



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Members of PHUMC,

I have some exciting news to share with you! As part of our most recent Board of Stewards meeting, a called Charge Conference was held to discuss moving forward with exterior renovations and targeted interior remodeling of the Chapel and Parlor areas. In accordance with the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the Charge Conference is the first of multiple meetings. In this initial meeting of the Charge Conference, a Building Committee was put in place, and the blessing to move forward to gather more information was received. Now, we will work toward solidifying costs and designs to bring to you. The next formal meeting will be a Church Conference where all PHUMC members have voice and vote before moving forward or not moving forward with actual plans.

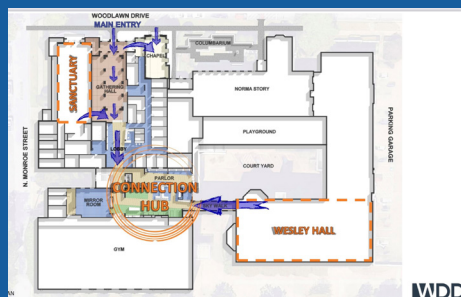
The exterior renovation piece is absolutely necessary. Power washing, tuckpointing, and sealing of the Sanctuary, Discipleship Center/Wesley Hall, Norma Story Building, and the Argue Great Hall will have to be done regardless of moving forward with interior remodeling. It will be an expensive, but necessary, endeavor and will help preserve our church for years to come.

The interior remodeling we are proposing offers exciting and creative new opportunities. The chapel renovation would keep that space sacred but with movable seating and altar space with a kneeling rail. It would also emphasize the existing beautiful wood features with new lighting, extend the windows that would overlook the Columbarium and provide natural light, and will be equip it with the ability to simulcast worship services for overflow crowds for funerals and special events. These changes will allow us to make better use of this beautiful sacred space.

A parlor in any home or church is considered a sitting room. In the remodel, this would remain the essential function, but it would be designed to extend into the current hall that connects the main building with the skybridge to the Discipleship Center. This will enable a common meeting place for people to gather and build community, especially on Sunday mornings, creating a halfway meeting point between both of our main worship spaces. Comfortable, intimate seating spaces with access to coffee and water would be the main draw to this space redesigned to make connections with others or simply be. After the presentation in August, one thing the Building Committee will be talking about is how to represent in the interior design who we are as a historic midtown church with over 100 years of history AND update these areas to be more functional in the 21st century. Should the parlor renovation be included in the final plans, we would want to make a clear path from Entrance 1 on Woodlawn to the new parlor area.

The images the Charge Conference saw are not the final product, but an initial design and starting point that will change and morph over the next year. However, I have included a couple of slides that highlight the areas being discussed. The basic timeline is to have a Church Conference in the fall of 2024 to solidify what you, as members of PHUMC, would like to do. If approved, we would move forward with a capital campaign in early 2025 and then begin the remodel as voted on. We will get you more information as it becomes available. I hope you will be in prayer about the scope of this project and how God will continue to use our beautiful campus and the ministries of Pulaski Heights UMC to Inspire Love, Embrace Christ, and Engage the World.

Blessings,
Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor



BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH

Wednesday Nights at PULASKI HEIGHTS

5:00-5:50: Meal

5:00-6:45: Midyouth

6:00-6:45: Classes, Children's Choir, Small Groups, Life groups

6:45-8:15: Chancel Choir & Modern Band Rehearsal, Youth Bible Study

Adult Classes

Fall Term 1-2 (10 weeks | Sept. 13-Nov. 15)

- **Bible Study 1 & 2 Corinthians** - Dr. Robbins
- **What We Believe Adult Confirmation** - Rev. McMurray

Fall Term 1 (5 weeks | Sept. 13-Oct. 11)

- **Contemplation and Prayer** - Adam D'Achille
- **The Gift of Empathy** - Dr. Hampton & Carole Provin

Fall Term 2 (5 weeks | Oct. 18-Nov. 15)

- **Women of the Old Testament** - Rev. Maynard
- **The Gift of Empathy** - Dr. Hampton & Carole Provin

Children & Youth

Children

- **Childcare (Pre-K and under)** - 6:00-6:45PM (room D271 & Room D267)*
- **Children's Choir (K-4th Grade)** - 6:00-6:45PM - M119 (Children's Choir Room)*

Youth

- **Midyouth** - 5:00-6:45PM - 5th-7th grade youth - PHUMC Gym (Rev. Jay Clark)
- **Sr. High Study Hall** -- 6:00-6:45PM - 8th-12th grade youth - Youth Lounge
- **Sr. High Bible Study** - 6:45-8:15PM - 8th-12th grade youth - Youth Lounge (Rev. Ellen Rowland)

*Registration for children is strongly encouraged

Music

- **Chancel Choir** - 6:45-8:15PM - Choir Room - Interested in joining the choir? Contact Frode Gundersen at fgundersen@phumc.com
- **Modern Worship Team** - 6:45-8:15PM - Wesley Hall - Want to get involved with A/V or music? Contact Trenton Teegarden at tteegarden@phumc.com or Brooke Hobbs at bhobbs@phumc.com

WANT MORE INFO? GO TO PHUMC.COM/WEDNESDAYS

SAVE THE DATE! BLOCK PARTY

Wednesday, September 6th
5:00-7:00PM



LABOR DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



On September 3rd we will only hold two services.

- 9:00AM Classic Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00AM Modern Worship - Wesley Hall



2023-24 Confirmation

For 7th grade students!

Register and learn more at phumc.com/confirmation

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:00 & 11:00 AM

SIGN UP AT PHUMC.COM/KIDS

As United Methodists, we have a wonderful and long tradition of giving each 3rd Grader their own Bible! We are excited to present our 3rd Grade students with their Bibles on Sunday, September 17th. Parents of 3rd Graders, sign up to get your student's Bible engraved by going to phumc.com/kids!



Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay persons to provide distinctively Christian one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and community by expressing God's care through their lives to others.

Sign up by contacting: carole.provin@yahoo.com • jhampton@phumc.com • (501) 664-3600
Sundays • Beginning September 17-November 15 • 12:15-1:30PM (Lunch provided)

HOG PARKING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM



It's that time of year! The Hogs are going to be playing at War Memorial Stadium on Saturday, September 2nd! Just like we have in the past, we will be selling parking spots at the church for the game for just \$20! All proceeds will go to PHUMC Youth Missions. Questions? Contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com.

Confirmation Registration is now open to 7th graders! We've fine-tuned our confirmation process to make our confirmation experience more meaningful and flexible for your family. To learn more about the new process or to register your 7th grader, go to phumc.com/confirmation or contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com.



SEPTEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

YUI TERUYA - SEPT. 2
AMANDA GILMORE - SEPT. 15



Our Youth had such a good time at Magic Springs for our Back to School Splash last month! Interested in learning more about our youth programming for the year? Contact Rev. Ellen Rowland at erowland@phumc.com or go to phumc.com/youth.

September Primitimers Luncheon
 Molly and James Vandiver and the Garth Travis Band

RSVP:	Thursday Sept. 28
PHUMC APP	11:30AM
Call 501-664-3600	Great Hall
Front Desk	\$10

phumc.com/primitimers

FREE Family Caregiver Workshop-Dementia/Alzheimer's

11:00AM - 1:00 PM | September 26th

The workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and provide caregiving tips that help maintain quality of life for your loved one.

Please RSVP by September 22 at dcurry@phumc.com or by calling 501-664-3600

A light lunch will be provided by Pulaski Heights!




SEPTEMBER DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK	FOOD PANTRY
16,765	153
Diapers	Bags of Food

PHUMC.COM/MISSIONS



This past month we had our second annual Youth Worship & Audio/Visual Camp! 10 students learned about leading worship, playing their instruments, the ins-and-outs of the PHUMC technical team, and had a lot of fun!



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 29 3-5PM

LOWER PARKING DECK

PHUMC.COM/TRUNK-OR-TREAT

DIAPER DRIVE

THE SPIRIT OF ARKANSAS

SPONSORED BY **Edwards FOOD GIANT** & **Edwards CASHSAVER**

CENTRAL ARKANSAS DIAPER BANK



The Central Arkansas Diaper Bank is once again teaming up with Edwards Food Giant and KATV - Channel 7 for our second annual Spirit of Arkansas Diaper Drive. Diaper donations will be accepted the entire month of September at all Central Arkansas Edwards Food Giant and Edwards Cash Saver locations. You can also bring diapers to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church (4823 Woodlawn Dr.). Bring your donations to the donation station outside of Entrance 7 off of Lee Avenue.

December 9th & 10th



Alister McGrath

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OPENING OCTOBER 1.

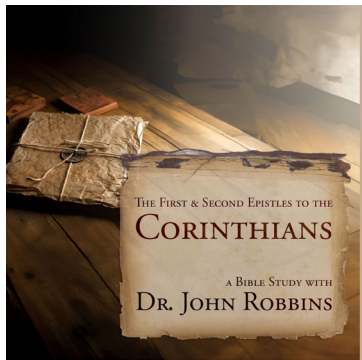
Save the Date! The TJ & Inez Raney Series presents Alister McGrath on Saturday, December 9th and preaching in worship December 10th! Alister McGrath is the world's foremost C.S. Lewis scholar and a former atheist who is interested in discussing Christianity with those outside of the church. You won't want to miss hearing him speak! Registration will be available October 1st.

JOIN US FOR A...

Willing Friends Luncheon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

When: 12pm - 2pm
 Where: PHUMC
 RSVP: Coming Soon
 Questions? Contact vporta@phumc.com or 501-664-3600



Beginning September 13th

- 10AM
 - In-Person Only
 - Room C236
- 6PM
 - In-Person in Wesley Hall
 - Streaming on Facebook, YouTube, & phumc.com/live

Walking the Mourner's Path

IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

MONDAYS FROM 10AM-12PM | SEPT. 18-NOV. 6



PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH

Walking the Mourner's Path is an in-person grief group for those who would like to process loss in a group setting. This is an 8-week program, Mondays, September 18-November 6, from 10AM-12PM. There is an \$80 fee to go towards materials. If you are interested, go to phumc.com/mourners-path or call the church at 501-664-3600.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS

EXTENDED to the family and friends of Karen Sullards in her recent death; to Mike Marlow and family in the death of his wife, Diana Marlow; to Juanita Patton and family in the death of her brother, Larry Siegler; to Donnie Chambers and family in the death of his grandfather, Ray Chambers; to Susan Wood and family in the death of her husband, Sid Wood; to Jay White and family in the death of his mother, Suzanne White; and to Bo Hawk and family in the death of his brother, Doc Hawk.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO Chuck Massey and Thomas Peterson on their recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Eloise Elizabeth Bates, child of Laura and Devin Bates; and of Isabelle Helen Kane, daughter of Rachel and Matthew Kane and granddaughter of Amy and Mark Westmoreland.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Margaux Reckert, daughter of Tara and David Reckert; of Stevie Mac Gaiser, daughter of Jordan and Michael Gaiser; and of Amelia McKennon Dudley, child of Katherine and Robert Dudley.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Kathy Lewellyn; Norm and Sue Johnsen.

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

MEET OUR NEW RECEPTIONIST

LISA BARNES

STARTING SEPTEMBER 5TH!

We are so excited to announce our new receptionist, Lisa Barnes! She will start on September 5th! Make sure to stop by or give the church a call at 501-664-3600 to welcome her!

JOIN US

FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

September 13 @ 11:30 AM
WESLEY HALL

Sign up by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or phumc.com/cancer-friends.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,027,090
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 60,000
Other Income	\$ 59,823
Total Income	\$ 2,146,913
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,427,677
Tithe Payment Payable*	\$ 29,389
Total Expenses	\$ 2,457,066
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (310,153)

*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.



This Fall we will have two Children Choirs: K-1st Grade & 2nd-4th Grade. We meet on Wednesdays beginning September 13 from 6:00PM-6:45PM in room M119! Sign up by going to phumc.com/childrens-choir. Questions? Contact Dr. Frode Gundersen at fgundersen@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600!

WORSHIP ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

We have opportunities for accessibility for all of our worship services.

- Wheelchairs and power chairs are available in both worship venues
- Listening devices are available in our Classic services
- Cushions are available for the Classic services
- Large Hymnals are available for the Classic services
- Earplugs are available for our Modern services.

To access any of these, just ask an usher, a greeter, or go to the Welcome Desk and they will help you with what you need!