am. You do not have to have cancer to be part of Cancer Friends. Cancer is not easy to talk about and is not something anyone wants to have. Our Cancer Friends group can provide a listening ear provides hope and encouragement. Often just listening is all that is needed. We provide support through monthly Zoom meetings as well as quarterly luncheons. No one's cancer journey is the same but knowing people care can sometimes make the difference. Our speaker at our next Quarterly Luncheon will be Craig O'Neill. You can RSVP for lunch by calling the church office, signing up at the Welcome Desk, or by going to phumc.com/cancer-friends.

Special Charge Conference

Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00PM in Wesley Hall (meal served at 5:30)

Meal reservations required if you want to eat
501-664-3600 or vlewis@phumc.com

Join us for a special Charge Conference on Tuesday, August 13 at 5:30pm in Wesley Hall. We will consider names for

removal from membership followed by our Board of Stewards Meeting. You can see the list of names by going to phumc.com/membership-names-list. Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

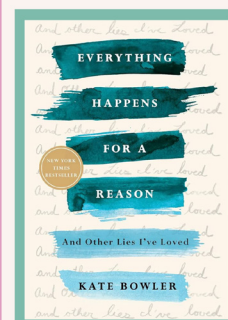
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DONATE TO SUPPORT WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND UNIFORMS

PHUMC.COM/GIVE

Summer Book Club Continues

August 14 | 6:00PM | PARLOR



Join Pastor Kathleen for a time of fellowship as we discuss "Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)" by Kate Bowler

PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for these endowments: *Barnwell Holloway Medical Studies Scholarship Endowment, Lovers of the Food Pantry Endowment, Martin Family Youth Endowment, PHUMC Youth Endowment, John and Kathy Roberts Endowment, Sanders Music Endowment, Villines Family Endowment, and the glory of God.*

Memorials

Bob Baine by Beth Baine
Garth Martin by Stephanie Wilcox
George Mitchell by Julie and Lynn Marshall, Bev Villines, Mark and Sandy White, and Anonymous
June Qualheim by Bo and Sunny Hawk
Norris Ragan by Steve and Ann Currie, Mitri and Bobby Greenhill, Laura Jo Prange and Rick Long, and Anonymous
Kathryn Rand by Neil Heird and Anonymous
John Roberts by Elaine McNiece
Judy Strohm by Daryl Coker
Buddy Villines by Linda Fletcher and Gary Villines, and Elaine McNiece

Honoraria

Sungyun Kim by Bev Villines
PHUMC Chancel Choir by Bev Villines
Amber Read-Zamilpa by Susan Reynolds
Bev Villines by Elaine McNiece

New Members

Aaren Akama-Makia, Hadley Black, Sam Blankenship, Whit Bowman, Mary Erwin Bright, Madeline Cain, Charly Callaway, Jacqueline Capps, Jim Clark, Liza Clark, Ella Coleman, Mary Carol Daugherty, Evelyn Dickinson, Austin Easley, Mark Ferguson, Kristofer Glason, Lily Gregory, Benjamin Grumbles, Tucker Grumbles, Madelyn Hamra, Mary Hollis Harbour, Lee and Nikki Hastings, Mary Hardin Hastings, Raina Haynes, Will Heard, Anne Elizabeth Hester, Graham Israel, Hajun Kim, Leighton Leath, Anne-Catherine Martindale, Ava McGraw, Allie McLarty, Robert and Jessie McLarty, Sally Nail, Beckett Nolte, Lola Nolte, Evan Claire Paulson, Cate Penick, Will Phillips, Rebecca Ragland, Charlie Richter, Grant Roberson, Leighton Robinson, Caroline Rutledge, Charlotte Stotts, Beverly Sullenger, Jersey Tuck, Henry Wall, Charlie Wallace, Henry Wallace, Sarah Katherine Willis, Henry Wolfe, and Will and Camille Worthington by Anonymous

Baptisms

Raina Haynes, Emily Kate Jones, Allie McLarty, Evan Claire Paulson, and William Gordon Rockefeller, III by Anonymous

Church-wide

Basic First Aid & CPR Training

Sunday, August 18

12:00-2:30PM
 (Lunch from
 12:00-12:30)

phumc.com/CPR



Join us for hand-free CPR and basic first aid training led by Dr. Karen Konarski-Hart. We'll meet on Sunday, August 18 from noon-2:30PM (Lunch will be provided from at the beginning for \$10). Reserve your spot by going to phumc.com/CPR or calling the church office. Questions? Contact Emily Stotts at estotts@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.

YOUTH WORSHIP CAMP!

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 August 6-8

REGISTER
phumc.com/worship-camp

Contact
bhobbs@phumc.com



Walking the Mourner's Path



IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

**MONDAYS
 6:00-8:00PM
 SEPT. 9-OCT. 28**

LEARN MORE AT
PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH



Walking the Mourner's Path is an in-person grief group for anyone who has suffered a significant loss and would like to process it in a group setting. Our next group will be led by Rev. Daniel Curry, Debbie Benson, and Kathy Roberts. This 8-week program will take place from 6-8 pm on Mondays, from Sept. 9-Oct. 28. Mourners learn ways to honor their loved ones, seek spiritual direction, and discover God's promise of comfort in the community. There is a \$60 fee, which goes toward materials. Sign up at phumc.com/mourners-path or call the church office at 501-664-3600. Questions? Contact Kathy Roberts at 0711kroberts@gmail.com.

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

STARTING SEPT. 18

PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS

August Primitimers Luncheon

Featuring Rev. Lynn Kilbourne
 Methodist Foundation For Arkansas

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| RSVP: | Thursday August 22 |
| PHUMC APP | 11:30AM |
| Call 501-664-3600 | Great Hall |
| Front Desk | \$10 |

phumc.com/primitimers

PHUMC Music Academy
 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
 Register Online at
phumc.com/music-academy

Dale the Donut is on his way back to PHUMC! Donuts will return on August 18!

LIVING FAITH
 SERMON SERIES I
 AUGUST 4-SEPTEMBER 8

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family and friends of Pat Fulmer in her recent death; to Cris Slikker and family in the death of her mother, Darlene Blozan; to Danny Fisher and family in the death of his mother, Jerry Matthew; to the family and friends of Bonnie Kelley in her recent death; to Cal McCastlain and family in the death of his mother, Virginia Lee Cox McCastlain; to Mike McGibbony and family in the death of his father, Mike McGibbony; to Danny Fisher and family in the death of his mother, Jerry Matthew; to the family and friends of Bonnie Kelley in her recent death; to Bobbye Dennis and family in the death of her son, Robert Dennis; to Pat Sexton and family in the death of her husband, Wayne Sexton; to Ruth Meinholz and family in the death of her husband, Lucky Meinholz; and to the Rev. Louis Mulkey and family in the death of his wife, Barbara Mulkey.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of of Hudson Grey Harvill, child of Mary Ellen and John Harvill; of Adelaide Spencer Hawkins, child of Asia and Walker Hawkins and grandchild of Misty and Drake Hawkins; and of Barrett Elizabeth Bizzell, child of Jamie and J.R. Bizzell.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Eloise Bates, child of Devin and Laura Bates; of Elizabeth Anne Doramus, child of Anne Marie and Joe Doramus, and grandchild of Mark and Laura Doramus; and of Jesse Harbison, child of Alex and Kyndal Harbison; of Ashley Tribett; and of Archer Roy Tribett, child of Archer and Ashley Tribett and grandchild of Steve and Kim Tribett.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Bob and Carolyn Nelson; Ronnie Cook; Elisa Guess; Angeline Button; Jean Jordan; and JulieAnn and Jim Chavez.

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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

PURCHASE ALTAR FLOWERS FOR CLASSIC WORSHIP BY EMAILING KRISTEN COPPOLA AT KCOPPOLA@PHUMC.COM OR CALLING 501-664-3600!

AUGUST STAFF BIRTHDAYS
MICHAEL MCMURRAY - AUGUST 9

EVENTS IN AUGUST

- 8/01 PROFESSOR BOWL | 7 PM
- 8/06 PERKS PUTTS | 5:30 PM
- 8/14 WEDNESDAY SPINS @ AMFA | 5 - 8 PM
- 8/22 STERLING MARKET HANGOUT | 5:30 PM

LEARN MORE AT [PHUMC.COM/YAM](https://www.phumc.com/yam)

HOG PARKING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
BEGINNING AT 4:30 PM
PRESALE SPOTS AVAILABLE AT [PHUMC.COM/HOGPARKING](https://www.phumc.com/hogparking)

It's that time of year! The Razorbacks are going to be playing at War Memorial Stadium on Thursday, August 29! PHUMC will open our parking lot for the game. We are allowing people to reserve their spot for \$40. We will also be selling parking spots on the day of the game at the church! All proceeds will go to PHUMC Youth Missions. Go to [phumc.com/hog-parking](https://www.phumc.com/hog-parking) to reserve your spot for the game! Questions? Call the church office at 501-664-3600!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for the period January-June 2024.

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| Member Contributions | \$ 2,069,757 |
| PHUMC Foundation Contributions | \$ 82,500 |
| Other Income | \$ 37,619 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,189,876 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 2,497,916 |
| Tithe Payment payable | \$ 111,493 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 2,609,409 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (419,533) |