



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD DECEMBER 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.

—CS. 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

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
YOUR LOVED ONES!

Christmas poinsettias 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each. 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! The flowers 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.



We had such a wonderful time last month with our Preschool Family Playdate! We enjoyed some free play, a group game of "name that animal," snacks, and fun parachute play activities. We all had a great time making and playing with old and new friends. To stay up to date with all of our Children's Ministry activities, go to phumc.com/kids.



Trunk or Treat was such a blast this year! Despite a torrential downpour of rain, we had over 800 people from our church and community attend. Thank you to the over 75 staff and volunteers for helping make this event a smashing success! We'll see you next year on October 27th!



Thank you to Staley Electric for sponsoring our Sunday morning donuts from October 2023 until April 2024. We appreciate their support in this way and through their SOAR program. By mentioning PHUMC, SOAR will donate 5% of your total bill back to the church. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the Sunday morning donuts, please contact Emily Stotts at estotts@phumc.com.



Last month, we held a service in our Columbarium honoring and remembering all of the Saints of the church who have gone before us. Thank you for everyone who participated and helped make this special service possible.



We had such a great time at our Veteran's Luncheon in November. Thank you so much to the Mount St. Mary's Concert Belles for singing and Boy Scout Troop 12 for participating by presenting the colors. We are so proud of all of the veterans from our church community.

Caring Wheels

Providing transportation for PHUMC members



Did you know about Caring Wheels? Caring Wheels is a PHUMC ministry that picks up members and takes them to their medical and dental appointments as needed. This ministry is offered Monday through Friday. All you need to do to get a ride is call the church office with a 2-week notice: 501-664-3600.

We are also looking for a few more volunteers to give some time to help with this vital ministry. If you are interested, contact Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com.

Primitimers Christmas Luncheon

Featuring music from Dr. Frode Gundersen & Sungyun Kim

Thursday Dec. 14 **RSVP:**
 11:30AM **PHUMC APP**
 PHUMC GYM **Call 501-664-3600**
 Free **Front Desk**
phumc.com/primitimers



JOIN US

FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 13th at 11:30 AM

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

NOVEMBER DISTRIBUTION

DIAPER BANK		FOOD PANTRY
22,105 Diapers		109 Bags of Food
308 Children		425 People Served

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SOCKTOBERFEST!



This year, we collected over 1,200 pairs of socks for Socktoberfest! 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 helped contribute to this great mission!

PHUMC VISITATION MINISTRY



jhampton@phumc.com
 or
dcurry@phumc.com

We are looking for some dedicated volunteers to participate in the PHUMC Visitation Ministry. Our Visitation Ministry Team visits our members who are in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and other care facilities on a regular basis. If you are interested in joining this important care team, contact Dr. Jeff Hampton at jhampton@phumc.com or Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com.

DECEMBER STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Barnwell Holloway Medical Studies Scholarship Endowment, Centennial Preservation Endowment, Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment, Betty Glasscock Landscape Ministry Endowment, Hodges Family Columbarium Maintenance Endowment, Robert Chancellor Hoover Treatment Center Memorial Fund, Vic and Freddie Nixon Endowment, Lou and Cathy Sanders Music Endowment, Villines Family Endowment, Youth Endowment, and the glory of God.

MEMORIALS

Bob Baine by Beth Baine

Joan Marie Benson by Carol and Gary Isom, and Cathy and John Slater, and Bev Villines

Lee Bowman by Carol Hodges

Marlin Brown by Susan and Robert Dunn, PHUMC Tower Class, and Bev Villines

Robert Chancellor by Lesa Booker

Susan Congdon by Carol and Gary Isom, and Bev Villines

Lillian Durham by Carol Hodges

Wanda Fantz by Jim and Sue Bicker, Joyce Burrow, and Bev Villines

Doris Farmer by Marsha Allbritton, Sharon Greathouse, Margaret Hatchett, Nancy Sink, and Bev Villines

Ceile Faulkner by Julie and Wally Allen, Elise Argue, The Argue Class, Brenda and Raymond Ashmore, Nancy and David Bartlett, Ann M Biggers, Mary Lou Billingsley, Sydney and Bentley Blackmon, Rhonda and Bob Bolls, Mary Lynn and Michael Bourns, Cindy and Kevin Burns, Emily and Jim Burrow, Harriet Bynum, Diane Carroll, Marha and Ron Clark, Stuart Cobb, Charlie and Patti Coleman and Family, Walt and Cynthia Coleman, Chuck and Kay Cook, Marcia and Jim Darr, Libby and Scott Davis, Mel and Sally Davis, Dick and Kay Dietz, Susan and Dee Dietz, Laura and Mark Doramus, Robert and Susan Dunn, Bruce and Susan Eddy, Jackson and Becky Farrow, Tricia and David Feilke, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Felton, First United Methodist Church Koinonia Sunday School Class, Jane Ann Fortenberry, Carolyn Franke, Loris and Jay Fullerton, Ken and Dottie Gill, Glenda and Marshall Gazette, Lisa and Gordon Gondek, Victoria and David Hall, Linda Hargis, Bo, Sunny, and Matthew Hawk and Elizabeth Carlton, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Jodie and John Hickman, Carol Hodges, Barbara Hoover, Abigail Howe, Linda and Steve Humphries, Judy and Jim Irwin Carol and Gary Isom, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Jackson, Pat and Jabez Jackson,

Katherine Jefferson, Hannah and Brent Jennings, Ben and Ashley Jackson, Martha and Brian Poe, Janet and Bud Jones, Barb and Rich Kennedy, Cecile and Larry Kimmer, Nancy and Drew Kumpuris, Laurie Laing, Mark and Leslie Lee, Jim and Pam Liles, Diane and Fletcher Lord, Dickie Lunsford, Michelle and Mark Mann, Richard and Betty Gene Mann, Mark and Holly Mathisen, Brenda Maynard, Missy and Thomas McCain, Carolyn and Craig McCone, Susan and Mike McFerran, Lester McKinley, Mack and Donna McLarty, Martha and Malcolm McNair, Jim Mitchell and Family, Donna Morey, Debbie and Biff Morgan, Lynn Monk, Steve Morley, Barbara and Mack Moore, Jim Morse, Counts Morton, Mary Lynn and Sheffield Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Nelson, Deirdre Newcomb, Dr. and Mrs David Nixon, Freddie Nixon, Dietz Osborne, John and Dee Ostner, Pairs and Spares Class, Virginia and Mike Porta, Robert and Mary Powers, Liz Rainwater, Irene Regnier, Mary and David Rowe, Skip and Billie Rutherford, Renee and Scott Rittelmeyer, Kathy Roberts, Shep and Ellen Russell, Ray and Lavern Schaap, Mike Schaufele, Joe and Mickey Searcy, Scott and Terri Seller, Britt and Karen Skarda, Cathy and John Slater, Rebecca and Gary Smith, Laura and Mark Spradley, Ed and Connie Staley, Roselyn and Jack Stanley, Jim Stinson, Amy Sullivan, Charles and Jan Sullivan, Scott and Denise Tabor, Libby and Randy Taylor, Lynn Topp, Katherine Ann and Scott Trotter, Judge Larry and Shelia Vaught, Bev Villines, Marc and Gingie Watson, Brock and Carter Whisenhunt, Jay and Laura White, Mark and Sandy White, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Gordon, Penny, Anna Miller, and Rachel Wilbourn Clare Thomas Williams, Judy Wingfield, Patty and Don Winton, Craig and Nancy Wood, Larry and Eve Yancey, Ellen and Jim Yearly, Junie and Dennis Young, and Paul and Dorothy Young

Kathy Grotte by Bev Villines

Vicki Holloway by Betty Pinckney

Melissa John by Julie and Wally Allen, Kathy Roberts, and Bev Villines

Diana Marlow by Dickie Lunsford and Will and Dixon Deering

Ernestine Martin by Anne Baldwin

Erma McNeil by Bev Villines

Rev. Vic Nixon by Cindy Conger, Suzanne and Jim Dunn, Kathy Roberts, and Paula Watson

Bobby Noland by Cathy and John Slater

Lisa Orgain by Bev Villines

Buddy Villines by James Adamson, Julie and Wally Allen, Elise Argue, James and Mary Bailey, Nancy and David Bartlett, Mary Lou Billingsley, Rhonda and Bob Bolls, Will and Gabriel Bond, Jeannie Botts, Jerry and Vera Bowie, Jay Bradford, Mike and Patsy Brown, Brantley and Kate

Buck, Cindy and Kevin Burns, Emily and Jim Burrow, Jim Campbell, Ann Childs, Marha and Ron Clark, Charlie and Patti Coleman, Cindy Conger, Gladwin Connell, Chuck and Kay Cook, Janice Couch, Marcia and Jim Darr, Mel and Sally Davis, Susan and Dee Dietz, Robert and Susan Dunn, Jimmy and Pat Elder, Ann Fly, Joe Fox and Lia Lent, Glenda and Marshall Gazette, Ken and Dottie Gill, Sandra and Rickie Goforth and Carol Bevis, Wayne and Sharon Greathouse, Victoria and David Hall, Claudia Hamilton, Cheryl Harrison, Bo and Sunny Hawk, Misty and Drake Hawkins, Anne Hill, Carol Hodges, Lynn and Carolyn Hoggard, Barbara Hoover, Abigail Howe, Greg and Becky Hubbard, Judy and Jim Irwin, Carol and Gary Isom, Brooks and Mary Lou Jackson, Katherine Jefferson, Kathy Jennings, Janet and Bud Jones, Marcia and John Kelly, Brenda Kennett, Cecile and Larry Kimmer, Tad and Judy Krug, Laurie Laing, George and Kathy Lease, Lillian Lee, Dickie Lunsford, Richard and Betty Gene Mann, Michelle and Mark Mann, Mark and Holly Mathisen, Joanne and Charles Matson, Carolyn and Craig McCone, Mack and Donna McLarty, Jim Michtell, Lynn Monk, Barbara and Mack Moore, Jim Morse, Dr. and Mrs David Nixon, Freddie Nixon, Dietz Osborne, Virginia and Mike Porta, Robert and Mary Powers, Irene Regnier, Kathy Roberts, Skip and Billie Rutherford, Nancy Schuster, Robin Sever, Britt and Karen Skarda, Cathy and John Slater, Nancy Smith, Carolyn Spradley, Laura and Mark Spradley, Ed and Connie Staley, Roselyn and Jack Stanley, Amy Sullivan, Charles and Jan Sullivan, Max and Deb Tackett, Jane and Howard Turney, Susan and Tim Van Dusen, Donald Vanhaus, Judge Larry and Shelia Vaught, Bev Villines, Gus Vratsinas, Mark and Sandy White, Julie and Bill Wiedower, Penny and Gordon Wilbourn, and Paul and Dorothy Young

Robin Wynne by Penny and Gordon Wilbourn

Roger Zachritz by Carol and Gary Isom, Skip and Billie Rutherford, Cathy and John Slater, and Bev Villines

HONORARIA

Karen Barnwell by Betty Pinckney

Paul Bash by Mary Cantwell

PHUMC Pastors by Juanita Patton

Dr. John Robbins by Ray and Lavern Schaap

Bev Villines by Kathy Roberts

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Robert Powers

Shelby Powers by Robert Powers

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Leslie Heizman and family in the death of her mother, Patty Doubleday; to Craig Forrest and family in the death of his mother, Jerrie Jean Rogers Walden; to David John, Haley, Porter, and Jett in the death of their wife and mother, Melissa John; to Judy Zachritz and family in the death of her husband, Roger Zachritz; to Lauren-Blair Marshall and family in the death of her father, Mark O'Brien; to Jeremy Bragg and family in the death of his father, Donald Bragg; to Dot Hope and family in the death of her great grandson, Cody Old; to Wess Moore and family in the death of his grandmother, Maxine Robertson; and to Adam D'Achille and family in the death of his grandfather, Lorenzo "Larry" D'Achille.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Chris and Amy Benya; James Higgins; Bradley, Heather, Hannah, Connor, Corban, and Ellie Doherty.

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

**WORSHIP ON KATV
WILL AIR FROM
10:00-11:00AM ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER
10TH**

PRIMETIMERS

NOW PLAYING: I HEARD THE BELLS
1:00 PM | 7 DECEMBER

Wesley Hall

**YOUTH
Shop and Wrap Mission
DEC. 3RD 12:00-3:00PM
Meet in the youth lounge
at noon!**

RING THE BELL

**TO SIGN UP
[PHUMC.COM/RING](https://www.phumc.com/ring)
Search: phumc**



In the past few weeks, you may have noticed some work going on outside of our building. This facility work was recently authorized by the Board of Trustees and Building Committee and is for our most urgent needs. This includes current or ongoing repairs issues as identified by site inspections. These building improvements include: exterior masonry and joint sealant repairs, power washing, acrylic waterproof coating, tuck-pointing, parapet cap and waterproofing and roofing repairs to resolve immediate needs for our building. This will help us fortify our building for many years to come. If you have any questions, you can contact Rev. Jay Clark at jclark@phumc.com.

UMAC AWARD

**2023
WINNER**

Our Worship and Technology Team was recently recognized by the United Methodist Association of Communicators Awards in the Best Video Production category for our televised Easter Sunrise Service. The service was named 3rd place out of many videos/services from Annual Conferences and other churches. We are so thankful for Patrick Shownes, Jacob Nolen, and Rev. Kathleen McMurray for their hard work with this special service.

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Member Contributions	\$ 2,848,447
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 113,796
Other Income	\$ 60,114
Total Income	\$ 2,698,061
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,497,083
Tithe Payment Payable*	\$ 48,344
Total Expenses	\$ 3,545,427
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (523,070)

*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.