



PULASKI HEIGHTS
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD NOVEMBER 2023

THE Miracle of Christmas

Advent and Christmas Worship with Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

Hanging of the Greens

Special Service For All Ages

December 3 | 5pm | Sanctuary

Dr. Allister McGrath Preaching

December 10 | 9 & 11am | All services

A Service of Hope and Healing

December 10 | 5pm | Sanctuary

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 17 | 9 & 11am | All services



The central miracle asserted by Christians is the incarnation.

-C.S. Lewis

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

Advent 4 Worship

9am | Sanctuary | Rev. Curry

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

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

Children & Family Christmas Eve
4pm | Gym | Rev. Clark

Classic Candlelight Communion
11pm | Sanctuary | Rev. McMurray

PHUMC.COM/CHRISTMAS

Want an opportunity to bring the Christmas cheer to a family? Here's your chance! PHUMC will once again be sponsoring over 200 Wakefield Elementary children for Christmas, and we need sponsors! Sponsors are responsible for purchasing items

on the lists these children and their siblings have prepared! Sponsor packets will be mailed shortly after you sign up, and gifts are due back to the church on Sunday, December 10th. If you would like to sign up please email Nancy Delacerda at ndelacerda@comcast.net, and let her know how many children you would like to sponsor and what address you would like the packet mailed to.

If you've got questions please call Nancy at 501-517-4609 or the church at 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



December 9th

5:00-7:00pm



Dr. Alister McGrath

World's Premiere C.S. Lewis Scholar

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PHUMC United Women in Faith



BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 19th

8:30AM - 12:30PM

Gathering Hall and Wesley Hall Welcome Center

Primetimers and Friends



November 2nd
10:00 AM

Visit the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts! Attendance is free.

We will meet at the Museum of Fine Arts and take a docent-led tour of their exhibits. RSVP by calling the church office at 501-664-3600 or signing the Reservation book at the Welcome Desk.



OCTOBER DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK | FOOD PANTRY

20,580 Diapers Distributed

312 Children

190 Bags of Food

575 People

51 New Families

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We are so excited to welcome Heather Doherty to our staff as the Administrative Assistant to Youth and Families! Heather joins

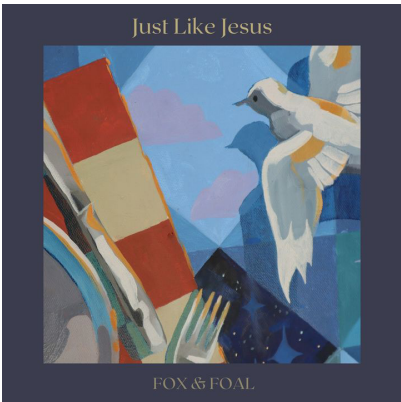
us with extensive experience in counseling, community development, and assisting young adults with a history in foster care as they transition to independence. We believe Heather is going to be the perfect addition to our innovative youth and midyouth programs! Give her a welcome email at hdoherthy@phumc.com!



Join us at noon in the Argue Great Hall on Sunday, November 12th for a veterans celebration! This free luncheon is open to all veterans or family members of veterans! Let us know you're coming by calling the church office at 501-664-3600, going to the Welcome Desk, or signing up online at phumc.com/veterans-lunch.



We will celebrate the end of the semester with a special "Hanging of the Greens Service" for all ages in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00PM. A cookie and hot chocolate Reception will follow! Questions? Contact Dr. Frode Gundersen at fgundersen@phumc.com or 501-664-3600!



Fox & Foal is an up-and-coming, folk-inspired worship duo that features PHUMC staff member and Modern Worship Coordinator, **Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs**. Brooke and her bandmate David Williams, the worship leader at St. James UMC Little Rock, first began singing

together at the U of A Wesley College Ministry in the fall of 2015.

Fox & Foal's latest single "Pour Myself Out" from their upcoming album features a melody and rhythm that instantly sticks in your head and is designed to sing forever. The duo has just released another single titled "Just Like Jesus" that features an eclectic use of instruments including a saxophone.

Fox & Foal's ultimate goal is that their work would be a fresh expression of worship in a world desperately craving authenticity, let their worship allow people to sing of the promises of God, declare proclamations of faith, and find hope in the storm for years to come.

We are proud of Brooke and David; listen to their music by going to foxandfoalmusic.com.



September and October were busy months for third graders and their families! On September 17th, we presented Bibles to students in both 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. These students then attended a Conference-sponsored "Bible Boot Camp" for students around the state. Children worked together on Bible challenges, mission activities, and outdoor fun. Lastly, third graders and their parents participated in a "Learning to use my Bible" class during Sunday school led by Mary-Margaret Marks. Thanks to our hardworking Children Ministry staff for helping our students learn about scripture and grow in their faith.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
YOUR LOVED ONES!

phumc.com/poinsettia

Christmas poinsettias 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each beginning **November 19th**. They will be placed in the sanctuary during Advent and may be picked up in the Gathering Hall after Christmas. Orders will close on **December 10th** and will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin as well as the January Tower Newsletter. You can purchase them by going to phumc.com/poinsettia, calling the church office at 501-664-3600, or filling out the Poinsettia Form at the Welcome desk!

CELEBRATING LIFE NOTHING TO FEAR

SERMON SERIES: NOV. 5-NOV. 26

All Saints Sunday is a day in the life of the Church when we celebrate the lives of those members of the church - our Saints - who have died in the past year. It is a reminder of our mortality but also the power of our faith that allows us to celebrate life because we know that in Jesus Christ death isn't the end. This All Saints Sunday we will begin a new worship series that explores how we as Christians approach life and death differently in light of our faith. In a world where humans don't want to talk about death or accept it, how are we as faithful people to grieve and mourn, to love and live with the reality of life and death and the hope of resurrection? Join us as we explore this question, offer resources, and seek hope together in November with our worship series *Celebrating Life: Nothing to Fear*. We hope you'll be able to join us.



RING THE BELL



TO SIGN UP
PHUMC.COM/RING
SEARCH: PHUMC

Salvation Army Ringing the Bell

PHUMC will once again be "Ringing the Bell" to support the Salvation Army. New this year, to better accommodate peoples' schedules, we are allowing you to sign up for your own time slots that fit your schedule! Just go to phumc.com/ring and search for 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! We hope your family, Sunday School class or small group will sign up for this great ministry.

JOIN US

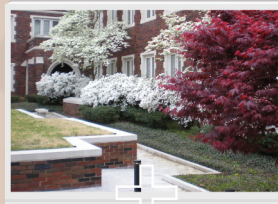
FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 13 @ 11:30 AM
WESLEY HALL

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

Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at 11:30AM in Wesley Hall for our PHUMC Cancer Friends Christmas Luncheon! At this luncheon we will remember our friends who have passed on in the past year. We will also sing carols together led by the **Aeolus Recorder Konsort**.

The Aeolus Konsort is a community group of recorder players and was established in 1982. The group has performed at Madrigal dinners at UCA, Lanterns at Wildwood, and Winter Frolics at the Historic Arkansas Museum as well as performing at various nursing homes and at Arkansas Children's Hospital. 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.



All Saints

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

COLUMBARIUM | SUNDAY, NOV. 5 | 5:30-6:00PM

COME JOIN US

In addition to Sunday morning worship services for All Saints Sunday, this year you can join us in the Columbarium on Sunday, November 5th from 5:30-6:00PM for an All Saints Service of Remembrance. We will worship together as we recognize and remember all of the saints who have passed and joined the Church Triumphant.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Paula Patterson and family in the death of her nephew, Steven Pettigrew; to Sara Logan and family in the death of her father, David Gillison, Jr; to Karen Cobb and family in the death of her sister, Doris Farmer; to John Harbour and family in the death of his father, Mickey Harbour; to Chris Benson and family in the death of his mother, Joan Marie Benson; to Martha Sharp and family in the death of her sister, Susan Congdon; to the family and friends of Blanche Moore in her recent death; to Jimmy Faulkner, Will Faulkner, Boogie Faulkner, and Lizzy Chandler and families in the death of their wife and mother, Ceile Faulkner; to the family and friends of Erma McNeill in her recent death; to Bev Villines, Corey Brooks, and Meredith Villines and families in the death of their husband and father, Buddy Villines.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler Beneke and Adam Kenalski in their recent marriage.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of Micah Anthony D'Achille, child of Adam and Anne D'Achille; and of Liam James Anderson, child of Joya and Wes Anderson and grandchild of Cynthia and Dr. Jeff Hampton.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Louise Robbins, child of Caroline and Jay Robbins.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Michael Gonzalez, Savannah Henthorne, and Anne Higgins.



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Church Office Hours:

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



PHUMC Preschool Family Playdate

Preschoolers and their families are invited to gather at the PHUMC Gym on Sunday, November 12 from 3:00-4:30PM! Come play with old friends and new! Bring your indoor riding toys. Games and activities will be provided. We will also have a special snack to make and take. Contact Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com or Pam Lentz at plentz@phumc.com or call the church office at 501-664-3600 for more information! We hope you can join us!



In September we collected almost 90,000 diapers in the Spirit of Arkansas Diaper Drive with Edwards and KATV! Thanks to all of our volunteers and staff for making this possible!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,552,520
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 60,000
Other Income	\$ 85,541
Total Income	\$ 2,698,061
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,185,326
Tithe Payment Payable*	\$ 21,490
Total Expenses	\$ 3,206,816
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (508,755)

*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 encourages each United Methodist Church in the state to pay 10% of the income received in a month.