



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Dear PHUMC family:

A recent statement by leadership in the United Methodist Church not to hold General Conference (the final decision-making body of the denomination) this fall because of the on-going pandemic has caused several pastors and congregations across the country to make a public declaration to formally start the Global Methodist Church effective May 1, 2022. This is a new denomination that will no longer be associated with the United Methodist Church. This decision has been planned for a few years, but the timing has been moved up by the inability of the UMC to hold its formal meetings to discuss our way forward as a divided denomination.

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church will still do great ministry, just as we have done for over 110 years. After May 1, 2022, our staff will keep doing tremendous work in the name of Christ. We will continue to provide meaningful worship services, mission opportunities, small group events, and programming for all ages. In other words, we are not leaving our beloved denomination with the "break-off" group.

I know many of you have questions about our future as a congregation affiliated with a denomination in crisis. I can assure you we are going to do our best to keep moving forward in faith doing what we are all called to do. At this point, there are lots of unanswered questions we all have. As more information is forthcoming, we will be intentional about providing you with every detail.

I am grateful to God to serve as one of the pastors of PHUMC. We are United Methodist Christians who are not going to let squabbles stand in the way of who we are and what we are about. In other words, as far as I am concerned, nothing will be different for us. The name and the mission of this church is unchanged! Please, please continue to pray for peace across our world.

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

PAID IN FULL UPDATE

FREED FOR NEW LIFE

\$ 317,000	Debt balance at the beginning of Lent
\$ (44,268)	Amount received
\$ 272,732	Total debt balance remaining

Numbers as of Tuesday, March 8th

PHUMC.COM/PAID-IN-FULL

For the six weeks during the season of Lent, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church will be unified in our spiritual practice of sacrificing for the One who Paid in Full for our sins. The church will work together to become debt-free by Easter so we can Pay in Full our debt for the One who Paid our Debt in Full. We would like to publicize the creative ways in which the PHUMC family is being sacrificial. Let us know by going to phumc.com/paid-in-full and filling out the form or share on social media with #phpaidinfull so we can highlight your offerings during Lent!

EASTER

with

PULASKI HEIGHTS



COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00 am | River Market Amphitheater

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 | Sanctuary
8:30 | Facebook, YouTube
10:30 | KATV

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 and 11:00 | Wesley Hall
11:00 | Facebook, YouTube

APRIL 17TH, 2022

PHUMC.COM/EASTER

PHUMC Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Allsopp Park Pavilion

10:30 AM

Candy Needed!

Drop off Candy in the
Children's Area, Welcome
Desk, or Outside Wesley Hall!

Volunteer by emailing Pam:
plentz@phumc.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



SIGN UP:

phumc.com/easter-sunrise-volunteer
Call the Church office at 501-664-3600
Email kcmurray@phumc.com

FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATE

Exciting things are happening at PHUMC. As of June 1, 2022, Pulaski Heights Youth Ministry will be welcoming 5th graders into MidYouth, and 8th graders into youth. This will mean that **MidYouth** programming will be made exclusively for 5th-7th graders, and **youth** programming on Sundays will be exclusively for 8th-12th graders.

Currently, our PHUMC MidYouth Ministry includes 6th – 8th grades and we feel we are not hitting the target group. We acknowledge that 5th graders are sometimes bored by their experience in kids ministry (they feel too old!). We also acknowledge that 8th graders are developmentally ready to start having the deeper conversations that take place on Sunday night youth. So, beginning this summer, 5th grade will become a part of PHUMC MidYouth Ministry and 8th graders will move up to PHUMC Youth Ministry. Yes, we know 5th graders are not in middle school, we believe 5th graders are ready to move out of children's ministry and into a more age-appropriate learning experience.

Beginning in 2012, Pam Lentz, PHUMC Minister to Children and Families, Ellen Rowland, PHUMC Minister to Youth and Families and myself were all involved in a pilot program developed around research and experience that 5th through 7th graders are more mentally, socially, and physically aligned than 6th – 8th grade. This makes a huge difference in spiritual development as well, and we have an enormous amount of data now that suggests spiritual formation is more effective when we cater to a child's level of development. Overall, we saw less bullying, more friendships made across grade levels, and found that the retention of each child was better than our previous experience trying to accommodate a 6th-8th grade model.

We are thrilled to make this change and feel passionately that it will bless our children. If you have questions about this please do not hesitate to email me at rhocott@phumc.com or call/text me at (501) 804-4065.

Peace and Grace,
Rod Hocott, Director
PHUMC MidYouth Ministry

Senior Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

Senior Sunday is May 1st!! We will be showing a "close up only" slide show of every senior in each worship service and on television on May 1. There will be a more detailed slideshow of photos during brunch that morning. Please go to phumc.com/senior-sunday to submit your photos, and your brunch RSVPs NO LATER THAN April 15th at 5:00PM.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- 9:30am: Brunch in the gym (Slideshow, and Senior Gifts)
- 10:45am: Line up in the gathering hall outside of the sanctuary
- 11:00am: Seniors process and are blessed in worship
- 12:10pm: Senior group photo on front steps

Stanley & Arminta Berry Music & Arts Scholarship

- * \$1,500 scholarship that may be renewable for three additional years based upon continuing requirements.
- * Scholarship for Arkansas residents who are attending a four-year institution next year; majoring in music or arts.
- * Preference will be given to PHUMC Members or participants in the Adventures in the Arts Program at PHUMC.
- * Scholarship applications now open until March 31st!
- * Application can be found at phumc.com/berryscholarship



Learn more about the Berry Music & Arts Scholarship or apply at phumc.com/berryscholarship.

EASTER FLOWERS!

To honor or memorialize a loved one

PHUMC.COM/EASTER-FLOWERS

Flowers 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each. They will be placed in the Sanctuary & Wesley Hall on Easter and may be picked up in the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall following the 11:00 services. Orders received by Friday, April 8th will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Go to phumc.com/easter-flowers or call the church office at 501-664-3600 to order your Easter Flowers.

YOU'RE INVITED TO: Primitimers & Cancer Friends Luncheon

THURSDAY
MARCH 24

When: 11:30 AM, Lunch served at 12:00 PM
Where: Wesley Hall
RSVP: phumc.com/primitimers or phumc.com/cancer-friends or 501-664-3600 by Tuesday, March 24th

Calling all Primitimers and Cancer Friends! Join us for a luncheon on **Thursday, March 24th** at 11:30 AM in Wesley Hall! Please RSVP by **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Cost is \$10. RSVP by going to phumc.com/cancer-friends, phumc.com/primitimers or by calling the church office at 501-664-3600!



MARCH DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK

9,150
Diapers
133
Children
85
Families

FOOD PANTRY

121
Bags of
Food
65
Families; Including UAMS
Cancer Patients

phumc.com/missions

CANCER FRIENDS MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Cancer Friends is focused on sharing and caring. This ministry encourages and supports cancer patients, cancer survivors, and their friends and family. These gifts were given during the Christmas Season.

Memorials

Jo Adcock by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Jim Argue Jr. by Elise Argue, Michelle & Mark Mann
Barry Ballard by Elaine McNiece
Nell Barnwell by Karen Barnwell
Jacque Briley by Nancy & Lee Archer
Maulene Broadwater by Wanda Smith
Debara Brunson by Karen Barnwell
Bess Hester Campbell by George Campbell
Judy Emmet Campbell by George Campbell
Crabtree Family by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Floy Jean Dietz by Dee & Susan Dietz
Mary Kay East by Suzanne McGee
George Ellison by Carole Ann Provin
Imogene Ellison by Carole Ann Provin
Freyermuth Family by Don & Norma Knutson
Fulton Family by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Ray Gage by Sherry, Michelle & Daniel Little
Pat Holloway by Karen Barnwell
Clyde Horton by Mary Lou Billingsley
Chris Hunter by Pam Hunter
Doyle Johnson by Carolyn Johnson
Janet M. Johnson by Don & Norma Knutson
Nancy Jordan by Karen Barnwell
Stephen Knoll by K. Richard Knoll
Wilma G. Knoll by K. Richard Knoll
Clarence S. Knutson by Don & Norma Knutson
Hester Kubat by Wanda Smith
Marian Lacey by Louise Rollefson
Joyce Liphford by Stacey Hightower & family
Vadena Lunsford by Michelle & Mark Mann
Carolyn Mann by Karen Barnwell
Mickey McKittrick by Bill & Beth Bandy
Dr. Raymond P. Miller by Stacey Hightower & family
Freda & Larry Mobley by Wanda Smith
Louise Nixon by Vic & Freddie Nixon
John Roberts by Elaine McNiece
Dan & Ed Ross by Cindy Buehling
Terry Scalici by Brenda Scalici
Alice Smith by Michelle & Mark Mann
Brother Dwain Smith by Wanda Smith
Dr. Thomas W. Smith by Nancy C. Smith
Phyllis Walkins by Cindy Bowden
Randy Wyatt by Gay Wyatt

Carolyn York by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Honoraria
Bill Arthurs by Jane Arthurs
Bob Baine by Elaine McNiece
Mary Lou Billingsley by Dorothy Morey, Don & Norma Knutson
Bobby Bonner by Elaine McNiece
George Campbell by Elaine McNiece, Mary Lou Billingsley
Christopher D. Courtney by Don & Norma Knutson
Pam Cyphers by Elaine McNiece
Bud Dillahunty by Mary Lou Billingsley, Joy Dillahunty
Louise Fox by Mary Boyce, Elaine McNiece
Jamie Bandy France by Judy Miller, Louise Rollefson, Bill & Beth Bandy
Barbara J. Freyermuth by Don & Norma Knutson
Jennifer S. Freyermuth by Don & Norma Knutson
Dr. Jeff Hampton by Wanda L. Smith
Rachel Hawkins by Carolyn Johnson
Sandy Hilyard by Martha Landes
Dr. Kewen Jauss by Karen Barnwell
Richard Johnson by Carolyn Johnson
Jo Knight by Dorothy Morey
Donald D. Knutson by Norma Knutson
Gregg A. Knutson by Don & Norma Knutson
Norma Knutson by Mary Lou Billingsley, Louise Rollefson, Don Knutson
Piper L. Knutson by Don & Norma Knutson
Martha Landes by Mary Boyce, Elaine McNiece
Linda Machen by Mary Boyce
Robbie McKelvy by Carolyn Johnson
Elaine McNiece by Judy Miller, Louise Rollefson
Janis Montgomery by Don & Norma Knutson
Freddie Nixon by Dorothy Morey
Paula Patterson by Stacey Hightower & family
Mary Ruth Price Brown by Nancy C. Smith
Carole Ann Provin by Nancy & Lee Archer
Yifei Provin by Carole Ann Provin
Karen McNiece Redwine by Martha Landes, Elaine McNiece
Meg Reed by Carolyn Johnson
Bill Ross by Cindy Buehling
Frank Ross by Cindy Buehling
Round Table Class by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Wanda Smith by Rae Lena
Linda Story by Mary Boyce
Shirley Vanderslice by Bud & Joy Dillahunty
Joe Woods by Elaine McNiece

World Religions Lecture Series

WITH DR. KIM RUSH

What Matters Sunday School Class
 Room M309
 A 5-Week Course Starting April 3rd
 10:10-10:50AM

Join the What Matters Sunday School Class for a lecture series on World Religions with Dr. Kim Rush. This is a 5-Week series beginning April 3rd! Questions? Contact Rod Lorenzen at lorenzeno@yahoo.com.

CARING MINISTRY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



PHUMC.COM/CARING-ASSESSMENT

We are trying to figure out how to be the best post-pandemic church we can be, this includes caring for our congregation. Our Caring Ministries team is looking to revamp and restructure itself based on congregational need. Please go to phumc.com/caring-assessment and fill out the survey to help us ensure we are caring for our congregation in ways that it needs. If you'd prefer to fill out a paper copy, we have them available at the Welcome Desk!

The survey should take less than five 5 minutes to complete! If you have any questions, you can contact Michael McMurray at mmcmurray@phumc.com or Dr. Jeff Hampton at jhampton@phumc.com. Big thanks for Joel and Feather Linn for helping our church begin this process!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Kim Tribett and family in the death of her father, Art Gillum; to Joel Linn in the death of his father, Lloyd Linn; to Marian Hodges and family in the death of her brother, Tommy Alford; to Jerry Bowie and family in the death of his cousin, Jimmie Ray; to Mike Bracy and family in the death of his aunt, Mary Jane Bracy; to the family and friends of Rachel Williams in her recent death; to Tony Johnson and family in the death of his mother, Veta Johnson; to Dale Garland and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Pat Garland; to Will Allison in the death of his mother, Nell Phillips Allison; to Jerry Bowie in the death of his brother, Rev. John Bowie

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Georgia Childers, child of Annie and Adam Childers; of Caroline Marshall, child of Lauren-Blair and Lambert Marshall;

WE CONGRATULATE Kendall Byrd and Lane Phillips in their recent marriage.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Norma and Don Knutson, Jill Cravens, Kara Cravens, Pam Whitaker, Katherine Jones, Patsy Janes and Ann Fly.

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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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mid-Day Communion

THURSDAY | APRIL 14
NOON | CHAPEL

A Service of the Last Supper

THURSDAY | APRIL 14
6:00 PM | WESLEY HALL

A Service of Tenabrac

FRIDAY | APRIL 15
NOON | SANCTUARY
6:00 PM | SANCTUARY

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for the period January-February 2022.

Member Contributions	\$ 518,183
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 20,000
Other Income	\$ 2,595
Total Income	\$ 610,778
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 620,418
February Tithe Payment	\$ 27,174
Total Expenses	\$ 647,592
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (36,814)

*Each United Methodist Church pays in a tithe or apportionment to its Annual Conference to help support the Annual Conference, the Jurisdictional Conferences, the General Conference, and other global ministries. The Arkansas Conference requires each United Methodist Church in the state to pay 10% of the income received in a month. Therefore, in March 2022, PHUMC will pay \$27,174 which is 10% of the contributions received in February.

AFGHAN REFUGEE UPDATE!



Thanks PHUMC, for furnishing the Afghan family's new home. The money you have generously given is accumulating as we work toward being able to purchase a car for the family of six. This will be done with the equal participation of 2nd Baptist. The father will soon begin learning the rules of Arkansas roads from one of our team members. Until he has a driver's license and car, we will continue to transport the family as needed. Also, the father will learn soon how to navigate Rock Region Metro so he can access the bus to go to his ESL lessons. Now the family will be able to walk to a close grocery store and begin to feel the independence that gives them. The children have started school, and as usual, our team is stepping in to help: giving technical assistance for the kids, new smart pads and raincoats for the spring rains at the bus stop. If your family is interested in responding with a monetary gift, please go to phumc.com/giveonline and give to the Refugee Resettlement fund or send a check to the church with the same memo line. Contact Tish DePriest at tishdphafghans@gmail.com with any questions.