



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD

FEBRUARY 2021

Midyouth Work To Help The Homeless

Last month, 21 of our PHMidyouth (6th-8th grade) came together and created Care Bags for our neighbors living on the street. They created 500 bags for our members to keep in their cars and pass out to people who are seeking assistance. These care bags include: wet wipes, peanuts, bottled water, peppermints, and more food.

Not only did our MidYouth create these bags, they also donated \$334 to help pay for these materials; including one girl who saved \$125 of her own allowance. We are very proud of these kids and the giving spirit that they have.



It costs approximately \$1,500 to buy the materials for 500 care bags. If you would like to make a donation to this ministry, please send a check to the church addressed to PHMidYouth with attn: Care Bags. Our MidYouth meet every Wednesday night from 6-7PM. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the MidYouth, please contact Rod Hocott at rhocott@phumc.com.

LENT
Worship

PHUMC.COM/LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY
Prayer on Zoom | 7am
Drive-Through Blessing | 12pm
Online Worship | 6pm
Prayer Time | 8am-6pm

HOLY THURSDAY
Meal on Zoom | 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Online Worship | 6pm

Lent is a season of repentance, often experienced through fasting, prayer, giving something up, or doing something extra to try and grow closer to God in the 40 days (excluding Sunday) leading up to Easter. This year our theme for the Lenten Season is "Centered in Christ." Families will receive, and all can pick up Lenten packets with a calendar sharing an opportunity each day to center ourselves in Christ together individually and as a church family. **Pick up your Lent pack and container of ashes** to use during our Ash Wednesday

Worship on Feb. 17th at **Drive-Through Communion** or **call the church office** this week and read about special services and studies as we begin this important season together as a church family.

EASTER *with* PULASKI HEIGHTS



EASTER LIVE OUTSIDE

Apr 4 | 10:30am | War Memorial Stadium

TRADITIONAL BROADCAST

10:30am | Facebook, YouTube, KATV

CONTEMPORARY ONLINE

9am | Facebook & YouTube

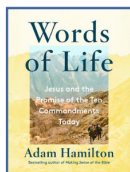
LEARN MORE

phumc.com/easter2021

Centering SMALL GROUPS

LENT 2021

SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THESE STUDIES BY GOING TO PHUMC.COM/LENT-STUDIES/ OR CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 501-664-3600



WORDS OF LIFE

by Adam Hamilton, Led by Jay Clark

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm Feb. 18 - Mar. 25 via Zoom

This study explores a fresh understanding of the ten commandments. "In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace."

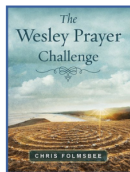


CONNECTING, CARING, AND CENTERING

Led by Kathleen McMurray

Mondays 6:30-7:00pm Feb. 22-Mar. 29 via Zoom

Rev. McMurray will lead a short and simple small group focused around connection and spiritual prayer practices. No reading is required, simply a willingness to take 30 minutes to connect, care, and center ourselves in Christ with one another.

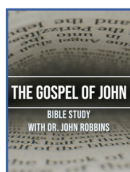


THE WESLEY PRAYER CHALLENGE

by Chris Folmsbee, Led by Jeff Hampton

Tuesdays 11:00-11:45am Feb. 23-Mar. 30 via Zoom

Dr. Hampton will be leading a group through this prayer challenge that will extend throughout the Lenten Season as a means of drawing us back to God and deepening our relationship with Christ.



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Led by John Robbins

Wednesdays 6:30 on FaceBook and YouTube

Dr. Robbins' Weekly Bible Study continues on the Gospel of John through the Lenten Season. Deepen your understanding of this important Gospel and what it has to say to our faith.

Welcome Jessica Thompson, Our New Children's Learning Center Director!

WELCOME



Dear church family,

It is my great joy to announce the hiring of Mrs. Jessica Thompson as the Director of the PHUMC Children's Learning Center. Jessica has thirteen years of work experience in childcare, the last five years as a director. She and her husband Zach have four children: Nathaniel 13, Aiden 11, Isabella 8, and Malachi 5.

Her education includes: Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education Administration and a Master's of Science in Early Childhood Services. She is currently enrolled in a second Master's Degree program in K-12th Grade Special Education.

Over the course of her career, she has received numerous trainings and certifications including: Conscious Discipline, CPR, Child and Adult Care Food Program, as well as many other administrative trainings. She also spent time as Director of a youth mentoring program for at-risk children. "With all that I've done and experienced, I've learned that I thrive in childcare. It's what I feel called to do, and working with young children and their families brings me great JOY."

I know you will join me in welcoming Jessica to the CLC staff. My gratitude to the hiring committee: Corey Brooks, Cindy Burns, Tracy Harrelson, Theresa Hodge, Marivel Avila, and Yui Lawrence. I also want to take this time to lift up Ms. Yui, Ms. Marivel, and Ms. Belicia Gilbert. We have a terrific CLC staff, but these three have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the interim period of not having a director in place to make sure things continue to run with high expectations. My deep appreciation to them for their unwavering commitment to the children and families of the PHUMC Children's Learning Center.

Peace,
Rev. Jay Clark

Sign up for a time of
prayer in our Sanctuary

Fridays from 1-6 PM.
Limited space available

Register at
phumc.com/prayer-time

We know that individuals are craving spiritual connection in this difficult time. You can now register to visit the Sanctuary for a 20 minute time of personal prayer on Fridays between 1-6PM. For everyone's safety we are allowing only a very small number of people in the Sanctuary at a time and all will have to adhere to COVID-19 protocols and wear a mask at all times. To learn more and sign up your time of prayer, visit phumc.com/prayer-time or call the church office at 501-664-3600 and Pat will help get you signed up!

LEARN ABOUT OUR DIAPER BANK!



This week volunteers from our Diaper Bank & Food pantry were hard at work! The Diaper Bank served 122 children this week in 83 different families! Diapers Volunteers are always needed. If you'd like to staff the pickup desk, organize diapers or feel called to serve in another way, contact us at phumcdiaperbank@gmail.com. We are currently in search for a **Spanish translator** to join our team.



Diaper Bank Donations are accepted in any size and quantity, open or not. Diapers can be dropped off at Drive-Through Communion on Sundays or drop them off during the week from 7:30am-7:30pm at the station outside of Wesley Hall by entrance 7. You can also purchase diapers from an online retailer such as Amazon or Walmart and mail them directly to the church at 4823 Woodlawn Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205.

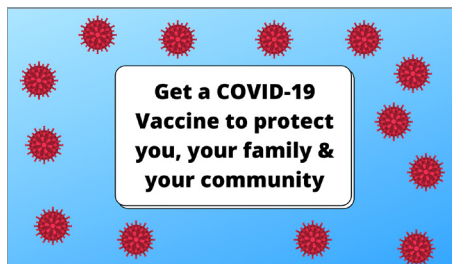
You can also make a monetary donation online at phumc.com/give. Please be sure to select the fund "Diaper Bank." Thank you so much for helping families in need! For any additional information about our Diaper Bank, go to phumc.com/diaperbank



**NEW
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP SERVICE
TIME!
SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM**

**NEW TIME FOR
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
STARTING FEBRUARY 21st!!**

Beginning on Sunday, February 21st, we will be moving our contemporary worship service back to Sundays at 9:00AM. During this Lenten season, Dr. John Robbins will be preaching at this service. We hope you join us as we stream this service live on Facebook & YouTube! If you have any questions, please contact phumc@phumc.com



**Get a COVID-19
Vaccine to protect
you, your family &
your community**

MEMBERS OVER 70!

If you have not had your vaccine already and are not on a waiting list somewhere, we encourage you to check in with your hospital provider, primary care physician or your pharmacy to get information that will put you on this path.

Also, our staff is working on a plan to have a three-day vaccine clinic here at the church soon. If we are successful at becoming a site for such a clinic, please be assured that we will follow all CDC requirements about masking, social distancing and the like. We will keep you posted on the progress of that clinic as soon as dates are known. For more information you can email phumc@phumc.com.

PHUMC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry shared 120 bags of groceries to 64 families! Thank you to all of these volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

Food donations for the Food Pantry can be brought to Drive-Through Communion on Sundays or drop them off during the week from 7:30am-7:30pm at the station outside of Wesley Hall by entrance 7.

Monetary donations are also accepted during Drive-Through Communion or mailed to the church payable to PHUMC with Food Pantry in the memo line.



A Message
From the
PHUMC
Board of
Stewards

Church Re-Opening Update

Our Board of Stewards voted unanimously to accept updated processes and protocols for re-opening in-person worship services. There is no date set for re-opening, but we have created procedures that the PHUMC staff is preparing to implement whenever that date occurs. The Sanctuary is open to people that sign up for our Friday Prayer Time. Go to phumc.com/prayer-time or call the church office at 501-664-3600 for more information

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Blake Lee Katzenberg, child of Meredith and Michael Katzenberg, grandchild of Leslie and Mark Lee; of Ryder James Goff, child of Niki and Taylor Goff and great-grandchild of Sara Harrison.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Charleen Francis and family in the death of her cousin, Donna Kay Cullum; to Joy Dillahunty and family in the death of her sister, Jo Adcock; to Ryan Hamra and family in the death of his cousin, Allen Homra; to Bob Worthington and family in the death of his nephew, John Maxey; to Lesley Roberts and family in the death of her grandmother, Helen Landes; Cathryn Woods and family in the death of her aunt, Ann McGee; to Judy Cummings Teeter and family in the death of her mother, Mildred Marie Shields Cummings; to Nan Black and family in the death of her grandmother, Carolyn Quarles; to Nancy Culbertson and family in the death of her mother, Tootsie Schmidt; to Barnett Grace and family in the death of his brother, Preston Grace Jr., known to friends as Peppy; to Sara Cook and family in the death of her father, David Wells; to Kelly Kreth and family in the death of his father, Dr. Kieth Kreth; to Dr. Lyndal York and family in the death of his wife, Carolyn York; to Randy Mourot and family in the death of his mother, Lou Mourot; to family and friends of Clarinda Hall, in her recent death; to Dorothy Holland and family in the death of her husband, O.L. Holland; and to Stephanie Haynes, Marc Haynes and their families in the death of their uncle, Paul Culpepper.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James Curtis, Linda and Rick Powell, Mike and Rosemary Davis and Allison, Gary, and Wilson Nash

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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.

We Celebrate the Baptism of Caroline Kay Coleman, child of Lindsay and Jacob Coleman.



Baptisms at PHUMC



We are now allowing a choice for baptisms during COVID-19: inside the sanctuary or in the courtyard. We prefer no more than 10 present including clergy (immediate family only) masks required for all, including clergy involved, the entire time. (Exceptions may be made for outside baptisms).

Baptisms take approximately 5 minutes, with the pictures following, total time is 10-15 minutes max. Church staff will be available to photograph the event and family photos will be aired the following Sunday at 10:30AM service on KATV.

Contact Cindy Bowden at cbowden@phumc.com to schedule your baptism.

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February Staff Birthdays!

JIM MAASE - FEB. 14
DR. JEFF HAMPTON - FEB. 23