

**OWER NEWSLETTER** 

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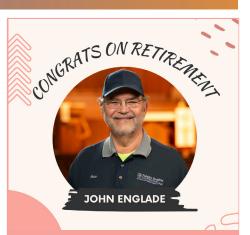
# A COVID-19 UPDATE

As we evaluate what is going on with the fast-moving Omicron variant, the following precautions will be taken:

- In-person worship will continue Sunday mornings (traditional at 9&11am 1. and contemporary in Wesley Hall at 11am) and the mid-week service at 12:05pm on Wednesdays. We will require masks to be worn while on the PHUMC campus and at all worship services through at least Sunday, January 16.
- 2. The Wednesday evening studies led by our pastors will begin in-person on Wednesday, February 2. We are hoping that this enables us to have a meal together. In the meantime, join Dr. Robbins online for the beginning of his study on the Gospel of Luke at 5:45pm on Wednesday evening January 12 on Facebook, YouTube, and phumc.com/biblestudy.
- The Chancel Choir will be on hiatus until further notice. 3.
- All youth programming will continue with masks mandated and no food. 4.
- 5. Children's Sunday School will not meet until at least January 23rd. Childcare (for preschool and under), youth and adult Sunday School classes will continue with mask mandates for all 2 years or older. Please let Stacey Hightower (shightower@phumc.com) know if your Sunday School class goes back to zoom exclusively.
- Only coffee, juice, and water will be available on Sunday mornings. 6.
- Groups meeting weekly should contact Stacey Hightower (shightower@ phumc.com) to cancel or change any events or room reservations.
- 8. Helping Hands will continue with masks.

You are a priority. If you have symptoms or don't feel well, please stay home and watch the services online or on television. We want to move forward and not take steps backwards. We will be constantly re-evaluating. Thanks for being part of this community of faith!

Peace, Rev. Jay Clark **Executive Pastor** 



**Congratulations to John** Englade, one of our Maintenance Technicians, on his retirement! John served our church for over 15 years! We are so grateful for all of his hard work and kindness over the years!

> LINDA JONES - JAN. 10 PATRICK SHOWNES - JAN. 15 MARIO FRAZIER - JAN. 22 CINDY BURNS - JAN. 29 STAN COX - JAN. 31

### **CONNECTING WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Over the past two years people have yearned for connection and belonging more than ever before, and people are finding that connection and belonging with Pulaski Heights UMC. Since July 2020 I have had the privilege to witness 143 people finding a home through membership at our church. This includes youth professing their faith through confirmation, families who have moved to town discovering a place to raise their children in their new home, individuals who watch from the nursing home bed each week on TV, young adults beginning a new career and trying to find community—143 beautiful stories of people finding faith and connection. And through Zoom, Telephone, athome materials, and digital media opportunities, these new members not only worship with but also connect, grow, give, and serve in ministries at PHUMC whether they live in Little Rock and attend in person or live far away and participate in the ministries of our church. I hope you'll tell someone about Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and invite them this year to find connection and belonging here at PHUMC!

Rev. Kathleen McMurray Pastor of Connecting Ministries MANTS YOU IN OUR

### PHOTO DIRECTORY

Jan. 27-29 Feb. 3-5 SIGN UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Sign up at phumc.com/directory

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 <u>mmcmurray@phumc.com</u> with any questions!



With Dr. John Robbins

WEDNESDAYS 5:45-6:30 PM

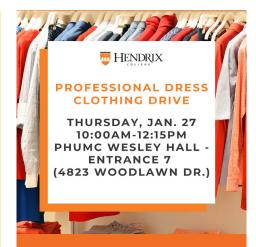
### YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK & PHUMC.COM/BIBLESTUDY

#### Dr. Robbins' Weekly Bible Study is back!

Join us Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30pm on Facebook, YouTube or <u>phumc.com/biblestudy</u> as Dr. Robbins takes us through the Gospel of Luke! It will start virtually until Covid cases decline. We hope you can join us!



We have adopted another Afghan refugee family. We are in need of an ESL specialist, and our church is currently providing transportation. If you would like to get involved contact **tishdphafghans@gmail.com**. If you are interested in responding with a monetary gift, go to **phumc.com/ giveonline** and select give to the Refugee Resettlement fund or send a check to the church with the same memo line. Those funds will go to groceries and setting up a permanent home for our neighbors.



Save the date! The Hendrix Office of Development and PHUMC are hosting a Professional Dress Clothing Drive to benefit Hendrix students. We will be accepting donated items on Thursday, January 27, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Wesley Hall! We invite you to bring some items; you are welcome to stay for coffee, treats, and conversation. If you can't make it on Thursday, just bring your clothes to the Welcome Desk inside Entrance 1!

What students need: We are looking for items of all sizes in good condition that would be appropriate for an interview or professional conference. Dress shirts, slacks, loafers, dresses, skirts, heels, ties, silk scarves, costume jewelry-if you think it will help a student on a tight budget piece an interview outfit together, we will take it!

Your donated items will be featured at a special FREE STORE EVENT for Hendrix students in February, where staff will be on hand to help students prepare for the Career and Internship Fair in March. Please mark your calendar--and maybe even clean out a closet or two. We hope to see you here!



HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email bvillines@phumc.com to get involved!

Check your busy calendars to see if you can spare a few hours on Tuesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to volunteer for our Helping Hands Adult Respite Care Program. All you need is a BIG heart, the GIFT OF GAB and compassion for our many family caregivers who need a little time for themselves. We have a devotional, music, therapy dogs, old-time TV shows / movies, a great lunch, and good, old-fashioned visiting!

You are needed for as many (or as few hours) as you have available. You can choose your 'Tuesday of the Month' if that suits you best. The pleasure of the company of our Helping Hands clients will be ALL YOURS. And tons of thanks will come from our families and other regular volunteers. We are especially looking for retired physicians and RN's. Note, we are requiring all volunteers and clients to be fully vaccinated from Covid-19.

Contact Bev Villines at <u>bvillines@phumc.com</u> or **501-978-0510** for more information and to sign up! To learn more about Helping Hands, go to <u>phumc.com/helpinghands</u>

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF**

**Arline Jackson** given by Mel and Sally Davis

Julie & Wally Allen given by Carol B. Hodges

**Dorthy Barnett** given by Delena and Mark Rose

Bev Villines given by Karen Barnwell Music and Arts Program of PHUMC given by Karen Barnwell

**Cindy Burns** given by Larry, Sidney, Annie & Jack Carter

**Jimmie and David Beauchamp** given by Kristin and Gretchen Kaufman

**Greg Packer and Eugene Barham** given by Kristin and Gretchen Kaufman

Sarah, Stevie, Andrew and Bennett Duke given by Lynn and Jim Monk

**Melissa, Sarah and Joe Bowen** given by Arthur Paul Bowen

**Mandy & Bill Dillard** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Tom & Mary Carolyn East** given by The Mitchell Family

**Deacon Joe & Raylan Lee Chambers** given by Robert & Susan Dunn **Arline Jackson given** by Sally & Mel

Davis Joe Pete given by Karen, Brian, Sarah &

Chris McNeil **The Sanctuary Choir** given by Garth & Joann Martin

**Eugene, Mary & Robert Schallenberg** given by Vince, Debra, Claire, Lydia & Emily

Vic & Freddie Nixon given by Anne P. Hill

**Dr. Johnny Jones** given by Anne P. Hill **Dr. Charles and Jennie Cole** given by Sheridan Chadwell, Leslie Tanquary, & Mary Wells

Rachel, Paul, Mary Ellen, Charlotte & Catherine Richey given by Cathy & Tony Bozynski

Rayni, Tyler, Bentley & Caitlyn Bozynski given by Cathy & Tony Bozynski PHUMC Clergy & Staff given by Karen Barnwell

Louise Fox & Kathy Roberts given by Karen Barnwell

**Rev. Lynn Lindsey** given by Billie & Skip Rutherford

**Pairs & Spares Sunday School** Class given by Charlie Coleman, Jim Faulkner & Skip Rutherford

**Beverly Villines** given by The Argue Class

**Linda Rose** given by Mark and Delena Rose

**Lucas Baker** given by Karen & Quin Minton

Lam Tran given by Karen & Quin Minton PHUMC Choir & James Maase given by Elizabeth McGowan

**Audrey & Aubrey Jones** given by Lisa, David, Taylor & Kathleen Black

**Patterson Johnson** given by Connie & Ed Staley

**Keeton Johnson** given by Connie & Ed Staley

**Staley Johnson** given by Connie & Ed Staley

Luke Staley given by Connie & Ed Staley Levi Staley given by Connie & Ed Staley Gwen & Gene Efird given by The Argue Sunday School Class

**Ed Strohm** given by The Roundtable Class

Marylee & Dan Robinson given by Barbara R. Hoover

**Carol B. Hodges** given by Barbara R. Hoover

Jim Maase given by Carol & Gary Isom Stan Cox given by Carol & Gary Isom Our grandchildren, Tate & Grayton

East given by Tom & Mary Carolyn East

Our grandchildren Blake, Kinley,

Brayden & Addy Mitchell given by Tom & Mary Carolyn East

**Mary Trent Moery** given by SaraCate & Robert Moery

Louise Fox & Kathy Roberts given by Carol Isom

**Cara & Jeff Nolan** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Karen & Randy Mourot** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Barbara & Mack Moore** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Ann & Gaston Gibson** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Leslie & Mark Lee** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Cindy & Warren Simpson** given by Carol B. Hodges

Julie & Johnny Jones given by Carol B. Hodges

**Barbara R. Hoover** given by Carol B. Hodges

**Lyn Lisles** given by Brian Lisles **Ben & Christa Gibson** given by Carol & Gary Isom

Matthew, Vanessa, Ava Katie & Chloe Twyford given by Carol & Gary Isom Carol Isom given by Gary Isom Jenny Smiley given by Becky Fitzhugh Our Loving Staff given by Tucker &

#### Brooks Norton

Angie & Jordan Johnson given by The Journey Class

**Ann & David Holthoff** given by Allison Holthoff

Charlotte Paton deKertanguy, Virginia Lyle & Caroline Grace Marshall given by Julie & Lynn Marshall

**Kearney Dietz** given by Deitz Osborne **Kathie & Fred Osborne** given by Deitz Osborne

**Ginni Bracy** given by Deitz Osborne **Mary McGee** given by Cathryn & Joe Woods

**Bobby & Jane Woods** given by Cathryn & Joe Woods

Jack & Libby Jennings given by Nancy Jennings

Mary & Clark, Adrienne & Will Jennings given by Nancy Jennings Kathy Roberts given by Gay Wyatt Rev. Jay Clark given by Nancy Smith Dr. Jeff Hampton given by Nancy Smith Dr. John Robbins given by Nancy Smith Bev Villines given by Nancy Smith Pat Dillahunty given by Nancy Smith Jim Maase given by Nancy Smith Louise Fox given by Kathy Roberts Food Pantry Volunteers given by Kathy Roberts

Beverly Villines given by Kathy Roberts Billie Rutherford given by Kathy Roberts Altar Guild given by Kathy Roberts Rod Hocott given by Kathy Roberts Ellen Rowland given by Kathy Roberts Brooke Hobbs given by Kathy Roberts Jim Maase given by Kathy Roberts Pat Dillahunty given by Kathy Roberts Michael McMurray given by Kathy Roberts

**Louise Fox** given by Koinonia Dialogue Class

PHUMC Worship Volunteers, Ushers, Greeters, Pew/Chair Crew, Altar Guild, Broadcast Ministry team, Readers, Advent Wreath Families & Others given by Stacey Hightower

PHUMC Choir, Food Bank & Diaper Bank volunteers given by Stacey Hightower

Hospitality team, Sarah Clem, Natalie Graumann, Pam Hunter, Carol Isom, Katherine Jefferson, Rev. Belinda Price, & Andi Smith given by Stacey Hightower Mrs. Joyce Logan & Mr. David Gillison Jr. given by Sara & Chris Logan

# **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF**

Mrs. Jimmie Barham given by Kristin & Coleman Gretchen Kaufman David Russell Bowen given by Arthur Coleman Paul Bowen Louis & Dot East given by The Mitchell Buehling Family Jack E Hill given by Anne P. Hill & Sylvia Borchert Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Barnwell given by Karen Barnwell Sylvia Borchert Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Holloway given by Karen Barnwell Mr. & Mrs. James B. Metcalf given by Family Karen Barnwell Paul "Pete" Hoover given by Barbara R. Steve Smith Hoover **Carol Ann Penick** given by Barbara R. Hoover Tommy Hodges given by Barbara R. Nancy Archer Hoover Julia Rogers Lisles given by Brian Lisles Meyer Frank & Peggy Fitzhugh given by Becky Fitzhuah Mever Mary Britton Norton given by Tucker & **Brooks Norton** Marcella Meyer Howard & Marion Holthoff given by Allison Holthoff Michael Holthoff given by Allison Holthoff **Bob East Families** Dick & Kitty Whitmore Corky given by Allison Holthoff Brother & Frankie Holthoff given by Allison Holthoff **Doris & Lyle Fellows** given by Julie & Lynn Marshall Elizabeth & J.C. Miller given by Julie & family Lynn Marshall Floy Jean Dietz given by Dietz Osborne & Charlie Watkins Jane Osborne given by Dietz Osborne **Gerry McCarty** given by Dietz Osborne Charlie Watkins John Roberts given by Kathy Roberts Laurabelle Brewer given by Kathy Roberts Dr. John & Mary Roberts given by Kathy Matthew Anderson Roberts Jack Fryer given by Kathy Roberts Germaine Johnson, Sr. given by Stacey Hightower Matthew Anderson Jill Scobey Hartsfield given by Grace Anne, Collier & Parker Hartsfield Janice Losey-Head My mother Felice Burkholder, my aunt Louise Messer & my uncle Avery Bryan Hensley given by Suzanne Clark Mrs. Ollie Thomas Scott given by Cher Dupuy Logan Mrs. Louise Blankenship Scott given by Cher Dupuy

Ronald Lynn Taylor given by David

John Walter Coleman given by David Hank Buehling given by Cindy & Louis Martin & Biddy Borchert given by John Irma & Felipe Luna given by John & Eddie Craven given by Linda Davis Ken Patton given by Juanita Patton & Betty Ruth Davis given by Mary Earl & Charles, Ann, & Charlie Huskey given by Lee & Nancy Archer Will Boyer & Bob Archer given by Lee & **Betty Meyer** given by Logan & Hartley Ed & Vivian Meyer given by Marcella E.W. & Elizabeth Copeland given by Mr. & Mrs. Edgar B. Webb given by Tom & Mary Carolyn East & Family Louis & Dot East given by The Tom & **Rick Purnell** given by Nancy Gail Purnell **Pete Hoover** given by Carol B. Hodges **Tommy Hodges** given by Carol B. & Cathy Hodges & Anne, Kris, Harrison, Alex & Walker Hasnata Martha & Joe Modisette given by their Agnes & N.D. Huneycutt given by Terri Sue Watkins Webb given by Terri & Dan Keeley given by Frances, Daniel, Brook, Marco, Etchieson, & Adam James B. Argue given by Sarah Argue & Ann & James B. Argue, Sr. given by Sarah Argue & Matthew Anderson Ruby Carey given by Sarah Argue & Mr. & Mrs. N.D. Honeycutt given by Our Parents given by Susan & Tom Dr. Charles Logan, Mrs. Sandy Gillison & Diane Gillison given by Sara & Chris Jean Hill Churchill given by Cathy & Tony Bozynski Aniela & Antoni Bozynski given by

Cathy & Tony Bozynski **Charles Oxford** given by Cathy & Tony Bozynski Bill & Betty Hargis given by Gary Isom Scott & Ruth Isom given by Gary Isom Monica Ann Johnson given by Michael Johnson & Charleen Francis Cathie Matthews given by Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore Joann Moody given by Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore **Tommy Hodges** given by Barbara & Dr. Mack Moore Brent Coker given by Daryl & Brian Coker Eddie Craven given by Amanda Craven Ann Butler given by Emily & Sharon Estes Alastair, Helen & Michael Hall given by David & Victoria Hall Terry Scalici given by Brenda Scalici Will Thurmond given by Frank Thurmond Barbara Thurmond given by Frank Thurmond Mary Jane McDonald given by Donald & Marie McDonald **Bob Cabe** given by Donald & Marie **McDonald Nick Benson** given by your loving family Michelle Lee Bartlett given by David & Nancy Bartlett Jack, Dot & Cindy McNeil given by Jim & Marsha Allbritton Felton & Ruth Allbritton given by Jim & Marsha Allbritton Randy Wyatt given by Gay Wyatt B.J. & Sue McCulley given by Nancy **McCulley Tom Herrin Jr.** given by LaJuana & Tom Herrin Dr. James T. Ratcliff given by Cher Dupuy Jess Walt Sr. given by Chase and Alice Walt **Ken Patton** given by Juanita Patton & Family **Robert Tankersley** given by Susan & Danny Hill Ford Newman given by Karen, Brian, Sarah & Chris Jean McNeil given by Karen, Brian, Sarah & Chris James McGee given by Cathryn & Joe Woods

WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH



GROUP

Walking the Mourner's Path is an 8-week inperson 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

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

#### PHUMC FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

The purpose of the PHUMC Foundation is to strengthen the ministries and mission of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church through planned giving and endowment, enabling persons to grow in faith in Christ. Since its inception in 2003, the PHUMC Foundation has grown from the initial gift from the late Alton Raney of \$50,000 to over **\$14 million** at the end of 2021. The PHUMC Foundation provides the framework for members to make both lifetime gifts and bequests to strengthen PHUMC in perpetuity. As with all endowments, the principal is never spent. The income is available to support the ministries of PHUMC.

Persons may make contributions to 'named' endowments or to the General Endowment of the Foundation. Some of these endowments are restricted to a particular program ministry or purpose such as Children, Youth and Adult Ministries, Music and Worship, Caring and Missions, and Broadcast. Others are classified as unrestricted with earnings used for the operation of the Foundation as well as providing additional, discretionary grants to a variety of ministry areas of the church. The Foundation also makes an annual pledge of \$80,000 to the operating budget of the church.

The Foundation encourages members to remember the church in their wills. As of December 2021, over 300 members have or plan to designate the Foundation in their wills. Those who want to know more about becoming a Willing Friend are encouraged to contact Bev Villines, Executive Director, at 664-3600 or **bvillines@phumc.com**. The "Foundation" has been laid to provide permanent support of PHUMC so current and future members and the community may benefit forever from the many ministries this church provides.

# Theological Book Club

#### Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

You're invited to join the weekly Theological Book Club formed 2 years ago by Rev. Vic Nixon. It meets **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m**. on Zoom. The focus of the club is reading and discussing theology; that is, the conception and practice of faith in God from a variety of perspectives. Reading selections are determined by members of the Book Club.

Discussion of the next book selection, *The Dangerous Art of Loving Your Neighbor* by Mark Labberton will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Copies of the book can be purchased from Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

If you are interested, please join us on Zoom. Meeting ID: 894 1125 3979 Passcode: TuesdayBC

Questions? Contact: Annadell Fowler at annadellf@sbcglobal.net (501-773-9294) Or Crata Castleberry at cratalcastleberry@gmail.com (501-247-9181)



- Classes are in person at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church
- Registration Required: email bvillines@phumc.com or call (501)978-0510 to enroll.



by our new college age ministry leaders, fed a meal, and taught a life skill by their host that night. We'll talk about life after high school and work through this transition together! Contact Ellen at <u>erowland@phumc.com</u> to get involved!

#### SMALL GROUP FOR 12th GRADERS!

Once a month, starting January 23rd (5:30-7:15), our new senior small group will be hosted in the home of one of our seniors. They'll be led in a small group setting

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

**EXTENDED** to the family and friends of Fann Woodard in her recent death; to the family and friends of Charlie Vines in his recent death; Thai McBee in the death of her grandmother, Mary Violeta Arnold; to Stan Cox and family in the death of his uncle Lewis Hudspeth; to Mary Smith and family in the death of her sister, Jacqueline Smith-Dorn; to Paul Young and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Marilyn McGeorge Young; to Rev. Rodney Steele and family in the death of his brother, Rev. Bill Steele; to Susan Jones and family in the death of her brother, Joe Kern; and to the family and friends of Fay Jean Royce in her recent death.

#### WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Calvin

George, child of Mara and Drew George; and of Jack Calvin Vaughn, child of Molly and Jack Vaughn and great-grandchild of Rev. Lynn Lindsey

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Jacks Thomas Kane, child of Rachel and Matthew Kane.

**WE CONGRATULATE** Jamie Mann and John Lee Wright on their recent marriage.

#### WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Daniel Curry, Brenda Retzloff, Mary Lou Kosmeder, and Emily Burris.



#### FOOD PANTRY & DIAPER BANK!

This month our food pantry served 110 bags of food to 93 families and our Diaper Bank distributed 9,370 diapers to 137 children! You can also leave donations for the Food Pantry and Diaper Bank at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 7 or bring them to the front desk at Entrance 1! If you'd prefer to give a monetary donation go to <u>phumc.</u> <u>com/giveonline</u> or write a check with the memo link Diaper Bank or Food Pantry!

#### Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church 4823 Woodlawn Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

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#### **Contact Information**

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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.** 

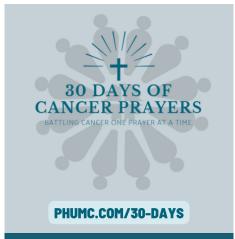


#### A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

As we enter 2022, please consider giving to the PHUMC operating budget monthly via bank draft. To give by bank draft, please complete the online form at **phumc.com/eft**. If you currently give by bank draft and would like to change your monthly contribution to PHUMC, please email

phumcfinance@phumc.com.

One-time and recurring gifts can also be made online by completing the online form at <u>phumc.com/giveonline</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Rugg at <u>mrugg@phumc.com</u> or 501-978-0502. Thank you so much for your generous support of our church!



Whether you have been touched by cancer or are someone who just believes in the power of prayer, please join our Cancer Companions ministry in our annual 30 Days of Cancer Prayer event beginning **Sunday, January 30th**.

Joining is easy and you can participate from home and on your own schedule by going to <u>phumc.com/30-days</u> and signing up to receive the daily prayer videos to your phone or your email. Help us push back cancer by joining together in prayer! Contact Dr. Jeff Hampton at <u>jhampton@phumc.com</u> or 501-664-3600 with any questions