



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD MARCH 2025

EASTER *with* PULASKI HEIGHTS



SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Saturday Service | 5:00PM | Sanctuary | Dr. Robbins preaching

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Special | 7:00AM | KATV-Channel 7

APRIL 20 CLASSIC WORSHIP

Dr. Robbins preaching

8:30AM, 9:45AM, 11:00AM | Sanctuary

8:30AM | Facebook, YouTube

10:30AM | KATV

APRIL 20 MODERN WORSHIP

Rev. McMurray preaching

9:45AM and 11:00AM | Wesley Hall

11:00AM | Facebook, YouTube

LEARN MORE
phumc.com/easter

Dear congregation,

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is a special place, and it is an honor to serve as your Senior Pastor. As part of maintaining the energy and passion required for ministry, I will be taking a six-week spiritual respite from April 21 to June 2, 2025. This time away is an opportunity for me to rest, recharge, and return refreshed for the work God has called me to do.

Ministry is a calling that I cherish. Each week is filled with preaching, teaching, counseling, fundraising, leading, and shepherding this incredible congregation. It is a joy, but like any calling, it requires moments of renewal to continue serving at my best. This break is not about stepping away—it's about ensuring that I can continue to step forward with energy, focus, and a deep sense of purpose.

I want to assure you that I am in good health and remain fully committed to our church and its future. This is simply a time to pause, reflect, and prepare for the exciting work ahead. I look forward to returning with fresh ideas, renewed strength, and a heart ready to serve.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement. It is a privilege to walk this journey of faith with you to inspire love, embrace Christ, and engage the world. While I am taking this respite, Rev. Jay Clark, Chief of Staff, will be overseeing the day-to-day operations of the church.

Sincerely, Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

**Worship on
KATV will air
at 10:00AM
on April 13.**

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Groups
EGYPT

Joseph's Journey
from prison to palace

JUNE 23-26

REGISTER NOW @

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HOLY WEEK & 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 with Communion & Labyrinth Wesley Hall | 12 PM
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service Wesley Hall | 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



We had such a wonderful time last month as we dedicated the Habitat for Humanity house that PHUMC built for Yesenia and her daughter. Rev. Katye Chambers shared a prayer, Habitat Executive Director (and PHUMC member) Kelly Fleming spoke, and Yesenia cut the ribbon on her home! We again want to thank everyone for helping make this home a reality for Yesenia and Habitat for Humanity for allowing us to join them in their mission to transform lives and our city by building and repairing homes in partnership with families in need, and uniting all Central Arkansans.



Our young adults had such a great time in worship and fellowship last week at Young Adult Night! Young and young-ish adults are encouraged to join us for our next event, Happening Hour. We're bowling at Professor Bowl on Tuesday, April 8 at from 6-8PM. Questions? Contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

SENIOR SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

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!

PHUMC Easter Egg Hunt

WAR MEMORIAL PAVILION

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

DONATE CANDY AT THE BINS
AROUND THE CHURCH OR:

phumc.com/candy

Join us on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30AM for the Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Pavilion. Questions? Contact Pam Lentz at 501-664-3600 or plentz@phumc.com.

We are in need of candy. You can donate candy in the bins in the Children's Wing, at the Welcome Desk, or by Wesley Hall. You can also donate money by going to phumc.com/candy!



Our youth had such a great time at Veritas 2025, an annual Arkansas Conference event! They worshipped, fellowshiped, and learned with other youth from around the state!

The Bible IN 90 DAYS READING PROGRAM

FACILITATED BY DR. JOHN ROBBINS

MONDAYS @ 9:00AM
JUNE 2-AUGUST 25
WESLEY HALL



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

FOUNDATION GIFTS

The following gifts were received for these endowments: Barnwell Holloway Medical Scholarship Fund, Beard Altar Guild Endowment, Borchert Special Use Endowment, Crowder Caring Ministry Endowment, Georgiana Gunn Endowment, Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality Endowment, Raney Spending Account, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Bob Baine by Beth Baine

Neil Curry by Dr. Gladwin Connell, and Susan and Robert Dunn

Sandy Davis by Anonymous

Marshall Gazette by Mel and Sally Davis, and Barbara Hoover

George McLeod by Jenny Adair, Bill Fisher, Janet and Bud Jones, Jim and Lisa Moody, POE Travel, Beth and Ted Rice, Gina and Philip Tappan, Richard Upton, and Anonymous

Dr. Mack Moore by Joan Adams, Wally and Julie Allen, Emily and Jim Burrow, Martha and Ron Clark, Sandra and Bob Connor, Cecil and Mary Anne Cupp, Marcia and Jim Darr, Kramer and Ida Darragh, Mel and Sally Davis, Bobbye Dennis, Nancy Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Drake, Martha Faulkner, Whitney and R.J. Grogan, David and Victoria Hall, Drake and Misty Hawkins, Barbara Hoover, Dr. Milton and Carolyn Hughes, Ben and Janet Hyneman, Judy and Jim Irwin, Edward Jeffries, Janet and Bud Jones, Dr. Frazier and Kay Kennedy, James Kyser, Lester McKinley and Family, Mark and Holly Mathisen, Mack and Donna McLarty, Charles and Kelli Miller, Jim and Lisa Moody, Dr. Jim Morse, Linda and George Norton, Georgann Ozment, Gene Pfeifer, Jim Rasco and Pam Dunaway, Barbara Rhodes, Dr. and Mrs. Porter Rodgers, Jr, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Carolyn Spradley, Michael and Pamela Thompson, Katherine Ann and Scott Trotter, Eleanor Sue Tucker, Linda and Fred VanHook, Mark and Sandy White, Cappy and Charlie Whiteside, James and Annie Williams, Kelvin Wyrick, and John and Diana Young

Dr. Mary Kathryn Sain by Anonymous

Honoraria

Altar Guild by Barbara Moore

Dr. Jeff Hampton by Anonymous

Jo Knight by Elise Argue, Roundtable Class, and Bill and Cris Slikker, and Bev Villines

New Members

Pat Canfield, Linda Carroll, Beau DuBois, Ron and Ramona Gillespie, Beth Harvey, Dave, Priscilla, Thomas, and Lizzy Inman, Danyelle and Nick Masters, Ashley and Alex McClanahan, Georgia Pettit, Matt Pettit, Lee and Cathy Sing, Janet and Mickey Slimp, Anne Stone, and Aubry and Sheila Talley by Anonymous

Baptisms

Lyla Morgan, and Miles Ptak by Anonymous



Hymn Festival Concert



In March our choir participated with Central-UMC in Fayetteville for a two-part Hymn Festival. They sang such wonderful music! Thank you to the DFW Brass and Fort Smith UMC choir for joining our choirs to make such a beautiful sound.

DID YOU KNOW....



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OR CALL 501-664-3600

Did you know Pulaski Heights UMC offers church members the opportunity to rent space for various events, including organizational dinners, meeting space, children's birthday parties, and more? Whether you need a venue for a special gathering or a place to host a community event, the church can provide a welcoming and accommodating setting. To inquire about availability, pricing, and reservations, please contact Emily Stotts at estotts@phumc.com or call 501-664-3600.



information, contact Rev. Katie Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600.

PHMEN
First Friday
Breakfast

Friday, April 4
7AM

This month's
featured speaker:
Troy Lampley, Staley
Electric

RSVP: phumc.com/men

PHDads at the Park

APRIL 12 | 9AM
TWO RIVERS PARK
INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

3,869

FEMININE HYGIENE
PRODUCTS
COLLECTED
IN FEBRUARY

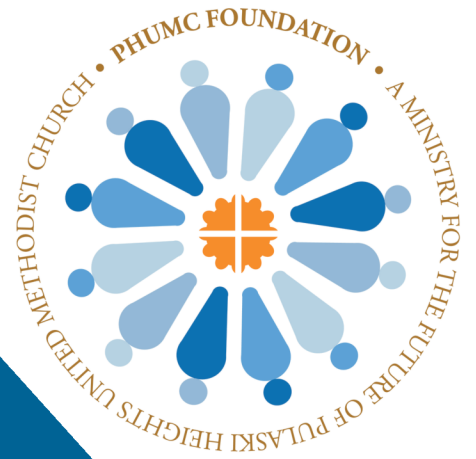
We collected 3,869 feminine hygiene products during our collection in the month of February. These items are essential for the health, dignity, and well-being of women. We are working with Hoover Treatment Center, Immerse Arkansas, LRSD Community Schools, and recent tornado victims through the United Methodist Church's Volunteers in Mission.

April's mission collection will be monetary donations for the Good Samaritan Fund. You can donate by writing a check to the church or going to phumc.com/give and selecting the Good Samaritan Fund.

This summer we are hosting Friendship Camp! This weeklong camp is for 3rd-6th graders, where students will explore how different religious traditions make their voices heard through music, art, and cultural traditions!

Kids will build meaningful friendships across different faiths while learning about and honoring diverse religious traditions. For a link to sign up or for more

2024 FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



Greetings from your PHUMC Foundation Board of Directors and Staff:

Thank YOU for helping make 2024 a great year for your PHUMC Foundation. It is because of you and your continued support of and donations toward the Foundation that we can report the wonderful benchmarks we have met this year. As of December 31, 2024, the Foundation reported total assets of **\$14.7 million** comprised of restricted and unrestricted endowments, related spending accounts and discretionary funds. We were able to help support the mission and ministry of PHUMC by providing nearly **\$250,000** in financial support.

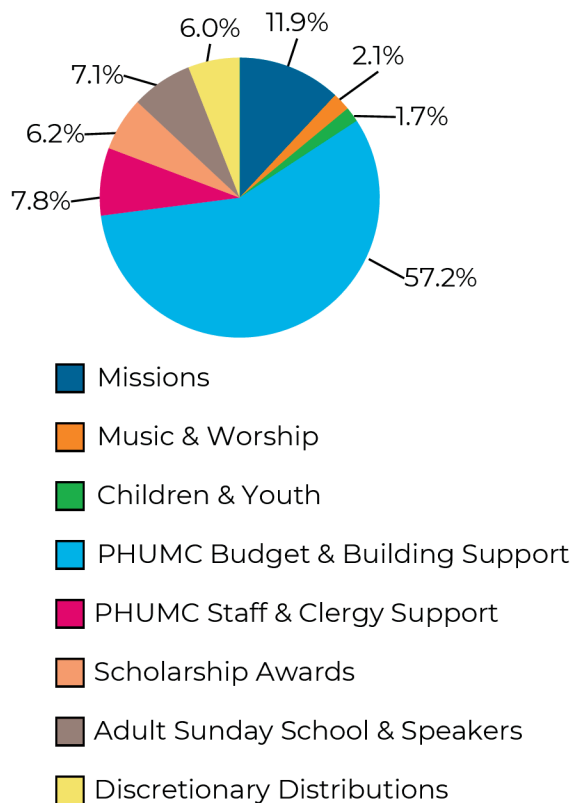
These types of achievements are possible only because of our very important donors. Thank you. We received more than **\$140,000** in honorarium, memorial, and endowment donations. The average donation was roughly **\$35**, proving that every gift is important regardless the size. We are also pleased to report the establishment of four new PHUMC endowments which are highlighted on the back of this page.

New gazebo at Hoover UMC
Treatment Center funded by
PHUMC Foundation

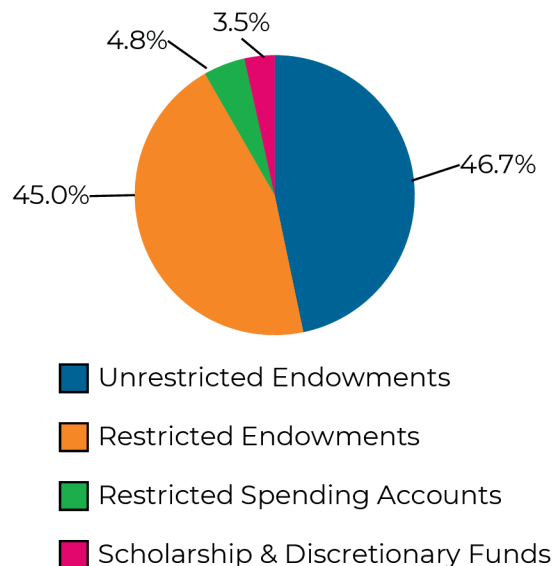


YEAR IN REVIEW

Foundation Distributions: \$430,041.63



Foundation Assets: \$14,766,198.73



\$35
Average gift to the
Foundation in 2024

NEW 2024 ENDOWMENTS

Ceile Erwin Faulkner Helping Hands Endowment

Will Erwin, Ceile Erwin Faulkner's father, was of the first participants in the PHUMC Helping Hands program. Access to respite care was a GAME CHANGER for Ceile and her mother Marie. Our family wanted to direct gifts in memory of both Marie and Ceile to support a Ministry that was so supportive of them. We hope the Ceile Erwin Faulkner Helping Hands Endowment will continue to support this wonderful ministry that supports our Older Adult families.
- The Erwin/Faulkner Family

T.J. and Inez Raney Lectureship Endowment

The Trustees of the T.J. and Inez Raney Lectureship Trust transferred the existing trust account to an Endowment within the PHUMC Foundation to ensure the Speaker Series will continue to provide relevant and dynamic speakers to audiences in Arkansas. We have been blessed with more than 70 years of speakers and plan even more in the future.

Skarda Family Interfaith Endowment

Our motivation for establishing the Skarda Family Interfaith Endowment is simply to live out our high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ by 'sharing our treasures' with others. It is truly "more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. Karen and I have experienced the transformation that comes from working with and alongside people of other faith traditions. Our hope is this endowment will inspire and motivate the members of PHUMC to build bridges of understanding in a world that is becoming increasingly insular with each passing day. - Rev. Britt & Karen Skarda

Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality Endowment

In honor of all she has given in time, talent, and love to PHUMC, the Jo Knight Welcoming and Hospitality Endowment was established as a gift to Jo on her 90th birthday. Donations were received from individuals and small groups across the PHUMC campus to help Jo celebrate her special day and to ensure there will always be resources available to continue her tradition of welcoming EVERYONE to the PHUMC campus. She is the epitome of hospitality!

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Sharon Cound and family in the death of her husband, Gerald Cound; to the family and friends of Patsy Paladino in her recent death; to the family and friends of Dr. Jim Campbell in his recent death; to Lisa McGibbony and family in the death of her mother, Elizabeth "Sissy" McCuiston; to Dr. Frode Gundersen and family in the death of his father, Rev. Dr. Gunnar Gundersen; to Brenda Haynes, Stephanie Haynes, Marc Haynes and Lucy Haynes in the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Coy Delano "Dickie" Haynes; to Debbie Benson and family in the death of her sister, Janet Tetkoskie; to Booker Rodgers and family in the death of his brother, Leonard Fowler; to Julie Jacks and family in the death of her mother, Margaret Morgan; and to the family and friends of Susan Wells in her recent death.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of

Evelyn Alaine Giles, child of Molly and Richmond Giles; and of Stephen Callen Epps, child of Nathan and Kristen Epps and grandchild of Donna and Stephen Epps

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of

Eleanor Katherine Vollmer, child of Katie and Justin Vollmer and granddaughter of Alice Lightle; and of Nolan Agbor Taku Bate, child of Dean Agbor Taku Bate and Mercy Nsume Eyong.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to

Skylar Marshall and Myers Simpson in their recent marriage; to Sarah Elizabeth Matthews and Jackson Owens in their recent wedding; and to Maddie Polk and Alex Storm on their recent wedding

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Shoffner and Hallie Shoffner; Molly and Richmond Giles; Zach Smith; Candy Norton and Alicia Bailey; Bob Braun; Karen Greenlee; Henry and Jennifer McDonald; Jane Dunn; and Charlotte Grumbles; Robin and Ashley Wynne.

APRIL PRIMETIMERS EVENTS

- Thursday, April 10 - Movie Day
1:00-4:00PM | Wesley Hall
- Thursday, April 24 - April Luncheon
11:30AM-1:00PM | Great Hall

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Church Office Hours:

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

Churchwide Mission Night

Wednesday, April 23 @ 6:00PM

Meal before from 5:00-5:45PM

Questions? Contact
kchambers@phumc.com

NEW MERCH!



**Crewneck and T-shirt
option in multiple colors**



We have new t-shirts for sale to help you tell someone about Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church! Proceeds go to the youth ministry. We hope you will support our youth ministry and represent our church community. You can purchase them by going to bonfire.com/store/pulaski-heights-youth-ministry.

To honor or memorialize
a loved one

PURCHASE EASTER FLOWERS

phumc.com/easter-flowers,

call 501-664-3600, or visit the

Welcome Desk.

Deadline is April 11



PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 582,183
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 25,000
Other Income	\$ 14,273
Total Income	\$ 621,456
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 943,118
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 23,966
Total Expenses	\$ 967,084
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (345,628)