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Staying Connected as the Body of Christ



PHUMC 3rd Grader Emma Scott Receives Bible from Dr. Robbins.

Last year at this time we had not heard of the term, "social distancing." Last September we never dreamed we would have to wear masks in public to protect our heath and the health of others. Not one of us ever thought we would be watching sporting events on television with no fans in the stands. And certainly, we would never have believed we would have to monitor how many people could enter our church facilities at any given time. This is an unprecedented time in human history. We have all been impacted by this global pandemic. However, despite our present circumstances, we will continue to seek creative and innovative ways to stay connected as the Body of Christ.

Obviously, I have started my ministry at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church much differently from any church I have served before. I am doing things I never considered to try and establish my leadership style, but it is obviously a challenge.

My commitment is to keep leading this congregation and staff as best I can. I am also grateful that our staff members are doing their best to stay in touch with all of you. That means we have had to learn to be creative like never before.

We are using our online capabilities as much as possible to offer daily devotionals, conduct church meetings, offer Sunday school, lead bible studies, worship, and offer programming to our children and youth. This is obviously not ideal, but it keeps us connected at some level.

We have weekly drive-by Communion. We have had several baptisms in the back yards of members' homes and here on the grounds of our church. We have times for dropping off food and diapers to provide for the hungry and small children. All these events allow for limited but meaningful face to face contact.

Even as the months go by, our numbers continue to increase or remain steady with lots of online participation. The number of households watching our television broadcast since the beginning of the pandemic is up dramatically. We have become the primary place of worship for many viewers throughout the state who cannot attend their respective place of worship right now. But we have also connected with a large number of previously unchurched people through television. What a blessing!

We have got to stay connected to one another in the name of Christ as a church family. None of us can do this thing called life alone. So despite the fact that we can't gather like we are accustomed, we can still actively participate in the mission and ministry of PHUMC together.

I am asking you to start or continue supporting our ministries financially. We want to be able to finish the year on strong financial footing. I know I risk being criticized as the new preacher who's already talking about money. I am just asking each of us to do what we promised God we would do when we declared ourselves to be Christians. If we each do our part as best we can, we will have an extraordinary opportunity to impact so many more lives in the name of Christ.

We may soon have to reevaluate our present stance on "in house" events. I am not sure when we will open our doors to small groups and when we will have in person worship, but please know, we are evaluating every option at this time. Of course, we will keep you updated on any church-wide decisions.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving this great congregation. Thank you for all the messages of encouragement. Thank you for staying connected and supporting the work God has called all of us to do together. Thank you for your trust in the staff of PHUMC. And thank you for being a part of something so much bigger than any one of us.

Blessings!

Dr. John Robbins Senior Pastor

Changing the World: Gwin Family

During these times we have learned that the church isn't only about a building we go to on Sundays or throughout the week, but it is much more about its people. The church is at its best when its people take Jesus' message and serve those they meet. Each month we will be sharing amazing stories of our members that reflect and inspire us to "Love God, Love Neighbor and Change the World!" If you have a testimony or story to share, let us know!! You can email us at phumc@phumc.com.

"Glory House"

Amanda Gwin was a nurse at Arkansas Childrens Hospital when Glory Danielle Morton was born. She was born with birth defects that they didn't believe were compatible with life. She lived 16 beautiful months, most of which were in the hospital. Amanda was part of her care team during that time and became very attached to Glory and her family. Her parents lived in Van Buren and moved their older daughter to a rent house in Little Rock to be close to Glory. Her father even paused his dental practice and practiced in Little Rock as much as he could.

The Morton family realized they were fortunate to be able to make this move, but many families are not in the same financial boat. After Glory's death, they wanted a way to pass on Glory's legacy by creating a home











Photos of the Glory House and Glory Morton with her mother Kerry

for families in similar situations. That was the idea behind the Glory House.

"When my husband (Chad) and I bought our current home 5 years ago, we knew the carriage house in the back HAD to be the Glory House."

Now the Glory House is complete, providing FREE housing for families who have children being treated at ACH. The Glory Girl Foundation, a 501(c)3 charity, handles the bookings and rents the space. The Gwins maintain the property and ensure it's in tip-top shape between families.

"Many times it provides a safe and comfortable place for families to bring siblings while the parents alternate staying with the sick child. We provide this service to families who live too far away to commute to the hospital and want to be close by while still being able to see their other children."

The Gwins say it was God's divine plan

that Glory's legacy lives on through this house.

"Losing Glory left a hole in our hearts. In fact, when our youngest daughter was born, we named her Nora Glory in her honor. Glory was a phenomenal child and providing this service allows us to pass on her love and amazing light."

Operating the Glory House has provided hope and support to several families and is also a great opportunity for the Gwin family to teach their children about giving and gratitude.

"We live in such gratitude that God gave us the opportunity to know Glory and her family. We are constantly living in awe of God's plan and grateful he has given us the opportunity to be a vehicle of his grace and generosity."

You can learn more information about the Glory House and the foundation at glorygirlfoundation.com.



Spirit of Arkansas Diaper Drive







You can donate all September at PHUMC or any local **Edwards Food** Giant

PLEASE DROP OFF **DIAPERS OUTSIDE ENTRANCE 7**

The following gifts were received for the Stanley & Arminta Berry Music & Arts Scholarship Fund, the Carolyn & Joel Henslee Mission Endowment, the Randy & Gay Wyatt Youth Endowment, the John & Kathy Roberts Endowment, the Lynn & Wayne Lindsey Family Endowment, the Crowder Caring Ministries Endowment, the Dietz Children's Endowment, the TV Endowment and the glory of God.

Memorials

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Linda Carrick Bradley by Tower Class Hank Buehling by Dickie Lunsford, Bev & Buddy Villines, Dorothy & Paul Young Robert Chancellor by Bev & Buddy Villines Loriece Dollar by Bev & Buddy Villines Jack Fryer by George Campbell, Louise & Joe Fox, Men Alive

Dorothy Gavin by Bev & Buddy Villines **Bob Giss** by Glenda & Marshall Gazette Jo Ann Greene by Billie & Skip Rutherford, Bev

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Ed Moore by Tower Class

Ron Newman by Gene Eberle Louise & Harmon Nixon by Freddie & Vic

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Rev. Jay Clark by Lynn Lindsey **Kearney Dietz** by Kathy Roberts, Bev & Buddy Villines

Jimmy Faulkner by Sue Gill
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70th wedding anniversary of Dorothy & O.L.
Holland by Billie & Skip Lindsey Jim Maase by Lynn Lindsey 100th birthday of Ernestine Martin by Jan & Charles Sullivan

Lloyd Mobley by Julianna Fawcett Vic Nixon by Lynn Lindsey Rev. Belinda Price by Karen Barnwell, Lynn Lindsey

Dr. John Robbins by Lynn Lindsey **Billie Rutherford** by Lynn Lindsey Rev. Betsy Singleton-Snyder by Karen Barnwell, Lynn Lindsey Rev. Britt Skarda by Karen Barnwell, Lynn Lindsey Bev Villines by Carolyn & Jim Spradley

Birthday Club

In memory of Jim Argue by Dickie Lunsford, Rick Barr, Brian Beckwith, Sarah Beckwith, Amy Brantley, Dow Brantley, Cindy Buehling, Louis Buehling, Markay Dearien, Lyn Lisles, Dixon Lunsford, In honor of Bill Mann by Dickie Lunsford, Joe Pete McNeil, Vic Nixon, Donna Osborne, Gina Pharis, Nancy Gail Purnell, Billie Rutherford, Chris Stratton In honor of Jon Williams by Dickie Lunsford Roger Zachritz

Drive-Thru Communion

EVERY SUNDAY 11:45 TO 12:30



ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE THE ELEMENTS OF HOLY **COMMUNION! PLEASE ENTER IN OUR PARKING GARAGE LOCATED ON LEE AVE.**

ALSO HELP SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY AND DROP-OFF NON-**PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS (MAC &** CHEESE, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, **CEREAL, RICE, CANNED MEATS, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGGIES)**

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

Watch on KATV or Facebook/Youtube

Contemporary Worship

6:00 P.M. - THURSDAYS

Facebook and Youtube

DEVOTIONALS

"Daily Word"

8:00 A.M. - M-F

Short devotional led by PHUMC clergy

BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of Mark

6:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY

Senior Pastor Dr. John Robbins weekly Bible Study

Upcoming Sermons

SANCTUARY

9/27 - "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" Philippians 2:1-13 - Dr. John Robbins

10/4 - "All the Earth" Psalm 19 World Communion Sunday - Dr. John Robbins

10/11 - "A Place for All" Isaiah 25:1-9 - Dr. John Robbins

10/18 - "All That I Have" Matthew 22:15-22 Children Sabbath -Rev. Jay Clark

CONTEMPORARY

9/24 - Matthew 20: 1-16 - Rev. Jay Clark

10/1 - Philippines 2: 1-13 - Rev. Kathleen McMurray

10/8 - Philippines 4: 1-9 - Rev. Kathleen McMurray

10/15 - 1 Thess: 1-10, Ex. 33: 12-23 - Rev. Kathleen McMurray