



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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IT'S NOT GOODBYE, IT'S SEE YOU LATER!

CONGRATS!
class of
2021

Congratulations to these young men and women! We know you will do well in the world and we look forward to watching you grow in life and faith even more!!

Gentry Agar Collier Allison Sydney Bain Will Bowman Annie Burrow Meredith Campbell						
Hattie Cooper John Logan Darr Noah Darr Peyton Foster Riley Foster Kate Graham						
Natalie Huckabay Mary Kathryn Hyde Lance Jones Teddy Jones Mary Margaret Lankford Hannah Magann						
Caroline McElvey Hartley Meyer Phoebe Raborn Phoebe Sanders Sophie Sanders Matthew Thompson						
Scottie Traylor Wilson Trulock Turner Wickliffe Rachel Wilbourn Lily Williamson						

JIMMY FAULKNER BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED!

CONGRATULATIONS



SYDNEY BAIN

2021 JIMMY FAULKNER BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER!

Sydney Bain has been selected to receive the 2021 Jimmy Faulkner Basketball scholarship. She is a senior at Central High School and has been an active member of youth serving on the Youth

Leadership Team, attending Ozark Mission Project and playing for PHUMC in the youth league basketball program. Sydney is also a part of the Faulkner Bible Study group. She will study biomedical engineering at the University of Arkansas with a goal of a career in the emergency medicine field in the future.



VBS @ PHUMC!

JUNE 28-JULY 1

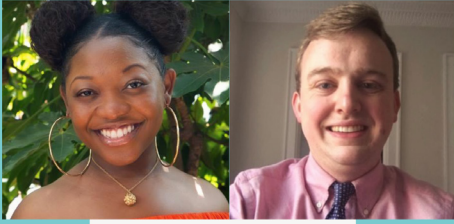
IN-PERSON &
ONLINE

PHUMC.COM/VBS

It's the best week of the year-Vacation Bible School! VBS 2021 will be June 28-July 1! We are so excited to be able to have a hybrid model for rising K-4th graders this summer, with two in-person options, as well as a virtual option! Space for in-person VBS is limited. The deadline for signing up is June 15th, but spots are going fast, so make sure you sign up soon! Learn more and register for VBS at phumc.com/vbs!

We are also in need of volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Burns at cburns@phumc.com! We hope to see you there!

STANLEY & ARMINTA BERRY MUSIC AND ARTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!



TANIA

2021 STANLEY AND ARMINTA BERRY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

ALEX

Tania Kelley, senior at Little Rock Central High School and Adventures in the Arts voice student, has been selected to receive the Stanley and Arminta Berry Music and Arts scholarship for the coming school year. She is a member of Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church and has sung here at PHUMC on a number of occasions including the service at War Memorial Stadium on Easter Sunday.

Tania is a member of the LR Central Concert Choir and the Madrigals as well as singing with the LR Central Jazz Band. She will be studying vocal performance at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Her faculty sponsors attest to her incredible talent, her dedication to music and her continuous learning ethic. She says 'singing allows me to express myself and help others sometimes do the same'.

Alex Shannon has also been selected to receive the Stanley and Arminta Music and Arts Scholarship! He will begin his doctoral program in Music Theory in the fall at Indiana University. This program will help him prepare to conduct independent research in music and teach at the collegiate level. As a researcher, Alex is particularly interested in studying mathematical approaches to understanding music as well as studying the relationship between music and text. He is completing his Master of Music degree in music theory at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He has undergraduate degrees from Centenary College of Louisiana: Bachelor of Arts in music and Bachelor of Science in mathematics. We will eagerly follow Alex's educational pursuits in the coming years.

Many thanks go to the Berry Family for making these scholarships possible through the establishment of the Stanley and Arminta Music and Arts Scholarship Endowment in 2006. Their generosity has provided financial support for seventeen students associated with PHUMC and Adventures in the Arts. These scholarships are subject to renewal for the full, four-year undergraduate programs. This is the first year a scholarship for post-graduate work has been awarded, and the Foundation, along with the Berry Family, is thrilled to be able to provide this additional opportunity for our students.

Tania and Alex are the 16th & 17th Berry Scholarship recipients, going back to 2009! Previous recipients include: Tyler Adcock, Christopher Dunn, Isaiah Bailey, Archer Tribett, Veena Akama-Makia, Kyle Forehand, Parker Pitts, Caitlon Tribett, Shelby Taylor, Andre Jordan, Mallory Baker, Ollie Burrow, Tate Hansen, Daniel Gauger and Evan Moore!

Sadly, we lost Arminta in 2020, but I am sure she would be very impressed with the continuing development of musical talents through education for these two young people.

-Beverly Villines, Director of the PHUMC Foundation



PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING!!

May 24 | 6 PM | Great Hall

Board of Stewards will be meeting in person for the first time in over a year here in the GYM for those who are comfortable to attend! Please reserve your seat before May 20 at Noon by going to phumc.com/bos. Note, no meal will be served. For others, we will have a Zoom link available closer to the meeting date. We look forward to seeing you here soon!



PHUMC 56 MISSIONS & OMP 101!

Be a Happy Camper!

Join us for a week of missions!

Calling all current 4th and 5th graders for a special summer mission opportunity! 56 Missions (in past years) is OMP 101/PHUMC 56 Missions for this summer July 12, 13, 14, 1-4 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The \$90.00 camper fee is being paid by our church. Come join the fun by going to phumc.com/omp101.

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

BEGINNING JUNE 6: CHILD CARE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are now entering Phase II of worship re-opening. This includes offering childcare for those who need it. Because of this, we are actively seeking dependable, mature, fun loving individuals to join our childcare staff!

Qualifications

- Be at least 18 years of age
- High School Diploma or GED

- Be able to work Sunday mornings, from 8am-Noon
- Must pass background checks
- Be able to kneel, bend, squat, lift, push, pull, and carry children up to 50lbs

Compensation:

- \$11 or greater depending upon experience

If you would like to apply to be considered please email Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com



MAY STAFF BIRTHDAYS!

DALE GARLAND - MAY 15
BOOKER RODGERS - May 19

TUTORS WANTED TO HELP READ TO CHILDREN AT WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY!



In May 2019, forty-three PHUMC Wakefield tutors and eighty-six students celebrated the end of the school year with a pizza party in Wesley Hall, because for the first time, there wasn't enough room at the school. Everyone had a great time, and one of my students loved the celebration so much that she asked me several

times if she would get to come to PHUMC for pizza again. By September 2019, PHUMC tutors started the new school year with anticipation of another celebration in May 2020. As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly ended the in-person school year in March, we stopped tutoring and were not able to celebrate at the end of the year.

Wakefield's principal, Les Taylor, recently reported that in spite of everything, the 2020-2021 school year has been amazing. 60% of students currently attending school in person have maintained their reading levels. Principal Taylor has asked us to resume our tutoring program in the fall, which benefits all students needing reading practice; he noted that students attending virtually have fallen further behind and really need the additional help our tutoring provides.

We always need new tutors, because, invariably, tutors have conflicts and need to be replaced, whether for a few weeks or several months. Having enough tutors allows us to work on reading comprehension with the maximum number of Wakefield children. PHUMC tutors represent a variety of ages, from retirees to young parents to single people who take time from their jobs to read with these underserved students. Tutors schedule their preferred day and time to volunteer.

Now is the time to join our team to read with a child or two or three, weekly, throughout the next year. We expand on the PHUMC mission statement, "Love God, Love Neighbor, Change the World" with our motto in recruiting tutors: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"— Mark 10:14. Helping students meet their academic potential through improved reading will affect their future success and happiness, thus changing the world! Tutoring is a rewarding experience for tutors, as well as students and teachers, who greatly appreciate all PHUMC provides. Through the food pantry, backpacks, Christmas gifts and tutoring, PHUMC has a strong relationship with Wakefield Elementary School.

For more information about becoming a reading tutor at Wakefield, phone the church (664-3600) or email Janet Stewart, janetstewart94@gmail.com. You will receive further information and the VIPS form (required of all LRSD volunteers).

Thank you so much for considering this important mission work in our community!

-Janet Stewart



PHUMC FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has been hard at work! This week, we distributed 125 bags to 70 families, including our Cinco De Mayo themed items!

Due to no longer having drive-thru communion, we are struggling to collect donations. You can bring them to Entrance 7 off of Lee

Avenue from 7:30am-7:30pm Mondays-Friday! Our Food Pantry currently needs green beans, corn, peanut butter, canned fruit, soup, canned pasta and pasta sauce.

If you have any questions about the Food Pantry or would like more information, contact Kathy Roberts at 0711kroberts@gmail.com.

WAKEFIELD BOOK DRIVE!



During the month of April we hosted a book drive for our partner, Wakefield Elementary School! Thanks to an outpouring of support from our church, we were able to deliver over 2,000 books to Wakefield Elementary School as part of the Arkansas Conference's 200,000 More Reasons Initiative!

Thank you for helping with our Wakefield Elementary Book Drive!

DIAPER BANK!

This week our Diaper Bank distributed 10, 015 diapers for 135 children to 91 families! Reasons Initiative! Go to phumc.com/diaperbank to learn more ways to donate!



JOIN REV. CLARK & DR. ROBBINS FOR A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND!!

Looking forward to traveling post-pandemic? Group travel is a lot of fun! Join Dr. John Robbins and Rev. Jay Clark walking in the footsteps of Jesus, Saturday, March 19-Monday, March 28, 2022. Highlights include Bethlehem, Galilee, and Jerusalem- plus the Dead Sea. There will also be an optional extension to explore Jordan. Seeing the Holy Land in person really makes the Bible a pop-up book and the scriptures come alive.

Please email or call Rev. Jay Clark (jlark@phumc.com) if you have any questions or for the information to sign up! We hope you can join us!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Witten Faye Roberts, child of Connor and Haley Roberts and great-grandchild of Kathy and the late John Roberts.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family and friends of Cleo Tucker in his recent death; to Katie Drummond and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Joe Litsch; to Brady Gadberry and family in the death of his step-father, Rick Fresquez; to Shannon Collier-Tenison and family in the death of her mom, Brenda Collier; to Paula McAllaster and family in the death of her mother, Donna Rhodes McAllaster; to Donna J. Davis and family in the death of her sister, Cathy Davis Moss; to Sandra De Luca and family in the death of her father, James Milton Kemp; to Francine Barton Del Giacco and family in the death of her mother, Elaine Carr Barton; to Susie Glover and family in the death of her husband, Bob Glover; to Frances Keeley and family in the death of her husband, Dan Keeley; and to David Curran and family in the death of his step-father, Steve Strickland.




OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Audrey Ray and Bryan Dillahunty in their recent marriage;

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Frank Thurmond, Martha Culp and Annie, Michael, and Elizabeth Cross

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

Entrance 1 is now open during office hours to access our facilities. You are welcome to utilize our available spaces during the week for small gatherings, as long as reservations have been made. Masks are required for all who enter.

BAPTISMS!

Richard Bennett Blank, child of Laura and Richard Blank III.



Bridget May Wilson, child of Karson and Philip Wilson



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are available to be purchased in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. It is \$150 for the two arrangements, which can be picked up after the final service. The church will order the arrangements using flowers in season and ones to compliment the color of the altar cloth. You may also give suggestions about the arrangements. Please call Mary Smith at 501-978-0522 to schedule the date that you want to place the altar flowers.



Last month we had a staff retreat at Camp Ferncliff! Here is custodian Booker Rodgers enjoying the sights of the camp!

Thanks to a generous grant from the PHUMC Foundation, we are able to upgrade technology around our campus! Can you spot Jacob, our Director of Technology, amidst all of the new staff computers?

