



**PULASKI  
HEIGHTS**  
United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD JANUARY 2025

Dear Congregation,

As we look toward 2025 as a church, I want to share with you a few goals we would like to build on and strengthen in the new year. As is the case every year, new ministry opportunities will emerge that afford us the privilege of doing even more to reach people with the Gospel message in many special and unique ways. Your participation and generosity are essential as we seek to accomplish even more. This is not an exhaustive list, and it is not in any particular order, but it will give you an overall idea of what lies ahead for us as Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

- A Capital Campaign in the fall of 2025 to address a variety of facility needs including major leaks, heat and air, lighting, exterior brick issues, as well as children and youth areas, and much more. There is a great sense of urgency about addressing these matters. No remodeling of existing spaces will be done as a part of this campaign.
- Build a strong and vibrant Men's ministry program for all ages. Monthly gatherings, as well as recreational opportunities, and small groups will be emphasized.
- Exploring ministries for people with special needs of all sorts. This is a much-needed ministry that we must begin to focus on.
- More small groups for all ages. These will include both spiritual and social activities. In addition, we will offer the Bible in 90 Days reading program from June 2-August 25 as a summer spiritual small group opportunity.
- Strengthening an already robust missions program. In addition to all we are presently doing, we are bringing back the care bags and expand that ministry even more.

As you surely know, we have so many opportunities already in place to volunteer in assisting us with pastoral care needs, mission projects, senior adult ministries, children and youth events, as well as much more. These ministries listed above provide a small taste of all you can be a part of in 2025. I look forward to a wonderful year of ministry in the name of Christ with each of you!

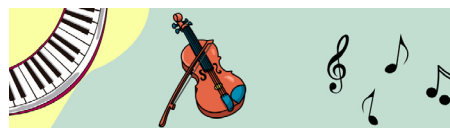
Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

THANK  
YOU  
DARYL  
COKER



Thank you to Daryl Coker for his 25 years of service as our chair of the Board of Trustees. He will now become

a Trustee Emeritus. He worked tirelessly to care for our building, property and supported the mission of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.



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After 41 years of service to PHUMC's Broadcast Ministry, Ray Schaap will be stepping down as our weekly producer. Ray has served in the Broadcast Ministry selflessly for decades, arriving early every Sunday to ensure that each service is the best it can be for our viewers at home and online. He will continue to serve as a crew member for our televised services.

We want to celebrate Ray for his tireless service and championing our PHUMC Broadcast Ministry through the years!



Thank you to everyone who donated soap in the months of November! We were able to meet our goal of 1,350 bars of soap for Kairos Prison Ministries! This soap will go to the women at McPherson Women's Unit.

## Poinsettias given in memory of

**Dr. Kimberly Adametz** by LaJuana Whyte  
**Jane Adamson** by Nikki Lawson  
**Elizabeth Albright** by Jim Morse, Jane Proffitt, and Fred Albright  
**Bob Archer and Will Boyer** by Lee and Nancy Archer  
**James B. Argue, Jr.** by Charlotte Stotts  
**Jack and Mary Nell Armstrong** by Rusty and Mary Catherine Armstrong  
**Jane Grigsby Arthurs** by Bill Arthurs  
**Jane Arthurs** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Wit and Nell Barnwell** by Karen Barnwell  
**Michelle Bartlett** by Her Family  
**Anita Benafield** by Vandiver and Aston families  
**Nick Benson** by your family  
**Nick Benson** by Ron and Kathy Goss  
**Mabel and Edwin Bird** by Allen Bird  
**David Blackburn** by LaJuana Whyte  
**Mary Louise and E. Arden Boyce** by Patti and Charlie Coleman  
**Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Brantley, Sr.** by Polly and Laudies Brantley  
**Betsy Branton** by Susan Branton and Bobby Linville  
**Laurabelle Brewer** by Kathy Roberts  
**Marlin Blaine Brown** by Penny and Gordon Wilbourn and family  
**Wayne Buckley** by Sidney, Larry, Annie, and Jack Carter  
**Kathy Churchill** by Spence Churchill  
**Kevin Churchill** by Spence Churchill  
**Brent Coker** by Daryl Coker  
**Brian Coker** by Daryl Coker  
**Robbye and Buddy Coleman** by Patti and Charlie Coleman  
**Eddie Craven** by Amanda Craven  
**Frank and Wanda Curtis** by Carolyn and Laura Dowling  
**Gary Davis** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Don DeLuca** by Matthew Donald DeLuca  
**Luann Denison** by Trey Groce  
**Kearney and Floy Jean Dietz** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**Louis and Dot East** by Thomas East families  
**Carolyn Edwards** by Andrea Edwards  
**Gary and Una Dell Edwards** by Amanda Edwards  
**Ceile Faulkner** by Sydney, Annie, Mary Win, Marie, and Buddy  
**Jo B. Felton** by Jim Morse, Jane Proffitt, and Fred Albright  
**Jean Fleetwood** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Junior Fleetwood** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Dr. Bill and Jerry Floyd** by Madeline Floyd and Stephanie Purifoy  
**Paul Floyd** by Madeline Floyd and Stephanie Purifoy  
**Baron Thurston Forbes and Rose Stickler** by Ann Hamman  
**Tucker Franks** by Hayden, Lynne, Emily, and Harrison Franks  
**Dorothy and Charles Gavin** by Allen Bird  
**Marjorie and Frank Gill** by Ken and Dottie Gill  
**David and Sandy Gillison and Dianne Gillison** by Sara and Chris Logan  
**Bill Gribble** by Eric, Emily, Max, and Jack Gribble  
**Beverly Bogan Guerriero** by Paula and Rick O'Brien  
**Dr. Charles P. Guerriero III** by Paula and Rick O'Brien  
**Alastair and Helen Hall** by David and Victoria Hall  
**Michael Hall** by David and Victoria Hall  
**Homer and Leona Hamman** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Cory Herndon** by Eric, Emily, Max, and Jack Gribble  
**Nell "Honey" Hightower Cannon and Audrey Kathy Cannon Hill** by Harriet and Warren Stephens  
**Jack E. Hill** by Ann P. Hill  
**Tommy Hodges** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Tommy Hodges** by Carol and Cathy Hodges, Anne, Kris, Harrison, Alex, and Walker

**Al and Pat Holloway** by Karen Barnwell  
**Vicki Holloway** by Karen Barnwell  
**Harlan and "Zibby" Holmes, and Tommy Holmes** by David H. Holmes  
**Paul "Pete" Hoover** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Pete Hoover** by Carol Hodges  
**Street and Thelma Horrell** by Holly Larkin  
**Betty and Sam Howe** by Abigail Howe  
**Bill Huey** by Rusty and Mary Catherine Armstrong  
**Clint and Martha Huey** by Rusty and Mary Catherine Armstrong  
**Charles, Ann and Charlie Huskey** by Lee and Nancy Archer  
**John Jennings, Jr.** by Kathy Jennings  
**James Kemp** by Matthew Donald DeLuca  
**Joe O. Larkin** by Cally, Stella, and Jack Cochran  
**Joe W. and Mabel Larkin** by Holly Larkin  
**Lillian and Bob Lee** by Kathleen McMurray  
**Kathryn Lively** by Christian Harris  
**Dr. and Mrs. Charles Logan** by Sara and Chris Logan  
**Geraldine McCarty** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**B.J. and Sue McCulley** by Nancy McCulley  
**Kathleen Troxclair and Steve McMurray** by Kathleen McMurray  
**Jean McNeil "Nana"** by her loving family  
**Betty Meyer** by Brian, Marcella, Logan and Hartley Meyer  
**Dr. Raymond Miller** by Clarice, Phil, Terri, and Jaden Miller  
**Ro Moery** by your loving parents  
**Jim Monk** by his family  
**Mary J. Morse** by Jim Morse, Jane Proffitt, and Fred Albright  
**Clyde and Joyce Sites and Calvin and Margie Murphy** by Allison Sites  
**Jack Myers** by LaJuana Whyte  
**Rev. Vic Nixon** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Lloyd D. O'Brien** by Paula and Rick O'Brien  
**Jane Osborne** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**Kathie Osborne** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**Kearney and Floy Jean Dietz and Kathie Dietz Osborne** by Susan Dietz  
**Our Parents** by Nancy and Greg Sink  
**Our Parents** by Julie and Lynn Marshall  
**Carol Ann Penick** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Lee Pitts "Mimi"** by her loving family  
**Art and Jane Porta** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Mr. and Mrs. Harris Powers** by Mary and Robert Powers  
**Rick Purnell** by Nancy Gail Purnell  
**Dr. John and Mary Roberts** by Kathy Roberts  
**John Roberts** by Bev Villines  
**John N. Roberts Jr.** by Kathy Roberts  
**Dan Robinson** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Josephine Raye Rogers** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Doyle W. Rogers Sr.** by Barbara Rogers Hoover  
**Frank Ross** by Matt, Laura and Cooper Boyd and Jennifer Ross  
**Marjean Rowe** by John Webber  
**Bob and Georgia Sells** by Anna-Lee and Sam McSpadden  
**Marjorie and Ed Smith** by Ken and Dottie Gill  
**Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith** by Mary and Robert Powers  
**Wanda Smith** by Karen Barnwell  
**Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Smith, Jr.** by Polly and Laudies Brantley  
**Gordon Souter** by Cally, Stella, and Jack Cochran  
**George and Pauline Stickler** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**George and Pauline Stickler** by Ann Hamman  
**Anna "Charley" Tanner** by Ken and Dottie Gill  
**Judy Tenenbaum** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Barbara Thurmond** by Frank Thurmond  
**Will Thurmond** by Frank Thurmond  
**Christy Trimble and Robin Trimble Powell** by Jim and Marsha Allbritton

**Pam Varnell** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Buddy Villines** by Bev Villines  
**Dr. Robert Vogel** by LaJuana Whyte  
**Mary Ellen Wade** by Roger and Beth Page  
**Alan Bradley Warrick** by Alan F. and Mary Warrick  
**Edgar and Carolyn Webb** by Tom and Mary Carolyn East  
**Randy Wyatt** by Josh, Maddie, and Lexi Rowe  
**Randy Wyatt** by Gay Wyatt  
**Robin Wynne** by Margo Wynne and family  
**Eve Yancey** by Larry Yancey

## **Poinsettias given in honor of**

**Julie and Wally Allen** by Carol Hodges  
**Altar Guild** by Kathy Roberts  
**Argue Sunday School Class** by LaJuana Whyte  
**Elise Argue** by Charlotte Stotts  
**Lisa Barnes** by Beth McKittrick Bandy  
**Nancy and David Bartlett** by Bev Villines  
**Sherry Gavin Bird** by Allen Bird  
**Ginni Bracy** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**Cancer Friends Card Volunteers: Robbie, Laura, Laura Jo, Stacy, Jok, JoJo, Martha, Ruth, Shirley, Elise** by Karen Barnwell  
**Rev. Katye Chambers** by Kathy Roberts  
**Andrea Clark** by Miles Mathisen  
**Jim and Sally Clark** by Lajuana Whyte  
**Sarah Clem** by Christian Harris  
**Cally, Stella and Jack Cochran** by Holly Larkin and Tod Cochran  
**Jennie Cole** by Charles Cole  
**Earl and Mary Collister** by Kim Collister  
**Harper and Rev. Daniel Curry** by Anna-Lee and Sam McSpadden  
**The Davis Family** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Diaper Packing Crew** by Martha Landes and Kim Swindler  
**Diaper Bank Volunteers** by Sherry Bird  
**Mandy and Bill Dillard** by Carol Hodges  
**Charles Evens** by Rick Fleetwood  
**Food Pantry Leaders: Kathy Roberts and Gay Wyatt** by Karen Barnwell  
**Food Pantry Volunteers** by Allen Bird  
**Food Pantry Volunteers** by Kathy Roberts  
**Food Pantry Volunteers** by Gay Wyatt  
**Kristie Finney** by Kenny and Terrie Wilkerson  
**Ann and Gaston Gibson** by Carol Hodges  
**Mike & Virginia Porta, Marilyn Micheletti and Karen Greenlee** by Amanda Craven and Linda Davis  
**Dr. Frode Gundersen** by Julie and Lynn Marshall  
**Ann Hamman** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Jack and Bev Hamman** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Jeane Harris** by Christian Harris  
**Barbara Hoover** by Carol Hodges  
**George and Barbara Humfleet** by Kim Collister  
**Peggy Goodman and Dana Kay Jackson** by Rocky Goodman  
**Arline Jackson** by Jim Mitchell  
**Audrey Jones** by her daughters: Lisa, Barbara, and Diana  
**Julie and Johnny Jones** by Carol Hodges  
**Dr. John Jones** by Ann P. Hill  
**Cecile Kimmer** by Closet Angels  
**Cecile Kimmer and Clothes Closet Volunteers** by Jim and Marsha Allbritton  
**Martin and Deanna Land** by LaJuana Whyte  
**JoAnn Larkin** by Cally, Stella, and Jack Cochran  
**Nikki and Larry Lawson** by Kathryn Lawson Griffin  
**Leslie and Mark Lee** by Abigail Howe  
**Leslie and Mark Lee** by Carol Hodges  
**Pam Lentz** by Kenny and Terrie Wilkerson

**Betty Gene Mann** by the Sabbath Christ Care Group  
**Holly Mathisen** by Miles Mathisen  
**Jean McCollum** by Miles Mathisen  
**George and Becky McCoy** by Hayden, Lynne, Emily, and Harrison Franks  
**Joe Pete McNeil "Papa"** by his loving family  
**Michael McMurray** by Kathy Roberts  
**Richard Meyer** by Brian, Marcella, Logan, and Hartley Meyer  
**Mary Trent Moery** by your loving parents  
**Barbara and Mack Moore** by Carol Hodges  
**Karen and Randy Mourot** by Carol Hodges  
**My Grandchildren and Great-grandchild** by Spence Churchill  
**Freddie Nixon** by Ann P. Hill  
**Cara and Jeff Nolan** by Carol Hodges  
**Fred Osborne** by J. Dietz Osborne  
**Our children and grandchildren: Jessica, Ghi, Charlotte and Alexander de Kertanguy and Lambert, Lauren-Blair, Virginia, Caroline and March Catherine Marshall** by Julie and Lynn Marshall  
**Our Grandchildren: Tate and Grayton East, Blake, Kinley, Brayden and Addison Mitchell** by Tom and Mary Carolyn East  
**Our Family** by Polly and Laudies Brantley  
**Our Grandchildren: Faye and Mac Parker and Adelaide Hawkins** by Drake and Misty Hawkins  
**PHUMC Afghan Family Mission Leaders, Volunteers and Supporters** by Karen Barnwell  
**PHUMC Altar Guild** by Jim and Marsha Allbritton  
**PHUMC Broadcast Ministry** by Ray Schaap  
**PHUMC Clergy** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**PHUMC Clergy and Staff** by Bev Villines  
**PHUMC Facility Staff** by Beth McKittrick Bandy  
**PHUMC Hospitality Staff and Volunteers** by Beth McKittrick Bandy  
**PHUMC Pastors and Staff** by Karen Barnwell  
**PHUMC Staff** by Julie and Lynn Marshall  
**PHUMC Staff** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**PHUMC Technology and Communications Staff** by Beth McKittrick Bandy  
**PHUMC United Women in Faith** by LaJuana Whyte  
**PHUMC United Women in Faith** by Linda Davis  
**Ben Porta** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Dr. John Robbins** by Julie and Lynn Marshall  
**Dr. John Robbins** by Lajuana Whyte  
**Kathy Roberts** by Bev Villines  
**Rev. Ellen Rowland** by Kathy Roberts  
**Rev. Ellen Rowland** by Jackson Womack  
**Billie Rutherford** by Kathy Roberts  
**Ella, Anna Claire and Emma Scott** by Susan Dietz  
**Cindy and Warren Simpson** by Abigail Howe  
**Cindy and Warren Simpson** by Carol Hodges  
**Carol Souter** by Cally, Stella and Jack Cochran  
**Mark & Laura Spradley** by Ples Spradley  
**Emily Stotts** by Mary Margaret Womack  
**Emily Argue Stotts** by Jim and Marsha Allbritton  
**Emily Stotts** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Linda Todd and all Prayer Shawl/Blanket Volunteers** by Karen Barnwell  
**Yui Teruya** by Virginia and Mike Porta  
**Kristin and Greg Trulock** by Spence Churchill  
**Gay Wyatt** by Kathy Roberts  
**The naming of the Floyd G. "Buddy" Villines Two Rivers Bridge** by Billie and Skip Rutherford

## PHUMC Caring Ministries By the Numbers

At PHUMC, caring for one another is at the heart of our ministry. Through PHUMC's Caring Ministries, we extend compassion and support to individuals in need, embodying Christ's love in tangible ways. Whether offering prayers, providing transportation, or simply being present in moments of joy or sorrow, these ministries touch the lives of countless people within and beyond our church family. Below are just a few of the many ways Caring Ministries fulfills its mission of care and connection.

- **Shawl and Blanket Ministries** – This group of **23 knitters and sewers** have distributed 30 shawls and blankets for people experiencing hospitalization and always have extras on hand. Since the start of these ministries we estimate that over **1,400 shawls or blankets** have been given out.
- **Hospital Callers** – **Four volunteers** call the major hospitals in the Little Rock area daily to find out if any patients have a connection to PHUMC so that direct visits from clergy and staff can be set up.
- **Caring Cards** – By the end of 2024 a group of **nine volunteers** will have sent approximately **530 cards** to persons who have experienced illness, are in recovery, or who are in need of a caring note.
- **Grief Committee** – **Five volunteers** send cards to those who have experienced the loss of a family member. In 2024 **over 115 families** were contacted.
- **Helping Hands** – Every week, **28 volunteers** gather at the church to provide respite for caregivers by sharing of their time with persons in various stages of memory loss.
- **Home Hospitalization follow-up** – **A volunteer** calls people in our church family who have been released from the hospital to see if any additional care is needed.
- **Stephen Ministry** – Over the past 29 years, **165 persons** have been trained to provide one-on-one care to people experiencing difficulties in their lives, such as hospitalization, discouragement, coping with terminal illnesses, moving or relocating or dealing with life or spiritual crises. Currently there is a **leadership team of three**, and **30 active Stephen Ministers**.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** – **14 people** have, within this year, prayed for over **425 individuals**. Prayers are lifted for persons in the hospital or discharged, experiencing a death of a family member or friend, as well as raise praise and thanks for recent births, marriages, and new members to PHUMC. Anyone who submits a prayer request to the church will have that request met.
- **Caring Wheels** – A team of **10 drivers** have made **25 transportation** trips to assist persons who need to visit a doctor.
- **Christmas Gifts and Cards** – **Two volunteers** send gifts and cards to people in retirement or nursing facilities during the Christmas season.
- **Sunday Van Drivers** – **Eight van drivers** are available on a rotating basis to pick up persons from their homes and transport them to church and back home each week.
- **Visitation to Retirement and Nursing Care Facilities** – An amazing group of **12 volunteers** call on **12 different retirement** and nursing facilities to visit directly with members or congregants of PHUMC regularly.

If you would like to learn more about Caring Ministries or get involved, contact Dr. Jeff Hampton at [jhampton@phumc.com](mailto:jhampton@phumc.com), Rev. Daniel Curry at [dcurry@phumc.com](mailto:dcurry@phumc.com) or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



This year we were once again able to provide Christmas gifts to over 250 Wakefield students and their families. Thank you so much to our youth and our dedicated team of volunteers for supporting Wakefield Elementary School. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, go to [phumc.com/wakefield](http://phumc.com/wakefield), contact Rev. Katy Chambers at [kchambers@phumc.com](mailto:kchambers@phumc.com), or call the church office at 501-664-3600!

### January Primetimers Luncheon

Thursday, Jan. 23      RSVP:  
11:30AM      PHUMC APP  
GREAT HALL      Call 501-664-3600  
\$10      Front Desk  
[phumc.com/primetimers](http://phumc.com/primetimers)

*Wednesday*  
*Nights* at PULASKI HEIGHTS

[PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS](http://PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS)

Wednesday Nights @ Pulaski Heights will return on Wednesday, January 8th! We start serving meals for \$10/adult at 5:00PM. We have classes and programming for all ages beginning at 6:00PM including Dr. Robbins' Bible Study, a financial well being class, small groups, bible studies, spiritual formation class, Children's activities, Youth Bible study, Midyouth, and more! Learn more by going to [phumc.com/wednesdays](http://phumc.com/wednesdays) or contacting Rev. Kathleen McMurray at [kmcmurray@phumc.com](mailto:kmcmurray@phumc.com) or 501-664-3600. We hope you join us for this great time of learning and fellowship!

### Walking the Mourner's Path




IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

**SUNDAYS**  
**3:00-5:00 PM**  
**JAN. 5-FEB. 23**


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PHUMC  
First Friday  
Breakfast      **Friday, January 3**  
7AM  
This month's featured  
speaker: David L. Briscoe  
Ph.D., D.H.L.



RSVP: [phumc.com/men](http://phumc.com/men)



## PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

*The following gifts were received for Diaper Bank, Good Samaritan Fund, Music Ministry Fund, Operating Fund, Ozark Mission Project, TV Ministry Fund, and the glory of God.*

### Memorials

**Kathy Churchill** by Chuck and Kay Cook, and Sarah Polk

**Sarah Davis** by Laura and Donna Bartell, Janet and Bud Jones, Barbara and Dr. Mack Moore, and Roundtable Class

**Bob Hill** by Jean Ann Phillips

**Jeannie Hill** by Jean Ann Phillips

**Lillian Lee** by Patty Barker, Nancy and Chip Bartlett, Helen Elizabeth "Libba" Cook, Carol Crawford, Kathleen Brown, and Vera Mowery, Ansley and Nancy Fleming, Bo and Sunny Hawk, James Higgins, Mary Ann Lee, Bob and Carolyn Nelson, Newton Good News Class, Georgann Ozment, Caitlin Reid, Shirley Reid, Liz and David Russell, Skip and Billie Rutherford, and Bev Villines

**Mike McGibbony** by Russell Roberson

**Lucky Meinholz** by Crata Castleberry, Lisa and Kevin McCarriston, Tom Moore, Jann and Richard Pence, and Ray and Lavern Schaap

**Thelma Mothershed-Wair** by Stella Cameron

**Ada Raney** by Robert and Sue Coles

**Wanda Smith** by Tricia Brown and Joseph Kubat

**Eve Yancey** by Anne and Breck Speed

**John Yarrington** by Sherry and Allen Bird, Barbara Hoover, Dot Morey, and Freddie Nixon

### Honoraria

**Allyson Gattin** by Jennie Stewart

**Dr. Jeff Hampton** by André and Louise Rollefson

**Louis Mulkey** by Mary Ann Lee

**Erin Newbolt** by Jennie Stewart



We had such a wonderful time at Hanging of the Greens in December! Our children's choir sang, we read scripture, and we decorated our Crismon Tree with ornaments created by the congregation. It helped us get ready for the Advent Season!

TABLE  
FOR ONE  
BOWLING  
NIGHT

FEB. 4 | 5:30PM  
PROFESSOR BOWL

Singles ages 35-70, join the Table for One Small Group for a night of bowling at Professor Bowl on Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30PM. RSVP or learn more about Table for One by contacting Laurie Laing at 501-316-9738 or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



Our youth had a great time at their annual Shop & Wrap. This event allows the youth to shop for (and wrap) Christmas gifts for Wakefield students and their families. Thank you to Rev. Ellen Rowland and her team of volunteers for helping make this event possible!

PURCHASE  
SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS

Sanctuary Flowers for the new year are now available! Sanctuary Flowers are a great way to honor your loved ones or commemorate special events! To reserve flowers, first contact Kristen Coppola at [kcoppola@phumc.com](mailto:kcoppola@phumc.com) or 501-664-3600. Once your date, flower preferences, and dedication are confirmed, you can pay \$250 via check or online ([phumc.com/give](http://phumc.com/give)).

Please note:

Flowers are available by first request and must be requested anew each calendar year. Also, some seasons in the church have specific colors that must be observed.

Our offices will close at Noon on Dec. 31 and remain closed Jan. 1, 2 & 3 for New Year's. We will also close Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. If you need to contact the church, call 501-664-3600 to reach the Pastor on Call



Last month our PHUMC Clothes Closet partnered with the Food Pantry to give out coats during the December meal distribution. We were able to give out 141 coats and over 170 bags of food to over 110 families.



Thank you to our congregation and to our volunteers for helping feed, clothe, and bring comfort to our community. To learn more about these ministries, you can go to [phumc.com/missions](http://phumc.com/missions).

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED** to family and friends of Jack L. Williams in his recent death; to JulieAnn Chavez and family in the death of her mother, Joan Lockett; to Valerie Ford Kellam and family in the death of her mother, Jo Ford; to Bobby Joe Woods and family in the death of his father, Bobby Woods; to Todd Boswell, Macy Boswell and family in the death of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Ardella Roller; to Rev. Jay Clark and family in the death of his cousin, Amanda Hatcher Betts; to Bill Byrd and family in the death of his mother, Sandy Davis; and to Matt McLeod and Morgan McLeod in the death of their father and grandfather, George McLeod.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH** of Ivy Abigail Woodruff, child of Brian Woodruff and Lindsey Wilbanks-Woodruff.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** Sheri & Ben Gilbert; Mary Anne Fagan; George and Pat Sisterhen; Susan Hutchison Wells; Elizabeth, Brandon, and Emme Finch; Andrea and Diane Newton; Sean and Marcia Dunbar; Matt Pettit; Georgia Pettit; Anne Stone; and Beth Harvey.





You can see a full list of the 2025 PHUMC Leadership committees at [phumc.com/church-leadership](http://phumc.com/church-leadership). This included moving from a Board of Stewards model to an Administrative Board model. The Administrative Board is comprised of nine at-large members, the chairs of Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Lay Leader, and when applicable, the Building Committee Chair. Additionally, Dr. Robbins, Rev. Jay Clark, and Megan Rugg will serve from the staff.



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

*Real Talk*  
**Sex and Sexuality Workshop**  
10TH-12TH GRADE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16  
4:30-7:30PM

Our "Real Talk: Sex and Sexuality" workshop will be 4:30-7:30PM on Thursday, January 16, in Wesley Hall. This workshop is designed for 10th-12th graders as a follow up to basic reproductive and puberty education taught in 5th grade. This fully comprehensive and affirming sex ed course is designed to help older high schoolers reframe sex and sexuality in safe, healthy, positive, and responsible ways as they enter their early adulthood. Contact Heather Doherty to sign up at [hdoherly@phumc.com](mailto:hdoherly@phumc.com).

**PHUMC MISSION HOUR**  
January 12  
10-11am  
Argue Great Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us on January 12th in the Argue Great Hall from 10:00-11:00am as we pack care bags for those in need in our community! If you don't have a Sunday School class, this is a great opportunity for you to meet other members of our church and make connections! We hope you can join us!

Questions? Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at [kchambers@phumc.com](mailto:kchambers@phumc.com) or 501-664-3600.

**JANUARY Staff Birthdays**  
PATRICK SHOWNES  
- JAN. 15  
MARIO FRAZIER  
- JAN. 22

**On Sunday, January 19th worship on KATV will air from 10-11AM**