

Great Expectations

Advent and Christmas Worship with Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

A Service of Hope and Healing

For those struggling with grief or loneliness during the holiday season, come for a service of lament, prayer, and a word of hope

November 27 | 3pm | Sanctuary

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Experience the expectation of Christmas anew with this powerful worship experience of scripture and music

December 11 | 9 & 11am | Sanctuary

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Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

Modern Candlelight Communion
12 & 6pm | Wesley Hall | Rev. McMurray

Classic Candlelight Communion
2, 6, & 8pm | Sanctuary | Dr. Robbins

Children & Family Christmas Eve
4pm | Great Hall | Rev. Clark

Classic Candlelight Communion
11pm | Sanctuary | Rev. McMurray

Christmas Day Worship

December 25 | 10am | Sanctuary | Dr. Robbins

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Introducing Our New Piano

PHUMC is excited to announce the addition of our brand new Steinway concert grand piano to our historic sanctuary. The new Model B (6'11") concert instrument is the top-of-the-line baby grand piano from Steinway. Considered to be the very best American-made piano, and a favorite of concert

pianists, concert halls and churches around the world. PHUMC now joins the ranks of many other churches in Arkansas that have this Steinway model in their sanctuaries. All of the money used towards the purchase of this instrument came from special Music Funds designated to the music ministry area: Adventures in the Arts income collected over the years, and private Foundation funds from earnings accrued by two Music and Arts Endowments. This exquisite piano will bless our worship services and special music presentations for years to come.



Join us for Countdown to Christmas: A Family Advent Party! We'll meet on Wednesday, November 30th from 5:30-7:00PM in the PHUMC Gym. This come-and-go event for our Children, Midyouth & their families will include chicken and waffles for dinner, and will feature interactive crafts and missions for the whole family to enjoy!

Join us on November 27 for
the dedication of the
Britt Skarda
Gathering Hall.



Join us on Sunday, November 27th! Rev. Britt Skarda will be preaching in the Sanctuary for the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Classic Services. We will also dedicate the Gathering Hall in his honor between services! Rev. Skarda will be signing copies of his new book, "Sabbath Born: Tales of a Reluctant Prophet." Copies will be available for purchase! Hope you can make it!

Walking the Mourner's Path

IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP



TUESDAYS | 6-8 PM
JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 21



PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH

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!

There is an \$80 fee, which goes toward materials. Tuesdays, January 3-February 21, 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!

Christmas at Wakefield

PHUMC will again be sponsoring over 200 Wakefield Elementary children for Christmas! Thanks to your generosity, we have ALL SPOTS FILLED! For those who have agreed to sponsor a child, sponsor packets were mailed before Thanksgiving, and gifts are due back to the church on Sunday, December 11th.

If you have questions about sponsor packets, please call Nancy at 501-517-4609 or the church at 501-664-3600.

If you didn't get a chance to sponsor a child, but still want to help, we have other opportunities to do so with our partner, Methodist Family Health! Go to christmasatmfh.com or contact Rev. Abbey Maynard at amaynard@phumc.com or 501-664-3600! You can also give money by going to phumc.com/give and selecting Christmas Families.

Your Generosity Transforms Lives

CHRISTMAS AT WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY



JOIN US FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

December 1
11:30 AM
Wesley Hall

Join us on Thursday, December 1st at 11:30AM in Wesley Hall for our PHUMC Cancer Friends Christmas Luncheon! The program will include: Celebrating Christmas in your Cancer Journey, presented by long-time Cancer Friends Encourager, Louise Rollefson. We will also remember Cancer Friends who have joined the Church Triumphant between January 2018 & October 31, 2022. Cost is \$10.

Our entertainment will be Christmas music presented by Dr. Frode Gundersen, Director of Music and Worship Arts.

Sign up by November 28th by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, signing up at the Welcome Desk or sign up and pay online by going to phumc.com/cancer-friends.

RING THE BELL



TO SIGN UP
PHUMC.COM/RING
GROUP CODE: PHUMC

SALVATION ARMY: RING THE BELL

This year we will be Ringing the Bell" for the Salvation Army as a church on Saturday, December 3rd at a plethora of Kroger, Walmart, and other locations around Little Rock! We will be ringing the bell in two-hour shifts from 10AM-6PM. To see the options and sign up for a time slot, go to phumc.com/ring and use the group code: PHUMC. You can also call the church office at 501-664-3600 or email Rev. Abbey Maynard at amaynard@phumc.com to get signed up! This is an important ministry because it frees up the Salvation Army

from having to pay for bell-ringers which allows them to use the money raised to go directly towards helping people! We hope your family, Sunday School class or small group will sign up!



Primetimers Christmas Party

Calling all Primetimers and friends! Join us for our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 8th at 11:30AM in the PHUMC Gym! We will eat Christmas food and sing carols with the talented Dr. Frode Gundersen! RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, signing the RSVP book at the Welcome Desk or going to phumc.com/primetimers.



IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES!

phumc.com/poinsettia



TRUNK OR TREAT

THANK YOU to everyone who made Trunk or Treat possible – small groups and adult Sunday school classes who hosted trunks, church members who brought candy, youth and midyouth that had trunks and ran games, those who helped with sound, machines, signage, passing out bags, ushers who made sure to get people where they were going, and our amazing custodial staff. Because of your help we saw over **1,250 people** from our church and community come

through our trunk or treat! Fun was had by all, many of whom don't have a regular church they attend. It was a great way to welcome them to PHUMC!

Best Trunk – Adults – Lynn Monk, Billie Rutherford, Sylvia Borchert and Sunny Hawk with their "Pirate's Cove Trunk"

Best Trunk – Youth – 9th Grade Girls with their "Minions Trunk"



FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE

We are moving to Subsplash Giving as our exclusive electronic giving platform! Giving will be easier than ever and the church will save money. This means that our online giving platform and giving statements may look a little different! You can see the new giving online portal at phumc.com/give.

We are so thankful for you and your continued participation and support of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Please stop recurring gifts in Shelby Giving or Paypal and set up a new recurring gift in Subsplash Giving. Please let Megan Rugg know if you have any questions at mrugg@phumc.com or Call the church office at **501-978-0502!**

WELCOME



JENNIFER GARLAND



ERIC COMPTON

NEW CUSTODIANS

You may have noticed a couple of new faces around our church lately! Eric Compton and Jennifer Garland are two of our new custodians! We are so excited for their hard work and their giving attitudes! Make sure to say hi to Jennifer and Eric when you see them!

SUPPORT PHUMC WITH amazon smile

For every purchase you make on Amazon, 0.5% of the sale goes to your selected charity. You can support Pulaski Heights by doing your Christmas shopping! To do this go to smile.amazon.com. Then hover over Account & Lists and click on AmazonSmile (NOT AmazonSmile Charity Lists under Your Lists). Then select your charity by searching for "Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church", and click "Select". Once your charity is selected, you must shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> for Pulaski Heights to benefit. If you use the Amazon app, open the app; and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile", and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone. Please email (mrugg@phumc.com) or call (501-978-0502) Megan Rugg with any questions you have!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to the family and friends of Brenda Scalici in her recent death; to Debbie Benson and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dave Tetkoskie; to Tim Jackson and family in the death of his uncle, Leonard Jackson; to Chance Hollingsworth and family in the death of his father, Jim Hollingsworth; to Brandon Mazander and family in the death of his grandfather, Ray Rodgers; to Casey Weatherford and family in the death of her father, Harry Weatherford; to Brenda Mize and family in the death of her mother, Peggy Mize; and to Emily Gribble and family in the death of her brother, Cory Herndon

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF

Robert William Schlitts IV, child of Leah and Rob Schlitts; William Taggart Green & Annie Quincie Green, children of Callie and Will Green.

WE CONGRATULATE

Bailey Whittington and William Pollock on their recent marriage and Dr. Steve Bledsoe and Mary Cantwell in their recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH

of Shepard Benjamin Ryals, child of Alex and Blakely Ryals, and great grandchild of Kathy Roberts; and of Simon Randall White, child of Kara and Robbie White, and great grandchild of Mary Lou Billingsley; Louise Marie Robbins, child of Caroline and Jay Robbins, and great-grandchild of Marshall and Glenda Gazette; of Robbyn Boyce Tolleson, child of Arden and Josh Tolleson, and grandchild of Patti and Charlie Coleman

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

W. Steve Bledsoe, Jacob Nolen and Andrea Stokes, Kim King, Jean Wick, Nancy Hammersla, Hannahbelle Friday, Harrison Parsons, Preston Davis, Clinton and Virginia Tolles.

DECEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

JACOB NOLEN - DEC. 21
 JENNIFER GARLAND - DEC. 22
 EMILY STOTTS - DEC. 23
 KRISTIE FINNEY - DEC. 24
 MEGAN RUGG - DEC. 24

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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.

YOUTH Shop and Wrap Mission

DEC. 4TH 12:00-3:00PM

Meet in the youth lounge at noon!

18,070 Diapers
267 Children
188 Families

DIAPER BANK NOVEMBER

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER MISSION HOUR IMPACT

Below is the impact in numbers that our church made during our "Mission Hours" during Wednesday Nights @ Pulaski Heights

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| 100 UMCOR Period Packs for women in areas affected by natural disasters | 40 Cards written for kids receiving treatment at Methodist Family Health |
| 500 Winter Care Bags made for members to give out to our homeless neighbors | 25 Care Packages made with 80 letters of encouragement for our PHUMC college students |

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

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| Member Contributions | \$ 2,625,089 |
| PHUMC Foundation Contributions | \$ 106,222 |
| Other Income | \$ 29,761 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,761,072 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 3,249,722 |
| October Tithe Payment* | \$ 30,528 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,280,250 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (519,178) |

*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 \$21,948 which is 10% of the contributions received in October.