

BEGINNING AUGUST 19TH

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

Adult Classes

Fall Term 1-2 (Aug. 19-Nov. 4 | Break Sept. 23)

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

Fall Term 1 (5 weeks | Aug. 19-Sept. 16)

- **Intro to Celtic Christianity** - Rev. Jay Clark
- **Children's Bible Stories for Adults** - Rev. Katie Goss Pearce

Fall Term 2 (6 weeks | Sept. 30 -Nov. 4)

- **Fruits of the Spirit** - Karen Konarski-Hart
- **The Wesleyan Quadrilateral** - Carter Ford & Rev. Katie Goss Pearce

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

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

Children & Youth

- **Childcare for parents in classes** - 6:00-6:45PM (Infants & Toddlers) Room D271, (Preschool) Room D267. *
- **Children's Activities** - 6:00-6:45PM (K-4th Grade) Room D277 *
- **Midyouth (5th-7th)** - 6:00-6:45PM - Great Hall
- **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

WANT MORE INFO? GO TO PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYNIGHTS

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.



REVIVAL

WORSHIP • SING • RENEW

- **Sunday | September 20 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Anne-Marie Berg preaching — This service will be shaped by the Cokesbury hymnal and the deep well of Methodist song.
- **Monday | September 21 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Ross Furio preaching — This service will feature an eclectic evening of music with a gospel heart.
- **Tuesday | September 22 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Sam Robbins preaching — This service will be modern worship with guest singers leading us.

This year's Vacation Bible Camp looked a little different. Different generations gathered to learn about the life of Moses in an immersive way. For three evenings this July, the Great Hall filled with children, siblings, parents, and grandparents learning the same stories, singing the same songs, and discussing the faith that allows us to do extraordinary things. Thank you to our volunteers, youth, and our family ministries team who made this fantastic week possible! A special thanks to Lizzy Chandler for helping to direct this year's storytelling experience!





Looking back on Annual Conference 2026, the phrase "You've come a long way, baby!" comes to mind. That was the advertising

slogan targeting women by Virginia Slims cigarettes in the late 60's (back when smoking was not only allowed but actually encouraged). I thought of that because I remember attending one of my first annual conferences in the early 90's and the debate was whether smoking should be banned in parsonages. The UMC and Annual Conference have come a long way, especially in the past three years. Rather than debating who the church would exclude, this year was a celebration of who is included. We celebrated 70 years of women being ordained. We celebrated our diversity. We celebrated those who have been faithful servants of the church and moved to retirement status or joined the Church Triumphant. The reports were received and accepted mostly with no discussion and no argument. The music was outstanding, making the mood even more celebratory.

The highlight of Conference for me is always the Ordination Service. Serving on the Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry for several years, I know some of the ordinands and witnessing their commissioning and ordaining is emotional for me. This year, Grace Rogers from PHUMC was ordained and has been appointed to Quapaw Quarter UMC. I've known Grace since she was in junior high and I am so very proud of her, of PH for affirming her gifts, and of the UMC who allows all the Graces and others to follow their call to serve God through ministry in the United Methodist Church.

-Linda Powell, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

In the United Methodist Church, membership begins with a vow to uphold the church by prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. One might ask, why take this step—I'm doing just fine without it? Dr. Robbins answered exactly that question in a recent sermon, from someone who already attended worship, gave to the church, and served faithfully. His response was to ask a question in return: *why had that person married their spouse in the church?* The answer came easily—to show commitment to their intended, to God, and to the community gathered as witnesses. That is precisely why becoming a member matters. It is a public commitment to PHUMC, its ministries, and its people—one that binds us together and opens the door to leadership on committees and boards. Simply attending or giving can leave one's spiritual life incomplete; the vow, witnessed by clergy and congregation, marks a deeper level of commitment. It's the difference between dipping a toe in the water and full immersion in the spiritual waters.

The membership committee began its work in 2022 with a goal of updating records and identifying all church members, so that we can adequately care for our congregation. We know some people are not yet ready to take the vow, and we want to be sure we can properly minister to everyone regardless. The United Methodist Book of Discipline guides this work, giving our congregation guidance on how to classify and treat all situations. Changing a person's status from member to prior member is never done lightly: before any change, the Discipline requires that we reach out to understand why someone is no longer attending, serving, or giving, and to ask whether they wish to remain a member and how they might renew their commitment. People move away, change churches, or simply fall out of the habit—and it matters that our records reflect each person's desired connection to PHUMC.

Membership matters to the growth and vitality of a church, but more importantly, it matters to the individual. Everyone who comes to PHUMC, member or not, is and always will be welcome. But if you are not yet a member, consider what is holding you back. Enrich your journey and your walk with Christ by making—and keeping—a commitment to uphold the church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. It's about you. If you would like to become a member to make this commitment or wonder what it means, you can contact Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



During Mission Hour last month, adult, children, and youth volunteers packed 300 care bags to share with our neighbors in need. Be sure to pick one or two up in the bins outside of the Sanctuary or Wesley Hall! Special thanks our July sponsors: Cathy and Tony Bozynski, the Vine and Branch Sunday School class, and the Newton Good News Sunday School class, and the Argue Sunday School class.



Last month our Midyouth volunteered at Project Transformation, created first aid kits for unhoused individuals at the CALS Main Library, worked various projects around the church and had a lot of fun along the way! Thank you to our staff and volunteers for making this week special!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 4** - Happening Hour, 5:30–7:30 PM, Fassler Hall - Join us for a good time with great company
- **August 19** - Intersections (Wednesday Nights Small Group), 6:00–6:45 PM - Come hear from different church members about how their faith intersects with their daily life and vocation.

For questions about PHUMC Young Adult Ministries, contact Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com or go to phumc.com/yam!

ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH-WIDE CLASS
DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN GREAT ARGUE HALL (THE GYM)

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

AUGUST MISSION COLLECTION

Clothes of all types
and sizes for the PHUMC
Clothes Closet. Drop off at
Entrance 9 or at the Welcome Desk



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, join us for an informational zoom meeting on August 12th at 6:00PM! Contact Rev. Katye Chambers at kchambers@phumc.com for the link.

I want to invite you to be a part of something that will create life-long memories. March 29-April 10, 2027, Jay Clark and I will host a Celtic Christianity trip to Ireland. This will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and see the beauty of God's creation across the Atlantic, along with others traveling with us. I am very excited about this trip because it also affords me the privilege of interacting with members of PHUMC in a more informal way, while enjoying the beautiful scenery and food as we enjoy locations that are unique to Ireland, while, at the same time, learning more about our Christian heritage. I encourage you to contact Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com for more information. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. I look forward to the joy of traveling on this spiritual journey with you!

- Dr. John Robbins



August Primitimers Luncheon

Leah Greenfield from LifeQuest
RSVP: Thursday, Aug 27
PHUMC APP 11:30AM
Call 501-664-3600 Argue Great Hall
Front Desk \$10
phumc.com/primitimers

PRIMITIMERS MOVIE DAY!

MOSES

1:00 PM | AUGUST 13

Wesley Hall

AUGUST STAFF BIRTHDAYS

MICHAEL MCMURRAY -
AUGUST 9

Foundation Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for these endowments: Barnwell Holloway Medical Studies Scholarship, Sherry and Allen Bird, Borchert Family, Faulkner Basketball Scholarship, Faulkner Helping Hands, Hawkins Family, Hoover Treatment Center, Hunter Children's Bible, Lindsey Family, PHUMC Youth, Dr. Robert A. Porter, John and, Kathy Roberts, Villines Family, and the glory of God. .

Memorials

Nancy Archer by Sheila Moore Mitchell
Sherry Bird by Mike and Susan Nichols, Virginia and Mike Porta, Brian and Susie Rosenthal, and Century High School Class of 1961
Vicki Clement by Virginia and Mike Porta, and PHUMC Tower Class
Martha Cooley by Virginia and Mike Porta
Bo Hawk by Ellon Cockrill
Charlotte Lee by Anonymous
Dianne McGeorge by Anonymous
William Hayden McIlroy by Virginia and Mike Porta, and PHUMC Tower Class
Dr. Rob Porter, Jr. by Susan and Bryan Davis, Sarah Henry, Virginia and Mike Porta, and Dr. Rod Bowman and Carter Thomas
John Roberts by Elaine McNiece
Frances Ross by Anonymous
Joy Sharp by Virginia and Mike Porta
Shirley Vanderslice by Anonymous

Honoraria

Judy Adams by Jimmy Faulkner
Sam Boozer by Anonymous
Patti Coleman by Jimmy Faulkner
Wesley James Curry by Skip and Billie Rutherford, and Bev Villines
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Susan Branton Linville, Misty and Drake Hawkins, and PHUMC Newton Good News Class
Corie Hollingsworth by Kathy Roberts
Judy Irwin by Jimmy Faulkner
Lynne Knight by Jimmy Faulkner
Julie Marshall by Sandy and Mark White
Billie Rutherford by Jimmy Faulkner
Joe Teeter by Penny and Gordon Wilbourn
Bev Villines by Elaine McNiece
PHUMC 2026 Confirmation Class by Skip and Billie Rutherford
Ruth Meniholz and Spence Churchill by Jennie and Charles F. Cole, Jr.

New Members

Kate Barnett, Ann Ramsay Blankenship, Celine Boyd, Carter Brooks, Natalie and Jerry Burr, Margaret Bynum, J. Harley Calloway, Annie Chandler, Mary Winston Chandler, Will Daugherty, Corban Doherty, Andrew Duke, Christopher Gaston, Jude Gibson, Evan Gregory, Katie Grace Gunter, Ryan Harrelson, Harry Hastings, Preston Holsclaw, Clark Irwin III, Brittany and Andy Ivy, Shelby Justus, Vivian Lord, Meredith Martindale, Jack Mitchell, Willa Claire Noland, Tucker Norton, Cal Pearce, Carter Phillips, Annabelle Reed, Fourth Rhodes IV, Benjamin Rugg, Mary Mac Smart, Georgia Taylor, Dillon Terry, Ronda and Gary Walker, Chloe Williams, John Willis, Trent Wilson, Graham Wineland, and Jackson Womack by Anonymous

Baptisms

Kate Barnett, Garrett Chandler, Corban Doherty, Shelby Justus, and Georgia Taylor by Anonymous

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Jo Ellen Stodola and Kami Taylor Coleman and families in the recent death of their sister and mother, Susie Taylor; to Tori Garrett, Victoria Chandler, Rachel Garrett, and Ned Garrett in the death of their mother and grandmother, Vicki Clement; to Richard Mann and family in the death of his brother, Dr. Ralph Jerry Mann; to Andrea Edwards and Amanda Edwards in the death of their sister, Patricia James; to Melanie Reynolds and family in the death of her mother, Hazel Dean Reynolds; to Hannah, Price, and Adison Magann, in the death of their mother, Allison Almon; and to Barbara Moore and family in the death of her son, Michael Moore.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Jackson Crowell Owens Jr., son of Sarah Elizabeth and Jackson Owens and grandchild of Molly and Lee Owens.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Collier Jones and Farah Mazahreh in their recent marriage; Catherine Babin and Kyle Nelson; and to Caroline Caldwell and Jacob Motz in their recent marriages.

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of Eloise Elizabeth Parsons, child of Hannahbelle and Harrison Parsons; of Frances Mae and Sarah-David Ballard, children of Luke and Sommer Ballard; of Mason Lee Cherry, child of Allison and Brian Cherry; and of Benjamin Steven Tribett, child of Archer and Ashley Tribett and grandchild of Steve and Kim Tribett.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS David and Ann Nixon; Laura Nixon; Donna Robertson; Jane Everist.



As United Methodists, we have a wonderful and long tradition of giving each 3rd grader their own Bible! We are excited

to present our 3rd grade students with their Bibles on Sunday, **August 23 at 9am** in the Classic service OR **11am** in the Modern service. If you would like to sign up your child to receive a Bible, go to phumc.com/third-grade-bible or call Pam Lentz at 501-664-3600. 3rd graders and their parents will also be invited to "Learning My Bible" Class beginning taught by Mary-Margaret Marks on August 30.

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



School is starting back again! Here are a few dates to know from our Family Ministries Team:

- **August 3-5** - Youth (5th-12th) - Worship Camp
- **August 9** - Back to School Sunday (All Services)
- **August 16** - Acolyte Training (3rd-5th) - 3:00-4:00PM
- **August 16** - Children's Choir (K-4th) Begins - 4:00-5:00PM
- **August 16** - Sr. High Youth (8th-12th) Begins - 5:30-7:15PM
- **August 19** - Wednesday Nights @ Pulaski Heights Begins
- **August 23** - 3rd Grade Bible Sunday
- **August 30** - 3rd Grade "Learning My Bible Class" - 10:10-10:50AM

Here's how to stay informed:

- **PHKIDS (4th Grade and under)** - Contact Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com
- **YOUTH (5th-12th Grade)** - Sign up to receive youth text updates at phumc.com/youth-text or contact Heather Doherty at hdoherly@phumc.com.

Tutor @ Wakefield Elementary!



phumc.com/tutor

It's time for school again! That means it's time for PHUMC to start another school year supporting Wakefield Elementary School!

We are looking for tutors to help read with students once a week. If you are interested, contact Sarah Argue at wakefieldtutoring@phumc.com or go to phumc.com/tutor!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 1,999,045
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 75,000
Other Income	\$ 51,486
Total Income	\$ 2,120,531
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,464,765
Tithe Payment payable	\$ 48,459
Total Expenses	\$ 2,513,224
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (392,693)