



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

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A Christmas Unlike Any Other

This year is a Christmas unlike any other. We are having to make difficult decisions about gathering and safety. And we are simultaneously aching to be together with our loved ones.

To me, the power of the incarnation this year seems more palpable than ever before. To think of God entering humanity's sickness, brokenness, and hurt in the fragility of a tiny babe nearly draws me to tears.

Emmanuel - God with us - in our isolation and loneliness, in our grief and frustration.
Emmanuel - God with us - in our hopes and our fears.
Emmanuel - God with us - in our darkness bringing about light and life.

It is my hope and my prayer this Christmas that even though our rituals are different, even though we cannot gather and raise our candles in the sanctuary as we sing Silent night, even as we mourn and grieve, we will know that Christmas is still here, Christ is still born, and God - Emmanuel - is still with us now and forever.

-Rev. Kathleen McMurray

A Simple Christmas

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Streaming on PHUMC Youtube Channel & Facebook Page

Dec. 24, 10:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
KATV @ 10:30 PM
Streaming on PHUMC Youtube Channel, Facebook Page

Dec. 25 6:00 a.m., Christmas Worship on KATV
A replay of our Christmas Eve service is shown on Christmas morning at 6 a.m. on KATV.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM PULASKI HEIGHTS!

Scan this QR code to see a holiday greeting from your PHUMC staff!



ENDOWMENT UPDATES

The PHUMC Foundation is happy to announce the establishment of two new endowments in recent weeks:

The **Chris and Pam Hunter Children's Bible Endowment** will provide financial support for the Third Grade Bible Program. Chris and Pam met in the late 1970s when they taught elementary-age Sunday School. They were active in the music ministry over the years, and Pam continues to be involved in the choir, Koinonia Dialogue Class, United Methodist Women and other ministries. Chris passed away in March, 2014.

The **Georgiana Gunn Endowment** will provide support for the Helping Hands Respite Care Program and the Altar Guild. Georgiana was a faithful volunteer for Helping Hands as well as a member of the Altar Guild for many years. She passed away in June, 2019.

We are grateful to the Hunter and Gunn families for their generosity and foresight in providing financial support for PHUMC ministries for years to come.

YEAR END GIVING

You should have received your 2020 Contribution Statement for the period January 1 through December 10 this week. Please review it carefully to ensure its accuracy and that you have fulfilled your 2020 Operating Fund financial commitment to PHUMC. If not, you can –

Year-End Giving

- ◇ **Mail your contribution** to PHUMC, 4823 Woodlawn, Little Rock, AR 72205 (must be postmarked in 2020),
- ◇ **Give online** at phumc.com/give and click the Online link
- ◇ Give using **PayPal** at phumc.com/give and click the PayPal link.
- ◇ Use our **Text to Give** option by texting the amount you wish to give to 501-200-4823,
- ◇ Or place your **contribution in the outside mail box** located on the back of the handicapped door opener at Entrance 1.

STOCK DONATIONS for 2020 giving can be made through December 31, 2020. PHUMC's account information is shown below.

Brokerage Firm: Stephens Inc.
DTC Number: 0419
Account Name: Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Account Number: ST5-151110
586126365
Broker Contact: Terral Gammill (501-377-2058)

If you have any questions regarding this statement or payment options, please contact the Finance Office at 501-664-3600 or via email at finance@phumc.com.

Poinsettias



IN HONOR OF

Julie and Wally Allen by Carol Hodges
Mandy and Bill Dillard by Carol Hodges
The Fathomers Class by Sarah Polk
PHUMC Foundation by Bev Villines
PHUMC Foundation Board by Billie Rutherford
Sandra Dumas Garrett and Vicki Stedman Clement by The Dumas Garrett Family
Ann and Gaston Gibson by Carol Hodges
Our Grandchildren, Tate and Grayton East, Blake, Kinley, Brayden, and Addison Mitchell by Thomas and Mary East
Barbara Hoover by Carol Hodges
Julie and Johnny Jones by Carol Hodges
Leslie and Mark Lee by Carol Hodges
Joe Pete McNeil by Karen, Sarah and Brian Beckwith
Barbara and Mack Moore by Carol Hodges
Karen and Randy Mourot by Carol Hodges
Clergy and Staff at PHUMC by Robert and Susan Dunn
Kathy Roberts by Gay Wyatt
Cindy and Warren Simpson by Carol Hodges
Lou Ellen Stevens by Bev and Buddy Villines
Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class by Charlie Coleman, Jim Faulkner and Skip Rutherford
PHUMC Willing Friends by Bev Villines
Frontline Workers! by The McElroy Family

IN MEMORY OF

Fred Adams by Brad and Beth Walker
Dr. Drew and Ruth Agar by Bob and Cynthia East and family
Felton and Ruth Allbritton by Marsha and Jim Allbritton
Bob Archer, Will Boyer by Lee and Nancy Archer
Laurabelle Brewer by Kathy Roberts
Hank Buehling by Cynthia Buehling
Hubert and Anna Pearl Couch by Bev and Buddy Villines
Gary Davis by Caroline Beauchamp
Louis and Dot East by Tom, Mary Carolyn, Bob, Cynthia East and families
Tucker Elliott Franks by Hayden, Lynne, Emily & Harrison Franks
Dr. George Byrne Garrett and Dr. J. Edwin Clement by The Dumas Garrett Family
Tommy Hodges by Carol and Kathy Hodges, Anne, Kris, Harrison, Alex, and Walker Kashata
Pete Hoover by Carol Hodges
Charles, Ann and Charlie Huskey by Lee and Nancy Archer
Jack, Dot and Cindy McNeil by Marsha Allbritton
Jean McNeil by Karen, Sarah and Brian Beckwith
John Roberts by Kathy Roberts
Everett and Lee Thompson by Tyler Thompson
Rev. Floyd and Hazel Carlton Villines by Bev and Buddy Villines
Edgar and Carolyn Webb by Tom and Mary Carolyn East and family
Randy Wyatt by Gay Wyatt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

World Central Kitchen is starting to provide meals again for communities over the holidays. WCK works with local chefs and community members to provide meals to low income neighbors. Teams will pick up meals presumably from the Clinton Foundation and take them to the designated spot for distribution.

We are looking for a **Volunteer Coordinator** as well as volunteers for the following times:

Dec 23-9-noon-4 teams of at least two each

Dec 30-9-noon-4 teams of at least two each

If you are interested please contact **Cindy Burns** at cburns@phumc.com

WE'RE HIRING!



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We are hiring for a **Director of the Children's Learning Center** and a **Director of Youth and Families**. Come join the PHUMC work family! Learn more at phumc.com/jobs or contact Rev. Jay Clark at (501) 944-8400 or jclark@phumc.com



Enjoy the Sounds of the Season!

To help spread the Christmas cheer virtually this year, we're sharing a playlist from our Chancel Choir singing Christmas Music! You may listen to the playlist at <http://phumc.com/christmas-music/>



GOODBYE COURTNEY!

Dear Friends,
We have been lucky to have Courtney on our staff for 17 years. She has been the "face of the place" for our Children's Learning Centers and has made a positive impact on so many families passing through our doors. We love her, will miss her, and wish God's blessings wherever her journey takes her. I know you feel the same way, and will want to express your appreciation, too.
Thank you for everything, Courtney!



-Rev. Jay Clark
Executive Pastor

It has been my honor and absolute joy to be on staff at PHUMC. Seventeen years has flown by. No wonder- it tends to do that when you work with very busy children!
Thank you for your continued support of PHUMC's Early Childhood Education programs. Your prayers, presence, and gifts truly make a difference in the lives of our children and their families.
Blessings to you all!

-Courtney CarlLee



LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR



Christmas gifts for 175 Wakefield students were loaded up and delivered this week! Thanks again to everyone who sponsored and volunteered. We'd like to give a special thanks to Nancy Delacerda for chairing this mission!



Our Diaper Bank and Food Pantry were hard at work this month distributing items to those in need!

The Diaper Bank served 114 families this week with 6,910 diapers! The Food Pantry shared 110 bags of groceries!



Want to help? Calls coming into the church asking about our food pantry have more than doubled recently. Food pantry and diaper bank donations may be dropped off on the Lee Avenue side of the church on weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm on the rolling metal cart at entrance 7.

Our Church Offices will be Closed:

PM Wednesday, December 23rd
Thursday, December 24th
Friday, December 25th
Monday, December 28th
Friday, January 1st

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE PRAY FOR ALL EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND LOSS THIS DAY AND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Regi Ott and family in the death of her mother, Debby Atchley; to Maddie Polk and family in the death of her mother Carolyn Polk; to Darlette Ellis and family in the death of her uncle, Bartley Bell; to WA McCormick and family in the death of his mother, Kathryn McCormick; to Julie Jones and family in the death of her mother, Monita Swaim; to Susan Robbins and family in the death of her mother, Jan Roberts; to Pam Hoover and family in the death of her aunt, Georgia O'Neal; to Pam Hoover and family in the death of her cousin, Thomas Vaughan; and to Mark Mann and family in the death of his mother, Betty Mann Sebaugh.



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF:

Mary Louise Holt, Child of Caroline and Mark Holt

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 @stlukecampus

Contact Information

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The church building is currently closed to all visitors due to the pandemic. If you are in need of assistance, please call the church office.

St. Luke Campus | 6401 W. 32nd St. | Little Rock

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Leah & Landry Rolston



Lillian Lee