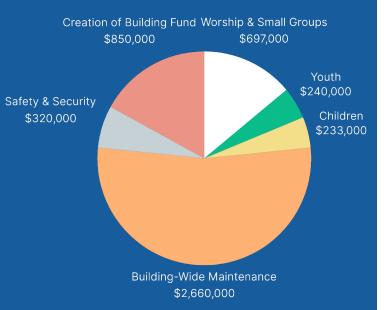


Dear Members & Friends of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church,

THIS PLACE MATTERS. As we continue to move into 2025, it is fitting to reflect on a significant moment in our church's history that took place 75 years ago on Christmas Eve in 1950. On that night, members of our congregation lit candles and joyously walked from the old Prospect Theatre at 620 Beechwood Street to our current sanctuary at 4823 Woodlawn. They dedicated this new space through heartfelt hymns, communion, and a worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. This sacred and transformative event laid the foundation for the vibrant community we have today.

This year, we commemorate this milestone and invite you to join us on a journey to honor their legacy by ensuring that our beloved church remains a welcoming and functional space for generations to come. Our facilities are crucial, not just for our personal milestones of weddings, funerals, baptisms, and worship services, but also for the vital outreach programs that serve our Hillcrest community and beyond. From our food pantry and diaper bank to Vacation Bible Comp and AL Apon gr



and diaper bank to Vacation Bible Camp and Al-Anon groups, our church buildings are a beacon of hope and support across the community, state, and United Methodist connection. Again, THIS PLACE MATTERS.

In light of this, we are excited to announce that our church will be conducting a three-year, \$5,000,000 capital campaign in the fall of 2025 to address several long overdue maintenance projects. The aim is twofold: to catch up on necessary repairs and to establish a building fund for future maintenance and repairs. We hope you will start now to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this campaign above and beyond what you currently provide to our operating budget.

- Exterior Brickwork: Power washing, tuckpointing, caulking, and sealing of the exterior brick structures and the circle drive.
- HVAC System: Replacement of two chillers and updates to the control system for increased efficiency and comfort.
- Organ Řepairs/Choir Room soundproofing: Installation of a new control panel and comprehensive cleaning and repairs of our beloved organ.
- Youth & Children Classrooms: Renovation of several classrooms, including new flooring and cabinetry, along with updated flooring for the playground.

We are privileged to serve on the newly formed capital campaign committee and look forward to sharing more details with you as the campaign progresses. We encourage open communication and welcome any questions you might have; please feel free to reach out to any of us at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our church and community. Together, we can honor the legacy of those who came before us, those who are the now, and those who are the future. Together we will secure a vibrant future for Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Be on the lookout for ways you will be able to share why **THIS PLACE MATTERS** to you!

Sincerely,

The Capital Campaign Committee

Warren Simpson (Chair), Barbara Barnett, Matt Buchanan, Spence Churchill, Andrea Edwards, Georgeanne Ford, Corie Hollingsworth, Troy Lampley, Lee Sing, Jennie Stewart, Bev Villines, Mark Wilson, Dr. John Robbins, Rev. Jay Clark, Rev. Kathleen McMurray, Jacob Nolen, Megan Rugg, Patrick Shownes, Michael McMurray, and Steve Biffle





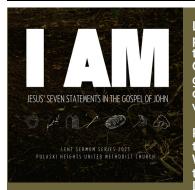
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Join us on March 5th for one of our Ash Wednesday services.

- 7AM | Imposition of Ashes | Sanctuary
- 8-10AM | Drive-Through Ashes | Upper parking Deck • 12PM | Ash Wednesday Worship |
- Sanctuary 6PM | Ash Wednesday Worship* |

Sanctuary (Childcare available for this service only)

You can learn more about our services at phumc.com/lent



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

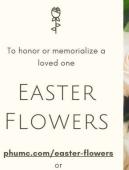
PHUMC will be exploring who Jesus is through the "I AM" statements in the gospel of John. We are inviting our congregation to read the Gospel of John together in our Lenten Devotional Booklet. Starting Sunday, March in the PHUMC App, or go to <u>phumc.com/lent</u> and sign up for our daily email devotionals. If you would like one mailed to you, call the

like one mailed to you, call the church office at 501-664-3600 or email mmcmurray@phumc. com.

In addition to our usual Lenten services, we are also helping revive the Hillcrest Community Lenten Series to be in ecumenical community with our neighbors. Each service will begin at Noon on Friday and be followed by a community meal at the respective host-church. See the schedule to the right. Questions? Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@ phumc.com.

MARCH 14 « @HOPE CHURCH Preacher: Dr. Rex Horne (Hope Church) Sermon: "If There Was No Resurrection" Address: 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.

- MARCH 21 « @HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC CHURCH Preacher: Rev. Ruskin Falls (Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church) Sermon: "According the Likeness of God" Address: 1003 N Tyler St.
- MARCH 28 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Preacher: Rev. Katye Chambers (Pulaski Heights UMC) Sermon: "The Gate" Address: 4401 Woodlawn Dr.
- APRIL 4 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH Preacher: Fr. Daniel Velasco (Holy Souls Catholic Church) Sermon: "??" Address: 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.
- APRIL 11 « @PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC Preacher: Rev. Brenda Holder (Pulaski Heights Baptist Church) Sermon: "Good Shepherd" Address: 4823 Woodlawn Dr.



501-664-3600



Easter Flowers 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each. They will be placed in the Sanctuary & Wesley Hall on Easter and may be picked up in either location following the 11:00 services. Orders received in the church office by Friday, April 11 will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Go to phumc.com/easter-flowers, pick up a form at the Welcome Desk, or call the church office 501-664-3600 to order them! **Questions? Contact Theresa** Smith at tsmith@phumc.com.



During the month of January our church collected beans for our Monthly Mission donation. Our church collected FOUR MONTHS worth of beans to give out to families in need as a part of the Food Pantry's distribution! Last month, we gave out 237 bags of food, serving 100+ families in our community. Each family received chicken quarters, paper towels, and dishwashing liquid to help with their household needs. In honor of February Dental Health Month, Dr. Hawkins generously provided toothbrushes and toothpaste for all. Additionally, our Clothing Closet winter clothes drive was a great success—thank you to everyone who donated! We are so grateful for our volunteers and supporters who make this ministry possible. Your kindness makes a difference.



March Mission

Collection

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Drop them off at the Donation Station outside of

Entrance 9 or at the Welcome Desk.

SATURDAY APRIL 19 GATHER: 10:30AM HUNT BEGINS:11AM

> DONATE CANDY AT THE BINS AROUND THE CHURCH OR:

> > phumc.com/candy

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Afghan Resettlement Fund, Choir Robes, Columbarium Fund, Choir Bank, Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Music Ministry Fund, Operating Fund, TV Ministry Fund, Youth Activities Fund, Youth Mission Fund, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Carl Dene by Scott Heffington and

Rickey Medlock Sarah Davis by Sherry and Allen Bird, Koinonia Class, Preston and April Phillips, Mark and Laura Spradley, and Tower Class **Robert Dennis** by Pamela Hunter Marion Hall by Kathy Hall Melba Heffington by Scott Heffington and Rickey Medlock Bonnie Jean Kelley by Baxter Sharp

Lillian Lee by Mel and Sally Davis, Mary and Richard Foster, JoGene and Yancey Hand, Kathy Huff, Anna Huff Hederman and Ashley Huff Sparks

George McLeod by Libby and Gary Smith

Nina Medlock by Scott Heffington and Rickey Medlock Lucky Meinholz by Mary Ruth

Price-Brown John Roberts by Corey Brooks

and Family Dora Lee Showalter by Mel and

Sally Davis

Carmen Stewart by Roy and Karen Bullard Buddy Villines by Corey Brooks

and Family

Jack Williams by Whitney Williams Grogan, and Mack and Donna McLarty Bobby Woods by John and Marcia

Kelly

John Yarrington by Laurie Laing, and Libby and Gary Smith

Honoraria

Susan and John Antonetti and Family by Bob Bidewell Elise Árgue by David Stotts Charles Beavers by Patsy Janes Cancer Friends by Harriet Farley

Sharon Cissell by Patsy Janes Daryl Coker by Anne and Jim Laidlaw Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox by Patsy Janes

Donna Davis by Ann Currie Food Pantry Volunteers by Harriet Farley Friends by Lynn Monk Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodrich by

Patsy Janes

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Graham by Patsy Janes Emily Hall and Kim Graf by Patsy

Janes Arline Jackson by Mel and Sally

Davis

Sungyun Kim by Mike and Sherry Bracy

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lieblong by Patsy Janes **Dr. Richard Meyer and Family** by Patsy Janes **Dot Morey** by Mike and Charlotte Morey **Dr. Paula Morris** by Patsy Janes Beth Page by Roger Page Rev. Leslie Phillips by Karen

Huber **PHUMC Choir** by Mike and Sherry

Bracy

PHÚMC Facility Staff by Harriet Farley **Dr. John Robbins** by Jane and

Mike Coker Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roberts by

Patsy Janes Kathy Roberts by Corey Brooks

and Family Ray Schaap by Skip and Billie Rutherford

Elinor Smith by Patsy Janes Nancy Smith by Patsy Janes Jennie and Michael Stewart by Daniel, Candice, Annabelle, and

Caroline Dyes Carol Stuart by Patsy Janes Susan Sutton and Jim Gaston by

Patsy Janes Ellen Tarkington by David Stotts Bev Villines by Corey Brooks and Family

Nancy Vines by Brenda Crain Howard Wiechern by Patsy Janes Gay Wyatt by Jo and Frank Kelly Gay Wyatt and Family by Ronald Evans

Larry Yancey by Patsy Janes Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young by Patsy Janes





Congratulations to Rev. Daniel Curry and Rev. Ellen Rowland for taking the next steps in their Pastoral journey.

recommended for ordination as a Deacon in full connection.

Rev. Rowland was recommended for commissioning this summer as a provisional Deacon.

They will be honored during the service of Commissioning and Ordination at the Arkansas Annual Conference on Wednesday, June 18th in Hot Springs! We are so proud of these two and so lucky to have them on our Pastoral Staff!

Graduating seniors and families, Senior Sunday is May 4th! During the Sunday School hour, we will host a Senior brunch for students and their families/ guests, and a



senior slideshow will run during the service. We would love if all of our church's seniors are celebrated this day. If you would like to participate, we ask that you complete the form at phumc.com/senior-sunday and upload the requested photographs for the slideshow. The deadline to sign up and provide photos is April 15th. Questions? Contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600!

March Primetimers Luncheon

Feat. Todd Price, Carelink

Thursday, March 27 **RSVP:** 11:30AM PHUMC APP PHUMC GYM Call 501-664-3600 \$10 Front Desk

phumc.com/primetimers



DON'T FORGET ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME





Join us for this year's Hymn Festival Concert on **Sunday**, **March 9**, at **3:00pm in the Sanctuary**, where The DFW Brass and choirs from Pulaski Heights UMC and Central UMC-Fayetteville will present dramatic settings of many beloved hymns.

HOLY WEEK 5 EASTER

APRIL 13 « PALM SUNDAY

- Classic Worship w/ Palm Procession Sanctuary | 9 & 11 AM
 Modern Worship w/ Palm Procession
- Wesley Hall | 9 & 11 AM • Children's Palm Parade
- Courtyard | 10:15 AM

APRIL 17 « MAUNDY THURSDAY

Prayer Stations Wesley Hall | 12 PM
Communion Service Sanctuary | 7 PM

APRIL 18 « GOOD FRIDAY

- Tenebrae
- Sanctuary | 12 PM • Tenebrae (with Choir) Sanctuary | 7 PM

APRIL 19 « EASTER SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt War Memorial Pavillion | 10:30 AM
Easter Saturday Worship Sanctuary | 5 PM

APRIL 20 « EASTER SUNDAY

- Classic Worship Sanctuary | 8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM
 Modern Worship Wesley Hall | 9:45 & 11 AM
- APRIL 21 « EASTER MONDAY • Church offices closed



Learn more by going to phumcfoundation.org

FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

March 6 @ 11:30 AM WESLEY HALL

Sign up by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or phumc.com/cancer-friends. Join PHUMC Cancer Friends on Thursday, March 6th from 11:30AM-1:00PM in Wesley Hall.

Our Speaker is Charles Kochel. He is the author of the book, <u>More:</u> <u>A Mindful Guide</u> to Living. He has worn many hats throughout his career. One of those was estate planning,

a role in which he discussed with people what they wished they'd done differently during their time on earth. The replies he got were consistent, with people telling him what they wished they'd done more of. This book outlines the lessons he learned while helping those people.

Cost is \$10/person. RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, going to **phumc.com/cancer-friends**, or by filling out the Reservation book at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at 501-664-3600.

Attention High School seniors and college students! Applications are now open for scholarships from the PHUMC Foundation. The scholarships available are: • Students attending Methodist-affiliated schools can leverage a \$1,000 donation to \$4,000 in tuition assistance (new and returning students).

• Graduating Seniors who have been active in PHYouth are eligible for the Little Joe and BK's \$1,000 scholarship.

 Graduating Seniors who played in Church-Leage Basketball are eligible for the Faulkner Basketball \$1,000 scholarship.
 Graduating Seniors planning to pursue a

major in the arts may apply for the \$1,500 Berry Music and Arts scholarship.

For more information go to **phumcfoundation.org**, or contact Virginia Porta at **vporta@phumc.com** or 501-978-0510.

	Wednesday Nights Class Schedule (All classes 6:00-6:45)									
		3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23	
			SESSION 3			SESSION 3 (Cont.)				
	ADULTS Wesley Hall	IALL S	Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians, Bible Study led by: Dr. John Robbins (continued from Session 1)		Spring Break No Classes (Dr. Robbins' Bible Study Will Still Meet)	Dr. John Robbins Bible Study (continued)		Holy Week No Class or Meal	Mission Night: No Classes, But There Will Be a Meal Served	
	ROOM D369		Spirituality through Song led by: Rev. Kathleen McMurray			Rev. McMurray Class (continued)				
		Ash Wed. Worship	The Hardest Part by Kate Bowler, led by: Rev. Daniel Curry			Rev. Curry Study (continued)				
	ADULTS ROOM D371	ADULTS No Class or	On Purpose by Magrey deVega led by: Dr. Jeff Hampton			Dr. Hampton Study (continued)				
	YOUTH		Midyouth (5th-7th) PHUMC GYM Youth (8th-12th) Bible Study Youth Lounge (6:45-8:15PM			Youth Activities (Continued from Session 2)				
	CHILDREN/ CHILDCARE		& Preschool	Toddlers (Room D271) (Room D267) ctivities: Room S357			Activities (Continued from Session 2)			



We had another great PHMen First Friday breakfast in February! Thank you to Steve Straessle from Little Rock Catholic High School for speaking to us! Our next breakfast will be Friday, March 7th from 7:00-7:45AM in the Argue Great Hall. Our speaker will be Joel Gill, the Executive Director of Ferncliff Camps. RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, going to **phumc.com/men**, or signing the book at the Welcome Desk!



We had a BLAST at our Preschool Family Playdate this past month! After almost a weeks' worth of cold rain, it was good to have a place to just be in a wide open space and ride our toys. We played with new and old friends and parents got to also catch up with one another. We also learned how to "build a snowman" for our snack and hear some songs from the movie Frozen in the background!



Three years ago on January 8, the Sadiqi family landed at the Little Rock airport on a cold rainy evening. There are so many wonderful memories of those first few months. Taking Mohammed to do grocery shopping using only hand signals; taking the entire family for inoculations; getting the boys enrolled in school and the youngest in preschool; finding out that a baby was on the way; getting Mohammed a job at Baptist Hospital (which he still has!); teaching Mohammed how to drive and

his obtaining a driver's license; moving the family into a nice rental house; planning summer activities for the boys; delivering a beautiful baby girl; obtaining needed tutoring and ESL classes for Mohammed and the boys; weekly tutoring for the mom, Salima; obtaining a nice and safe car for the family; keeping up with all of the necessary paperwork for benefits. If you visit with any one of the volunteers on our team, there would be many more activities added and probably more volunteers that I have missed.

The tutoring for Hussain, the oldest son continues weekly, requiring transportation and payment for our wonderful tutor. Tish DePriest and Meredith Kemper continue weekly in home tutoring for Salima. Crata Castleberry continues to assist with nutritional food assistance. Karen Barnwell assists with medical visits. Tish, Brenda Mize and Janet Stewart serve as school liaisons for the boys. Bonnie Lawrence provides regular transportation and helps with added activities. David Redding assists Mohammed with keeping car insurance requirements updated. Gary Isom provides regular reporting for family food assistance benefits. Jana McKnight and Allen Bird provide Potluck deliveries every week. Nancy McCulley helps with diaper deliveries. The Rugg family has been a great help with finances. Carter Ford and Jim DePriest help with insurance and legal expertise.

This congregation has poured so much love into the Sadiqi family. With recent changes in immigration policy, receiving their green cards (which can take up to five years) and securing a permanent immigration status continues to be the biggest concern and chief point of prayer. Our team is working tirelessly to ensure that they can remain in the United States. Your prayers for the Sadiqi family are requested. To get involved as a volunteer with the Afghan Refugee Team, contact, Rev. Katye Chambers at **kchambers@phumc.com** or 501-664-3600.



Classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00AM | Room MIOI \$20/Month Led by Kim Swindler

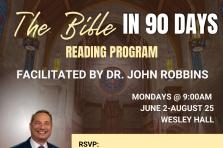
Register by contacting kim.swindleresbcglobal.net

If you like to dance, have fun and socialize, Zumba Gold might be right for you! Zumba is an exercise class that features Latin and international dance rhythms for beginners or those wanting a lowimpact workout.

Cost is \$20 a month, but you can try a couple of classes free! Questions? Contact instructor Kim Swindler at kim.swindler@sbcglobal.net.



The Diaper Bank had a great Distribution Day this month! We keep increasing our numbers and served 314 children in 220 families! To learn more about the Diaper Bank and to get involved, go to **phumc.com/diaperbank**.



PHUMC.COM/BIBLEIN90
 CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
 SIGN THE BOOK AT THE WELCOME DESK

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Tish DePriest and family in the death of her mother, Betty Sanders; to Gail Earleywine and family in the death of her mother, Betty Jean Miller; to Heather Mazander and family in the death of her uncle, David Vogt; to the family and friends of Norman Mallett in his recent death; to Callie Green and family in the death of her grandfather, Quinton Taggart; to Barbara Moore and family in the death of her husband Dr. Mack Moore; to Kathy Tankersley and family in the death of her mother, Virginia Edwards; to Caroline Holcomb and family in the death of her husband, Jon Holcomb; and to Dr. Jamie Bizzell and family in the death of her grandfather, Joseph Glancy.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of

Hudson Grey Harvill, child of Mary Ellen and John Harvill, Jr.; and of Dominic Thompson Petrarca, child of Megan and JP Petrarca.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Taylor Ripley Earleywine, son of Bonnie and Caroline Earleywine and grandson of Gary and Gail Earleywine; of Jeanne "Ruth" Guthrie, daughter of Bailey and John David Guthrie.

WE CONGRATULATE Hope Hankins and David Fort on their recent marriage.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Ron and Ramona Gillespie; Dave and Priscilla Inman; and Beau DuBois; Candy Norton and Alicia Bailey; Bob Braun; and Beth Aten.



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible Camp! Join us as we journey to Egypt to learn about Joseph's Story from 9:00-11:45AM, June 23-26. Learn more and register your children (K-4th Grade) at phumc.com/vbc.

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



In January, we recognized Jo Knight, who has spent thousands of hours serving this church, congregation, and community over the years. We are so pleased to announce the "Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality Endowment" within the PHUMC Foundation.

Ms. Jo would like to thank everyone for their love, support, and contributions to this endowment. She says that she has been so blessed by her church family and never could imagine receiving such an honor from this congregation.

To donate to the Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality Endowment, go to phumcfoundation.org or contact Virginia Porta at vporta@phumc.com.



A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP ON FIRST TUESDAYS

MARCH 4 6:00PM **FASSLER HALL**

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for the period January 2025.

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Member Contributions	\$	261,622
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$	12,500
Other Income	\$	7,467
Total Income	\$	281,589
Total Operating Expenses	\$	586,003
Tithe Payment payable	<u>\$</u>	19,919
Total Expenses	\$	605,922
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(324,333)
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