



THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Worship

WITH PULASKI HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve | December 24

MODERN CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION*
12 & 6pm | Wesley Hall | Rev. McMurray

CHILDREN & FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE*
4pm | Gym | Rev. Clark

CLASSIC CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION*
2, 6, & 8pm | Sanctuary | Dr. Robbins



CLASSIC CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
11pm | Sanctuary | Rev. McMurray

Christmas Day | December 25

10am | Sanctuary | Rev. Clark



*Denotes childcare is available

Dear PHUMC Family:

I want to express my deepest appreciation for your on-going generosity in support of the mission and ministries of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in 2022. This has been a year of tremendous growth in worship attendance, new members, and new ministries, along with so much else. Your faithfulness has made all we have accomplished possible.

It has become our tradition to **CHIME THE BELLS** when we reach all our financial goals. We stream the chiming of the bells so anyone anywhere can watch and listen. We literally have staff with appropriate hearing protection stationed in the bell tower to let us see those beautiful bells as they sing the praises of God so wonderfully. Our aim is to do that as soon as possible! As of Monday, December 12, 2022, we need \$949,061 to meet our 2022 goals.

As we have stated repeatedly, your financial investment in the Kingdom of God through our ministries always yields a profit. No other investment can promise that. Someone is always blessed by your willingness to be generous.

In 2021 only 36% of our membership contributed to our ministry budget. We need to improve that percentage dramatically. I want to thank all of you who have or will give to the work of Jesus Christ as members of PHUMC before the end of 2022!

As we celebrate the birthday of our Savior this Christmas, let's all do our part to offer him what he deserves - our generosity in support of what he calls us to do together.
Christmas blessings to you!

Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor



Dear Congregation,

I have some exciting news to report: The "Face of the Place", "The Keeper of the Keys", "The First Voice" is retiring in January 2023. Our beloved receptionist, Pat Dillahunty, has been an important presence at the Big Round Welcome Desk greeting all who enter Pulaski Heights UMC for almost 22 years. We will miss Pat very much and know you will want to celebrate her! Be on the lookout for upcoming information about a reception in Pat's honor. Congratulations, Pat!

-Rev. Jay Clark
Executive Pastor



This Socktoberfest, we collected over 2,000 pairs of socks! With this excess of socks, we are able to donate to more organizations than ever! Organizations receiving socks include: Central Arkansas Community Corrections Center, Compassion Center, Jericho Way, Our House, Family Promise, and the Hoover Treatment Center! We want to thank everyone who donated socks and our great volunteers who sorted and counted them!

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We've got some great news, we now have a new church app! You can download the app in the App Store, Google Play, Apple TV or Roku! This app will allow you to stream services, give your offering, submit prayer requests, and connect with the life of your church in a moment's notice! Just search for Pulaski Heights UMC in the App Store or Google Play or go to phumc.com/app! Make sure to download our app today! Questions or want some help downloading it? Contact Michael McMurray at mmcmurray@phumc.com.



We are happy to announce Daniel Curry as our new Caring Ministries Associate. Daniel will be taking over the duties at the welcome desk, plus assisting our caring ministry, led by Dr. Hampton.

Daniel is a lifelong United Methodist who was born and raised here in Little Rock and is proud to call Arkansas his home. After graduating from the University of Central Arkansas, Daniel served in Youth Ministry for five years. He is a recent graduate of Perkins School of Theology at SMU where he received a Masters of Divinity and is on track to one day be ordained as a Deacon within the Arkansas Conference. In his free time, you can find Daniel throwing tomahawks, watching movies, spending time with friends and family, and cheering on the Arkansas Razorbacks.

He is very excited to join the team here at Pulaski Heights and cannot wait to meet you all! He'll be starting on December 19th, so please stop by and say hello!

Last month we were able to dedicate the Gathering Hall in Rev. Britt Skarda's honor! We are so thankful for his work in creating this beautiful space and for all of his service to Pulaski Heights UMC! He also signed copies of his new book, *Sabbath Born: Reflections of a Reluctant Prophet*.



CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH WALK
Thursday, December 29th
8am-8pm

Stop by our church and come walk the Labyrinth! Just come to Entrance 7 off Lee Avenue and Wesley Hall is on your left.

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Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

Wednesday Nights @ Pulaski Heights is back! Starting on Wednesday, January 11th we'll return with a meal, Dr. Robbins Bible Study, "What We Believe" class with Rev. McMurray and book studies with Rev. Maynard & Rev. Clark! In addition we have youth "Study Hall", youth Bible Study, and a great Children's time with lessons, games, and music with Trenton Teegarden! We hope you'll join us and check out this great time of fun, fellowship, and learning!



Last month we had such a fun time at Countdown to Christmas! This event for children & families included delicious food, fun arts & crafts, missions, and captivating storytelling! Here are just a few photos from this fun-filled event!

PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for the Alice Beard Altar Guild Endowment, Broadcast Ministry Endowment, George and Bess Campbell Food Pantry Endowment, Robert Chancellor Hoover Treatment Center Endowment, Betty Glasscock Landscape Ministry Endowment, Clyde and Mary Jo Horton Food Pantry Endowment, Chris and Pam Hunter Children's Bible Endowment, Martin Youth Endowment, McCleary/ Monk Family Endowment, Mission Endowment, Jejo Mobley Endowment, Wyatt Youth Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Bob Baine by Beth Baine, Daryl Coker, Pam Hunter, and PHUMC Koinonia Class

Kenneth Beaton by Robert and Susan Dunn, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Glenda Brewer by Joyce Oliver and Family

Bess Campbell by Barbara Riddell

Robert Chancellor by Lesa Booker

Gwen Efirm by Juanita Patton, Jack and Roselyn Stanley, and Jan and Charles Sullivan

Dorothy Clement Fortney by Robert and Susan Dunn, PHUMC Tower Class, and Bev Villines

Betty Glasscock by Dewey Glasscock

Thomas Hines by Garth Martin, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Pat Hunnicutt by PHUMC Tower Class, Gordon and Penny Wilbourn, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Margaret Little by Tricia and Joyce Oliver

Peggy Mize by Bev Villines

Lloyd Mobley by Jane Turney and Family

Jim Monk by Pat and Mac Dodson, and Louise and Joe Fox

Rae Oxford by Bo and Sunny Hawk

Yifei Provin by Debbie and Chris Benson

Edna Regan by Robert and Susan Dunn

Dan Robinson by Kathy Roberts, Crata Castleberry, Ann Hamman, Judy and Jim Irwin, Virginia and Mike Porta, Nancy C Smith, Jan and Charles Sullivan, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Brenda Scalici by Bev and Buddy Villines

Don Slaton by Bev and Buddy Villines

Anna Charley Tanner by Ken and Dottie Gill

Nancy Toland by Mary Lou Billingsley, Jack and Roselyn Stanley, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Lawson Turner by Billie and Skip Rutherford, and Mary and Clark Jennings

Randy Wyatt by Gay Wyatt

Honoraria

George Campbell's 90th Birthday by Mary Boyce, Diana M Finley, Bobbie W Hester, Pam Hunter, Beth and Roger Page, Billie and Skip Rutherford, and Bobbie Standridge

Betty Hathaway by Joyce Oliver

Sunny Hawk by Mary Boyce

Birth of Charlotte Langley Moll by Bev and Buddy Villines

Lynn Monk by Mary Boyce

Billie Rutherford by Mary Boyce

Birthday Club

Robert Powers

The following gifts were received for Broadcast Ministry, Children's Ministry, Judy Huddleston Strohm Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Respite Care Program, Mission Life Committee, Music Ministry, Wakefield Elementary Partnership, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Rebecca Boggan by Garth Martin

James F Cox, Jr. by Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC, and Mary Ellen Richards

Dovie Davis by Danna Davis

Gwen Efirm by Laura and Mark Doramus, Deborah Jackson, Joanne McLendon, Brenda Mize, Ray and Laverne Schaap, Britt and Karen Skarda, and Sue and Dennis Ward

Peggy Mize by James Adamson

Warren Parks by Stacey and Nathan Greubel, Deborah Jackson, Bev and Buddy Villines, Jim and Karmen Williams, and Jana Young

Dan Robinson by Isabel and John Ed Anthony, Mary Lou Billingsley, Lauren, Beau, Phillips, Barclay, and Beckett Blair, Julie Boudreaux, Cathy and Tony Bozynski, Polly and Laudies Brantley, Donna Bressinck, Melissa and Bobby Caldwell, Marcia and Jim Darr, Carolyn F Davis,

Gary Dean, Laura and Mark Doramus, Phillip J Deer Jr, Georgia Ellison, Dan and Josie Felton, Annadell and Charles Fowler, Glenda and Marshall Gazette, Libby and Mack Grobmyer, James E Hathaway Jr, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Carol Hodges, Barbara R Hoover, Katherine Jefferson, Tom and Pam Lasiter, BJ Liddle, Bill and Idalene Lyford, Betty Gene and Richard Mann, Barbara and Pete Maris, Sammy Ann Marshall, Garth Martin, Mark and Holly Mathisen, Mack and Donna McLarty, John and Susan Meador, Ruth and Lucky Meinholz, Barbara and Mack Moore, Mary Lynn and Sheffield Nelson, Vic and Freddie Nixon, John and Dee Ostner, Georgann Ozment, Juanita Patton, Richard and Jann Pence, RML Automotive, Jeannie and Larry Roberts, Kathy Roberts, Billie and Skip Rutherford, Ray and Laverne Schaap, Ellen and Harold Simpson, John and Cathy Slater, Laura and Mark Spradley, Standard Abstract & Title Company Inc, Courtney and Kim Swindler, Pat and Bill Tedford, Katherine Trotter, Gus Vratsinas, and Suzanne and Howard Wiechern

Lola Sussman by Bev Villines

Nancy Toland by Susan and Keith Cookus, Lindsay, Myles, Grayson, and Shelby Van Parys, Judy and Jack See, and Connie and Ed Staley

Jack Tyler by The McLarty Family

Honoraria

Elise Argue by Vic and Freddie Nixon

Mary Cantwell and William Bledsoe's Marriage by Judge and Mrs. Raymond Abramson, and Vic and Freddie Nixon

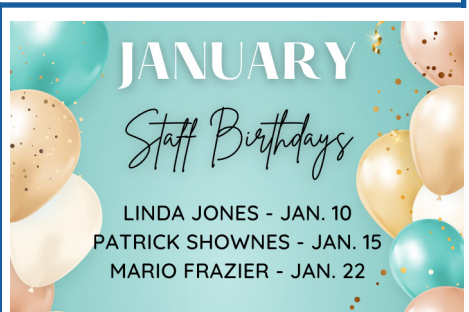
Food Pantry Board by Bev and Buddy Villines

Judy Goss by Libby and Gary Smith

Dr. Frode Gundersen by Jean Phillips

PHUMC Pastors by Vic and Freddie Nixon

Bev Villines by Syd and Linda Orton



JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to Daniel Curry and family in the death of his grandfather, James Neil Curry Sr; to Susan Manley and family in the death of her father, Dr. Kenneth Beaton; to the family and friends of Beth Jackson in her recent death; to Christian Harris and family in the death of his grandmother, Kathryn Ann Lively; to Tim Jackson and family in the death of his mother, Berna Lee Jackson; and to Richard Ketcher and family in the death of his grandmother, Betty C. Ketcher.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF

Evergreen Marie Krehbiel, child of Marinna and Nate Krehbiel; and George Chandler, child of Grant and Victoria Chandler, and grandchild of Tori and Dumas Garrett.

WE CONGRATULATE Stormie Wells and Drew Holiman on their recent marriage

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Frances Lynn Hoffmann, child of Samantha and Jackson Hoffmann, and great-grand child of Sarah Jane Polk; of Sadie Susanna Robbins, child of Hannah and Rev. Sam Robbins, and grandchild of Susan and Dr. John Robbins

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS James Alley, Mike & Patsy Brown, James Reynolds, Jack Lee, Boyce Bethel, and Leah Mohlke.

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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.



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As part of our Wakefield Christmas Gifts, the PHUMC Youth sponsored 17 children this year! At our annual Shop-and-Wrap event, youth purchased the gifts for children and wrapped them as well! We are so proud of all of our youth & thankful for our volunteers!



Last week we had so much fun at the Primetimers Christmas Party! Dr. Gundersen played Christmas Carols for us, and a great time was had by all! Thanks to everyone who joined us! If you'd like more information about Primetimers, contact Bev Villines at bvillines@phumc.com.

DECEMBER DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK

18,645
Diapers
283
Children
187
Families

FOOD PANTRY

148
Bags
113
Families; Including
UAMS Cancer Patients

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PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,967,455
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 106,222
Other Income	\$ 34,176
Total Income	\$ 3,107,853
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,558,262
November Tithe Payment*	\$ 34,237
Total Expenses	\$ 3,592,499
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (484,646)

*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 \$34,237 which is 10% of the contributions received in November.

**54
HOURS**



**\$3,013
RAISED**



This year church members had such a good time Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army around town! Thanks to all of our volunteers who gave a total of 54 hours of service and raised over \$3,000 for the Salvation Army