



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 26

- * Contemporary Worship Wesley Hall - 2 pm
- * Family Worship Gym - 4 pm
- * Traditional Worship Sanctuary- 6, 8, & 11 pm



- * Contemporary Worship Wesley Hall - 10:30 am
- * Traditional Worship Sanctuary- 10:30 am
- Streaming live on KATV

PHUMC.COM/CHRISTMAS

A MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN ROBBINS

Hello friends,

I want to thank you for all you have done in 2021 to make our church a beacon of light for so many in what has been at times a dark world. We have continued to reach people through our many online offerings, our television ministry, small groups, children and youth programming, support groups, the diaper bank, our food pantry, and many other hands-on ministries. All of that is possible because you give generously.

We still need over \$1 Million to meet our 2021 commitments and start the new year in a healthy financial position. We did it last year, and we can certainly do it again. The moment we reach our goal, we are going to start a new tradition by chiming the church bells to celebrate the great work we accomplished together. The sound of our achievements in Christ's name will ring for everyone to hear. We will also stream it live so everyone everywhere can be a part of such a special celebration. It will be a beautiful moment that you made possible!

Merry Christmas!

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor



WELCOME
PAM LENTZ

Minister to Children & Families

We are so excited to announce our new Minister to Children and Families, Pam Lentz! Pam is about to begin her 27th year in Children's Ministry. She and her husband Clay have two grown children, Will and Molly. She loves spending time outdoors camping and taking long walks with her dog, Duff. Welcome Pam!

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Jesus
Matthew 25:35-36, 40



PHUMC Afghan Refugee Support

Pulaski Heights UMC is always ready to help those in need in our community. Working with Sophia Said, director of the Interfaith Center, we hope to involve any interested member of the congregation in supporting the Afghan refugee families in Little Rock. Ms. Said has shared initial needs: 3 smart phones, 2 laptops (not Macs), drivers for members of the family for appointments, etc. and most importantly, an ESL expert. As additional needs are shared, we will continue to reach out. Please contact this committee at

tishdphafghans@gmail.com and Linda Muldrow or Tish DePriest will help you get involved. If your family is interested in responding with a monetary gift, please go to phumc.com/giveonline and choose the Refugee Resettlement fund or send a check to the church with the same memo line. Those funds will be distributed to specific needs shared with the church through the Interfaith Center. Thanks for your support of this outreach.



WELCOME
to the Team

HANNAH!

We are happy to announce our new staff member, Hannah Simoneaux! Hannah is our new Administrative Assistant for Connecting and Caring Ministries! Hannah's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 and in her spare time she likes to fish, kayak, and spend time with family and friends!

PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Broadcast Ministry, Caring Ministry, Children's Ministry, Diaper Bank, Good Samaritan Fund, Judy Huddleston Strohm Food Pantry Ministry, UMCOR Ingathering, Youth Ministry, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Gene Altenburger by Jennifer Long
Linda Barry by Karen and Bill Cobb
Linda Blair by Karen and Bill Cobb
Ann Butler by PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class
Jean Churchill by Cathy and John Slater
Alice Clogston by PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class, McCormack Family
Rogers Cockrill by Karen and Bill Cobb
Bill Couch by PHUMC Argue Class, Nancy and David Bartlett, Tish and Jim DePriest, Michelle and Mark Mann, Freddie and Vic Nixon, Belinda and Phil Price
Eddie Craven by PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class
David Daugherty by Don Daugherty
Dovie Davis by Danna Davis
Marie Dugan by Vera and Jerry Bowie, Sue Roller and Lynn Jenkins, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Billie and Skip Rutherford
Bob Fleming by PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class
Mary Gammill by PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class
Bennie McCoy by Dorothy Fortney
Jeanne McDaniell by Ann Holt, Lee Johnson
Carolyn McLeod by Karen and Bill Cobb, Kelley and Mike Nichols

Mary Ramm by Cathy and John Slater
Timothy Ramm by Cathy and John Slater
John Roberts by Mary Carolyn and Tom East
Evelyn Simpson by Mardi and Dwight Blissard
Carmen Stewart by Sally and Mike Bowen
Jeanette Trimble by Robert C. Trimble
Andrew Rascoe Wilkison by Danna Davis
Darnell Williams by Pam Hoover
Gayle Willis by Karen and Bill Cobb

Honoraria

Arkansas National Federation for the Blind by Pam Hoover
Cindy Burns by PHUMC Pairs and Spares Class, Seleta Yearian
Raylan and Deacon Chambers by Misty and Drake Hawkins
Moffett Ronald Davis by Danna Davis
Sarah Duffel by Danna Davis
Dr. Jeff Hampton by PHUMC Argue Class
Rev. Vic Nixon by Sabbath ChristCare Group
PHUMC Diaper Bank by Billie and Skip Rutherford
PHUMC Food Pantry by Billie and Skip Rutherford

The following gifts were received for the Alice Beard Altar Guild Endowment, Robert Chancellor Hoover Treatment Center Endowment, Helen Hall and Family Endowment, Clyde and Mary Jo Horton Food Pantry Endowment, Chris and Pam

Hunter Children's Bible Endowment, Jeho Mobley Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Robert Chancellor by Lesa Booker
Jean Hill Churchill by Jennifer and Mike Shannon, Nancy Smith
Alice Clogston by Donna Davis, Sarah Jane Polk
Bill Couch by Sunny and Bo Hawk, Dickie Lunsford, Jennifer and Mike Shannon
Mary Gammill by Dickie Lunsford
Helen Hall by David and Victoria Hall
Clyde Horton by Asbury UMC, Walter Coleman, Bernie and Myrene Cox, Laura and Mark Doramus, Garland & Greenwood CPAs & Advisors, Judy and Bucky Magness, Edward Mahaffy, Stephanie and James Pace, Kathy Roberts, Tiger Foundation, Nancy and Craig Wood, Virginia Yeatman
Carolyn McLeod by Bonnie and Tom Blackmon, Sarah Jane Polk, Sue and Peter Powell
Lloyd Mobley by Jennifer and Mike Shannon
Ellen Price by Linda Price
Mary Wetzel by Stacie and Tom Jones

Honoraria

Andrew Duke by Lynn and Jim Monk
Benjamin Rugg by Megan and Ben Rugg
PHUMC Third Graders by Betty Gene and Richard Mann
Dan and Mackenzie Jewett by Pam Hoover

WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH



IN PERSON GRIEF GROUP

phumc.com/mourners-path or calling the church at 501-664-3600.

Walking the Mourner's Path is an 8-week in-person grief group for anyone who has suffered a significant loss and would like to process it in a group setting. It is Christ centered, scripturally and spiritually based. Through the 8-week program, complete with a workbook, mourners learn ways to honor their loved ones, seek spiritual direction and discover God's promise of comfort in community!

Fee is \$80. Led by Rev. Belinda Price, Kathy Roberts, and Pam Hunter. Thursdays, February 10th-March 31st, from 5:30-7:30PM
Sign up by going to

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

LEARN MORE AT PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYNIGHTS

Introducing Wednesday Nights at Pulaski Heights! Beginning January 12th, we will be hosting Wednesday Night meals and programming for all ages! Programming includes Bible studies, book studies, adult confirmation classes, phMIDyouth, high school Bible study, childcare, and other children's activities! We hope that you join us! If you plan on eating a meal, we ask that you pre-register, so we know how much food to order! Pre-register or learn more by going to phumc.com/wednesdaynights or calling the church at 501-664-3600!



Nursery Workers Needed!

We are looking for workers in our nursery to work with our kids! Hours are Sundays from 8:15-12:30! Must pass a background check; starting pay is \$12/hour! If you are interested, please contact Kristie Finney, at kfinney@phumc.com or 501-978-0535.



Our youth had their annual shop and wrap event, this month, where they bought and wrapped gifts for Wakefield Elementary students! We are so proud of these youth for being so mission-minded!



DIAPER BANK

Our Diaper Bank gave out over 13,000 diapers to over 130 children! We are always looking for more volunteers. If you'd like to get involved or learn more information, go to phumc.com/diaperbank. You can also donate diapers by bringing them to entrance 1 or the Donation Station at entrance 7. You can also donate money to the diaper bank at phumc.com/giveonline or by sending a check to the church with the memo line, Diaper Bank!



IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES!

phumc.com/poinsettia

Christmas poinsettias are now for sale 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one for \$20 each. They will be placed in the sanctuary during Advent and may be picked up in the Gathering Hall after Christmas. Orders received in the church office by Sunday, December 19th will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin. Buy one or more at phumc.com/poinsettia or call the church office at 501-664-3600 and we will fill out a form for you.

Sunday School is Back

We are so excited that our Sunday School classes are meeting again in person, hybrid, and via phone. To find out more about all our class opportunities go to phumc.com/sundayschool or call the church office at 501-664-3600!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Don Dugan, Louise Hogan and their families in the death of their mother, Marie Dugan; to Paula Patterson and family, in the death of her sister in law, Joyce Liphford; to Mary Lee McHenry, Fran Carter and Casey Carter in the death of their partner, stepfather and grandfather Bill Sneed; to Pat Crane and family in the death of her mother, Mary Gammill; to Rev. Corey Jones and family in the death of his father, Percy Jones; to Michael Johnson and family in the death of his daughter, Monica Johnson; to the family and friends of Dr. Bill Jones in his recent death; to Rocky Goodman Jr. and family in the death of his father, Rocky Goodman; to the family and friends of Bob Snelson in his death; and to Kami Taylor Coleman in the death of her father, Ron Taylor.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH

of Mary Trent Moery, child of SaraCate and Robert Moery; of Carter Layne Anderson, child of Joya and Wes Anderson and grandchild of Cynthia and Jeff Hampton; of Caroline Metts Ballard, child of Sommer and Luke Ballard; of Lucas Vu Baker, child of Hoa Vu and Josh Baker, and grandchild of Quin and Karen Minton; and of Randall Reed Burns, child of Callie and Randy Burns, and grandchild of Cindy and Kevin Burns.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM

of Rhett Olen Davis, child of Olivia and Patrick Davis.

WE CONGRATULATE Alex Fletcher and Erich Godsey on their recent wedding.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Vicki Donahue, Deborah Jackson, Daniel Curry, and Mark, Rebel, Storm and Flynn Wilson.

DECEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

HANNAH SIMONEAUX - DEC. 7
JOHN ENGLADE - DEC. 16
JACOB NOLEN - DEC. 21
KRISTIE FINNEY - DEC. 24
MEGAN RUGG - DEC. 24

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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/espac.

PHUMC BIRTHDAY CLUB
WANDA FANTZ
REV. BELINDA PRICE
Wanna Join?
Call the church for more info!

PHUMC Food PANTRY
PHUMC.COM/FOODPANTRY

This month our food pantry served 110 bags of food to 93 families! If you'd like to get involved with this ministry, go to phumc.com/foodpantry. You can also leave donations at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 7! If you'd prefer to give a monetary donation go to phumc.com/giveonline!

CANCER FRIENDS MINISTRY

SUPPORT PHUMC CANCER FRIENDS MINISTRY

The PHUMC Cancer Friends Christmas Tree is in the Welcome Center decorated with red to symbolize gifts given "In Honor" and gold to symbolize gifts given "In Memory" of our loved ones. Go to phumc.com/cancer-friends for a "2021 PHUMC Cancer Friends Christmas Tree" form. These forms along with your contribution may be mailed to the church or dropped off at the receptionist's desk in the Welcome Center. All checks should be made out to PHUMC with Cancer Friends on the memo line. Call 501-664-3600 with any questions!