



This summer, Pulaski Heights UMC's medical and surgical mission teams returned to Guatemala for the 26th year in partnership with Project Salud y Paz, continuing our legacy

of bringing essential healthcare to Mayan indigenous communities. This year we sent our largest medical team ever, and the impact showed: the team saw 354 medical patients and 99 dental patients, offering treatment, medicine, and care that would otherwise be out of reach. Along the way, they distributed 700 toothbrushes and 525 tubes of toothpaste—all donated by PHUMC!

Our surgical team performed life-changing operations on 81 patients, restoring health, mobility, and quality of life for people with little or no access to consistent surgical care. The team has stayed in contact with local physicians to monitor recovery and review pathology reports, so each patient continues to receive attentive follow-up care.

This coming year we are expanding our assistance even more! We will be sending a Medical team to Guatemala **January 16-24, 2027** and we are looking for a dentist, a pharmacist, an RN, and Willing Helpers. You can sign up to volunteer or learn more about becoming a part of this wonderful ministry with your service or your gifts by going to [phumc.com/guatemala](http://phumc.com/guatemala).

Dear Congregation,

Many of you have already come to know Brandon Holloway during his time this summer as our Youth Ministry Interim Associate. We're delighted to share that the "interim" is now officially off and Brandon is stepping fully into the role and joining our team as a permanent

member of the PHUMC staff. Brandon brings a wonderful combination of musical training, worship leadership, teaching experience, and a passion for working with our youth! He recently graduated cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance.

Brandon will be working closely with our Youth Ministry and Modern Worship teams. He will help create and lead discipleship experiences for students in grades 5-12, participate in youth mission opportunities and overnight trips, help lead youth worship, and assist with Modern Worship. Just as importantly, Brandon will have the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with our students and become another trusted adult presence in their lives.

We are excited to have Brandon join the PHUMC family and look forward to the gifts, energy, and faith he will bring to our youth ministry.

Rev. Jay Clark, Chief of Staff

## WELCOME



**Brandon Holloway**  
Youth Ministries Associate

## RANEY REVIVAL

WORSHIP • SING • RENEW

- **Sunday | September 20 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Anne-Marie Berg preaching — Music led by PHUMC Chancel Choir shaped by the Cokesbury hymnal and the deep well of Gospel Methodist song.
- **Monday | September 21 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Ross Furio preaching — Music led by Philander Smith University choir in a powerful Gospel style.
- **Tuesday | September 22 | 6:00 PM | Great Hall** - Rev. Sam Robbins preaching — Music led by PHUMC Modern worship band and guests

Join us in the Great Hall at 6PM on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd for our three-night Raney Series Revival. Methodism was born as a revival movement. For John and Charles Wesley, revival wasn't a sales pitch for heaven or a performative act. It was the slow, holy work of igniting the church, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to spread what they called "scriptural holiness" across communities. Revival, at its best, is transformation: of hearts, of congregations, of the world God so loves.

Each night will have a unique style of worship. We will host three young, dynamic, United Methodist leaders preaching from the pulpit—powerful music will be led by staff, our choir and worship team, and guests. You won't want to miss it.

Childcare will be available each night inside Entrance 4.



Our first El Servicio is in the books! Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping make this service a reality, and thank you to Rev. Lupita Chavarria for

bringing us a powerful message! Join us September 5th for our next service! If you'd like to learn more about this service or get involved, contact Rev. Katie Chambers at [kchambers@phumc.com](mailto:kchambers@phumc.com)!

One of the questions I've received as I've started my new role is: What is I.A.B.? I.A.B. stands for Inclusivity, Accessibility, and Belonging. At Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, we strive to be the kind of place where EVERYONE can fully participate in the life of the church, grow in their faith and relationship with God, and use their unique gifts in service to God's mission in the world. I.A.B. is for everyone—not just people with specialized training or people with specific needs. We can all help include others. We can all help find creative ways to make our programs and spaces more accessible. We can all work to ensure PHUMC is a place where everyone finds true belonging and purpose.

## Take our Survey



We want to hear from you!



[phumc.com/IAB](https://phumc.com/IAB)

To help us in this work, we've created a survey. It will take around 10 minutes, but it will inform the work we undertake, telling us what's working, where the gaps are, and how we can do better. Please take some time at [phumc.com/IAB](https://phumc.com/IAB) to give us your feedback.

-Melanie Buchanan, Director of Inclusivity, Accessibility, and Belonging

## Walking the Mourner's Path

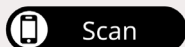
### IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

MONDAYS | 6:00-8:00PM | SEPT. 28-NOV. 16

LEARN MORE AT  
[PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH](https://PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH)



## Help Us Update Our Membership Rolls!

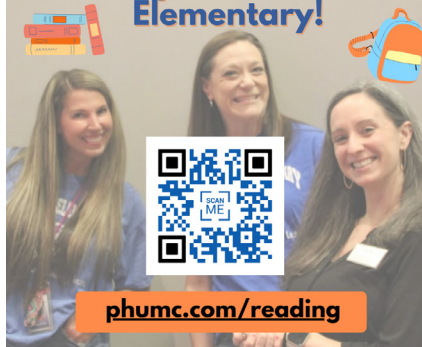


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[PHUMC.COM/NAMES-LIST](https://PHUMC.COM/NAMES-LIST)

As part of its responsibility to the church, the Membership Committee is working to keep our membership records up to date so that they reflect those who are fully active and involved in the life of PHUMC. We have reached out to the individuals in the list above but have not yet heard back regarding their membership status. If you know any of these folks or have updated contact information for them, we would love your help! Our goal is not only to keep our records accurate, but also to make sure no one unintentionally feels left out or disconnected from our community. Please scan the QR code or visit [phumc.com/names-list](https://phumc.com/names-list) to review the list. You can also share updates by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or emailing Theresa Smith at [tsmith@phumc.com](mailto:tsmith@phumc.com).

## Become a Reading Buddy @ Wakefield Elementary!



[phumc.com/reading](https://phumc.com/reading)

We are once again looking for some dedicated folks to join our Wakefield Elementary School Team. Reading buddies meet once a week with individual students. Reading buddies can be assigned on their chosen day and time period, as well as choosing the grade level of students that best suits them. Go to [phumc.com/reading](https://phumc.com/reading) or scan the QR code to sign up and start making a difference! If you have any questions, contact Sarah Argue at [wakefieldtutoring@phumc.com](mailto:wakefieldtutoring@phumc.com). Wakefield Elementary School is in Southwest Little Rock and 99.5% of students have free/reduced lunch. Our church partners with them via reading buddies, supplying their food pantry, school supplies, teacher appreciation, and Christmas gifts.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 25  
3-5 PM

LOWER  
PARKING DECK

School is starting, which means that Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! This year Trunk or Treat will be October 25 from 3-5pm in the Lower Parking Deck. This is a great opportunity to come together as a congregation and to serve our community. Here are four ways to get involved:

- We are currently looking for Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals to host a trunk or booth! Go to [phumc.com/trunks](https://phumc.com/trunks) to sign up to host a trunk or a booth! This year's theme is books/stories!
- Since kids receive so much candy this time of year, we are planning on expanding our giveaways to more than just candy. We are asking only for monetary donations so that we can provide candy, snacks, and small toys for each trunk! Go to [phumc.com/halloween](https://phumc.com/halloween) or write a check with Trunk or Treat in the memo line!
- Volunteer to be a greeter and a friendly face! You can sign up at [phumc.com/tortvolunteer](https://phumc.com/tortvolunteer).
- Come and bring a friend or two with you!

Hope to see you there!

## September Primetimers Luncheon

### Music from the Kavanaugh Band

RSVP: Thursday Sept. 24  
 PHUMC APP 11:30AM  
 Call 501-664-3600 Great Hall  
 Front Desk \$10

[phumc.com/primetimers](http://phumc.com/primetimers)

# ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH-WIDE EVENT DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

GREAT HALL

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

# UWF UNIT MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11  
 12:00 PM  
 OPTIONAL LUNCH PROVIDED FOR \$10

RSVP:

- CALL 501-664-3600
- PHUMC.COM/UWF
- SIGN THE BOOK AT THE WELCOME DESK



501-664-3600 | [phumc.com/uwf](http://phumc.com/uwf)

JOIN US FOR A PRIMETIMERS TRIP TO

## CHARLOTTE'S EATS & SWEETS

SEPTEMBER 11  
 11AM



RSVP for lunch and van ride by calling the church office, 501-664-3600, signing the Reservation Book at the Welcome Desk or by going to [phumc.com/primetimers](http://phumc.com/primetimers).

Join us for One-Room Sunday School! With a congregation of over 4,000, we rarely get the opportunity to come together as a community. This will be a time for us to learn, pray, and celebrate as one body! Plus, a special unveiling we're keeping under wraps for now—one you'll want to witness firsthand.

Questions? Contact Michael McMurray at [mmcmurray@phumc.com](mailto:mmcmurray@phumc.com)!



Young Adult Ministry

## SEPTEMBER HAPPENING HOUR

Tuesday, September 1  
 5:30-7:30PM  
 Professor Bowl

### Wednesday Nights Class Schedule (All classes 6:00-6:45)

|                        | 8/19                                                                                                                | 8/26 | 9/2 | 9/9 | 9/16 | 9/23                                                                                                           | 9/30                                                                                   | 10/7 | 10/14 | 10/21 | 10/28 | 11/4 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|                        | SESSION 1                                                                                                           |      |     |     |      | Raney<br>Week<br><br>No Meal<br>or<br>Classes                                                                  | SESSION 2                                                                              |      |       |       |       |      |
| ADULTS<br>WESLEY HALL  | Gospel of Matthew Bible Study led by: Dr. John Robbins<br>(Also available 10:00-10:45AM on Wednesdays in Room C236) |      |     |     |      |                                                                                                                | Gospel of Matthew Bible Study led by: Dr. John Robbins                                 |      |       |       |       |      |
| ADULTS<br>ROOM D367    | Children's Bible Stories for Adults led by:<br>Rev. Katie Goss Pearce                                               |      |     |     |      |                                                                                                                | When Christians Changed their Minds:<br>Carter Ford & Rev. Katie Goss Pearce           |      |       |       |       |      |
| ADULTS<br>ROOM D369    | Young Adult (22-35) Small Group<br>Intersections led by: Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs                                       |      |     |     |      |                                                                                                                | Young Adult (22-35) Small Group<br>Intersections led by: Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs          |      |       |       |       |      |
| ADULTS<br>ROOM D371    | Celtic Christianity led by: Rev. Jay Clark                                                                          |      |     |     |      |                                                                                                                | Fruits of the Spirit led by:<br>Karen Konarski-Hart                                    |      |       |       |       |      |
| YOUTH                  | Midyouth (5th-7th) Great Hall<br>Youth (8th-12th) Bible Study Youth Area<br>(6:45-8:15PM)                           |      |     |     |      |                                                                                                                | Midyouth (5th-7th) Great Hall<br>Youth (8th-12th) Bible Study Youth Area (6:45-8:15PM) |      |       |       |       |      |
| CHILDREN/<br>CHILDCARE | Childcare: Infants/Toddlers (Room D271) &<br>Preschool (Room D267)<br>Children's (K-4th) Activities: Room D277      |      |     |     |      | Childcare: Infants/Toddlers (Room D271) &<br>Preschool (Room D267)<br>Children's (K-4th) Activities: Room D277 |                                                                                        |      |       |       |       |      |

## PHUMC Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the following funds: Building, Diaper Bank, Good Samaritan, Guatemala Mission, Helping Hands, This Place Matters, TV Ministry, and the glory of God.

### Memorials

**Nancy Archer** by Virginia and Mike Porta, Dana Haven, Louis Haven, and Jan Haven  
**Robert Wayne Beardsley** by Genny Beardsley, Belinda Gomez, and Zachery Hodges  
**Ethan Fields** by Bill and Karon Mann  
**Scott Holtz** by Brian Paul Holtz  
**Todd Holtz** by Brian Paul Holtz  
**Neal Moody** by Tommy and April Owen III  
**Michael Moore** by Nancy and David Bartlett, and Sarah Polk  
**Joe N. Pevahouse** by Rod and Andria Beckham  
**Michael Ptak** by Marilyn Hill  
**Mary Putnam** by Tom Putnam  
**Marylee Robinson** by George West and Starr Mitchell  
**Shirley Vanderslice** by PHUMC Roundtable Class  
**Phillip West** by Kay Arnold, and Catherine Hughes  
**Mike White** by Jean and Dick Wallace

### Honoraria

**Elise Argue** by Bill and Karon Mann  
**Andrew Duke** by Sylvia and John Borchert  
**Mack McLarty** by Tina Chandler, Olathe DCJR, and Nissan of Olathe  
**Kat and Jack Mikeska** by Bev Villines  
**Sarah Morrison** by Bev Villines  
**Andrea Newton** by Bev Villines  
**Tucker Norton** by Sylvia and John Borchert  
**Skip Rutherford** by Barbara Moore  
**Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs** by Bev Villines  
**PHUMC Building Services Staff** by Bev Villines

## USHERS NEEDED! SERVE YOUR CHURCH!

Ushers are one of the most meaningful ministries at Pulaski Heights. Ushers are some of first faces many people see on a Sunday morning. Whether you worship in Modern or Classic, we invite you to consider serving as an usher. It's a simple way to be part of the heart of worship, and no special experience is required.

Beyond welcoming, ushers help worship flow smoothly by gathering the morning offering, helping people find seats, and more. Ushering is a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside others, deepen your connection to this community, and make a real difference in how people experience God week in and week out.

Ushers typically serve about once a month. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, contact Emily Stotts at [estotts@phumc.com](mailto:estotts@phumc.com) or Michael McMurray at [mmcmurray@phumc.com](mailto:mmcmurray@phumc.com)!

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

**EXTENDED** to Thomas Dickinson and family in the death of his mother, Peggy Dickinson; to Kim Tribett and family in the death of her uncle, Rex Gillum; to Mary Catherine Armstrong and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Jacque Murphy; to Phil Axelroth and family in the death of his wife, Susan Axelroth; to Karen Greenlee and family in the death of her mother, Lillie Jo Greenlee; to Emily Wineland, West and Graham Wineland, and family in the death of their grandmother and great grandmother, Nedgie Watson Boggan; to Anna Kay Frueauff, Tag Grace, Walker Frueauff and family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Sue Frueauff; to Randy Burris, Emily Burris, and family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Naomi Burris

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH** of Eleanor James Jansen, child of Caroline and Pace Jansen and grandchild of Piper Bickerstaff Jansen; of Adeline James McLelland, child of Megan and Sam McLelland.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Cait Tribett and Garrett McLaurin in their recent marriage.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM** of Olivia Walker Doramus, child of Joe and Anne Marie Doramus, and grandchild of Mark and Laura Doramus

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** Hannah Kate and Chase Cain; Carol and Duane Rose; and Tim Bovard.

### PHUMC SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: Sunday Morning Van Drivers

Early every Sunday morning, a faithful team of volunteers are already up and on the road. Our Sunday Morning Van Drivers give up the quiet start to their Sunday to make sure that members who want to worship in-person can get there. We are so thankful to the drivers who show up week after week, rain or shin.. They are the first welcome many people receive on a Sunday, and carry the love of our church with them to our members who can't drive themselves anymore. Thank you to: Matthew Anderson, Allen Bird, Matthew Blevins, Topper Borchert, Bill Mann, Ted Penick, and Terry Sharp.

If you're interested in joining this team, contact Karsyn Helms at [khelms@phumc.com](mailto:khelms@phumc.com)!

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](mailto: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 school year is ramping up, and our youth have plenty of opportunities to learn, worship, and have fun! Here is our September schedule:

- **September 2, 9, 16, 30** - Midyouth (5th-7th) - 5:00-6:45PM - Great Hall
- **September 2, 9, 16, 30** - Sr. High (8th-12th) bible study - 7:00-8:30PM - Youth Room
- **September 13, 20, 27** - Confirmation (7th) - 4:00-5:30PM - Youth Area
- **September 13, 27** - PHYOUTH (8th-12th) - 5:30-7:15PM - Wesley Hall
- **September 15** - Youth Basketball League (7th-12th) Registration opens
- **September 20** - Raney Dinner and Worship (8th-12th) - 5:30-7:00PM - Youth Room

Sign up to receive our text updates at [phumc.com/youth-text](https://www.phumc.com/youth-text)! You can always go to [phumc.com/youth](https://www.phumc.com/youth) to see what's coming up! Contact [hdoherty@phumc.com](mailto:hdoherty@phumc.com) with any of your questions!

**2027 PHUMC YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**  
Registration Opens September 15

Register at [phumc.com/basketball](https://www.phumc.com/basketball)

**SEPTEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

**YUI CARTER-SEPT. 2**  
**MARILYN MICHELETTI-SEPT. 20**  
**BEV VILLINES-SEPT. 26**  
**CHRIS WRIGHT-SEPT. 29**

### PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Member Contributions            | \$ 2,297,945        |
| PHUMC Foundation Contributions  | \$ 87,500           |
| Other Income                    | \$ 55,410           |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>\$ 2,440,855</b> |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 2,864,817</b> |
| Tithe Payment payable           | \$ 70,607           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>\$ 2,935,424</b> |
| <b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>    | <b>\$ (494,569)</b> |