



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 UPDATE

PHUMC clergy, lay members, and other members of PHUMC involved in Conference ministry and mission gathered in Hot Springs for two and a half days to attend to the business of the Arkansas Annual Conference and worship with our theme of "Reset, Repair, Renew." Rev. McMurray did a splendid job of coordinating and managing many of the worship services for the Conference. Brook Sanchez-Hobbs and Trenton Teegarden along with several other musicians led us in music and prayer. Michael McMurray assisted with technical presentations. Quin Clark led the Conference in our group prayer. Michelle Moore, Developer of Clergy Recruitment, reported on the work in the Culture of Call ministry area as well as two other Conference items. Mary Lewis Dassinger, 200,000 More Reasons Project Coordinator, discussed the implications of food insecurity on Arkansas children. Karon Mann presented the Episcopacy Committee report. But most outstanding of all was the presentation of the Harry Denman Evangelism Award given to Rev. Kathleen McMurray in her work

to reach out to young people in Little Rock. The Harry Denman Evangelism Award is given out every year to two individuals, a youth and an adult recipient, who exemplify what it means to be a disciple in their own communities.

We were treated to two sessions led by Jason Moore, a nationally known speaker and author of "collaborative worship design and guest readiness." He encouraged attendees to continue "both" in-house "and" on-line worship experiences. He noted that many churches found alternative ways to reach people during the pandemic and that church as many of us know it, will not be the same. We must continue to reshape our worship services to ensure that all people, whether sitting in the pews, at home, on a beach, or in the mountaintops feel welcome, included, and inspired to be God's people.

As many may be aware due to local news coverage, two issues came before the Conference. One issue was to decide a motion regarding a way for churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and allow such churches to join the Global Methodist Church. Although an alternative motion was proposed, as both concerned a paragraph currently under decision by the Methodist Judicial Council, a motion to defer voting was presented. After ample discussion the motion to defer ultimately prevailed by a vote of 57.6% for and 42.4% against. The second issue surrounded a resolution "to request the Congressional Delegation from Arkansas to act on Responsible Fire-Arm Legislation." The sponsor, Rev. Andrew Kjolraug, remarked that "it is past time for the church to speak to the least, the last and the lost." Among those speaking for passage of the resolution were two youth who spoke passionately and eloquently telling the audience of the fears they face daily when going to school. After debate by both sides, the resolution passed 75% to 25%.

Thank you once again for allowing me to attend the Annual Conference. It is a position that I have come to enjoy, even though it can be stressful as I see our "united" church becoming divided. Until next time, reshape your vision, reset your mind, repair what is broken and renew your passion for Christ.

Lay Member, Sylvia Borchert

Hello friends,

It is with great pride and also great sadness that I let you know that Stacey Hightower has accepted a job at Highland Valley UMC here in Little Rock. Her last day was June 12. Stacey has been head of our hospitality division and oversees calendaring, setups, and supervises our custodial staff. Stacey will remain a member of PHUMC and we will continue to see her on Sundays for worship. Congratulations to Stacey!

We are also excited that Katye Dunn Chambers (along with Donnie and the twins) will be moving home! Katye will be working remotely for Garrett Seminary, but her secondary appointment will be at PHUMC. Welcome back, Katye!

Peace,
Rev. Jay Clark
Executive Pastor

2022 Confirmation Class!



Maddie Anderson, Ruth Brantley, Ada Claire Buchanan, Austin Childers, Jack Dempsey, Tate East



Malcolm Foster, Sam Frampton, Corey Frazier, Rory Gasper, Scarlett Harris, John Hill



Joe Embree Hill, Lampton Justus, Keeton Johnson, Arden Jones, Ann Katz, Kate Poppe Knox



Thomas Koch, Jackson Lord, Mallory Morgan, Cameron Pace, Nathan Pfeifer, Madelyn Prock



Clayton Ross, Anna Claire Scott, Payton Schaeffer, Lila Grace Smart, Noah Tuck, Flynn Wilson



West Wineland, Abigail Zamilpa, Madison Zamilpa

JULY STAFF BIRTHDAYS

KATIE HOWELL - JULY 21
JAY CLARK - JULY 26
TIM JACKSON - JULY 30
TRENTON TEEGARDEN - JULY 31

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.

HAPPENING HOUR

A TIME OF COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER! SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AT PHUMC.COM/YAM

This summer, PHUMC Young Adult Ministries are hosting Happening Hours every Tuesday from 6-8 at different locations throughout Little Rock. Sign up for updates at phumc.com/yam. This is going to lead into small groups in the Fall! Questions? Contact Rev. McMurray at kmcmurray@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600!



PHUMC Youth Go to Ozark Mission Project

This month, we had 41 youth and 15 adults attend Ozark Mission Project camps in Paragould and West Memphis. They were split into groups with youth and adults from other United Methodist churches throughout the state of Arkansas. These groups completed all kinds of projects, from wheelchair ramps to painting houses to installing gutters, for people-in-need in the communities of Paragould, Jonesboro, West Memphis, Hughes, and Proctor. After working all day, the youth and adults played games and worshipped together. It truly was an opportunity to build relationships with other youth from around the state as well as youth from our own church!

Thank you to Ben Rugg, Rachel Knox, Brad Krowski, Madi Hamerlinck, Ellen Rowland, Caroline Halford, Mark Wilson, Rod Hocott, Kathy Roberts, Sophie Sanders, Brooke Hobbs, Trenton Teegarden, and Rebel Wilson for taking a week off to spend time with our youth!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Tina Russell and family in the death of her husband, Steven Russell; to Ray Porter and family in the death of his cousin, Robert Foshee; to Bobbye Dennis and family in the death of her sister Gail Bearden; to Karen Barnwell, family and friends of Vicki Holloway in her recent death; to Scott Pace and family in the death of his father, Dick Pace; to the family and friends of Irene Apple in her recent passing; and to Kathy and John Jennings and family in the death of their husband and father, John Jennings.

WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF Wesley Hayes Cohen Hawkins child of Stacey and Grey Hawkins, Grandchild of Connie and Ed Bennett.



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF Hollis Wilson Whiteside, child of Lucy and Quinten Whiteside; Roy Harrison Raines, child of Lindsey and Wilson Raines;

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Brian Cherry; Susan and John Antonetti; Ann Marie Doramus; Sara Smallwood; Taylor, Brynn, Lilly, Daisy, and Cal Hobbs; Laura and Mike Stover; Lorri McPowell; Dakota Hedden; Gracie Stover; Sam McLelland and Meghan Yonker; and Amy Ezell.

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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](https://www.phumc.com/espac).

We're Hiring a Hospitality & Facility Services Director

Full Job description at [phumc.com/jobs](https://www.phumc.com/jobs)
Email resume to jlark@phumc.com

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 1,356,771
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 45,536
Other Income	\$ 10,407
Total Income	\$ 1,412,714
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,607,346
May Tithe Payment	\$ 19,313
Total Expenses	\$ 1,689,659
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (276,945)

*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 June 2022, PHUMC will pay \$19,313 which is 10% of the contributions received in May.

PRIMETIMERS DATES TO KNOW

July Monthly Luncheon:
Thursday, July 28
Movie Day: Thursday,
August 11 @ 2pm

SUMMER CEREAL DRIVE: WHOLE MONTH OF JUNE

Drop Your Donations At:
Heights Kroger - 1900 Polk St.
OR
PHUMC - 4823 Woodlawn Dr.

We are once again hosting a Summer Cereal Drive in conjunction with the Arkansas Food Bank and the Heights Kroger (1900 Polk St.) for the month of June! Just drop the cereal in the big boxes at the east end of the store and all of the boxes will go to our Food Pantry! You can also bring your cereal boxes to the church! Questions? Call Kathy Roberts at 501-993-1378.



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 168, NUMBER 6 LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, CHANGE THE WORLD JUNE 2022

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE BOOKER RODGER'S RETIREMENT
10-10 AM | GATHERING HALL



Booker is retiring on July 3 after many years of devoted service to PHUMC. SPRC is hosting a reception for him in the Gathering Hall on June 26th at 10:00AM. We hope to see you there to help honor Booker and his almost 44 years of service to PHUMC!

HELP US CELEBRATE BOOKER RODGERS


Booker Rodgers was born in LR in 1954 and attended school at Westside Jr. High, Dunbar and Gibbs. He went to work at PHUMC in 1978 as a custodian and met his wife, Theonita (aka Baby Doll) at PHUMC. They married in the Chapel in 1986. Rodney Steele performed the ceremony and Len Bobo played the organ. Theo is retired from Woodlawn Youth & Families, where she worked for 30 years. Booker has been the senior custodian for the last several years and is the longest tenured employee at PHUMC. He was named Recycler of the Year by the City of Little Rock in 2006.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM
Yui Lawrence
Our New Administrative Assistant

We are happy to announce that Yui Lawrence will be the new Administrative Assistant for the Foundation, Memorials Committee and Hospitality/Facilities Services. Her first day was June 6th! Yui has been with the Children's Learning Center for eighteen years as the After School, Holiday and Summer Care Coordinator. We are looking forward to working with Yui in her new role which will include acknowledging all memorials and honoraria received by the Foundation and PHUMC, maintenance of all records and assisting in many ways with the daily operations of both the Foundation and Hospitality and Facilities areas. You can contact Yui by email at yilawrence@phumc.com!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



HELEN BUCHANAN | PATTY SMITH | CAROLYN SCHMIDT

retired as an usher as well!

We are so thankful for these women for their service, hardwork and smiling faces welcoming everyone who came through our doors! We will miss them greatly!

There may be a couple of faces you won't see anymore helping usher for our Traditional worship services. **Helen Buchanan** has retired as an usher after serving for 50 years! She has been a faithful member of PHUMC for her whole life!

Patty Smith is also retiring as an usher after many years serving the 9:00 Traditional service! Lastly, **Carolyn Schmidt** has moved to Searcy and has

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11,475 Diapers	61 Families; Including UAMS Cancer Patients
153 Children	232 Total people

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