

Dear Church Family,

Our This Place Matters Capital Campaign is in full swing! Together, we are caring for our historic church so it remains a place of worship, mission, and community for generations to come.

Here are some important upcoming dates you won't want to miss:

- **Sunday, October 5 – Churchwide Trivia Night** - 4pm in Wesley Hall. Bring your brainy (and non-brainy) friends plus your best name for your trivia team! All ages are welcome for a fun, easygoing afternoon of laughs, friendly competition, and prizes. You can form a team in advance or come solo and we'll match you with a table. Questions will cover everything from Bible tidbits to pop culture to PHUMC history.
- **Sunday, October 12 – Legacy Sunday** - On this special Sunday, we will pray over pledge cards during worship as we commit to the future of our church. You don't have to wait until Legacy Sunday to make your pledge—cards may be placed in the offering plate, brought to the Welcome Desk, mailed to the church, or completed online at phumc.com/this-place-matters. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, October 12, then please mail or drop off your pledge at your convenience.
- **Sunday, November 2 – Celebration Sunday** - We'll gather in the Great Hall to announce our campaign total and celebrate continuing the legacy of the saints of our church.

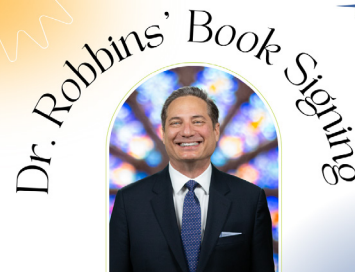
Be sure to stop by the Campaign Headquarters on the Skybridge to learn more and see your name on the building. **This Place Matters**—for us, for our community, and for those who will come after us.

Sincerely,
The Capital Campaign Committee



We had an incredible weekend for our 2025 Raney Series! Lee Strobel, author of *The Case For Christ*, joined us to speak with area pastors, preach in worship on Sunday, and share insights from his newest book, *Seeing the Supernatural*. We are grateful for the chance to learn and be inspired together! Thank you to the Raney family for making this possible.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19



Join us for the release of Dr. Robbins' new book, "I Love to Tell the Story"

3-5PM | Argue Great Hall

We are thrilled to announce that Dr. John Robbins is releasing his brand-new book, *I Love to Tell the Story*! Join us for a special release celebration on Sunday, October 19, from 3:00–5:00pm in the Argue Great Hall.

At the event, Dr. Robbins will share about his writing journey, answer questions, and sign copies of his book. It's more than just a book signing—it's a chance to celebrate together, enjoy community, and be inspired by the stories that continue to shape our faith.

You will be able to purchase the book at the release party, online at phumc.com/robbins starting October 19, or by calling the church office at 501-664-3600.

SESSION 2 BEGINS OCTOBER 1

*Wednesday
Nights* at PULASKI
HEIGHTS

Adult Classes

Continued Classes (10 weeks | Aug. 20-Nov. 5)

- **Book of Matthew** Bible Study – Dr. John Robbins +
- **Youth Adult (22-35) Small Group** – Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs (No RSVP)

Session 2 Only (6 weeks | Oct. 1-Nov. 5)

- **Parables by Josh Scott** – Rev. Jay Clark (RSVP Requested, phumc.com/wedrsvp)
- **Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman** – Rev. Katye Chambers (RSVP Requested, phumc.com/wedrsvp)

+ Dr. Robbins' Bible Study will also occur in-person on Wednesdays at 10AM in the Mirror Room & stream live on Facebook & YouTube at 6PM

Children & Youth

- **Childcare for parents in classes** - 6:00-6:45PM (Infants & Toddlers) Room D27J, (Preschool) Room D267.*
- **Children's Activities** - 6:00-6:45PM (K-4th Grade) Room S357*
- **Midyouth (5th-7th)** - 6:00-6:45PM – Gym
- **Phyouth Bible Study** - 6:45-8:15PM – (8th-12th Grade) – Youth Lounge

*Registration for children is requested. Go to phumc.com/wnkids

Music

- **Chancel Choir** - 6:45-8:15PM – Choir Room - Interested in joining the choir? Contact Frode Gundersen at fgundersen@phumc.com
- **Modern Worship Team** - 6:45-8:15PM – Wesley Hall - Want to get involved with A/V or music? Contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

5:00-5:50: Meal **REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**
6:00-6:45: Classes, Children's Programming, Midyouth, Youth Study Hall
6:45-8:15: Modern Worship Team Rehearsal, Chancel Choir, Sr. High Youth Bible Study

WANT MORE INFO? GO TO PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYNIGHTS



Nearly four years ago, our church said "yes" to sponsoring a newly-arrived Afghan family into our community. Since then, you've helped them find housing, learn English, start school, and build a new life. We're thrilled to share a big milestone: the whole family has now received their green cards. Thanks be to God!

As the children grow and the family navigates daily life,

we're looking for new volunteers to join the support team in these specific areas:

- **Transportation** - Rides to school, appointments, and activities
- **Tutoring** - Homework help and reading practice for the children
- **Health** - Guidance with questions and support at doctor visits
- **Insurance & Paperwork** - Assistance completing forms and navigating benefits

If you feel called to serve—once a month or once a week—we'll match your availability with real, practical needs. To learn more or sign up, contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com.

Your kindness continues to make a world of difference. Thank you for helping this family thrive.



Our PHUMC staff strives to be the best stewards of the resources entrusted to us. One of the ways we live this out is through the incredible work of our Kitchen Coordinator, Heather Doherty.

Heather prepares all of our meals in-house, making Wednesday

Night, special events, and meeting meals both delicious and cost-effective. By cooking right here in our kitchen, Heather not only brings care and flavor to every plate but also helps us stretch our dollars further—ensuring that more of our resources go toward ministry and mission.

We are so grateful for Heather's dedication and hard work. Her efforts make our meals more than just food; they're an opportunity for fellowship, connection, and community.

Of course, preparing and serving these meals takes many hands. We'd love your help! Whether it's setting up, serving, or cleaning up afterward, volunteering in the kitchen is a fun and meaningful way to be part of this ministry. Sign up to volunteer to prepare or clean up on Wednesdays at phumc.com/dinner-vol.



All Saints
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

COME JOIN US

COLUMBARIUM | SUNDAY, NOV. 2 | 5:30-6:00PM

In addition to honoring all of the saints who have passed and joined the Church Triumphant during Sunday morning worship services for All Saints Sunday, we will have a Service of Remembrance in the Columbarium.

Join us on Sunday, November 2nd from 5:30-6:00PM for an All Saints Service of Remembrance. We will worship together, and remember all of those who have left us. Questions? Contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com or Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com.



Veterans Celebration Luncheon



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ NOON
IN THE ARGUE GREAT HALL

RSVP: WELCOME DESK, 501-664-3600, OR PHUMC.COM/VETERANS

Join us at noon in the Great Hall on Sunday, November 9th for a veterans celebration! This free luncheon is open to all veterans, or family members of veterans! Let us know you're coming by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or signing up online at phumc.com/veterans-lunch. Are you or a loved one a veteran that would like to be honored? Let us know by calling the church office at 501-664 or going to phumc.com/veteran. If you have any questions, contact Bev Villines at bvillines@phumc.com.

A Time of Prayer

Pregnancy and
Infancy Loss
Remembrance Day



OCTOBER 15TH
6AM-6PM
SHAMBLIN CHAPEL

October 15th is Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Remembrance Day. We know that a great many people are affected by the heartbreak of pregnancy and infant loss, and that the grief from this is complex and isolating. On October 15th, our chapel will be open from 6:00am-6:00pm for those that want to come pray. We will have a votive station where individuals can light a candle for their child(ren) as well as a prayer card with guided prayers and resources. We hope all will be in prayer for those grieving this day.



In August we gave out Bibles to third-grade students. This symbolic event begins their journey towards Biblical literacy and responsible interpretation of our Holy Bible. These students and their parents also attended a "Reading my Bible" class in Sunday School. There is no greater gift to a budding Christian than the Word of God in a safe and inclusive environment to learn how to make it come alive.



We had a blast at our Preschool Playdate at the Wonder Place last month! We played, ate snacks, and even put on a performance!

To learn more about our PHLittles program or future preschool playdates, contact Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.



Thank you for donating money for school supplies for Wakefield students. Together, we raised \$4,854 which was enough to provide important supplies for every student to be able to focus on succeeding in school! Our October Monthly Mission Collection will Socktoberfest! We are asking for new pairs of socks for distribution to different ministry partners. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Katie Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com.

Trunk or Treat will be October 26 from 3-5pm in the Lower Parking Deck. This is a great opportunity to come together as a congregation and to serve our community.

There are three ways that you can help get involved:

- We are still looking for Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals to open their trunks! Go to phumc.com/trunk-or-treat to sign up to host a trunk!
- Our Family Ministries team is asking for candy and Little Debbie snacks! We need individually wrapped candy to give out and Little Debbie snacks for one of our activities. You can donate at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 9 or bring it to the Welcome Desk inside of Entrance 1. Prefer to give money for candy? Just go to phumc.com/candy
- Volunteer to help set up, take down, or be a greeter. You can sign up at phumc.com/tortvolunteer.

We also hope that you attend and encourage friends and family to attend as well! Learn more by going to phumc.com/trunk-or-treat or by calling the Church office at 501-664-3600!



UPCOMING PHYOUTH

BIG EVENTS

04
OCT

Sr. High (8th-12th)
Service Retreat at Ferncliff Camp:
Phyouth will fellowship and service with Sleep in Heavenly Peace—a non-profit building and delivering beds to kids who would otherwise sleep on the floor. We will build AND deliver on Saturday



19
OCT

All Youth (5th-12th)
Hoskyn's Farm Party
4:15-8:00PM. This beloved party at the Hoskyn's Farm in England, AR is all fun and food out on the farm. This year, we're assembling a parent caravan to take everyone out to the farm—drivers are needed!

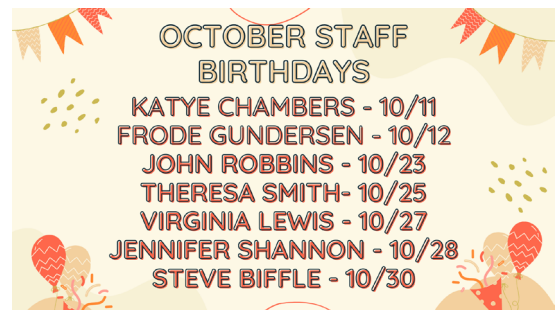
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6th-9th Grade REFUGE
This is a state-wide event for all 6th-9th graders. This year, we have two leave times, Oct 31 in the evening, or Nov. 1 in the morning.



07
DEC

All Youth (5th-12th)
SHOP & WRAP MISSION
We purchase and wrap Christmas gifts for Wakefield Elementary students we are sponsoring this year.



PHUMC FOUNDATION GIFTS

The following gifts were received for the following endowments: Barnwell Holloway Medical Studies Scholarship, Borchert Family, Borchert Special Use, Ceile Erwin Faulkner Helping Hands, E. Marshall Gazette Helping Hands, Harrison Family, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Callan Callaway by Anonymous
Charlie Ferrill, Jr. by Glenda Gazette and Anonymous
Marshall Gazette by Dr. Charles and Jan Sullivan
Sara Harrison by Dr. Charles and Jan Sullivan
George McLeod by Dr. Charles and Jan Sullivan, and Richard Upton
Mack Moore by Dr. Charles and Jan Sullivan, and Rusty, Chris, and Sara Logan, through the Joyce W. Logan Revocable Trust
Biff Morgan by Wally and Julie Allen, and Anonymous
Dr. Mary Kathryn Sain by Dr. Charles and Jan Sullivan

New Members

Margaret Barnett, Sharon Cissell, Laura Falls, Julie Fidler, Chase Flynn, Ashley Green, Carmen Marchand, Tracy Tell, and Jarrod and Beth Younge by Anonymous

Baptisms

Barrett Bizzell, Anna Branstetter, Ruth Guthrie, Kit McLaurin, Nolan Taku Bate, Naevia Taku Bate Ajifack, and Charlie Williams by Anonymous

Birthday Club

Carolyn Henry by Carolyn Henry

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Scarlet and Sarah Williams in the death of their grandfather, James Moore; to Charleen Francis and family in the death of her aunt, Rosalyn Cordell; to Colin Hall and family in the death of his uncle, George Hall; and to Amy, Gray, and Anna Clair Simpkins in the death of their husband and father, Kirk Simpkins; to JuliAnn Chavez and family in the death of her brother, Charlie Azz; to Dr. Haden Franks, Emily Franks and Harrison Franks in the death of their mother and grandmother, Harriet Franks; to Barnett Grace, Charles, Melanie, Bennett Grace, Christopher Grace, Philip, Melanie, Anna, Garrett Grace, and Barbara Baber in the death of their wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter Greer Baber Grace; to Susan Gammill, Max Deurr, Sarah Gammill and Jason Gammill in the death of their father and grandfather, Dewey Glasscock; to the family and friends of Patricia Hillis in her recent death; to the family and friends of Martha Culp in her recent death; to Kathy Roberts and family in the death of her brother, Ron Laudner; to DR and Linda, Lee and Susan, Gain and Donna; Sam, Kate, Stratton, Leighton, Q, Mica, Barrett; and Barbara Rogers Hoover, in the death of their mother, grandmother, and sister in law, Marylee Hoover Robinson; and to Gordon and Penny Wilbourn, Miller, Rachel, Anna and Emma Wilbourn in the death of their father and grandfather, Gene Wilbourn.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Mateo Sanchez-Hobbs, child of Brooke and Edgardo Sanchez-Hobbs.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Banks Lowry Barnes, child of Peyton and Chase Barnes and grandson of Tanya and Lowry Barnes; of Pierre Anthony James Parker, child of Faja Cunningham and Pierre Parker; of Henry Thomas Hallenbeck, child of Jordan and Josh Hallenbeck; of Scottie Dean Rose, son of Devin and James Rose, and grandchild of Delena and Mark Rose; and of Olivia Walker Doramus, daughter of Anne-Marie and Joe Doramus, and grandchild of Laura and Mark Doramus

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Jo Greenlee; and Jim and Lee Anne Browne.

Thank you for subscribing to our online Tower Newsletter. If you'd like a paper copy for any reason, contact Michael McMurray at 501-978-0524 mmcmurray@phumc.com.



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Church Office Hours:

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

THE MORE YOU KNOW

Documentary Series

- OCTOBER 19 | 5-7PM - [1946: THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE](#) (LGBTQ INCLUSION)
- NOVEMBER 4 | 6-8PM - [GOD & COUNTRY](#) (CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM)
- DECEMBER 7 | 5-7PM - [THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH](#) (CLIMATE CHANGE)

Childcare Provided inside Entrance 4

Please join us Sunday, October 19th at 5:00pm in Wesley Hall for a powerful screening of "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture." This is a feature documentary that investigates the 1946 creation of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the Bible, the translation choices in it that led to anti-LGBTQ bias, and their impact in the church and society. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Questions? Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com.

October Primitimers Luncheon

Featuring Lauren Anderson,
Professional Bee Keeper

RSVP: Thursday, Oct. 23
PHUMC APP 11:30AM
Call 501-664-3600 Argue Great Hall
Front Desk \$10
[phumc.com/primitimers](https://www.phumc.com/primitimers)

PRIMITIMERS & FRIENDS

MOVIE DAY!

"WHEN HARRY MET SALLY"

1:00 PM | OCTOBER 9

Wesley Hall

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,679,884
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 236,561
Other Income	\$ 210,441
Total Income	\$ 3,126,886
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,378,440
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 152,222
Total Expenses	\$ 3,530,662
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (403,776)

PHUMC MISSION HOUR

October 12 • 10-11am • Great Hall