



**PULASKI  
HEIGHTS**  
United Methodist Church

# THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD MARCH 2024

## EASTER *with* PULASKI HEIGHTS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30 EASTER WORSHIP

Saturday Night Easter Service | 5:00PM | This service will air on KATV at 7:00AM on March 31

#### MARCH 31 CLASSIC WORSHIP

8:30AM, 9:45AM, 11:00AM | Sanctuary  
8:30AM | Facebook, YouTube  
10:30AM | KATV

#### MARCH 31 MODERN WORSHIP

9:45AM and 11:00AM | Wesley Hall  
11:00AM | Facebook, YouTube

**LEARN MORE**  
[phumc.com/easter](http://phumc.com/easter)

As Easter quickly approaches, I hope you will prayerfully consider attending one of our six services of worship declaring to the world, "He is Risen." This year, to help alleviate crowding, we have added a Saturday evening Easter service. As most of you know all too well, our parking and worship space is very limited, especially on Easter Sunday.

Since we are Resurrection people who believe every time we gather, we have reason to celebrate Christ's triumph over death, a Saturday Easter service is more than appropriate. There are many churches who have weekly Saturday worship services who have become accustomed to celebrating the Risen Lord on Saturday evening. While, this is a new venture for us, but it will certainly be very special. I hope you will consider making room for visitors on Sunday by attending Easter worship on Saturday. I promise God will honor your efforts.

We want to be as friendly and inviting as possible to guests who choose to worship with us whenever that may be. Easter affords us the privilege of showing everyone what is so special about PHUMC. Whether you choose to attend on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, we will do our best to honor our Risen Lord in the most beautiful and meaningful of ways.

-Dr. John Robbins, Senior Pastor

## PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24

**CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED TO PROCESS  
WITH PALMS IN ALL WORSHIP SERVICES.**

**CONTACT [PLENTZ@PHUMC.COM](mailto:plentz@phumc.com) FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



*Drop-in Communion  
with Prayer Stations*

THURSDAY | MARCH 28  
NOON-1PM | WESLEY HALL

*Maunder Thursday Service*

THURSDAY | MARCH 28  
7:00 PM | WESLEY HALL

*A Service of Tenebrae*

FRIDAY | MARCH 29  
NOON | SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY (FULL CHOIR)

*PHUMC Easter  
Egg Hunt*

WAR  
MEMORIAL  
PAVILION

SATURDAY  
MARCH 30  
GATHER: 10:30AM  
HUNT BEGINS: 11AM

DONATE CANDY AT THE BINS  
AROUND THE CHURCH OR:

[phumc.com/candy](http://phumc.com/candy)



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is going to be Saturday, March 30th! Gathering begins at 10:30AM & the hunt begins at 11:00AM. Our children's department has the eggs, but we are in need of candy! Please donate individually packaged candy in the donation boxes outside of Wesley Hall, at the Welcome Desk, or in the Children's Area! You can also give money at [phumc.com/candy](http://phumc.com/candy). We are also looking for volunteers! Contact Pam Lentz at [plentz@phumc.com](mailto:plentz@phumc.com) if you are interested!

## Service Spotlight - Lee & Nancy Archer

If you've been to a classic worship service, there is a good chance you've been greeted by Lee and Nancy Archer! They began serving as ushers when they joined as a way to serve their church and meet their fellow congregants. What's followed is a commitment to serving PHUMC that exemplifies the profound impact of volunteering. From coordinating Classic Worship ushers (and still ushering once a month) to coordinating and participating in medical missions, their faith is truly lived out through their service.



Beyond Sunday mornings, Nancy and Lee volunteer regularly with Helping Hands, PHUMC's senior respite care program. Their therapy dog, Jesse, brings comfort to the participants. "It is such a joy to see the clients interact with Jesse and share stories of their pets," Nancy says. They take great joy volunteering with others who are passionate about service and see this as an extension of our faith. "When we consider the enormous gift of grace and the daily presence of God in our lives we want to fulfill our church's mission: 'Inspire Love, Embrace Christ, Engage the World.' We hope and pray that our daily walk with God continues to reveal to us the parts we need to play in this mission."

If you'd like to use your gifts to assist in worship as an usher, greeter, or reader, or learn more about volunteering for Helping Hands, contact Michael McMurray at [mmcmurray@phumc.com](mailto:mmcmurray@phumc.com) or 501-664-3600.

To honor or memorialize a loved one

## EASTER FLOWERS

[phumc.com/easter-flowers](http://phumc.com/easter-flowers)  
or  
501-664-3600



Easter Flowers 'in honor of' or 'in memory of' a loved one are available for \$20 each. They will be placed in the Sanctuary & Wesley Hall on Easter and may be picked up in either location following the 11:00 services. Orders received in the church office by Friday, March 22nd will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Go to [phumc.com/easter-flowers](http://phumc.com/easter-flowers), pick up a form at the Welcome Desk, or call the church office 501-664-3600 to order them!



Our Diaper Bank had a record distribution day this month! We gave out over **25,000 diapers** to over **370 children!** With this increased volume, we are in need of more donations. You can purchase diapers from an online retailer such as Amazon or Walmart for delivery directly to the church at 4823 Woodlawn Dr, Little Rock, AR 72205. You can make a monetary donation online at [phumc.com/give](http://phumc.com/give). Please be sure to select the fund "Diaper Bank." All of your donations go directly to the purchase of diapers and wipes for families in need.

Donations of diapers are also accepted in any size and quantity. Open packages of diapers are also accepted. Diapers can be dropped off at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church main desk (Entrance 1) or the Donation Station outside of Entrance 7 off of Lee Avenue Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and Sunday 8:00am to 12:00pm.

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP



**Camp Firelight**  
A SUMMER CAMP... ADVENTURE WITH GOD... Psalm 56:3

**JUNE 24-27**

Save the date for Vacation Bible Camp, Monday June 24-Thursday, June 27! Children will play games, sing songs, and learn about putting their trust in God! For more information or to volunteer, contact Pam Lentz at [plentz@phumc.com](mailto:plentz@phumc.com) or 501-664-3600. Registration will open in April.

## HAPPENING HOUR

A Time of Community for Young and Youngish Adults

**MARCH 5 FROM 6-8PM**  
@ FASSLER HALL

LEARN MORE:  
[KMCMURRAY@PHUMC.COM](http://KMCMURRAY@PHUMC.COM)

### TABLE FOR ONE SMALL GROUP

Singles (35-70)



**JOIN US! TUESDAYS**  
**5:30-6:30PM @ PHUMC**

SESSION 3 Wednesday Nights Class Schedule (All classes 6:00-6:45PM). Learn more: <a href="http://phumc.com/wednesdays" style="color: #FFD700;">phumc.com/wednesdays</a>						
	3/20	3/27	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
<b>ADULTS WESLEY HALL</b>			1st & 2nd Corinthians Bible Study led by: Dr. John Robbins (Also available 10:00-10:45AM on Wednesdays)			
<b>ADULTS ROOM D369</b>			Faith Through the Lens of Ted Lasso led by: Rev. Kathleen McMurray & Rev. Abbey Maynard			
<b>ADULTS ROOM D366</b>	Spring Break No Classes	Holy Week No Classes	General Conference 101 led by: Rev. Jay Clark			
<b>ADULTS ROOM D371</b>			Technology Basics led by: Rev. Daniel Curry & Michael McMurray			
<b>YOUTH</b>			Midyouth (5th-7th) PHUMC GYM Youth (8th-12th) Study Hall Youth Lounge			
<b>CHILDREN/CHILDCARE</b>	Childcare: Infants/Toddlers (Room D271) & Preschool (Room D267) Children's (K-4th) Activities: Room C256 (Mirror Room) Children's (K-4th) Choir: Room M119					



## PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

The following gifts were received for Cancer Friends, Children's Ministry, Diaper Bank, Food Pantry, Good Samaritan, Music Ministry, Music Special Fund, PHUMC Music Academy Scholarships, Television Ministries Memorial Fund, Youth Activities, and the glory of God.

### Memorials

**Jane Arthurs** by Bill Arthurs

**Wayne Buckley** by Larry and Nikki Lawson

**Mallory Crank** by Larry and Nikki Lawson

**Patty Doubleday** by Patty Barker and Family, and Jane Dillingham Fink

**Doris Farmer** by James Evans

**Gerald and Marie Greathouse** by Denese Yancey

**Barbara Harper** by Pamela Hunter

**Bob Hill** by Annadell and Fred Fowler Gladys and Howard Hopkins by Denese Yancey

**Don Knutson** by Nancy and David Bartlett, Mary Ruth Brown, Jerry and Vera Bowie, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Hall and Colin Hall, Bo and Sunny Hawk, Mark and Michelle Mann, Andre and Louise Rollefson, Round Table Class, and Jack and Judy See

**John Robert McNee** by Janet and Preston Harness, Jerry and Sallie McNee, and Eda Woolf-Nixon

**Erma McNeil** by Karen Barnwell

**Ro Moery** by Amy and Dow Brantley, Diana Harper, Misty and Drake Hawkins, and Celeste Pettigrew

**Patricia Newton** by Carrie Johnson

**Frank Ross** by The Argue Class, Cindy Buehling, Michelle and Mark Mann, and Cathey and Kenneth Robbins

**Eric Lewis Rogers** by R.E. and Jane Rogers

**Maggie Schneider** by Kenny and Myra Black, Candice Goodwin, Jim and Beverly Graham, Rick Quast, Annette Reed, Jane and Phil Rice, Andre and Louise Rollefson, Rose Stringer and STW Central Community Friends, Round Table Class, and Jack and Judy See

**Carmen Stewart** by Roy and Karen Bullard

**Catherine Todd** by Dennis and Linda Todd

### Honoraria

**Dr. Frode Gundersen** by Jane Coker

**Jessia Middleton** by Anne Hill

**Dr. John Robbins** by Jane Coker

**Kathy Roberts** by Jim and Pat McClelland

**Jennie and Michael Stewart** by Daniel, Candice, Annabelle, and Caroline Dyes

**Emily Stotts** by Billie and Skip Rutherford

**Terri and Charlie Watkins** by Ellen Coffield

**Wednesday Study Group** by Beth Carty

## ALBUM RELEASE SHOW



Brooke Sanchez-Hobbs is one of our Modern Worship leaders. Her band, Fox & Foal is releasing its first full length album, *For The Love Of God*, on March 8th at midnight.

Join PHUMC in celebrating with Brooke for her Album Release Show on March 7th at Argenta UMC @ 7:00PM. We are so proud of Brooke and excited for more Fox & Foal!



Our Food Pantry set a record last month: over 210 bags of food were given away! With this increase in volume, we need more donations. You can bring food to the church outside of Entrance 7 (Lee Avenue) Mondays through Fridays from 7:30AM-7:30PM or bring it Sunday during worship. Monetary donations are accepted as well! Make sure you put PHUMC Food Pantry in the memo line. You can give online at [phumc.com/give](https://phumc.com/give). On March 10, we will have food bags available for pick up after worship with a shopping list.

If you would like to be involved in the Food Pantry ministry, contact Kathy Roberts, [0711kroberts@gmail.com](mailto:0711kroberts@gmail.com) or call the church at 501-664-3600.



## PHUMC VAN MINISTRY

GET PICKED UP FOR CHURCH!

CALL 501-664-3600 for more information!

PHUMC has a dedicated group of volunteers who are available on Sundays to provide transportation to and from church. The van service allows those who wish to attend one of the 9:00AM services, either in the Sanctuary or Wesley Hall, and Sunday School to be picked up around 8:30AM or so and dropped off at church. After Sunday School, the drivers will transport you back home. If you would like to take advantage of this service, all you need to do is call the church office at 501-664-3600 no later than 7:30AM on Sunday morning and let staff know you would like a ride.



Deadline: March 31, 2024

Email Virginia Porta at [vporta@phumc.com](mailto:vporta@phumc.com)

There are two scholarship opportunities available for graduating High School seniors. The Jimmy Faulkner Basketball Scholarship Endowment provides a scholarship to a student who has been a part of the PHUMC basketball program.

The Little Joe and the BKs (a 50's and 60s Rock and Roll band which originated in 1980 by members of PHUMC) established a scholarship fund using half the proceeds of its 'gigs.' The fund provides a one-year scholarship to a PHUMC Outstanding Senior. To apply for either of these, email Virginia Porta at [vporta@phumc.com](mailto:vporta@phumc.com), call 501-978-0510 or visit [phumcfoundation.org/scholarships](https://phumcfoundation.org/scholarships). Deadline to apply is March 31st!

