



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Congregation:

We are overjoyed to announce the addition of **Dr. Frode Gundersen** to our staff as Director of Music and the Arts at PHUMC! Dr. Gundersen is currently Director of Music & Worship at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Before moving to Northwest Arkansas in 2015, Dr. Gundersen served in full-time Music Director positions at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas; Bartlett United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee; and Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance from North Dakota State; two Master of Music degrees in Choral Conducting and Sacred Music from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; and a Doctor of Sacred Music degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Mishawaka, Indiana. Dr. Gundersen's choirs have given concerts internationally, which has included singing for the International Church Music Festivals in Bern, Switzerland and Coventry, England, and for High Mass at the Vatican's St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. As a pianist, Dr. Gundersen has performed solo recitals and has collaborated with other professional artists for decades. In August 2019, Frode's solo piano album was released, entitled "From the Heart: Sacred Songs & Melodies." One of Dr. Gundersen's current collaborations is with renowned Metropolitan Opera baritone, Keith Harris. Together they perform concerts across the country and have released an album, "Keep on Climbing." Another collaboration is as one half of Orgiano Duo, a professional organ/piano duo, along with concert organist Scott Montgomery.

WELCOME TO
THE TEAM

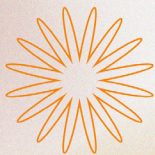
DR. FRODE GUNDERSON



Dr. Gundersen will begin this new chapter at PHUMC on July 11.

-Rev. Jay Clark
Executive Pastor

You're invited to Primetimers Luncheon



Thursday, May 26th @ 11:30 AM
Ellen Rowland speaking
RSVP at phumc.com/primetimers
or Call 501-664-3600
or sign up at the Welcome Desk

Calling all Primetimers! Join us for a luncheon on **Thursday, May 26th** at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall! Please RSVP by **Tuesday, May 24th**. Cost is \$10. RSVP by going to phumc.com/primetimers, 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!

Congratulations, To our 34 new confirmands!



We're So Proud of You!

CONGRATS!

class of

2022

Congratulations to these young men and women! We know you will do great in the world and we look forward to watching you grow in life and faith even more!!

CHARLIE BENNETT
ANNABELLE BENTON
MITCHELL BERRY
ELLIE BRAUNECKER
ALEX BROWN
ISABEL CHAIDEZ
JACOB COLLIER-TENISON



SAM COLLIER-TENISON
COOPER FISKEN
JACK HENRY FORREST
HARRISON FRANKS
ALLISON GADBERRY
EVAN GARCIA
MORGAN GLOVER



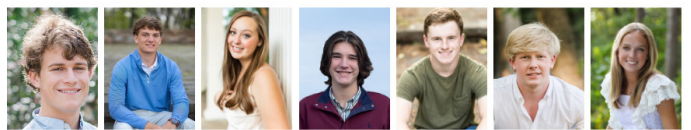
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PORTER HERRON
RINN HOLLINGSWORTH
HOLDYN HOSKYN
HUDSON HUMPHRIES
KATHRYN JACOB



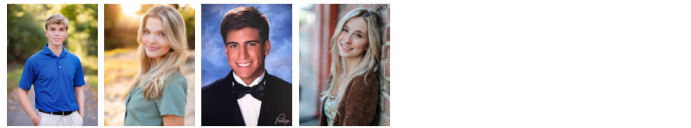
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PHOEBE JOHNSON
MACI LEE
JACK LINDSEY
NORA MCCUNE
MAGGIE MCGEORGE
JOHN MICHAEL MURPHY



TOMMY NOLAN
CAMP NORRIS
SOPHIE REYNOLDS
WILLIAM ROBERSON
SAM ROBINSON
JONATHAN ROSS
BETH SHANNON



JACK SHUE
JORJA SULLIVAN
CONNOR WALTERS
LIVIA WICKLIFFE



PHUMC YOUTH SUMMER INTERNS



Sophie Sanders




Madi Hamerlinck

Welcome our new PHUMC Youth Summer Interns, **Sophie Sanders** and **Madi Hamerlinck**.

Sophie is a member of PHUMC. She is a Psychology major at Hendrix College in Conway. A self-professed Disney Nerd, her favorite movie is the Lion King!

Madi hails from Greenbrier and grew up going to Greenbrier FUMC. She is an Elementary Education major at UCA. She is an avid reader and wants to write a book one day!

We are so excited to welcome these two talented women to our staff!



MAY DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK	FOOD PANTRY
11,475 Diapers	123 Bags of Food
153 Children	89 Families; Including UAMS Cancer Patients

PHUMC.COM/MISSIONS

JUNE STAFF BIRTHDAYS!

Kathleen McMurray - June 4
Pat Dillahunty - June 8



PULASKI HEIGHTS
United Methodist Church

VOLUNTEER WITH CANCER FRIENDS

PHUMC.COM/CANCER-FRIENDS

PHUMC Cancer Friends is looking for volunteers to help with their ministry! Learn more by going to phumc.com/cancer-friends or calling the church office at 501-664-3600.

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.

PHUMC Family
Vacation Bible School 

**PAUL ON A MISSION:
GROWING THE CHURCH**

Monday, June 27 - Wednesday, June 29
5:30 pm - 7:20 pm

Come explore Paul's adventures as we eat, learn, and worship together.
Register at phumc.com/vbs

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we are having a family friendly Vacation Bible School **Monday, June 27th - Wednesday, June 29th** from 5:30-7:20pm. Come explore Paul's adventures as we eat, learn, and worship together.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, the adult does not have to be their parent. If you would like to stay with another family throughout the night, let us know when you sign up!

Sign up at PHUMC.COM/VBS!



 Spare a few hours on Tuesdays around 10:30AM

HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email bvillines@phumc.com to get involved!

Helping Hands Respite Care Program is looking for members to provide an occasional devotional on Tuesdays generally around 10:30am but certainly we can accommodate any schedule. At Helping Hands, we have a devotional, music, therapy dogs, old-time TV shows / movies, a great lunch, and good, old-fashioned visiting!

Call Bev Villines at 501-978-0510 to get on the schedule or email her at bvillines@phumc.com!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



FOR THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS DIAPER BANK!

EMAIL PHUMCDIAPERBANK@GMAIL.COM

The Central Arkansas Diaper Bank, a ministry of PHUMC, is growing, and we need YOU! Please consider volunteering to hand out diapers on the first Wednesday of each month from 8 - 9:30am. Volunteers must be able to walk for the entire shift (you'll get your steps in!) between the receiving line outside and the gym, and must be able to pick up and carry the diapers. Walking shoes are encouraged! Volunteers must be at least 8 years old - this would be a great opportunity for kids and teens to volunteer over the summer months.

To sign up, please email Erin and Allyson at phumcdiaperbank@gmail.com.

Did you know that Pulaski Heights has Sunday School classes that not only meet at the church and over the internet but via telephone as well?! Each Sunday afternoon folks can call in from wherever they are and be a part of this life-giving class. Material is mailed to participants each quarter and members not only learn but also fellowship over the phone each week. This ministry has been particularly important as PHUMC reaches more people across our state via television. Folks that may not have access to the internet but that want to participate in church with us can not only worship but also participate in a small group from their homes. We would love for you to be a part of this ministry as a participant. AND... we are also looking for a couple of more individuals or couples to volunteer to teach. If you'd like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, contact Pastor Kathleen at 501-664-3600 or kcmurray@phumc.com.

Help Teach the Telephone Sunday School Class!



Meal Sponsors Needed!

Help us feed OMP college staff staying at our church from May 26-June 1. Contact bfaulkner@ozarkmissionproject.org to sponsor a meal!

HELP US SUPPORT THE OZARK MISSION PROJECT COLLEGE STAFF

The Ozark Mission Project College Staff are staying at our church from May 26-June 1 while they prepare for the Summer. While they are staying with us, they will need meals! If your family or Sunday school class would like to sponsor a meal, contact Bailey Faulkner at bfaulkner@ozarkmissionproject.org. This group

would also love to meet members of the congregation. If your group or Sunday school class would like a visit from these impressive individuals while they are here, contact Bailey!

Join us on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 PM in Wesley Hall as we gather together for a service of worship to bless and commission the 2022 Ozark Mission Project College Staff. The service will also be streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages. We hope to see you there!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Jim Maase and family in the death of his nephew, Matthew Hause; to the family and friends of Paula Woolsey in her recent death; to Anthony Joe Woods and family in the death of his aunt, Sandra Herring; to Jon Boyce, Lawson Boyce and families in the death of their wife and mother, Amy Boyce; to Carole Ann Provin and family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Yifei Provin; to Carolyn and Sam Stiles in the death of their daughter, Rebecca Hinkle; to Rev. Jessie Teegarden and family in the death of her grandmother, Johnnie McDowell; to Carolyn Scott, Mary Barnett, and families in the death of her father and grandfather, Walter Scroggs; to Judy Goss, Jamie Dempsey, Margie Buzbee and families in the death of their mother and grandmother, Marion Baker; and to the family and friends of Hilary Harper in her recent death.

WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF Wesley Thomas Rockefeller, child of Taylor and Colin Rockefeller, and grandchild of Malinda Taylor and Lisenne Rockefeller; and Evergreen Marie Krehbiel, child of Marinna and Nate Krehbiel, and grandchild of Laura and Dave Wessinger.

WE CONGRATULATE Emily McClary and John Davis on their recent marriage, and Brooke Hobbs and Edgardo Sanchez in their recent marriage

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Ladd and Jeanne Goesl; Peggy Brenner; Karen Scott; Georgann and Ben Freasier; Mindy Burton; and Keke East, Raye Brady, and Riley Brady

READ OUR LATEST AFGHAN REFUGEE UPDATES!



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Contact Information

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Fax: 664-4835 • Email: phumc@phumc.com

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.



Has your contact information changed?

Let us know!

PHUMC.COM/INFO

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 1,159,406
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 45,536
Other Income	\$ 9,171
Total Income	\$ 1,214,113
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,294,922
April Tithe Payment	\$ 32,873
Total Expenses	\$ 1,327,795
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (113,682)

*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 May 2022, PHUMC will pay \$32,873 which is 10% of the contributions received in April.

Walking the Mourner's Path

IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

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



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.

The fee is \$80, which goes towards materials. The class is on Tuesdays from June 21-August 9, from 6:00-8:00PM.

Sign up at 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!