



# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Congregation:

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church is exploring how to refine and clarify our role in an ever-changing world. We want to be clear about who we are, what we provide, and what people can expect from our church and its ministries.

Our staff has been working with consultants to formulate initial impressions, and we need the rest of our congregation to contribute now.

We invite you to complete the survey linked below to provide your feedback. This summer we hope to begin rolling out the strategic frameworks on which we will build our communications, our internal cultural development, and our ideas about how to best grow our ministries, and serve in a post-pandemic world.

Complete the survey by scanning the QR Code below, going to [phumc.com/survey](http://phumc.com/survey), calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or picking one up at the Welcome Desk!

Sincerely,  
Dr. John Robbins  
Rev. Jay Clark  
Dr. Jeff Hampton  
Rev. Kathleen McMurray



## Acts of Faith Sermon Series

Join us in worship as we journey through our next worship series, Acts of Faith. Our pastors will be preaching on stories of faith from the early church in the book of Acts as we consider how we live out our faith stories today. Each week we will hear from members of our PHUMC family on what faith means to them and how they live out faith in their lives. We hope you'll be a part of this journey as we consider our *Acts of Faith*.

## Afghan Refugee Family Update

The father interviewed and was given a job at Baptist Health. Kuddos to them for giving him a job and accepting the fact that he is not yet an English-speaker!! He will make slightly more than minimum wage and so will continue to appreciate the support the family gets from 2nd Baptist and PHUMC. Two groups (the Argue Sunday School class and Brenda Mize's Christ Care group) have given nice donations to pay for the two older boys' Lake Nixon summer camp. We hope for donations to cover the rest so the balance of the Afghan Refugee Relief Fund, which is still not large, will continue to accumulate so we can share the cost of a vehicle with 2nd Baptist.

This month we want to recognize Tish DePriest. Tish serves as our leader on the Afghan Resettlement team. When asked about whether her faith moves her to service, she explained that she feels nudges that she has learned to put into action. This is not her first nudge; Tish has also been one of our Wakefield tutors. As you can see, Tish is driven into service that also allows her to be in relationship with others. Tish leads our PHUMC group of volunteers, and she is the key person in relationship with our partnering congregation at Second Baptist. She has transported to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, she has taken them to get clothing and to get haircuts. She is the primary ESL teacher for Mrs. S. She has helped to identify the furnishing and household needs and she has helped to facilitate donations from others. She attended the orientation for the elementary school and now she is planning for summer camp for the two older sons. Most important is the love that Tish shows in her interactions with this family. Her welcoming and loving spirit has obviously brought comfort to a family that so needed comfort and a feeling of safety. We'd also like to thank the individuals, the Sunday School classes, and the Christ Care groups that have been moved to help financially and with donations of books, clothing or with furnishings. If you or your small group would like to learn more about ways to assist, then don't hesitate to reach out to Tish. We continue to need assistance with transportation and our next financial challenges are related to the costs of summer camps and for a car to enable independence.

As always, consider donating to the Afghan Resettlement Fund at [phumc.com/giveonline](http://phumc.com/giveonline) or send a check to the church with the Refugee Resettlement Fund in the memo line. Contact Tish DePriest at [tishdphafghans@gmail.com](mailto:tishdphafghans@gmail.com) with any questions or if you'd like to get involved.

## Wakefield Reading Tutors Needed For Next School Year!

After over two years of COVID restrictions preventing in-person tutoring, PHUMC plans to resume its tutoring program for reading at Wakefield Elementary in the fall of 2022. When we had to stop tutoring in March 2020, we had 40 tutors working with around 100 students at Wakefield. We would like to start the 2022-2023 school with a strong team so that we can help as many students as possible. The staff at Wakefield provides great support to the tutors, even providing a dedicated room supplied with resources in which several tutors can work with students at the same time. Tutors have an orientation session each year and work closely with the classroom teachers to make the most of the weekly half-hour spent with each child.

We always need new tutors, because, invariably, tutors have conflicts and need to be replaced, whether for a few weeks or several months. Having enough tutors allows us to maintain reading with the maximum number of Wakefield children. PHUMC tutors represent a variety of ages, from retirees to young parents whose children are in other elementary schools and single people who take time from their jobs to read with underserved students. Tutors schedule their preferred day and time to volunteer.

Now is the time to signal your interest in joining the team to read with a child or two or three, weekly, throughout the next year. This is a great way to live out the PHUMC mission statement, "Love God. Love Neighbor, Change the World." Helping students meet their academic potential through improved reading will affect their future success and happiness, thus changing the world! Tutoring rewards tutors as well as students and teachers, who greatly appreciate all PHUMC provides. Through the food pantry, backpacks, Christmas gifts and tutoring, PHUMC expresses a powerful ministry of loving our neighbors.

For more information about becoming a reading tutor at Wakefield, phone the church (664-3600) or email Janet Stewart, [janetstewart94@gmail.com](mailto:janetstewart94@gmail.com). You will receive further information and the VIPS form (required of all LRSD volunteers). Thank you so much for considering this important mission work in our community!

## Walking the Mourner's Path

IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP



TUESDAYS FROM 6-8 PM | JUNE 21ST-AUGUST 9TH



[PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH](http://PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH)

### IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP!

*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. Led by Rev. Belinda Price, Kathy Roberts, and Pam Hunter, 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, which goes towards materials. Tuesdays, June 21-August 9, from 6:00-8:00PM. Sign up at [phumc.com/mourners-path](http://phumc.com/mourners-path) or call the church office at 501-664-3600. Questions? Contact Kathy Roberts at 501-993-1378 or [0711kroberts@gmail.com](mailto:0711kroberts@gmail.com)!

*May Staff Birthdays*

May 15 - Dale Garland  
May 19 - Booker Rodgers

**APRIL DISTRIBUTION**

DIAPER BANK	FOOD PANTRY
10,550 Diapers	150 Bags of Food
148 Children	87 Families; Including UAMS Cancer Patients

[phumc.com/missions](http://phumc.com/missions)

**Primitimers April Luncheon**

Thursday, April 28th  
11:30 AM | Great Hall  
Dr. John Robbins Speaking

[phumc.com/primitimers](http://phumc.com/primitimers)  
or 501-664-3600

Calling all Primitimers! Join us for a luncheon on **Thursday, April 28th** at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall! Please RSVP by **Tuesday, April 26th**. Cost is \$10. RSVP by going to [phumc.com/primitimers](http://phumc.com/primitimers), by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, or by signing up at the Welcome Desk inside of Entrance 1! We hope to see you there!

**THE FINANCE OFFICE IS GOING GREEN!**

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and cost-efficient, our finance office will begin sending out all contribution statements electronically, starting in September. If you would like to continue to receive your contribution statements in the mail, call the church office at 501-664-3600. Questions? Contact Megan Rugg at [mrugg@phumc.com](mailto:mrugg@phumc.com).

# PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

*These gifts were received for the Jane Adamson TV Endowment, Argue Choral Scholars Fund, Alice Beard Altar Guild Endowment, Broadcast Ministry Endowment, Berry Music and Arts Endowment, Dietz Memorial Children's Endowment, Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment, Jack Fryer Music Endowment, Clyde and Mary Jo Horton Food Pantry Endowment, Martin Youth Endowment, McCleary/Monk Family Endowment, Jejo Mobley Endowment, Sanders Music Endowment, Mary Ellen Wade Good Samaritan Endowment, and the glory of God.*

## Memorials

**Jane Adamson** by PHUMC Sabbath ChristCare Group

**Bobby Bonner** by Martha and Ron Clark, Susan and Robert Dunn, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn

**Jean Churchill** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Alice Clogston** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Bill Couch** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Floy Jean and Kearney Dietz** by Karen and Brad Rumble

**Kearney Dietz** by Elise Argue, Karen Barnwell, Nancy and David Bartlett, Mary Lou Billingsley, Susan Jones Boe Family, J.E. and N.F. Braucher, Carolyn and Ken Brown, Cindy Buehling, Cindy and Kevin Burns, Karen and Bill Cobb, Beth and Mike Coulson, Beth and Jeff Crowder, Bobbye Dennis, Dickinson Family, Kay and Richard Dietz, Lee Ann and Jay Dietz, Laura and Mark Doramus, Susan and Robert Dunn, Ceile and Jimmy Faulkner, Sandy Haden, Claudia Hamilton, John Hartung, Anna and Daniel Hines, Pete Hornibrook, Pam Hunter, Patti Jackson, Deborah Jackson, Jones Family, PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class, Sheree and Bob Laakman, Lynn Lindsey, Dotty McLemore, Carolyn and Tommy Mebane, PHUMC Men Alive Group, Lynn and Jim Monk, Sheree and Rick Niece, Freddie and Vic Nixon, Jason Osborne and Jenny Piper, Dee and John Ostner, Pat and Gordon Page, Allison and Richard Payne, Rick Pruitt, Dana Ritchie, Mary Ann Robinson, Baxter Sharp, Lisa Simmons, Laura and Quinn Spann, Linda Spann, Laura Spradley, Roselyn and Jack Stanley, Jan and Charles Sullivan, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn, Lee Ann Williams

**Marie Dugan** by Roselyn and Jack Stanley

**Roby Farrar** by PHUMC Tower Class

**Art Gillum** by Elise Argue, Debbie and Chris Benson, Cindy and Kevin Burns, Michelle and Mark Mann, Jan and Charles Sullivan, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn

**Clyde Horton** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Martha Huey** by Elise Argue, Susan and Robert Dunn, Larry Hughes, Lynn and Jim Monk

**Veta Johnson** by PHUMC Tower Class

**William Jones** by Victoria and David Hall, Jim

Morse, Judy and Roger Zachritz

**Bill Jordan** by Jacque Ptak, PHUMC Tower Class

**Joe Kern** by Joey Daniel Family, Betsey and Joe Mowery, Karen and Michael Shepherd

**Joann Martin** by Judy and Don Adams, Wally and Julie Allen, Elise Argue, Melinda Armstrong, Jane and Bill Arthurs, Shannon Aston, Debbie and David Becton, Mary Lou Billingsley, Pam and Rick Blank, Carol Blann, Paula and Simon Bookout, Dr. Scott Bowen, Robbie and Jay Bradford, Sheila and Richard Bronfman, Helen Buchanan, Cindy and Kevin Burns, George Campbell, Lyda and Jim Campbell, Margaret and Fred Carl, Scott Carter, Crata Castleberry, Martha and Ron Clark, Karen and Bill Cobb, Daryl Coker, Andrew Collins, F. Gladwin Connell, Beth and Mike Coulson, Frances Cranford, Marcia and Jim Darr, Danna Davis, P.J. and F.R. Deer, Bobbye Dennis, Laura and Mark Doramus, Susan and Robert Dunn, Rebecca and Jackson Farrow, Ceile and Jimmy Faulkner, Debbie and Larry Golden, Andrea and Gerald Grummer, Sara Harrison, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Pam Hunter, Judy and Jim Irwin, Christy and Tommy Jameson, Anita Erwin Jones, Audrey Jones, Marcia and John Kelly, PHUMC Koinonia Dialogue Class, Michelle and Mark Mann, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Donna and Mack McLarty, Dotty McLemore, Jan and Vaughn McCrary, Elizabeth Miller, Barbara and Mack Moore, Freddie and Vic Nixon, John Ohnemus, Jason Osborne, Quapaw Quarter Association, Frances Red, Timothy Reynolds, Beth and Ted Rice, James Robbins, Mary Ann Robinson, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Pattie Shuffield, Karen and Britt Skarda, Cathy and John Slater, Robin Smith, Coach John Smith, Laura and Mark Spradley, Carolyn Spradley, Dean Standfield, Roselyn and Jack Stanley, Carolyn and Sam Stiles, Joan and Noel Strauss, Beverly Sullenger, Jan and Charles Sullivan, Lisa and Dale Thomas, Sheila and Larry Vaught, Mary Ellen Ware, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn, Meredith and Gene Wilbourn, Stephanie and Kevin Wilcox, Heidi and James Williams, Hardy Winburn, Carol St. John Young, Dorothy and Paul Young

**Ruby Mettler** by Joyce Oliver

**Lloyd Mobley** by Cris and Bill Slikker

**Jim Monk** by Judy and Don Adams, Cathy and Al Alexander, Marsha and Jim Allbritton, Julie and Wally Allen, Isabel and John Ed Anthony, Elise Argue, Nancy and Chuck Banks, Judy and Carroll Bates, Mary Lou Billingsley, Karen and Pat Bischof, Sylvia and Topper Borchert, Annie and Bill Bowman, Cathy and Tony Bozynski, Robbie and Jay Bradford, Diane and Porter Brownlee, Cindy and Kevin Burns, Harriet and Wilson Bynum, Melissa and Charles Caldwell, Benson Cashion, John Chitwood, Martha and Ron Clark, Karen and Bill Cobb, Daryl Coker, Marcia and Jim Darr, Elizabeth and Richard Davies, Sally and Mel Davis,

Missy and Bryan Duke Family, Rhea Frans, Glenda and Marshall Gazette, Jo Ellen Glade, Marilyn Golightly, Linda Hargis, William Harrison and Harrison Energy Partners, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Martha Henry, Carol Hodges, Linda and Stephen Hoffmann, Ginny and Tom Hogan, Abigail Howe, Stacy and Brad Hudgens, Q Byrum Hurst, Judy and Jim Irwin, Patti Jackson, Janet and Bud Jones, Julie and John Jones, Linda and Newton Little, Pam and Don Little, Idalene and Bill Lyford, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Julie and Lynn Marshall, Garth Martin, Stella and Rob McCrary, Donna and Mack McLarty, Mary and George McMorran, Barbara and Mack Moore, Jim Morse, Counts Morton, Peggy and Bruce Munson, B.J. and Jimmy Moses, Freddie and Vic Nixon, PHUMC Newton Good News Class, Mary Lou and Terry Rasco, Irene Regnier, Tricia and Marty Rhodes, Renee and Scott Rittelmeyer, Barbi Rushing, Ellen and Shep Russell, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Cathy and John Slater, Robin Smith, John Sooter, Cathy and Bill Spivey, Connie and Ed Staley, T. Knighten Starnes, Mary Thomas, Becky and Rett Tucker, Ann and Frank Wait, Michael Warr, Chris Weiser, Carter and Brock Whisenhunt, Sandy and Mark White, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Linda and William Williams, Susan and John Wilson, Gay Wyatt, Dorothy and Paul Young

**Lea Paige** by Susan and Robert Dunn, Katye Chambers

**Rebecca Park** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Mary Ramm** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Tim Ramm** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Brent Renaud** by Julie and Wally Allen

**Fay Jean Royce** by Bobbye Dennis

**Cathy and Lou Sanders** by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Moore

**Mary Wetzel** by Julie and Bill Wiedower

**Randy Wyatt** by Gay Wyatt

## Honoraria

**Altar Guild** by Lynn Monk

**Elise and James B Argue, Jr. Choral Scholars** by Sarah Argue and Matthew Anderson

**Broadcast Team** by Lynn Monk

**Cindy Burns on her retirement** by Judy and Don Adams, Nancy and David Bartlett, Jennifer and Todd Ferguson, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Judy and Jim Irwin, Barbara and Mack Moore, Freddie and Vic Nixon, Billie and Skip Rutherford

**Stan Cox on his retirement** by Susan and Robert Dunn

**John Englade** on his retirement by Nancy and David Bartlett

**Elizabeth Spencer Jennings on her baptism** by Mary Boyce

**Jim Maase on his retirement** by Susan and Robert Dunn

**Dr. John Robbins, Stan Cox, Dr. Jeff Hampton and Bev Villines** by Lynn Monk

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

**EXTENDED** to Michele Purifoy, Louis Renaud and family in the death of their brother and son, Brent Renaud; to Mimi Paige and family in the death of her mother, Lea Paige; to Lynn Monk, Sarah Duke, and family in the death of her husband, Jim Monk; to Steve Michell and family in the death of his wife, Margie Michell; to Cindy Burns and Harryette Shue, David Hodges and family in the death of their brother, Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.; to Jananne Reding and family in the death of her sister Rebecca Park; to Mark Titus and family in the death of his father, William Edward Titus; to Bitsi, Ashley, and Chris Bonner and family in the death of their husband and father, Bobby Bonner; to Heather McCastlain and family in the death of her father, William Morgan Davenport; and to Allison Baker and family in the death of her mother, Rosetta Ramsey

## WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF

Davis Dillahunty, child of Audrey and Bryan Dillahunty; of Rowdey Hines, child of Anna and Daniel Hines; and of Libby Jennings, child of Mary and Clark Jennings.

## WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF

Lane Anthony Branstetter, child of Christian and Dylan Branstetter; and of Graham Wiley McGowan, child of Sydney and Joel McGowan and grandchild of Susan and Bob McGowan.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Corinne and Jameson Smart, Larry and Kelly Rush



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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](http://phumc.com/espace).

**PHUMC BIRTHDAY CLUB PARTICIPANTS**

In memory of Nick Benson by Kathy and Ron Goss  
In memory of Arminta Berry by Beth and Roger Page  
Allen Bird  
Sherry Bird  
Camren Brooks  
Charles Brooks  
Carolyn Henry  
K Drilling Jones  
Martin Keller  
Dotty McLemore  
Joe Pete McNeil's 90th birthday by Karen McNeil  
Beckwith  
Charlotte Powers  
Gus Powers  
Mary Powers  
Mary Ruth Price-Brown by Nancy Smith  
In memory of Mary Ellen Wade by Beth and Roger Page  
Suzanne Warren by Joyce Oliver

## PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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


Member Contributions	\$ 865,519
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 20,000
Other Income	\$ 6,094
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 891,613</b>

<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 926,883</b>
February Tithe Payment	\$ 26,762
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 953,609</b>

**Net Surplus (Deficit) \$ (61,996)**

\*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 \$26,762 which is 10% of the contributions received in March.

SAY GOODBYE TO  
**Stan & Jim**

	
Sunday, May 1st 10:10-10:50 AM Gathering Hall	Sunday, May 15th 10:10-10:50 AM Gathering Hall