



# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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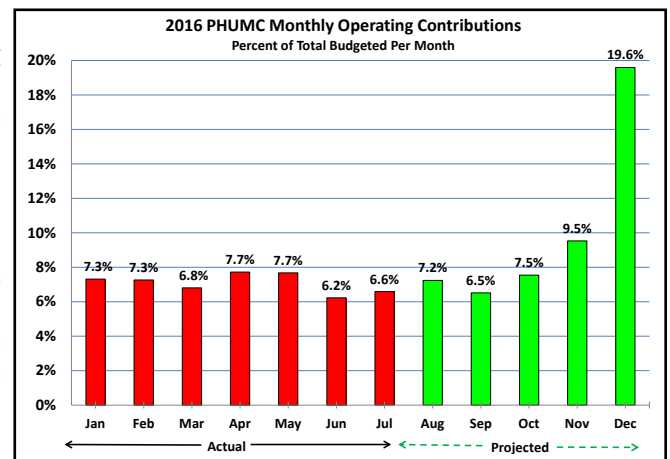
Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World

September 4, 2016

## Electronic Giving

The cool weather of fall is just around the corner - my favorite time of year, but it's also a sign that the usually stressful 4th quarter here in the Finance Office is fast approaching. As you may know, historically around 20% of our annual contributions to the Operating Budget are received in the month of December alone and around 37% are received in the 4th quarter. This compares to an average of 21% of our contributions received in each of the 1st three quarters of the year - roughly equal to the amount received in the month of December alone (see graph).

But unfortunately expenses remain fairly consistent each quarter. In addition, this year we have begun implementing the new apportionment payment methodology based on the scriptural 10% tithe, by paying each month 10% of the actual prior month's contributions to meet our annual apportionments goal. Apportionments allow PHUMC, together with other United Methodist Churches through our connected congregations, to accomplish what no single church, district, or Annual Conference ever could hope to do alone. Consistent expense levels over the year and the new apportionment payment method only magnify the importance of 4th quarter giving. But you can help take some of the pressure off of meeting our 4th quarter contribution goal.



**Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** is a simple way to help, with no cost to the church. Using EFT giving will ensure that you meet your contribution goal with a consistent giving level throughout the year. To participate, all you need to do is contact the Finance Office at [phumcfinance@phumc.com](mailto:phumcfinance@phumc.com). You will need to provide your bank account and routing number, the amount you wish to contribute each month and the date of the EFT withdrawal – either the 1st day or the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month. You can also sign up for EFT giving at [phumc.com/give](http://phumc.com/give). If you choose to give via EFT, there are cards conveniently placed in the worship areas for you to place in the collection plate during each worship service.

Once you've signed up, no other action is necessary. And you've helped take a little stress off the Finance Office by providing a consistent giving level throughout the year, thereby reducing our dependency on 4th quarter giving – particularly in the month of December.

Thanks for your generosity,

Mark Barr  
Director of Finance

The church will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All regularly scheduled events are cancelled.

CLOSED

## Worship Services

Friday, September 2, 6:00 pm - Sanctuary | **EVEN MORE THAN I SAY** | Philemon 1-21 | Rev. Jay Clark

Sunday, September 4, 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sanctuary | **EVEN MORE THAN I SAY** | Philemon 1-21 | Rev. Jay Clark  
(Broadcast Sunday on KATV Channel 7 at 10:30 am)

Sunday, September 4, 9:00 & 11:00 am - New Heights | **BROKEN POTS** | Jeremiah 18:1-11 | Rev. Belinda Price

Sunday, September 4, 9:30 am - St. Luke Campus | Rev. Jeremy Pressgrove

# SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE CLASSES  
FALL TERM  
SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 16  
5:30 - 6:45 PM**

A multi-generational experience for adults, youth, and children for 9-weeks.

**CHRISTIAN MUSLIM DIALOGUE, RM. C236**  
Led by Rev. Susan Sims Smith and Sophia Said

**CONSCIOUS PARENTING, RM. C237**  
Led by Kate Runder

**JESUS FOR PRESIDENT, RM. PARLOR**  
Led by Bryan Day and Buddy Villines

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, RM. C135**  
5:30 - 7:00 pm, September 11-November 13  
Led by Charlie Case

Classes will be available for children and youth. Childcare available.

## WEEKLY SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**ENNEAGRAM, RM. PARLOR**  
Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7  
10 am - Noon (12 weeks)

**ENNEAGRAM FOR MEN, RM. PARLOR**  
Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7  
6 - 8 pm (12 weeks)

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY, RM. C135**  
Wednesdays, September 14 - December 7  
6:00 - 7:30 pm (9 weeks)

Register for classes by Connect Card or go to [phumc.com/spiritualformation](http://phumc.com/spiritualformation)

## CPR /AED Training at PHUMC

September 8, 11, 15, and 18  
1-4 pm, Rm. C236

Classes are limited so sign up early! Cost will be \$65 which includes the required workbook and certification card. Register at [phumc.com/cpr](http://phumc.com/cpr) or by Connect Card during worship. Facilitated by Dr. Karen Konarski-Hart.

# WELCOME HOME TO PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SEPT. 9TH & 11TH



HUMANS NEED COMMUNITY. JOIN OURS.

FALL KICK-OFF...SAVE THE DATES!!

## ROAD TRIP

### Primetimers ON THE GO!!

Wednesday, October 19  
Leave from the church at 8:00 a.m.  
Return on Thursday, October 20  
around 2:00 p.m.

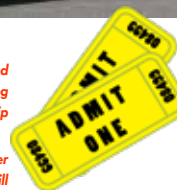


Pack your overnight bag and get on the bus!

We are going to Branson, MO to see the Sight and Sound Theater production of the musical "MOSES" starring Isaiah Bailey, 2010 Berry Music and Arts Scholarship Winner, as the Pharaoh.

The matinee performance is at 3:30 pm and then dinner at the Branson Inn and Convention Hotel where we will spend the night.

\$100, double occupancy; \$145 single occupancy.



RESERVATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15

## THERAPY DOG TRAINING

Would you like to get your dog certified as a therapy dog? Join us each Tuesday from Sept. 27 -



Nov. 8 at 6 pm in the Great Hall for these preparation sessions. Therapy dogs visit in facilities and can also help in Mission projects. Contact Gayle Fiser at 766-3810 or [gaylefiser@att.net](mailto:gaylefiser@att.net) for more information. Sign up by Connect Card.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Van drivers are needed to drive the church van on Sunday mornings. Please call Sara Harrison at 310-8105.



**TOUGH WEEK? WANT TO BEGIN YOUR WEEKEND WELL? JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY EVERY FRIDAY AT 6 PM. PERFECT FOR PEOPLE WITH BUSY LIVES AND HECTIC WEEKENDS. THIS WEEKLY SERVICE INCLUDES A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND HOLY COMMUNION. CHILDCARE PROVIDED.**

## CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Sundays, September 11 - October 16  
5:30-6:45 pm, Parlor

Rev. Susan Sims Smith and Sophia Said will lead us in a unique opportunity of interfaith dialogue. Participants will be able to connect with places of similarities in our faiths, reduce fears and misunderstandings, and find acceptance for others despite religious differences. The class will accomplish these objectives while touching on the topics of Jesus Christ, Women, Violence and Extremism, Prayer, Silence, and Interfaith Cooperation.



Rev. Susan Sims Smith

Our two presenters are women active in their own faith communities as well as in the Little Rock community and beyond. The Rev. Susan Sims Smith directs *Seedwork*, an organization that offers practical tools for spiritual and personal growth. Sophia Said is a strategic planner and economic development consultant. Susan and Sophia have been working together to develop inclusive communities by educating people about different faith traditions and helping them overcome prejudice through interfaith dialogue and cooperation.



Sophia Said

## First Friday Sabbath Supper in the Gathering Hall Friday, September 9, 7 pm

A donation of \$5 is suggested.  
All are welcome!  
Go to [phumc.com/firstfridaysupper](http://phumc.com/firstfridaysupper)  
for reservations.

## Tutors Needed



If you would like to learn more about our tutoring program at Wakefield or with other public schools, contact Brenda Mize at 221-1613.

## PHUMC CARES



Care Bags have been packed with love by phyouth to provide food and a list of resources for the less fortunate. Located in the Gathering Hall or outside of Wesley Hall, please keep these bags in your car for passing along to someone in need.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SAVE THE DATES

**2016 ALZHEIMER'S ARKANSAS  
Little Rock Walk/Stroll at the Zoo**

**SEPTEMBER 24, LITTLE ROCK ZOO  
8:30 AM, walk begins**

Family-friendly event, no registration fee - participants who donate at least \$25 will receive a commemorative t-shirt while supplies last. Join the PHUMC Team! Sign up at the Welcome Center or call Bev Villines at 978-0510.

## PHUMC MISSIONS: CHANGING THE WORLD

This Arkansas Conference summit will include training and informational sessions designed to address childhood hunger in Arkansas. Cost: \$15. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for various activities and shifts. For details go to [phumc.com/paysinger](http://phumc.com/paysinger) or sign up to volunteer by Connect Card.



Many dates are available through the end of 2016 to place flowers in the Columbarium Garden in memory or honor of a loved one. Flowers are available at a cost of \$35. Please call Jennifer Shannon at 978-0533 to make arrangements.



**Circle of Hope UMW Meeting | Monday, September 12 | 11:45 am  
at Camp Aldersgate | 2000 Aldersgate Rd.**

Camp Director Sarah Wacaster will be the speaker and there will be an opportunity to tour the camp. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Circle of Hope hostesses. A church van has been reserved for those wishing to ride from the church. Everyone wishing to attend is urged to sign-up at the Welcome Center and indicate whether or not you wish to ride the van. All are welcome!

**ARKANSAS FOOD BANK  
HARVEST NIGHT  
Saturday, September 10, 5 - 8 pm**

Located at the Arkansas Food Bank, Harvest Night is a family-friendly event that provides an evening of fun for all ages, while raising awareness about the mission of the Arkansas Foodbank.

\$30 For adults (includes dinner and two drink tickets. Children 12 and under are free. Volunteers needed. Go to [arkansasfoodbank.org](http://arkansasfoodbank.org) for details.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**DEATHS:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Gary Bortz and family in the death of his aunt, Patricia Pace; and to Pam Hunter and family in the death of her mother, Jo Young.

**WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH OF** Robert Hayes Newhouse, child of Ellen and Gray Newhouse, grandchild of Cathy and Bill Spivey.

## Who Cares? We Do!

*In-Touch Ministry*

**Report Joys/Concerns**

**Hospitalizations, Surgeries, Deaths, Births, Prayer Requests, Etc.**

Call church office: 501.664.3600

Text: 501.529.0323

Email: phumc@phumc.com

Connect Card: Complete in worship

Emergency Pager: 501.688.9533

## Contact Information

Website: [www.phumc.com](http://www.phumc.com)

(501) 664-3600 Fax: (501) 664-4835

After Hours Emergency: (501) 688-9533

Email: [phumc@phumc.com](mailto:phumc@phumc.com)

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

The church is also available seven days a week, beyond regular office hours, for special events or meetings. Call 664-3600 for more information.

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Watch us on YouTube!!  
[youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc](https://www.youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc)



Please email Tower announcements 2 weeks prior to an event to [pr@phumc.com](mailto:pr@phumc.com)

## PHUMC FOOD PANTRY

**Item of the Month:**

**Peanut Butter**

Bring donations to church to help our neighbors in need. Place items in the collection boxes outside Wesley Hall and the Parlor.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

Baptism Orientation (Sanctuary) 10:10 - 10:50 am (1st Sun.)  
PHkids Open Gym \*(Great Hall) 12:30 - 2:30 pm

### MONDAY

PHkids Open Gym \*(Great Hall) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Midday Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 - 12:00 pm

### TUESDAY

Helping Hands (Wesley Hall) 9:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm  
PHkids Open Gym \*(Great Hall) 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Yoga (Rm. C236) 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Memory Loss Caregivers (C135)  
5:30 - 6:30 pm (2nd Tues.)  
1:00 - 2:00 pm (3rd Tues.)

### WEDNESDAY

Cancer Friends Support Group (C236) 5:00 pm (2nd Wed.)  
Al Anon (C237) 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Men's Basketball Open Gym (Great Hall) 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M110) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### THURSDAY

Labyrinth (Wesley Hall) 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Zumba Gold (Great Hall) 2:00 - 2:45 pm  
Men's Al Anon (C237) 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
Primitimers Luncheon (Parlor)  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm (4th Thurs.)

### FRIDAY

PHUMC Book Club (C239) 7:00 - 8:00 am  
PHkids Open Gym \*(Great Hall) 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Parents' Night Out (Children's Building)  
6:00 - 9:00 pm (4th Fri.)

The Chapel is available Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm for personal prayer time.

\*PHkids Open Gym is subject to change if other activities are scheduled.

**Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church**  
**4823 Woodlawn**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas 72205**

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## Sunday School - Get Connected! 10:10 am

**All Things Considered**, M314 (all ages)

**Argue** (Named for Dr. James Argue), (reconciling) M318 (ages 45+) Not Meeting

**Beatitudes**, M316 (ages 30-45+)

**Bible Study**, C239 (all ages) "Genesis," Tim Fox

**Christian Fellowship**, M304 (ages 60+) Jerry Bowie

**Coffee Talk**, M313 (women all ages)

**Deeper Connections**, D371 (20s-30s)

**Dietz Dialogue**, C135 (ages 70+) "Disappointment with God," Kearney Dietz

**Fathomers**, C235 (ages 55+) Not Meeting

**Foundations**, C236 (couples ages 20s-40s)

**Journey**, D366 (ages 20s-40s)

**Koinonia**, M307 (ages 50+) "Do Not Live Afraid"

**Newton Good News**, M101 (ages 50+) "Disappointment with God," Sylvia Borchert

**Pairs and Spares**, D277 East (young couples/young singles)

**Roundtable**, M312 (ages 50+) "The Peaceful Kingdom," Andrè Rollefson

**Tower**, C237 (ages 40+)

**Wesley**, (reconciling) M320 All are welcome. Please come share your views.

**Young Adults**, M311 (ages 20-35)

(All youth meet at 10 am in the phyouth Assembly Area for fellowship before class)

**Agape Class**, D385 Youth with Special Needs, Carol Blann

**12 Grade**, D368 Youth Bible Study, Leslie & Tim Taylor

**9-11 Grades**, D379 Youth Bible Study

**7-8 Grades**, D377 Youth Bible Study

**Confirmation, 6th Grade**, phyouth Assembly Area, Rev. Jay Clark

**Early Christian Awareness (ECA)** Infants/Toddlers, Norma Story Bldg.

**September Lessons:** Fall - Doggie, Kitten, Bear, Rooster

**Preschool Lions** (age 2-3), **Tigers** (age 3-4), **Bears** (age 4-5)

**K-4th Grade**, Rotation Sunday School

**5th Grade**, Bible Study

**Malone Phone Class:** Sundays at 3 pm by phone at home

**Shepherd's Cove:** Joe Teeter

**M=Main Building**

**C=Christian Life Center (Argue Great Hall/gym/Fellowship Central)**

**D=Disciple Center (Wesley Hall, Youth)**

**S=Norma Story Children's Building**

## Fellowship Stations for Coffee & Refreshments

Sundays from 8 - 11 am

Gathering Hall & New Heights Lobby