

TOWER NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 167, NUMBER 8 LOVE GOD. LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD AUGUST 2021

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

This Summer our family ministries team has been very busy! We hosted a hybrid VBS with 195 total children attending virtually and in-person with separate morning and afternoon sessions to ensure social distancing! We learned about discovering God's grace and we helped raise money and supplies for our VBS mission, Ozark Mission Project! We want to thank all of our 81 volunteers who helped make The Best Week of the Year™ possible.

Meanwhile, our youth have been busy with Bible studies, fellowship & participating in Ozark Mission Project right here in Little Rock! In July, our church hosted an OMP day camp where over 80 youth and volunteers completed 44 projects for 23 different neighbors around Central Arkansas! We even had visits to our camp from the Governor, Miss Arkansas, and the Bishop! 30 rising 5th and 6th graders attended OMP101 during the same week!

While things may look a little different because of COVID, our family ministries team is committed to ensuring our children and youth are active participants in the life of the church and its mission to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Change The World! To learn more information about our family ministries go to **phumc.com/youth** or **phumc.com/kids**!

-Cindy Burns, Ellen Rowland, Rod Hocott, Kristie Finney, & Brooke Hobbs



Scenes from VBS: Discovery on Adventure Island







Photos from OMP & OMP 101

Primetimers Luncheon

Primetimers and Friends monthly luncheon meetings are suspended until further notice due to the surge in Covid case counts in Arkansas. Even though most, if not all, of our seniors are fully vaccinated, the Delta Variant can still be spread amongst our entire population, especially seniors and young children.

After such a long time apart, we were hopeful that we would be able to gather safely in August to hear Rev. Dr. John Robbins, but at the moment, we are unable to do so. Please be patient and pray that more folks will get vaccinated to create herd immunity and that our children and grandchildren will be able to become protected as well.



FOOD PANTRY

Our Judy Huddleston Strohm Food Pantry Ministry not only distributed food this month, but also distributed vaccines! We served 70 families 126 bags of food and vaccinated 20 people!

Bring food donations to Entrance 7

off of Lee Avenue from 7:30am-7:30pm Monday-Friday! Or bring food with you on Sundays when you come to church! Our Food Pantry currently needs chicken noodle soup, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit and canned beans!

Next month we will have another vaccination clinic!

WORSHIP UPDATE

Dear Congregation,

Effective this week, we are adjusting our policy to no longer require registration for Sunday morning worship. To be frank, registration has become more of a hindrance than a help.

However, we will continue to limit worship attendance. With this change, we still have the following requirements in place:

- · Masks are always required when inside the facilities of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
- No more than 100 people will be allowed in the sanctuary per service. Those arriving after we have reached our limit will be encouraged to worship in one of our overflow areas at the 9:00 service time. Ushers will be able to direct you. All overflow in the 11:00 sanctuary service will be encouraged to attend the contemporary service in Wesley hall. The maximum number for worship there will be 80.
- Again, we request that immune compromised people participate online or on television.

We will get through this, but in the meantime, let's all do the best we can to make our worship services meaningful, but safe. Blessings!

Dr. John Robbins

Dr. John Robbins Senior Pastor

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for the Elise and James B. Argue Choral Scholars Fund, Broadcast Ministry Endowment, Centennial Preservation Endowment, Martin Youth Endowment, Georgia and Bob Sells Children's Learning Center Endowment, Youth Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

J.W. "Buddy Benafield by Tower Class Brenda Collier by Cathy and John Slater Kay Monk Goodwin by Carol Hodges Helen Hall by Judy and Don Adams, Dottye and Ben Arnold, Susan J Boe, Rhonda and Bob Bolls, Martha and Ron Clark, Charlotte and Roddy Davis, Julie and Bill Haught, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Carol Hodges, Barbara Hoover, Katherine Jefferson, Bill Jones, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Donna and James McDonald, Peter Millar, Barbara and Mack Moore, Jim Morse, Tricia and Marty Rhodes, Billie and Skip Rutherford Jill Hartsfield by Judy and Don Adams, Virginia and Mike Porta, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn

Dorothy Holland by Billie and Skip Rutherford

Dan Keeley by Judy and Don Adams, Linda Butler Bishop, Rhonda and Bob Bolls, Cathy and Tony Bozynski, Crata Castleberry, Mary Ann and Jay Critz, Marcia and Jim Darr, Jane D. Fink, Ann and Gaston Gibson, Buddy and Vicki Reed Hall, Elizabeth and Rick Henry, Betsy and Cyril Hollingsworth, Nancy and Gene Jennings, Susan and John Meador, Jim Mitchell, Jane Proffitt, Liz Rainwater, Lana and William Rinaman, Jennifer and Steve Ronnel, Cathy and John Slater, Chris Tompkins, Jan and George Wright

Patsy Laker by Billie and Skip Rutherford

Ernestine Martin by Angela Crowly Bob McKinney by Jane and Bill Arthurs Sue Phillips by Tower Class Mary Wetzel by Rhonda and Bob Bolls, Juanita Patton, Billie and Skip Rutherford Dr. John Wright by Judy and Jim Irwin

Honoraria

Willa Gattin on the occasion of her Baptism by George Campbell Martin Grummer by Joann and Garth Martin, great grandparents Karen Redwine by Elaine McNiece Skip Rutherford on the occasion of his retirement by Joann and Garth Martin

The following gifts were received for Broadcast Ministry, Columbariun Garden, Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Respite Care Program, Music Ministry, Judy Huddleston Strohm Food Pantry, Youth Ministry, Youth Missions, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Jean Austen by Danna Davis
Jerry Burns by Sue Pace Gregory, Mark
and Michelle Mann, Alicia Mosley
Moffett R. Davis by Danna Davis
Al Foucar by Mary Catherine and Rusty
Armstrong, Liz and Dan Brazeel, Martha
Huey

Kay Monk Goodwin by Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Barbara and Mack Moore Jill Hartsfield by 1999 Soccer Team Families, Amy Abdella, Amy and Dow Brantley, Andrea and Jeff Dixon Family, Emily and Daniel Heard, Journey Class, Kathy, Sam and Kate Kostopulos, Jennifer and Mark McCarty, Angie and Steve Spencer

Nancy Howe by Mary Catherine and Rusty

Armstrong, Liz and Dan Brazeel, Martha Huey

Mr. and Mrs. N.D. Huneycutt by Janice Losey-Head

Joan Jacobs by John and Braun Ray Campbell

Dan Keeley by Julie and John Jones
Patsy Laker by Cindy and Kevin Burns,
Nancy and Charlie Culbertson, L.B. Davis,
Laura Faulkner, Julie and John Jones
Virginia Lee by Julie and Wally Allen,
Cindy and Kevin Burns, Julie and John
Jones

Aubrey McBride by Argue Class, Carol and George Stallings, Betty and Louie Watts

Bob McKinney by Libby and Jim Strawn **Sue Phillips** by Tower Class

Carmen Stewart by Bogart Family, Judy and Tommy Borchert, Nodya Lambert, Dana Loyd, Benny Miller, Joanne Riddick and Family, Amy Robitschel, Mary and David Stevens, Reda and Robert Webb, Heidi and James Williams

Melanie Owen Webre by Christopher Ginnaven, Garnet, Micki and Lucy Maki, Elizabeth and Brooks McRae

Dr. John Wright by Nancy and David Bartlett, Newton Good News Class, Kathy and Randy Tankersley

Carolyn York by Elise and Jack Alexander

Honoraria

Jay Clark by Lavern and Ray Schaap Laura Doramus by Laura Faulkner Louise Fox by Beth and Roger Page Christian Harris by Vera and Jerry Bowie, Round Table Class

Jacob Nolen by Judy and Ed Strohm Rev. Leslee Phillips by Margie Pounds Kathy Roberts by Beth and Roger Page



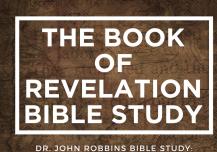
We are excited to announce that Megan Rugg will be joining Pulaski Heights staff as Chief Financial Officer on September 1. Megan is a graduate of Hendrix College. She is a CPA and has experience working in public accounting and at the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Megan, her husband, Ben, and their three boys are members of Pulaski Heights. When she is not working, Megan enjoys exercising, reading, and family time!



As we are noticing school supplies and back packs and school uniforms in stores we remember our great joy as a church family to provide school supplies, back packs and uniforms for the precious children at Wakefield Elementary as well as expressions of appreciation for the staff at Wakefield.

A gift of \$40.00 provides a child with the supplies they need to succeed for the school year. To contribute, go online at **phumc. com/give** or mail a check made out to PHUMC with Give a Kid a Chance in the memo line.

To reach the needs for 500 children, our goal is \$20,000. We are currently only at \$9,000! So Give A Kid A Chance and donate today!



DR. JOHN ROBBINS BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS IN PERSON & ONLINE

Join us on Wednesday nights starting September 1 for Dr. John Robbins' latest Bible study. He's going to walk us through the Book of Revelation!

You can watch on Facebook & YouTube or you can attend in person in Wesley Hall! If you wish to attend in person, pre-registration is required at **phumc. com/revelation**. Masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced.



PHUMC BIRTHDAY CLUB PARTICIPANTS

The following gifts were given in honor of someone, for their birthday. This gift supports the ongoing ministry of the PHUMC Foundation. If you are interested in joining the birthday club, checks can be made out to the PHUMC Foundation.

Louis Buehling by Cindy Buehling Margaret Hatchett Mack McLarty by Billie and Skip Rutherford Billie Rutherford by Skip Rutherford



Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Single Parent Support Group via Zoom

There aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges single parents face. Single & Parenting is a special weekly group that will bring hope to your life. We'd love for you to join us.



Boogie Faulkner, Co-Facilitator

"As a single parent of two, I found myself lost in the navigation shuffle of life. I began looking for connections of parents who shared and understood the challenges I face with being a single parent. I am beyond grateful for PHUMC for establishing this connection that other single parents can share, relate, and understand more of this journey God has laid out for us."



Laura Haynie, Co-Facilitator

"Single parenting can be so isolating but in it I have found an incredibly beautiful bond with my son. This ministry is so important for recognizing both the beauty of the journey and also that we are never isolated or alone."

Sign Up: www.singleandparenting.org
Dr. Jeff Hampton, Staff Representative
jhampton@phumc.com • (501) 664-3600
Mondays, September 13th - December 6th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm



Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Divorce Support Group via Zoom

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through to learn practical steps to deal with the challenges of divorce. Best of all, you will gain hope for the future.



Julia Ann Gibson, Co-Facilitator

"I have always wanted to help those who were going through challenging or confusing times. Having experienced the pain and brokenness of divorce, I feel called to serve in the DivorceCare Support Ministry."

Ann is a member of PHUMC and a Stephen Minister



Carole Ann Provin, Co-Facilitator

"After experiencing divorce, I recall the hurt, aloneness, and need to reconnect, and rebuild my life based on Christ-centered love, and purpose. Listening, caring, and supporting people who are going through difficult times brings God's love, hope, and healing.

Carole Ann is a member of PHUMC and is the Stephen Ministry Coordinator

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Sundays, September 12th - December 5th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Dale Garland and family in the death of his brother-inlaw Tom Flaxbeard, to the family and friends of Deanne Guse in her recent death; to Cheryl Lichti and family in the death of her brother, Dennis Lichti; to Bo Hawk and family in the death of his brother, Bill Hawk; to the family and friends of Dorothy Holland in her recent death; to the family and friends of Kyle Linson in his recent death; to George McLeod and family, in the death of his wife, Carolyn McLeod; to the family and friends of Sam Sawyer in his recent death; to Tripp Wetzel and family in the death of his wife, Mary Wetzel; to Tanya Barnes and family in the death of her mother, Sue Phillips; and to Rev. Chris Todd and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Lance Narowetz.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of

Hutchinson Riley Hayes, child of Sarah and Riley Hayes; and of Jacks Thomas Kane, child of Rachel and Matthew Kane, and grandchild of Amy and Mark Westmoreland.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER Jim Mark Ingram

BAPTISMS



Blake Lee Katzenberg, child of Meredith and Michael Katzenberg;



Mark Daniel Grinnan, Jr., child of Jennifer and Daniel Grinnan.

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

You are welcome to utilize our available spaces during the week for gatherings, as long as reservations have been made at **phumc.com/espace.** At this time, masks are required for all who enter.

JOIN THE TELEPHONE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Are you interested in being a part of a small group from the comfort of your home, learning and growing together with others via phone? Join the PHUMC Telephone Sunday School Class and connect with some amazing people for your faith journey.

Contact Pastor Kathleen by email (kmcmurray@phumc.com) or by calling the church office at 501-664-3600.



ROD HOCOTT - AUG. 7 MICHAEL MCMURRAY - AUG 9 JUANITA DANIELS - AUG 21 MARY SMITH - AUG 27



The Central Arkansas Diaper Bank served 140 children in 89 families, distributing over 10,090 diapers. It was our biggest month ever!

😈 140 kids served

We are in need of new or gently used car seats that have not expired. This includes infant seats, convertible car seats and booster seats! You can bring the car seats to Entrance 1 off of Woodlawn Drive or the Entrance 7 donation station in parking lot 3 off of Lee Avenue or contact phumcdiaperbank@gmail.com.

Learn more about the Central Arkansas Diaper bank by going to **phumc.com/ diaperbank!**