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Heroes Among Us

A member of my congregation in one of the churches I served in Texas was a veteran of the Second World War and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. **He was an American hero.** I was Coach Frank Broyles' pastor when I served a congregation in Fayetteville. He was a **hero** to me and many others because of how he presented himself, not only in public, but in private as well. From the day my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and until the day she died, she woke up every morning and said, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." **She was a hero in the faith to my family.**

I just watched another group of **heroes** in this congregation passing out food, diapers, and car seats to those often in desperate need. They are seeking no attention, but they can't go unnoticed. With their masks on, they are speaking to those seeking assistance and placing

much-needed items in each car. **Only heroes do that.**

I know lots of teachers right now struggling to juggle students in the classroom and on-line during a pandemic. They are stressed and tired. They are grossly underpaid and still working even after they get home preparing for another difficult day. But they do it all over again. **They are heroes among us.**

Parents are juggling work while also having to deal with "stay home" children who are learning in an online classroom setting instead of heading off to school each day. The tension can be suffocating. But those same parents "keep on keeping on." **They are unsung heroes in anyone's book.**

We know medical personnel are fatigued, but they still care for the ill. We know scientists who keep trying to figure out how to defeat this deadly virus. We know farmers, truck drivers,

and those who stock our store shelves who keep working to make sure the rest of us are provided for. They receive no applause or acclaim. We probably don't know many of them by name, but **they are heroes never the less.**

This pandemic has given me a much broader definition of what **heroes** look like and what it is they accomplish. **Heroes** are all around us. They are just doing the best they can under the most challenging of circumstances. From now on, I'm going to do a much better job of noticing heroic work, because there are no shortages of faithful and committed people showing love and concern for those in their midst. It sounds a lot like the work of Christ to me.

Thank God for heroes among us!

Dr. John Robbins
Senior Pastor

Pulaski Heights UMC

A Simple Christmas

DECEMBER 24, 2020
4 PM | SCOTT FIELD

5901 EVERGREEN DR,
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205

Families welcome! Masks and social distancing are required. More details coming in November!



Members of 2020 confirmation class. Pictures from both confirmation services can be found on our Facebook page.

43 New PHUMC Members Confirmed!

Confirmation 2020 was definitely one for the record books. Our final class meeting was March 8 and we finally got this group confirmed on October 4. It was an exciting time as Confirmation 2020 was the first in-person worship service at PHUMC since the pandemic began. It is only fitting that the special day for these special kids has that rare distinction. – Rod Hocott

Having been with them since they were promoted to phMIDyouth, it has been fun to watch them grow in their love of God, their love of PHUMC, and their love of questions. I have always said that sometimes, it is the young person who is the spiritual leader of their family. It is the young person who says, “Why aren’t we going to church?” It is often the young person who is the most involved person in their family in the life of their church- this is why the confirmation experience is important. – Rev. Jay Clark

Several members of the 2020 confirmation class agree and they are excited to learn more.

“To me being confirmed into the church means that I will be able to get closer to

God. It will also allow me to explore and develop my faith and become part of a church family. Also, it will help me learn about my faith and help me have a better understanding of my faith,” says **7th grader Jacob Jones**. “All of these things are important, and I want to do them to help me become the person I want to be.”

New PHUMC member and also 7th grader Nora Buchanan adds, “Confirmation has taught me so much about being a member of the church and Christianity. For example, I learned that being a member of the church is more than just being a member, you have to be active with the church and actually come and participate. It has taught me a lot of Christian history that I didn’t know before like John Wesley and how he formed the Methodist church. I also learned about the sacraments and what baptism and communion really mean. It has helped me improve my faith and grow closer to God. I pray every night and try to read my bible as often as I can. That is what I’ve learned from confirmation and I’m looking forward to learning more.”

Two of our phyouth seniors, Phoebe

Sanders and Annie Burrow assisted with the services because they feel it is important to replace themselves in this vital ministry of the church. This whole thing is a process and it doesn’t stop with confirmation- confirmation is just the beginning! We are looking forward to seeing how this group of young and talented men and women change the world. This group is strong in their faith and love their church, so we believe they will continue to learn what it means to be a United Methodist Christian in the years to come.

We are so proud of them. We hope they will always know how much they are loved. Please join us in prayer for our newest members and for those preparing to begin their training. Our next confirmation class has not formally begun. Many of our 6th graders are making their mark as part of the phMIDyouth ministry on Wednesday nights. We can’t wait to get to know them better and begin their confirmation process.

Rod Hocott
Director of phMIDyouth

Rev. Jay Clark
Executive Pastor/Youth & Families

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**LET US HONOR
 OUR VETERANS**

Sadly we will not be able to have our annual Veterans Celebration Luncheon this year, but we want to recognize our veterans in a special way and to thank you for your service. **Please send a photo** – preferably one in uniform from ‘back in the day’ – to Bev Villines to be received no later than **October 30**. You can drop it off during Drive-Thru Communion or send to Bev Villines, 4823 Woodlawn Dr, 72205. Your photo will be returned to you. Many thanks and God Bless!

**ADVENT-TO-GO
 BOXES AVAILABLE
 FOR PHUMC KIDS**



Each Advent To Go box has special activities for families to enjoy each week of Advent and on Christmas Day! One Advent To Go box per family! 100 boxes available!!!

**Times to pick up your Advent
 To Go box:**

Sunday, November 15 & 22

11:45-12:30 -Entrance 7

Parking Garage on Lee Avenue

Monday-Friday, Nov. 16-20

8 am to 6 pm - Entrance 7

Parking Garage on Lee Avenue

Questions? Please e-mail Cindy Burns at cburns@phumc.com

Memorials & Honoraria

The following gifts were received for the operating budget, caring ministries, the food pantry, Home Helpers, GAKAC, the Good Sam fund, Easter sunrise service, the music ministry, the landscape fund, the TV ministry, the Society of St. Stephen, Youth Ministry and to the glory of God.

Memorials

- Mary Frances Bell** by George Campbell
- Euloise Bethea** by Missy and Dr. Jack Bornhofen, Danna Davis, Frances Jernigan, Susan McMahon, Stephen Schulte
- Anne Belle Bracey** by Martha & Ron Clark, Foster Pollock, William Pollock
- Linda Carrick Bradley** by Susan and Robert Dunn
- Jane Brodnax** by Nancy and Chuck Banks, Sandy Haden, Margaret Hatchett, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Emilie Jenkins, Marcia and John Kelly, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Virginia and Troy McManus, Marjorie and Tom Show, Bev and Buddy Villines, Judy and Roger Zachritz
- Hank Buehling** by Argue Class, Barbara & Richard Blaine, George Campbell, Danna Davis, Kearney Dietz, Richard Jorgensen, Betty Gene & Richard Mann, Michelle & Mark Mann, Joann & Garth Martin, Misenhimer kids – Richard, Beth, Mary Anne and Carol, Barbara Myckowiak, Margie Puckett, Billie & Skip Rutherford, Lavern & Ray Schaap, Paige & Phillip Wooldridge, Judy & Roger Zachritz
- Trenton Thomas Hendrix Byrd** by Martha Hendrix & Bill Byrd, Kendall Byrd
- Robert Lee Franklin Chancellor** by Laurie Laing
- Florence Deer** by James F. Kyser
- Mendy Emmerling** by Gay Wyatt
- Lucy Foster** by Dorothy Morrissey
- Dana Green** by Julie & Wally Allen
- Jo Ann Greene** by Elizabeth & Craig Campbell, George Campbell, Pulaski County Master Gardener Project, Historic Arkansas Museum, Betty Gene & Richard Mann
- Mary Lou Halford** by Darlette & Tony Ellis
- Tommy Hodges** by Joann & Garth Martin, Suzanne McGee
- Byron House** by Sarah L. Carpenter (dec.) and Shye Carpenter
- Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Huneycutt** by Janice Head
- Nancy Kane** by Jill & Matt Dozier, James Hathaway Jr.
- Wayne Lindsey** by Annadell & Fred Fowler, Suzanne McGee, Morey family – Dorothy, Donna, Charlotte & Mike
- Cathie Matthews** by Richard Butler Jr., Martha & Ron Clark, Lavern & Ray Schaap
- Bennie McCoy** by Crist Engineers Inc., JP Morgan Chase, Sunny and Bo Hawk, James Marotta, Jeanne McKinstry, Marie Morris, Earline and Darrel Way
- Beadle Moore** by Sarah Jane Polk
- Carolyn Moore** by Meredith & Gene Wilbourn
- Mary-Britton “Boogie” Norton** by her family
- Lucy Owen** by Carol Ann & Larry McAdams
- Ed Ross** by Misenhimer kids – Richard, Beth, Mary Anne and Carol
- Linda Ryall** by Rosi Smith
- Mary Margaret Shermer** by Mary and Susanna Shermer
- Melissa Shope** by Janice & Ken Ramsey
- Judy Simmons** by Janice & Ken Ramsey
- Mary Rose Simmons** by Janice & Ken Ramsey
- Allie Thompson** by Jane & Bill Arthurs
- Everett Thompson** by Betty Gene & Richard Mann
- Field Wasson** by Foster Pollock, William Pollock

Honoraria

- Mary Boyce** by Robin, Ladd, Grace & Marin Everitt
- Jane Brodnax** by Karen Barnwell, Sandy Haden
- Tamra Calamese** by Paula Patterson

- Jay Clark** by Annadell & Fred Fowler, Ray & Lavern Schaap
- Rev. Andrea Cummings** by Danna Davis, Jean Hendrix
- Ron & Judi Davis’ 49th anniversary** by Danna Davis
- Drew Gwinn** by Linda Drobena
- Stacey Hightower** by Paula Patterson
- Gary Isom for “42 years of service to the citizens of Arkansas”** by Christa and Ben Gibson
- Karon & Bill Mann** by Sarah Argue & Matthew Anderson
- Rev. Kathleen McMurray** by Jane & Bill Arthurs
- Vic Nixon’s 80th birthday** by Jean Hendrix
- Jacob Nolen** by Fathomers Class
- Pastors & Staff** by Freddie & Vic Nixon
- Rev. Belinda Price** by Martha Wyre
- Dr. John Robbins** by Jane & Bill Arthurs
- Susan & John Robbins** by Julie Eisenhauer
- Rev. Betsy Singleton-Snyder** by Danna Davis, Jean Hendrix
- Rev. Britt Skarda** by Danna Davis, Carolyn & George McLeod, Linda & Dennis Todd
- Mary Winston Smith** by Betty Gene and Richard Mann on the occasion of her retirement
- Zula Spratt** by Dot Morey

**PHUMC Foundation
 Memorials & Honoraria**

The following gifts were received for the Stanley and Arminta Berry Music & Arts Scholarship Endowment, the Lynn & Wayne Lindsey Family Endowment, the Crowder Caring Ministries Endowment, the Ritchie Knoll Music Endowment, the St. Luke Mission & Ministry Endowment, the Randy & Gay Wyatt Youth Endowment & the glory of God.

Memorials

- Arminta Berry** by Barbara Rogers
- Jane Brodnax** by Kathy Roberts, Jan and Charles Sullivan
- Charlie Crow** by the Tower Class
- Tommy Hodges** by Jane and Bill Arthurs, Dottie and Mike Buffington, Merritt Dyke, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Julie and John Jones, Linda and James Landers, Leslie and Mark Lee, Barbara and Pete Maris, Cathy and Mike Mayton, Jennifer and Mark McCarty, Paula Tribble Moseley, Dee and John Ostner, Sarah Jane Polk, Elizabeth and Joe Powers, Barbara Rhodes, Susan Wilkinson
- John Knoll** by Danna Davis, Carol and Gary Isom, Linda and Dennis Todd, Kim and Steve Tribett, Bev and Buddy Villines
- Wayne Lindsey** by Lynette and Delano Black, David Fox, Julia and Randy Garcia, Martha Landes, Sharon and Dwight Mankin, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Olson
- Cathie Matthews** by Jane and Bill Arthurs, Sarah Jane Polk, Meredith and Stephen Tucker
- Bennie McCoy** by Joanne and Michael McLendon, Bev and Buddy Villines
- Dr. Kent David McKelvey** by Jim Morse
- Callie Pate** by Bev and Buddy Villines
- Megan Raney** by Jane and Bill Arthurs
- Marilyn Teegarden** by Bev and Buddy Villines
- Randy Wyatt** by Jane and Bill Arthurs

Honoraria

- Garth Martin’s 90th Birthday** by Billie and Skip Rutherford, Bev and Buddy Villines
- Erma McNeil** by Joann and Garth Martin
- Dot Morey’s 90th Birthday** by Billie and Skip Rutherford
- Vic Nixon** by Elizabeth Minton

MISSION NEEDS

SOCKTOBERFEST

During Socktoberfest, we'll be collecting socks of all types and sizes. Men's socks will support the Caring Ministry's goal of providing 350 pair to the Compassion Center and 200 pair for the men's prison ministries. These socks will be distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Children and youth sizes will go to local family agencies.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donate socks (new pairs only) when you come for Drive-Thru Communion or call the church at 664-3600 to schedule a drop-off time.

WAKEFIELD CHRISTMAS SPONSOR

Each year, PHUMC members sponsor 250+ children from Wakefield Elementary for Christmas that otherwise would not receive any gifts.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please e-mail or call Nancy Delacerda to sign-up and let her know how many kid(s) you wish to sponsor. The suggested amount to spend is \$100 per child. Sponsor packets will be mailed to your home this year.

e-mail: ndelacerda@comcast.net
phone: 501-517-4609

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

On November 18th, the food pantry will have a special food distribution for Thanksgiving. The goal is to be able to provide all of the sides and fixings for a traditional holiday meal

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please collect the following food items and bring them to the church during Drive-Thru Communion or call 664-3600 to schedule a drop-off

stuffing/cornbread mix | canned meat | cranberry sauce | pumpkin (canned or whole) | canned veggies mashed potato mix | instant gravy
canned sweet potatoes

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We know these are challenging times. If you wish to speak to a pastor you can call the church at anytime or visit www.phumc.com/prayer.

PHUMC Online Schedule

There is currently no in-person worship due to COVID-19

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

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 [youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc](https://www.youtube.com/pulaskiheightsumc)

 @phumchillcrest

Upcoming Sermons

Sanctuary

10/25 - "Who You Are and Whose You Are"
Psalm 90:1-6 - Dr. John Robbins

11/1 - "For All the Saints" Revelation 7:9-17
All Saints - Dr. John Robbins

11/8 - "Amos Unloaded" Amos 5:18-24
Dr. John Robbins

Contemporary

10/22 - Matthew 22:34-46 - Dr. Jeff Hampton

10/29 - Matthew 5:1-12 - Rev. Jay Clark

11/5 - Matthew 25:1-13 - Rev. Kathleen McMurray

Drive-Thru Communion

**EVERY
SUNDAY
11:45 TO 12:30**

