



**PULASKI
HEIGHTS**
United Methodist Church

THE TOWER NEWSLETTER

INSPIRE LOVE, EMBRACE CHRIST, ENGAGE THE WORLD MAY 2024

CONGRATS!
class of
2024

**Congratulations to
these young people!
We know you will
do well in the world
and we look
forward to
watching you grow
in life and faith
even more!!**

**John Robert Bennett
Marlee Bond
Elliott Bond
Austin Borg
Caroline Brantley
Wilson Bynum
Harden Capps**



**Jayden Childers
Quin Clark
Allie Fisker
Elizabeth Grobmyer
Henry Hughes
Carter Huff
Thomas Hugg**



**Catherine McCraw
Dana McCraw
Anna Kate Nichols
Ted Penick
Lovey Reynolds
Kate Robinson
Garrett Ross**



**Elizabeth Wallace
Carter Wallace
Walker Williams-Frueauff
Olivia Williamson
Aden Zamilpa**



Dear congregation, according to the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, a pastor may take a sabbatical leave for a program of study or travel approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry. Dr. Robbins, Rev. Clark, and our Staff-Parish Relations Committee have agreed to Dr. Jeffery Hampton's request to take a sabbatical this Summer, May 1st-September 1st.

While on sabbatical, Dr. Hampton will travel and visit other United Methodist churches and denominations to learn about how other large churches are caring for their congregations and communities. He will use this information, along with all he has learned as Pastor of Caring Ministries to help our church become a leader as a Caring Congregation. Dr. Hampton will also be working on his next writing projects including, *Caring for Individuals & Families: 12 A La Carte Action Steps*, which is being released

in January 2025. He published a book of sermons entitled *Meditations in Black & White: Beyond the Comfort Zone* in 2012, which is presently being revised and updated. His last book, which consists of additional sermons he has preached at PHUMC is entitled, *More Meditations: Building Faith & Relationships*. Both of these books will be published this Summer. Dr. T.T. Tyler Thompson, PHUMC Historian, is the editor on all these projects.

Dr. Hampton would like to thank: "Dr. Robbins, Rev. Clark, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, District Superintendent Washington, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Bishop Laura Merrill, the PHUMC Foundation, and the PHUMC Caring Network for granting and supporting this wonderful opportunity to grow, learn, and share with others."

While Dr. Hampton is away on sabbatical, Rev. Daniel Curry will lead our Caring Ministries team and our Pastoral Care team. You can contact Rev. Curry at 501-978-0501 or dcurry@phumc.com. We are excited for Dr. Hampton to experience this much-deserved sabbatical and can't wait to see the new information he brings to our congregation in the Fall.

-Penny Wilbourn, Chair, PHUMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee



If you've had a child baptized within the last fifteen years at Pulaski Heights UMC, there is a good chance you have met Lyndal York. For over 15 years, Lyndal has captured the sacred moment of children in our congregation, just before being baptized, with his camera lens. His retirement from volunteering marks the end of an era defined by kindness and dedication. His legacy will live on in the hundreds of cherished photographs he's shared with our church family. A special thank you to Lyndal York!



In April, our PHUMC Wakefield Tutor Team won the Volunteers In Public Schools "Mentor and Tutor Award" for their outstanding service. We are so thankful for this partnership with Wakefield Elementary School and the 42 dedicated tutors who go and read with students weekly. A special thanks to Judy Goss for leading this important ministry.


Rev. Abbey Maynard's

Going Away Reception



Sunday, June 16
10:00-10:50AM
Gathering Hall


Walking the Mourner's Path



IN-PERSON GRIEF GROUP

MONDAYS
6:00-8:00PM
JUNE 3-JULY 22

LEARN MORE AT
PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH



After exploring other grief groups after the passing of her husband, Amanda Craven was initially apprehensive to try Walking the Mourner's Path. When she eventually relented, she discovered profound comfort in the program.

Reflecting on her experience, she emphasizes its strategic approach and gradual pathway to healing, affirming its transformative impact on her journey of recovery. Walking the Mourner's Path stands as a beacon of hope, illuminating the promise of divine solace amidst life's most challenging passages. She says "Mourner's Path is the single most important thing that helped me heal."

Our next Walking the Mourner's Path group will run on Mondays from June 3-July 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, led by Rev. Belinda Price and Kathy Roberts. There is an \$80 fee for materials. If you'd like to sign up, go to phumc.com/mourners-path or call the church office at 501-664-3600.



Sign up to help build a home!



We have begun work on our next Habitat for Humanity House at 1812 Pinewood Drive! We will be regularly posting about work dates that come available at phumc.com/habitat! You can also contact Michael McMurray at mcmurray@phumc.com or 501-664-3600 to get put on our Habitat Team email list and get updates on how to be involved with this ministry!



Last month, PHUMC had its first "Hospitality on the Road" event. Emily Stotts, our Director of Welcoming and Hospitality, and Becky McCoy, one of our Visitation Ministry members, hosted a tea party for our members at Woodland Heights! Want a visit for your community? Let us know by emailing Emily Stotts at estotts@phumc.com or calling the church office at 501-664-3600. Interested in joining the Visitation Ministry team? Contact Rev. Daniel Curry at dcurry@phumc.com or 501-664-3600.



Over 300 people had an egg-cellent time last month at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Pavilion! Thanks to Pam, Kristie, and their volunteers for doing such a wonderful job putting on this special event. And a special thanks to Brian and Terri Kinder for providing our music and pre-hunt entertainment!

You can see the photo of the butterfly our children created together at the Easter Egg Hunt in the upper left-hand corner of the picture!

PHUMC FOUNDATION MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

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

Memorials

Bobby Bonner by Leigh-Alyson and Rich Walters

Hank Buehling by Barbara and Richard Blaine

Patty Doubleday by Stacy Abernethy, Bryn Bagwell, Libby and Scott Davis, and Carol Hodges

Becky Fitzhugh by Karen Barnwell, Jerry and Vera Bowie, Susan Eschenbrenner, Sharon and Robert Hallmark, Bo and Sunny Hawk, Kay Helmich, Deborah Jackson, Richard and Betty Gene Mann, Steve and Nancy Marshall, Ellie and John Moore, Pam Mueller and Book Club Friends, Linda Neyland, Dr. Norman and Linda Pledger, Jack and Lee Ramer, Terry and Mary Lou Rasco, Irene Regnier, Ben and Allison Richardson, Louise and Andre Rollefson, Round Table Class, Skip and Billie Rutherford, Linda Scisson, Porter Shults, Jennifer Snodgrass and Family, Trinity Presbyterian Church Adult Choir, and Heidi and James Williams

Dr. John R. Hampton III by Helen and Fred Harrison and Ellen Dickens, Matthew House, Jim Morse, and Welsco Inc.

Bill Huey by Deborah Jackson

Don Knutson by Mary Lou Billingsley, Elaine McNiece, Judy and James Miller, and Brenda Mize

John Robert McNeer by Karen Barnwell

Patricia Newton by Marilyn McKelvey

Raye Rogers by Judy and Don Adams, Stephanie Atchley, Mel and Sally Davis, Mark and Leslie Lee, Mack and Donna McLarty, Barbara Rhodes, Brenda Scisson and Larry Walton, Katherine Ann and Scott Trotter, and Pat Wilson

Maggie Schneider by Jerry and Vera Bowie

Carol Smelley by Stephanie and Hal Liechty

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Honoraria

Andrea Edwards by PHUMC Crossroads Class

Jimmy Faulkner by Patti and Charlie Coleman

Carol Foster by PHUMC Crossroads Class

Dr. Jeff Hampton by Stephanie and Hal Liechty

Judy and Jim Irwin by Patti and Charlie Coleman

Martha Landes by Beth and Roger Page

Susan Robbins by The Crossroads Class

Ellen Rowland by PHUMC Fathomers Class

Billie and Skip Rutherford by Patti and Charlie Coleman

Kim Swindler by Beth and Roger Page

LaJuana Whyte by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Land



JOIN US

FOR OUR CANCER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

June 6 @ 11:30 AM
WESLEY HALL

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

Join us for our next Cancer Friends Luncheon on Wednesday, June 6th at 11:30AM in Wesley Hall! The program will feature Larry Charles, Director of Pastoral Care for CARTI.

Registration is required. Cost for the meal is \$10. RSVP by going to phumc.com/cancerfriends, calling

the church office at 501-664-3600, signing up at the welcome desk, or signing up in the Church App! Cost is \$10/person!

Help Us Update Our Membership Rolls!



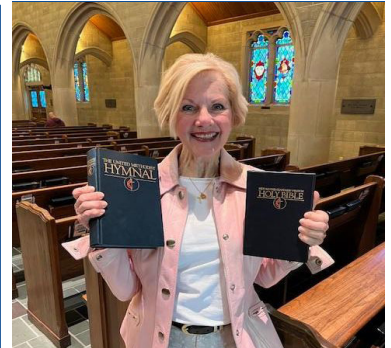
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PHUMC.COM/NAMES-LIST

May Staff Birthdays



May 15 - Dale Garland



Our Pew Crew has been hard at work the past couple of weeks replacing some of the worn out Bibles and hymnals in the Sanctuary! Thank you to the Memorials Committee for helping make this gift possible.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 24-27



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
APRIL 1 AT PHUMC.COM/VBC

Vacation Bible Camp registration is now open for this Summer! Rising Kindergarten-4th graders will play games, sing songs, and learn about putting their trust in God! This year, VBC is Monday, June 24-Thursday, June 27, 9:00-11:45AM.

Spots are limited. Sign up by going to phumc.com/VBC! Questions? Contact Pam Lentz at

plentz@phumc.com or Kristie Finney at kfinney@phumc.com.

There will also be a special "Night at Camp" on Thursday evening for all church families to come and spend time together in fellowship!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

9:00 Classic Service Only

No Children's Sunday School & Limited Adult Sunday School

10:30 KATV Classic Service

11:00 Modern Service Only



OUR CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 27 IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Holly Mathisen and family in the recent death of her sister, Susan Whiteman Hestir; to Mary Ann McGinnis and family in the recent death of her son, Dr. Mike R. McGinnis; to the Dunn and Chambers families in the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Claire Dunn; to Kathleen Crain & Pat Hoy in the death of their brother, John Hoy; to the family and friends of Carolyn Gill in her recent death; to the family and friends of Marjean Rowe in her recent death; to Kenny Wilkerson and Brooke Womack and their families in the death of their father and grandfather O.H. "Sunny" Wilkerson; and to Theresa Smith and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Phyllis Smith.

WE REJOICE IN THE BIRTH of William Gordon Rockefeller, III, child of Will and Caroline Rockefeller and grandchild of Lisenne Rockefeller; of Sally Ruth Davis, child of John and Emily Davis and grandchild of Mel and Sally Davis; of Hankins Eliot Gooch, child of Bess and Simon Gooch and grandchild of Paige Rystrom and Tom Rystrom; and of Elizabeth Anne Doramus, child of Anne-Marie and Joe Doramus, grandchild of Laura and Mark Doramus.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Daniel Curry and Harper Purifoy in their recent marriage.

WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Patrick Lance Todd, child of Rev. Dr. Christopher Todd and Rev. Laura Todd, and grandchild of Dennis and Linda Todd; of Tessa Davis, child of Patrick and Olivia Davis and grandchild of Roger and Terry Davis; of William Gordon Rockefeller, III, child of Will and Caroline Rockefeller and grandchild of Lisenne Rockefeller; and of Alexander Thomas St. Amour, Jr., child of Caroline and Alex St. Amour.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Will and Camille Worthington; and Rebecca Ragland.

May Primitimers Luncheon

Featuring Gwen Faulkenberry, author and professor

Thursday May 23 RSVP:
11:30AM PHUMC APP
PHUMC GYM Call 501-664-3600
\$10 Front Desk

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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 Summer Youth Interns



**JP
Lyon**
Hendrix
College



**Grace
Rogers**
Wesley Theological
Seminary



**Grace
Jones**
University of
Arkansas



**Marleigh
Hayes**
Hendrix
College



Come and have the best night of the year at Primitimers and Youth Bingo on Sunday, May 5th from 5:30-7:15 in Wesley Hall! All Senior High youth and Primitimers are welcome! We'll play bingo for amazing prizes, conversations, and fellowship! Contact Ellen Rowland at 501-664-3600 with any questions!

PHUMC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a summary of PHUMC operating budget for the period January-March 2024.

Member Contributions	\$ 795,559
PHUMC Foundation Contributions	\$ 45,000
Other Income	\$ 22,707
Total Income	\$ 863,266
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,247,015
Tithe Payment payable*	\$ 24,299
Total Expenses	\$ 1,271,314
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (408,048)