



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD OCTOBER 2023

Dear PHUMC Family,

Coming out of the pandemic, one of our goals is to be the church we need to be for our community. Part of ensuring that we can be the church our community needs is to identify specifically who makes up our membership. We are seeking to live out our goal to inspire love, embrace Christ, and engage the world. We have formed a membership committee to review the status of over 4,700 members to make sure that everyone still is committed to being members of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

You may receive something in the mail asking if you want to maintain active member status at PHUMC. Our sincere hope is that you will be faithful to your vows of membership and support the Kingdom of God through the ministries of this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Blessings,
Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor



December 9th
5:00-7:00pm



Dr. Alister McGrath
World's Premiere C.S. Lewis Scholar

PHUMC.COM/RANEY

Registration is now open for the Raney Series, featuring Dr. Alister McGrath. Dr. McGrath is the world's premiere C.S. Lewis scholar. He will be presenting at Pulaski Heights on **Saturday, December 9th from 5:00-7:00PM**. There will be a free dinner in the gym from 5:00-5:45pm and the presentation will be in Wesley Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Rides will be available for those who need them. We ask that you RSVP by going to the Welcome Desk, calling 501-664-3600 or going to phumc.com/raney. Dr. McGrath will also be preaching in worship on Sunday, December 10th in all services. You won't want to miss hearing Dr. McGrath!



Join us on **Sunday, October 29th from 3-5PM** in the Lower Parking Deck (off Lee Avenue) for our annual Trunk or Treat! We are looking for Sunday School classes, small groups, and individuals to open their "trunks" and distribute candy to children who stop by to trick-or-treat! To sign up, call the church office at 501-664-3600 or go to phumc.com/trunk-or-treat! There will be games, lots of candy, and tons of fun!

We are also asking for **Candy Donations!** We need individually-wrapped candy to give out. You can donate candy at the Donation Station outside of Entrance 7 (Wesley Hall) or bring it to the Welcome Desk inside of Entrance 1. Prefer to give money for candy? Just go to phumc.com/candy! Questions? Contact Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com!



2023-24 Confirmation

For 7th grade students!

Register and learn more at phumc.com/confirmation

October Primetimers

Luncheon

Featuring Rev. Daniel Curry

Thursday Oct. 26	RSVP:
11:30AM	PHUMC APP
PHUMC GYM	Call 501-664-3600
\$10	Front Desk

phumc.com/primetimers



We were so excited to be able to give out Bibles to our third graders in worship last month. It is such a gift to be able to pass on this important manifestation of the faith to our children!



We had such a fun time at our Block Party last month! We can't wait to have another one next year!



DONATE SOCKS TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN PRISON AND OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS!

It's time for our annual Socktoberfest. We are looking for BRAND NEW socks for all ages which will be distributed to local homeless shelters and other non-profit agencies during this cold winter season. Bring socks to the Gathering Hall, Wesley Hall Reception Area or the Donation Station outside Entrance 7.

For more information, email Rev. Abbey Maynard at amaynard@phumc.com.

2024 PHUMC YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 15

To register, visit phumc.com/basketball

Registration for the 2024 Youth Basketball League opens October 15th! Our youth basketball league is open to all students who do not play on their school basketball team. To register or find more information, visit phumc.com/basketball or contact phumcbasketball@phumc.com.

GriefShare®
PULASKI HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thursdays | 11AM-1PM | October 3-December 26
Online & In-Person

Sign up: phumc.com/griefshare or 501-664-3600

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. This hybrid group will meet weekly on Tuesdays beginning on October 3 from 11AM-1PM. If you have any questions, you can contact Dr. Hampton jhampton@phumc.com or 501-664-3600. You can sign up at phumc.com/griefshare.

When I hear the phrase "...the church's one foundation..." it makes me think of the saints before us who envisioned the church of today and the future. You may think of those planting the seeds of belief and faith that have flourished for generations, or you may think of those who sacrificed to ensure we have the freedom to worship, or you may think of those who made plans to ensure Pulaski Heights UMC is able to rise to the challenge of sharing God's love in the world today and the future. A mere 20 years ago, a group of our own members, many of whom are still a part of congregation, had a similar vision. In October 2003, that group established the PHUMC Foundation based on the generosity of the PHUMC congregation. Since that time, the PHUMC Foundation has grown through the sound advice and leadership of its Board of Directors and our friends at the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas.

As we chart our path into the future, we would love for each of you to join us as we support PHUMC and the PHUMC Foundation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. There is no gift too small to help. The simplest way you can support the Foundation is by joining the Willing Friends Society. How? Simply let the Foundation office know you have included the PH Foundation in your long-term legacy planning. There's no need to specify the amount of your commitment but we would like to share your commitment with others in our congregation. If you have any questions about long-term legacy planning, or how to amend what you have in place, please contact me.

- Virginia Porta, Executive Director of the PHUMC Foundation
vporta@phumc.com | 501.664.3600.

**GRATEFUL
THANKFUL
BLESSED**

SERMON SERIES OCT 15-29

OCTOBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

KATYE CHAMBERS - 10/11
FRODE GUNDERSEN - 10/12
JOHN ROBBINS - 10/23
THERESA HODGE - 10/25
VIRGINIA LEWIS - 10/27
JENNIFER SHANNON - 10/28
STEVE BIFFLE - 10/30

SEPTEMBER MISSION DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK	FOOD PANTRY
21,705 Diapers	171 Bags of Food
312 Children	483 People

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Barnwell/Holloway Medical Studies Scholarship Endowment, Kearney and Floy Jean Dietz Children's Endowment, Georgiana Gunn Endowment, Clyde and Mary Jo Horton Food Pantry Endowment, Chris and Pam Hunter Children's Bible Endowment, Mission Endowment, Vic and Freddie Nixon Endowment, Lou Sanders Music Endowment, T.T. Tyler Thompson Digital Archives Endowment, Villines Family Endowment, Randy and Gay Wyatt Youth Endowment, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Jane Arthurs by Michael and Martha Alexander and Family, Wally and Julie Allen, Beth Baine, Charles and Kaye Beavers, Polly and Laudies Brantley, James Campbell, Kathy and Spence Churchill, The Croft Company PA, Marcia and Jim Darr, Dorothy Davis, Sharon and Wayne Greathouse, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Joe and Mary Henry, Hellen-Ann Hill and Lance Pabst, Carol Hodges, Barbara Hoover, Judy and Jim Irwin, Cecile and Larry Kimmer, Jackie Kinney and Family, Harold and Freda Lancaster, Bill and Idalene Lyford, Suzanne Mallory, Beth and Betsy Meacham, Charles and Judy Mitchell, Barbara and Mack Moore, John and Vaughn Pike, Sarah Jane Polk, Mary Ruth Price-Brown, Dana Ritchie, Robin Smith, Jan and Charles Sullivan, Frank Thurmond, Bev and Buddy Villines, Margie Wesinger, and Harry and Nancy Wooten

Bob Baine by Beth Baine

Melanie Bergens by Bev and Buddy Villines

Rev. Dr. William Buchanan, Jr. by Bev and Buddy Villines

John Len Burnett by Bev and Buddy Villines

Gene Efird by Judy and Pat Goss

Gwen Efird by Judy and Pat Goss

Georgiana Gunn by Lange Cheek

Barbara Harper by Jan and Charles Sullivan

Vicki Holloway by Karen Barnwell

Peggy Hundley by Julie and Bill Wiedower

Marvin A Lawson by Mike and Kristin Emerson

Letty McAdams by Sarah Jane Polk, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Patti Miller by Bev and Buddy Villines

Rev. Vic Nixon by James Adamson, Jim and Marsha Allbritton, Susan Axelroth, Karen Barnwell, Mary Lou Billingsley, Rhonda and Bob Bolts, Cindy Buehling, Denise Compton, Keith and Debbie Cox, Donna Davis, Linda and Donald Gifford, Ken and Dottie Gill, Judy and Pat Goss, Pat and Dave Hansen, Sara Harrison, Melissa and Drake Hawkins, Carol

Hodges, Deborah Jackson, Janet and Bud Jones, Mack and Donna McLarty, Brenda Mize, John and Dee Ostner, Barbara and David Pryor, Carolyn Spradley, Annebelle Imber Tuck, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Larry and Eve Yancey, and Roger and Judy Zachritz

Kathie Osborne by Julie and Bill Wiedower

Sue Polk by Bev and Buddy Villines

Cindy Skaten by Bev and Buddy Villines

Carol Smelley by Donna Davis, Bev and Buddy Villines

Nulen Stephen Smith by Bev and Buddy Villines

Fred Springstead by Bev and Buddy Villines

Mary Day Wilson by Bev and Buddy Villines, and Roger and Judy Zachritz

Randy Wyatt by Gay Wyatt

Robin Wynne by Justice Karen Bakers Chambers, Beth and Mike Coulson, Melissa and Drake Hawkins, Julie and Lynn Marshall, PHUMC Tower Class, The Supreme Court of Arkansas and Staff, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Honoraria

Mary Iva Barrett by Joyce and Tricia Oliver

Deacon and Raylan Chambers by Virginia and Mike Porta, and Buddy and Bev Villines

Rev. Jay and Karen Clark by Cindy Thomas Pugh and Jill Thomas McIntyre

Billie and Tom Hatcher by Mary Ruth Price-Brown

Charlotte, Miller and Lily Moll's Baptism, and Bunny Moll by Bev and Buddy Villines

Bev Villines by The Argue Class, Nancy and David Bartlett, Danna Davis, Bobby Dennis, Carolyn Dowling, Glenda and Marshall Gazette, Ken and Dottie Gill, Sunny and Bo Hawk, Melissa and Drake Hawkins, Stacey Hightower, Larry Hogue, Lillian Lee, Dickie Lunsford, Alice McCoy, Mack and Donna McLarty, George and Martha Mitchell, Freddie Nixon, Juanita Patton, Virginia and Mike Porta, Barbara Rogers, Lee and Kim Rush, Ann and Charles Rye, Mike and Jennifer Shannon, Janet Stewart, Yui Teruya, and Julie and Bill Wiedower

The following gifts were received for Broadcast Ministry, Cancer Friends Ministry, Caring Ministry, Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Fund, Guatemala Mission Trip Fund, Helping Hands Respite Care Program, Ozark Mission Project, and the glory of God.

Memorials

Jane Arthurs by Bill Arthurs, Julia Henslee Garcia, and Ray and Lavern

Schaap

Wayne Beardsley by Dave and Laura Wessinger

Lee Bowman by Mack and Donna McLarty

Wayne Buckley by Paula and Mike Estes

John Burnett by Glenda and Marshall Gazette, James Hathaway, Mack and Donna McLarty, and Dana Ritchie

Barbara Harper by Danna Davis, Sean Harper, Ray and Lavern Schaap, and Bev Villines

Peggy Hundley by Nancy and Charlie Culbertson

Randy Keiser by Brenda and Mark Smith

Molly Kircher by Martha Landes

Marvin A Lawson by Mike and Kristin Emerson

Molly Molitor by Maurine Crank and Sarah Jane Polk

John Roberts by Carol Isom

Jan Schutt by Don Loefflad

Norma Shipper by Laura and Mark Spradley, and Bev and Buddy Villines

Cindy Skaten by Julie and Wally Allen

Carol Smelley by Dr. Frank and Darba Jackson, Mack and Donna McLarty, and Dana Ritchie

Christine Warren by Cynthia Hester

Monica Warren by Bev and Buddy Villines, and Lester Warren

Lois White by Bev and Buddy Villines

Mary Day Wilson by Jerry and Vera Bowie, and Pat M loup

Robin Wynne by Michael and Camille Beary, Lou Bedell, Wade and Bill Hall, Carol Hodges, Nancy Allen Hunt, Will and Jason Allen, Carol Isom, Richard Justiss, Leslie and Mark Lee, Agnes Phillips, Ann Pond, Harriet Powell, Jamie and Jeanette Pratt, Scott and Renee Rittelmeyer, Billie and Skip Rutherford, John and Alyssa Sydow, Bob and Leslie Sydow, and Annabelle Imber Tuck

Honoraria

Rev. Daniel Curry by Genny Beardsley

Emily Erkel by Beth and Roger Page

Dr. Jeff Hampton by Suzanne McGee

Helping Hands Volunteers by Bev and Buddy Villines

Patti Jackson by Freddie Nixon

Sungyun Kim by Crata Castleberry

Betty Gene Mann by The Sabbath Christcare Group

Rev. Abbey Maynard by Genny Beardsley

Rev. Kathleen McMurray by Richard Smith

PHUMC Staff by Sean Harper

Dr. John Robbins by Bill Arthurs

Charlotte Stotts by Bev and Buddy Villines

Bev Villines by The Couch Family, Helping Hands Volunteers, and Carol Isom

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Arline Jackson and family in the death of her nephew, Eddie Adamson; to Charlotte Morey and family in the death of her sister-in-law Linda Highly Eaves; to the friends and family of Patti German in her recent death; to Rev. Daniel Curry and family in the death of his aunt, Pat Connally; Laurie Laing and family in the death of her cousin, Doug Pilcher; Elise Argue and family in the death of her cousin, Lisa Cook Orgain; to Penny Wilbourn and family in the death of her father, Marlin Brown; to Shawn Grotte and family in the death of his mother, Kathy Grotte; and to Dr. Angela Lovett and family in the death of her mother, Betty Robinette.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Ann O'Neal Pevahouse and Aaron Carroll in their recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Jane Bryan Matthews, child of Megan and Ryan Matthews; and of Of Oliver Louis Tribett, child of Chet and Bebe Ramser Tribett, and grandchild of Kim and Steve Tribett.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Ivey Jane Louise Jayroe, child of Mallory and Dustin Jayroe; of Wendell Stephen McMurray Mowery, child of Michael McMurray and Kathleen Mowery, grandchild of Joe and Betsey Mowery, and great-grandchild of Lillian Lee; and of Hazel Olivia Woodruff, child of Brian Woodruff and Lindsey Wilbanks-Woodruff.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Kathy Lewellyn; Norm and Sue Johnsen; Jim Gaston

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Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

WE ARE HIRING

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR PHUMC YOUTH

FULL TIME & FULL BENEFITS

INTERESTED?
CONTACT
REV. ELLEN
ROWLAND
501-664-3600
erowland@phumc.com

PHUMC is hiring an Administrative Assistant for PHUMC Youth. This is a full time position that includes full benefits. This job will work with the Minister to Youth and Families, Ellen Rowland in preparing for youth activities, trips, meals, etc. If you are interested, contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com or 501-664-3600. A full job description can be found at phumc.com/jobs.

DIVORCE Care

Divorce Recovery Group

In-Person & Online @ PHUMC
Thursdays
October 5-December 28
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sign Up at phumc.com/divorcecare

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget January-August 2023.

Member Contributions	\$ 2,299,697
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 79,231
Other Income	\$ 44,746
Total Income	\$ 2,423,674
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,723,312
Tithe Payment Payable*	\$ 52,561
Total Expenses	\$ 2,775,873
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (352,199)

*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.

3RD GRADE BIBLE BOOT CAMP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
FERNCLIFF CAMP
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SIGN UP & LEARN MORE AT PHUMC.COM/KIDS