TOWER NEWSLETTER

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MASK UPDATE

Dear Congregation,

As you are aware, we have been very cautious and intentional about how we have dealt with the Covid-19 pandemic. We closed all worship services for nine months, reopened with limited numbers, and required the wearing of masks. We then had a short blissful period, before the recent surge, where masks were no longer required in our facilities. However, we had to once again go through a period of enforcing strict guidelines. Because of the increase in vaccines, and because infection rates have been on the decline, we are implementing the following:

- Effective immediately, masks will be optional in the facilities of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, for all person over the age of 11, during the week and during worship.
- Children above the age of 2, who are not eligible to be vaccinated, will be required to wear masks. In addition, all adults who will be working with our children are to be vaccinated and masked.

Like every decision that has been made, I know there are those who would disagree. I understand and respect that. However, we firmly believe that we can continue to do the work we are all called to do and remain safe in the process.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as one of your pastors.

Dr. John Robbins Senior Pastor



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY!

We are creating a church photo directory and it wouldn't be complete without you! Sign up for a time for you or your family to take a photo with one of the Universal photographers!

When you sign up you will receive a complimentary 8 x

10 portrait and directory. Because of Covid, we are also allowing congregants to submit a photo for \$15. You will receive a directory as well with your photo submission.

Go to phumc.com/directory or call the church office at 501-664-3600 to sign up.

Church Code: ar109

Church password: photos

Contact Michael McMurray at mmcmurray@phumc.com or 501-664-3600 with any questions!

WELCOME AMANDA!

We would like to introduce our new Director of the Children's Learning Center, Amanda Gilmore!

For the last 5 years, Amanda served in the neighborhood as the Director of Pulaski Heights Baptist Dayschool.



Amanda has a degree is Elementary Education from Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee but has spent most of her career working in Early Childhood Education.

Amanda and her husband Marion are a blended family sharing their three children Brandon, Allison, and Garrison and rescue cats and dog Tuck, Jingle, and Chewie. She attends Second Baptist Church in Downtown Little Rock where she serves as a member of the Lake Nixon Outdoor Center Committee and a church vocalist. In her free time, Amanda enjoys performing with several local theater companies. Amanda is thrilled to begin working at the CLC!

PHUMC FOUNDATION

The following gifts were received for the Alice Beard Altar Guild Endowment, Broadcast Endowment, Centennial Preservation Endowment, Lorraine Cokenour Ministry Endowment, Johnnie Holcomb Fund, Chris and Pam Hunter Children's Bible Endowment, Martin Youth Endowment, Jejo Mobley Endowment, John and Kathy Roberts Endowment, Jimmy P Spradley Facilities Maintenance Endowment, Prayer Shawl Ministry Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Evelyn Baird by Juanita Patton **Jean Hill Churchill** by PHUMC Altar Guild,
Elise Argue, Melissa and Charles Caldwell,
Sunny and Bo Hawk, Judy and Jim Irwin,
Carol and Gary Isom, Nancy and Gene
Jennings, Donna and Mack McLarty, Kathy
Roberts

Bill Couch by Susan and Robert Dunn, Billie and Skip Rutherford

James R. Ford by Tower Class Helen Hall by Carol Anderson, Kearney Dietz, Nancy and Ron Hughes, Joan Kirkpatrick, Donna and Mack McLarty, Martha and Warren Stephenson, Jan and Charles Sullivan

Bill Hawk by Billie and Skip Rutherford **Dorothy Holland** by Vera and Jerry Bowie, Brown Rogers & Co LLC, Bobbye Dennis, Sandra and Virgle Lyons, Round Table Class, Carolyn Spradley,

Clyde Horton by Sue and Jeffrey Bemberg, Mary Beth Bemberg, Mary Lou Billingsley, Vera and Jerry Bowie, Beth and Jesse Boyd, Melanie and Matthew Bradford, Sam Butler, George Campbell, Dorothy Davis, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Mary and Everett Hawks, Betty Horton, Darlene Horton, Judy and Jim Irwin, Susan and Charles Jamison, Freddie and Woody Jolley, Dana Kuykendall, Sara Beth and Jonathan Leader, Joann and Garth Martin, Jim Morse, Joyce, Tricia and Josh Oliver, Kris and Terry Penny, Lori and David Plugge, Jack and Lee Ramer, Rebsamen Golf Buddies, Round Table Class, Danielle Saenphimmachak, Jill and Richard Seagrave, Larry Siegel, Diane and Kenny Smith, Connie and Ed Staley, Roselyn and Jack Stanley, Beverly Sullenger, Cathy and Bob Swaty, Colleen Walls, Rachel Williams, Gay Wyatt Chris Hunter by Pam Hunter

Dan Keeley by Carolyn and Eddie Bradford Cathie Matthews by Juanita Patton Jeanne McDaniel by Joann and Garth Martin, Billie and Skip Rutherford Carolyn McLeod by James Adamson, Julie and Wally Allen, Debbie and Rob Bass, Diane and Jack Browne, Daryl Coker, Cathi Compton, Cathy and Ernest Cunningham, Marcia and Jim Darr, Robert Dawson, Phillip Deer, Jon Dermott, Becky and Jackson Farrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Jan and Tom Fowler, Sherry Hamilton, Cheryl, Jon and Catherine Harris, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Scott Heffington, Bill Jones, Janet and Bud Jones, James Kyser, Allyson Lewis, Marsha and Michael Long, Joann and Garth Martin, Donna and Mack McLarty, Morgan McLeod, Jane McMullin, Ricky Medlock, Lynn and Jim Monk, Blanche Moore, Barbara and Mack Moore, Newton Good News Class, Georgann Ozment, Linda and Gene Pfeifer, Porter and Bill Puckett, Elizabeth Holley Radcliffe, Dana Ritchie, Billie and Skip Rutherford, James Simpson, Carolyn Spradley, Jan and Charles Sullivan, Diane Turner, Richard Upton, Sharon and Fred Ursery, Anne White, Cappy and Charlie Whiteside, Billie Anne Williams, Mark Williamson, Bill Wilson, Nancy and Craig Wood

Lloyd Mobley by Julianna Fawcett, Raymond Gunther Family, Jo Knight, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Reid Mobley, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Nancy Wood

John Roberts by Elaine McNiece **Jimmy P Spradley** by Linda and Tom Spradley Family

Mary Wetzel by Martha and Ron Clark, Patti and Charlie Coleman, Veronica and Ted Goodloe, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Deborah Jackson

Honoraria

Johnnie Holcomb Fund by Sylvia and John Borchert

Horton Service Participants by the Horton Family

Anna-Lee and Sam McSpadden by Joann and Garth Martin

Patti Jackson by Freddie and Vic Nixon **McIlroy Hawkins Parker** by Susan and Robert Dunn

Sam Robbins by Freddie and Vic Nixon **Sabbath ChristCare Group** by Freddie and Vic Nixon

Prayer Shawl Ministry by the Garland Families

Bev Villines by Elaine McNiece

The following gifts were received for Broadcast Ministry, Caring Ministry, Give a Kid a Chance, Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Respite Care, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and the glory of God.

Memorials Karen Brinley by Bill Brinley Bobby Jean Gray Byler by Jacque Ptak **Clarence Channell** by D Williams **Jean Hill Churchill** by Marsha and Jim Allbritton, Scott Carter

Alice Clogston by George Campbell, Carol and Gary Isom

Betty W Corbitt by D Williams **Bill Couch** by Elise Argue, Danna Davis **Deanne Guse** by Betty Gene and Richard

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Dorothy Holland by Sara Harrison, Betty Gene and Richard Mann

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Will Thurmond by Marcella and Brian Meyer Sammie Tollette by Marilyn and Stanley Ott Jeanette Trimble by Robert C. Trimble Melanie Owen Webre by Carol and Larry McAdams

Mary Wetzel by Dot Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams by D Williams
Carolyn York by Emily Erkel

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Judy Davis by Danna Davis **Kearney Dietz** by Sherry and Mike Bracy **Judy B. Goss** by Kris and Brent Baber, Harriett Farley

Broadcast Ministry by Betty Gene and Richard Mann

Music Ministry by George Campbell, McGahee Family

Socktoberfest by Paula C Watson **Youth Ministry** by Marie and Donald McDonald

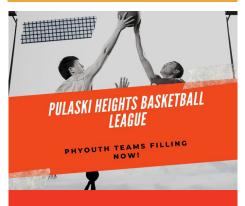


TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Sunday, October 31st from 3-5pm in the Upper Parking Deck (parking lot 2). This year we are hosting Trunk or Treat instead of the Halloween Carnival. This will be a safe outdoor event for children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated.

Sunday School classes and individuals will open their "trunks" and distribute candy to children who stop by to trick or treat! We will have games, snacks, candy, a hayride and more!

Go to phumc.com/trunk-or-treat or call the church office at 501-664-3600 to learn more!



CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL IS BACK!

If you have a child grades 7-12 who is intersted in playing church league basketball with our church, go to phumc.com/phbasketball to sign up! The deadline to sign up is November 22nd!

To learn more about the league contact Ellen at erowland@phumc.com or 501-978-0540!

PHYOUTH MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED

We welcome summer 2022 in phyouth with hope and excitement! Our mission experiences are a major part of any youth group summer, and especially this coming summer. After months of waiting for "normal", we are pleased to announce a full-slate of mission experiences for incoming 6th graders thru 2022 graduates. Youth will be signed up based on their grade in Fall of 2022.

Need-based scholarships for each trip are available. Please email Ellen at **erowland@phumc.com** for more information.

June 12-June 17 2022: Ozark Mission Project (15 Adults needed)

- Middle School Camp Location: Paragould, Arkansas (7th-8th)
- High School Camp Location: West Memphis, Arkansas (9th-2022 Graduate)
- Non-Refundable Deposit due at sign up: \$100 per student
- Total Price due by March: \$250 per student

June 23-July 1: Local Missions Week (15 Adults needed)

- Students will be volunteer with Vacation Bible School in the morning and participate in an additional mission event or fun activity in the afternoon.
- Local Mission Week schedule will be released March 1.
- Open to all phyouth (6th-2022 graduate)
- Non-refundable cost due at sign up: \$50

July 17-July 23: Epworth Project, Slidell, Louisiana (10 Adults needed)

- 20 Jr High (7th-8th)
- 20 Sr. High (9th-2022 Graduate)
- Light construction and hurricane relief, fun in New Orleans area.
- Non-refundable deposit due at sign up: \$250
- Total cost due by March 1: \$400

Adults interested in volunteering for one or more of these mission trips, please contact **erowland@phumc.com** for more information.

Register your youth by going to **phumc.com/youthmission**!

A MESSAGE FROM CINDY BURNS

To our wonderful church members and precious children, I have some exciting news to share with you.... I have decided to retire! I have absolutely loved being on our church staff. What an honor and blessing for me! I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your love, support, time and prayers over the years. I have had a ball! I thank God for the opportunity to serve.

I am incredibly excited and positive about the church finding a new Director of Children's Ministries! Our church staff is strong, fun, gifted and faithful and I am very optimistic about the current state of our church as well as the future. The new children's minister will bring many gifts and truly the best is yet to come!!! I will stay on staff until someone is hired. God provides!

I am thankful I will have more time for my family and for myself. As a church member and devoted follower of Jesus Christ

I will still be all around and look forward to continuing to be on the journey with you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Thank you and love and prayers, Cindy Burns PHUMC Family Ministries Team



JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Bev Villines and family in the death of her brother, Bill Couch; to Bill Wiedower and family in the death of his father, James Wiedower; to the family and friends of Clyde Horton; to the family and friends of Jeanne McDaniel; to Valerie Kellam and family in the death of her father, James Ford; to the family and friends of Alice Clogston in her death; to the family and friends of Janice Montgomery in her death; and to Will Dickinson and family in the death of his grandmother, Carlice Dickinson.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Davis Patrick Dillahunty, child of Bryan and Audrey Dillahunty, grandchild of Pat Dillahunty, and great-grandchild of Bud and Joy Dillahunty; of James Clyde Francis "Judge" Keizer, child of Piper and Johnny Keizer and grandchild of Robin Smith; and of Deacon Joe and Raylan Lee Chambers, children of Katye and Donnie Chambers and grandchildren of Susan and Robert Dunn.

WE CONGRATULATE Suzanna Gibbs and Chris Dudley on their recent wedding; and Marian Ashley Owen and Jacob Ryan North on their recent wedding.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Judy Miller, Becky and Greg Hubbard, John and Roxie Long, Ed and Connie Staley, and William and Dorothy Beardsley.

The Willing Friends Society was organized in 2005 and is comprised of individuals who are concerned about the long-term future of our Church. These faithful church members have made the simple – but very significant – decision to remember the church in their wills. These legacy gifts can be in various forms including the following: bequests, trusts, gift annuities, life insurance, retirement funds, property, etc. If you have an interest or have already made a commitment to leave a legacy gift to PHUMC, please call Bev Villines at (501) 978-0510 or bvillines@phumc.com. Gifts to the Foundation provide for "Ministry Now and Forever" at PHUMC.

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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.**



CARING MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

Right now we have some great opportunities to connect with Caring Ministries at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. From grief, to divorce, to mental health, we have support groups and communities meeting in person and on Zoom that you can get involved in. Look at all the opportunities at *phumc.com/caringministries* or call the church office at 501-664-3600. Questions? Contact Dr. Jeff Hampton at *jhampton@phumc.com.*



