

CONNECT FAIR

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

FIND YOUR PLACE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00-11:00AM

ARGUE GREAT HALL (GYM)

Mark your calendars and come to the PHUMC Connect Fair in the Argue Great Hall (Gym) from 10:00-11:00am on Sunday, August 23rd! This is your opportunity to get connected, find a small group, or volunteer to

serve. Can't make it to campus that Sunday? No worries! We will have an online portal at phumc.com/connect-fair beginning August 20. Questions? Contact Rev. Katie Goss Pearce at kpearce@phumc.com.

Save the date!

SERVICE & LEARNING TRIP TO TANZANIA

July 19-28, 2027

Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com if interested!

From July 19-28, 2027, a group from PHUMC will travel to Mwanza, Tanzania for a Service and Learning Trip rooted in partnership with Wesley College, a United Methodist school. We will learn about the school's mission and meet with students.

And we'll spend time

understanding the ways that education in health, business, communications, and theology is helping transform the Church and the nation. If you're interested in participating in this exciting opportunity or would like more information, contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com.

AUGUST 19-NOVEMBER 4

*Wednesday
Nights* at **PULASKI
HEIGHTS**

PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS

Dear PHUMC,

I want to share some exciting news. After reviewing more than 200 applicants for our receptionist position, we have selected one of our own members, Marilyn Micheletti, to serve as the primary point of welcome for Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Marilyn began her new role in mid-June.

Welcome to the Staff



MARILYN MICHELETTI

Receptionist

Hospitality is one of the most important ministries we offer. Long before someone experiences a worship service, Bible study, or mission project they first experience a voice on the phone, a smile at the front desk, or a warm greeting when they walk through our doors. In many ways, the receptionist is the "face of the place," helping people feel seen, valued, and welcomed from their very first interaction.

Marilyn is exceptionally well-suited for this ministry and position. Marilyn joined PHUMC in 2017. In addition to her faithful presence in worship, she has also served our congregation and has been a familiar and welcoming presence as an usher. Her professional background spans decades of experience in hospitality, customer service, event coordination, administration, and guest relations. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated great gifts of organization, communication, confidentiality, and creating positive experiences for those she serves.

Marilyn also brings a servant's heart to this position and currently serves as a Stephen Minister. Her faith, compassion, and commitment to helping others make her an ideal ambassador for our congregation.

As we welcome Marilyn into this important role, I hope you will join me in offering your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are grateful for the gifts she brings to this ministry and excited about the many ways she will help extend the hospitality of Christ to everyone who enters our church.

Please be sure to stop by the front desk and introduce yourself, and congratulate Marilyn as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

-Rev. Jay Clark, Chief of Staff

Preservation Oversight Committee Quarterly Report This Place Matters Campaign

Our work on our This Place Matters Campaign continues and it's a pleasure to update the church on our progress.

Appreciation is also expressed to the Committee members: Courtney Swindler, Bob East, Anne Laidlaw, Brooks Jackson, Ed Staley, Steve Biffle, Megan Rugg, and Rev. Jay Clark.

COMPLETED:

- ✓ Purchase of 30 5' round tables and 30 8' tables. Payment made of \$24,500.
- ✓ Purchase 500 padded chairs for Argue Hall. Payment made of \$20,682.
- ✓ Replacement of the fire panels and smoke detectors throughout the building. Payment made of \$78,266.
- ✓ Installation of kitchen boiler, 4 roof top units and 2 chillers. Anticipated payment of approximately \$365,000.
- ✓ Replacement of HVAC controls. Progress payments of \$223,713 have been made. We are awaiting the final bill.
- ✓ Property-wide LED lighting upgrade. Payment is pending the final bill.
- ✓ Asbestos abatement and replacement of flooring in 3rd floor Norma Story, custodial room, M101 and M223. Payment is pending the final bill.
- ✓ Carpeting in 2nd floor Norma Story and choir room.
- ✓ Painting of the choir room.

IN PROGRESS:

- Organ pipe cleaning and maintenance as well as electrical console build.
- Choir room installation of acoustic panels.
- Maintenance of exterior brickwork including pressure washing, tuckpointing, caulking and sealing.
- Replacement of rubber flooring on children's playground.

PENDING SIGNED CONTRACT:

- Replacement of flooring in Wesley Hall and Sanctuary stairwell.
- Repairs to parking deck.

AWAITING PROPOSALS:

- Renovation of custodial room including wall repairs, demolition of old cabinetry, and painting.
- New curtains for Wesley Hall and Argue Great Hall.
- Cabinet and countertop replacement in various children's classrooms.

-Daryl Coker, Committee Chair



Parking Lot 2 (the Upper Parking Deck) will be closed from June 22 through early August while we reinforce sections of the concrete. This work will strengthen the deck and extend its life for years to come.

To make Sundays easy during the closure, we've secured overflow parking at War Memorial Stadium (the west lot, closest to Fair Park) on Sundays from June 28 through

August 2, 7:30AM-1:00PM. We will have shuttle service from War Memorial to Entrance One on Woodlawn. Please let us know if you have any questions!

GIVE A KID A CHANCE

OUR JULY MISSION COLLECTION IS MONEY TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN AT WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY! DONATE BY GIVING ONLINE OR WRITING "WAKEFIELD SCHOOL SUPPLIES" IN A CHECK'S MEMO LINE

PHUMC.COM/WAKEFIELD

Ozark Mission Project 2026

"Ozark Mission Project has really opened lots of doors for me and given me the chance to meet some really amazing people. But this year my neighbor Ms. Sherri was the most impactful one for me. Every year I get a chance to connect to my neighbors, but this year I connected to her on an even deeper level. On our second day of working at our job site, I went inside to go grab waters for me and my family group. Ms. Sherri called me over and asked if she could show me a video. She then showed me videos of animals forming unlikely friendships, a panda and a dog, a monkey, and a duck, and a raccoon and a cat. She then turned to me and said 'I don't understand why these animals can get along, but we can't'. What she said really stuck with me. She also showed us pictures of her daughter who passed away earlier in the year, and told us about her husband who passed away two years ago. I've never had an experience quite this impactful before, and it really shows just how OMP gives us the opportunity to form deep connections like the one I did with Miss Sherri. The world can be place, and the way we treat each other doesn't make it any better. But Miss Sherri treated us like we were family and showed so much excitement whenever we came over. I loved my family group and my neighbor this year, they really showed me what having a family that isn't blood truly looks like, long lasting friendships." -Kris G., 9th Grade

July Primetimers Luncheon

Featuring Stephanie Streett, Clinton Presidential Center

Thursday, July 23

RSVP:

11:30AM

PHUMC APP

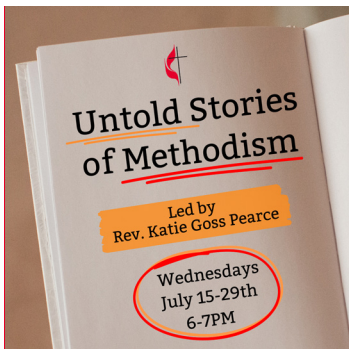
PHUMC GYM

Call 501-664-3600

\$10

phumc.com/primetimers

Front Desk



We know Methodism through its biggest names—John Wesley, circuit riders on horseback, sermons in open fields, a movement spreading across continents. But there are many stories about our denomination that you may not know.

This summer, Rev. Katie Pearce invites you to discover a few of them. Untold Stories of Methodism will meet on Wednesday evenings in room C236—July 15, 22, and 29, from 6:00-7:00pm. Over three weeks, we'll

explore forgotten chapters of our heritage, including the seven sisters of John and Charles Wesley and the story of John Wesley and Thomas Blair.

Each evening stands on its own, so come for one week or all three. No background in church history required, just your curiosity and an hour in good company. We hope you'll join us.



Last month, our youth visited the Rohwer Japanese American Relocation Center in southeast Arkansas as part of their Service and Learning Trip. Standing among the memorials and remaining structures, they learned the story of the more than 8,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated there during World War II. This chapter of history allowed them to ask hard questions about justice, fear, and what it means to truly love our neighbor.



15
JULY

WEDNESDAY

PHUMC.COM/YAM



5:30-7:30PM



ARGUE GREAT HALL (CHURCH GYM)

Young Adults, join us for Pickleball on July 15 in the Great Hall! Questions? Contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH-WIDE CLASS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN GREAT ARGUE HALL (THE GYM)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
10:10-10:50AM

Mark your calendars for our One-room Sunday School on September 13! We'll meet and learn together in the Argue Great Hall! More information to come soon. Questions? Contact Rev. Katie Goss Pearce at kpearce@phumc.com.



July 12 • 10-11am • Great Hall

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

9:00 Classic Service Only

No Children's Sunday School & Limited Adult Sunday School

11:00 Modern Service Only

Childcare provided for Pre-K & under for both services



Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the following funds: Cancer Friends, Caring Ministry, Diaper Bank, Good Samaritan, Helping Hands, Miracle Sunday, This Place Matters, Youth Mission, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Nancy Archer by Jane and Jamie Evans and Mark and Holly Mathisen
Bob Baine by Elaine McNiece
Bobby Bonner by Elaine McNiece
George Campbell by Elaine McNiece
Bo Hawk by Ken and Maureen Calhoon
Don Knutson by Elaine McNiece
Dianne McGeorge by Carol Thomason and Bev Villines
Dr. Karen McNiece Redwine by Elaine McNiece
Donna Morey by Mark and Holly Mathisen
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Dr. Rob Porter, Jr. by Dr. John and Julie Jones, Pat and Jim McClelland, and Scott and Katherine Trotter
John Roberts by Elaine McNiece
Frances Ross by Jimmy Teeter
Nancy Smith by Mary Ruth Brown and Sarah Polk
Shirley Vanderslice by Jerry and Vera Bowie and Betty Gene and Richard Mann
Buddy Villines by Elaine McNiece

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Finn Brister by Janet Zimmerman
Carter Brooks by Bev Villines
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Boogie Faulkner and Kyle Jones by Bev Villines
Ruth Meinholz and Spencer Churchill by Bev Villines

Our offices are

CLOSED

Thursday, July 2

Friday, July 3

In honor of Independence Day

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

to the family and friends of Charlotte Lee in her recent death; to Shelley Gentry, Brooks, Clayton, and Sterling Gentry in the death of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Ann Clayton; to Stephen Oakley and family in the death of his stepfather, Tom Wurtenberger; to Hope Fort and family in the recent death of her father, John T. Harmon; and to Dick Wallace and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Mike White

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of David Wesley King, child of Caroline and Dalton King and grandchild of Barbara Halford and Greg Halford; and of Aubrey Rose McClanahan, child of Ashley and Alex McClanahan.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah Lewis and Tucker Mann; to Trista Sutton and Connor Walters; to Lauren Berry and Silas Myane; to Matt House and Alisha Curtis; and to Katherine Wright and Jack Mikeska in their recent marriages.

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Wesley James Curry, child of Rev. Daniel and Harper Curry.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Trent Wilson; and Jon Aucoin

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Church Office Hours:

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

Pulaski Heights UMC Youth

SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE

[PHUMC.COM/YOUTH](https://www.phumc.com/youth)

This Summer our youth have lots of opportunities to serve, learn, and fellowship! Here is our July schedule:

- **July 12, 19, & 26** - Summer Youth Nights (5th-12th) - 5:30-7:00PM - Youth Room
- **July 6** - VBC Training (8th-12th): 4:30-6:30PM
- **July 7-9** - VBC Volunteering (8th-12th): 4:30-7:30PM
- **July 7-9** - Midyouth Service & Learning Days (5th-7th) - 8:00AM-2:30PM, RSVP at [phumc.com/youth](https://www.phumc.com/youth)
- **July 16** - Mission & Lunch (8th-12th) - 9:00AM-1:30PM - Easter Seals
- **July 20-24** - Assembly (6th-12th Grade) - Hendrix College

Here's how to stay informed: Sign up to receive our text updates at [phumc.com/youth-text](https://www.phumc.com/youth-text)! Go to [phumc.com/youth](https://www.phumc.com/youth) to see the week's schedule and our whole summer schedule! Contact erowland@phumc.com with questions!



PHUMC PRESENTS A THREE-NIGHT

REVIVAL

WORSHIP • SING • RENEW

SEPTEMBER 20-22

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

Don't forget to mark our Raney Revival on your calendar! You can learn more and see our schedule at [phumc.com/raney](https://www.phumc.com/raney)! In addition, we are going to be singing Cokesbury hymns in our Classic services throughout the month of July. These are the songs many of us have known by heart since long before we could read words on a page.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for January-May 2026.

Member Contributions	\$ 1,633,854
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 62,000
Other Income	\$ 44,806
Total Income	\$ 1,741,220
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,149,960
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 22,731
Total Expenses	\$ 2,172,331
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (431,111)

JULY

Staff Birthdays

KEYUNO RAY- JULY 6

BRANDON HOLLOWAY- JULY 15

SUNGYUN KIM- JULY 21

REV. JAY CLARK- JULY 27

PULASKI HEIGHTS UMC
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

The Story of Moses

[phumc.com/vbc](https://www.phumc.com/vbc)

July 7th-9th, 2026

Our whole congregation is invited to join us July 7-9 from 5:30-7:00pm for Vacation Bible Camp, The Story of Moses. We're hosting an interactive dinner theatre experience where all ages can gather around the table, share a meal, laugh together, and dive into faith in a creative and engaging way. It's Vacation Bible Camp reimagined for the WHOLE church: fresh, interactive, and full of surprises. RSVP now at [phumc.com/vbc](https://www.phumc.com/vbc).